Dr. Alan Reisinger ’74 challenges himself to live more simply.

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My Dear Alumni, Parents and Friends of the Mount:

Despite the over abundance of youthful enthusiasm which comes with it, spring has been a wonderful time for the Mount. On April 4th, Mrs. Phyllis Plevyak, widow of John Plevyak, cut the ribbon for our new bridge, and Father Erik Arnold ‘88 and Deacon Ernest Cibelli ‘99 blessed the bridge and our new playing field. The seniors were the first to walk over the bridge, and the lacrosse team christened the field with its first game. Although the track has not yet been completed, the facility is just gorgeous. It’s a new experience for Mount athletes to play in the spring on a green field! Usually, by the time we start playing lacrosse and rugby, the field is well on its way to becoming a dirt bowl. The new field is lined permanently for football, soccer and lacrosse. Our first win on the field was provided by the rugby team. We are now playing rugby as an inter-scholastic sport, and I can only describe it as a “demolition derby” involving thirty boys. The rugby kids have been trying to explain the rules to me, but watching the game, I’d be hard pressed to describe it as anything other than organized bedlam. That makes it a perfect sport for teenage boys. They don’t wear pads or any other body-protecting equipment!

The annual Alumni Bull and Oyster Roast was completely sold out. This year I was a tad nervous when we changed the day and the time, wondering how that would affect the tradition and ticket sales of the Roast. In fact, there were a greater number of younger alumni who brought their wives. It always warms my heart to see the younger alumni supporting the school.

During spring break Emily Rollins, our Development Director, and I traveled with the lacrosse team to southern California where Mark Warren ’77 and his lovely wife Margy organized a tournament for our team. They provided housing for our boys with the students of Saint Margaret’s Episcopal School which their children attend. I could become used to California! At the game against St. Margaret’s we had an alumni gathering which ten of our California alumni were able to attend. It was a positive experience for everyone involved, and I am grateful to Tony Brockmeyer, our lacrosse coach, Paul Triplett, our athletic director, and to Mark and Margy for making it such a memorable experience for the kids.

This summer I will be traveling to Kenya in East Africa with the General Council of the Xaverian Brothers. All of our youngest Brothers, postulants, novices and scholastics, are either Kenyan or Congolese men. God seems to be doing something new with the Xaverian Brothers in the third world. While I am there, I will see Brother Ward O’Connell who taught for many years at Mount Saint Joseph and is very fondly remembered by the alumni. A number of former Mount Saint Joseph teachers have worked in our Xaverian missions. Brother Brian Vetter has served for fifteen years and continues to serve in Bolivia. Brother William Griffin and Brother Daniel Conaghan both did stints in Africa. Brother Kirby spent over twenty years in Alaska which should certainly qualify as a mission. Students at the Mount and our Mothers’ Club generously support the Xaverian missions every year. This year the boys helped to support the Xaverian high school, Saint Kevin’s, in the Turkana desert of Kenya where my novitiate classmate, Brother Louis, is the headmaster. The students also supported a tutoring program at Saint François Xavier School in Kikula in the Congo, the largest school which the Xaverian Brothers sponsor. It has over 2,500 boys and girls. Not many people know that fact.

Although our school year ends in June, summer school and summer activities also begin in June. The Mount is a school which never closes. During the summer we will have our normal summer school for “remediation.” Remediation is for those boys who have to do during the summer what they didn’t do during the school year! We will also, however, be offering a number of original credit courses for students who would like to advance in their studies, and we will put our new athletic facilities to good use with a number of sports camps in lacrosse, soccer, ice hockey and “speed.” It seems that if they can run faster, they can play everything better! As I write this, I watch the installation of the new track. The wet Maryland winter delayed the installation, but they seem to be working at it quite fervently now. Paul Triplett ’79, our Athletic Director, and Dan Peddicord ’72, our Director of Facilities, tell me that the first layer of the track has to cure for a month before they can lay down the final layer. Our new score board is perfectly positioned, so that both Mr. Fitz and I can tell the score of a game before we stroll across the new bridge to watch any contest on the new field. I love that bridge!

Of course, it would not be a letter from the President unless I asked for your support. If you have yet to give to the Annual Fund this year, I would ask that you please dig deep and do so. The Annual Fund supports all of those boys at the Mount who would not be able to afford a Mount education without financial aid. You will be hearing more from me about the Capital Campaign which is now in its second phase. We hope to raise enough money to refurbish Memorial Gymnasium and to build a new gymnasium.

As much as I appreciate your generosity, I appreciate your prayers even more. Remember, every day, say a prayer for the Mount.

Sincerely,

Brother James M. Kelly, C.F.X. President
Letters in the Mount Mailbag tell the story of Mount Saint Joseph according to you, the Mount community. If you would like to submit a letter that could possibly appear in the Mount Mailbag, please e-mail it to jpoisal@admin.msjnet.edu or mail it to Mount Saint Joseph at 4403 Frederick Avenue, Baltimore, Maryland 21229, care of James Poisal ’03. Letters may be edited for clarity and space.

Dear Teachers, Faculty and Staff of Mount St. Joe,

Four years ago when my son, Allan, graduated from the Mount and his brother, Matt, was due to enter the Mount that fall, I told Mr. Fitz that I was truly grateful that I would have the chance to take this ride again. I never imagined just how quickly that ride would end.

Watching my sons grow from Boys Into Men, Men Who Matter, Mount Men was an incredible experience, one that every Mount parent revels in. Every young man is given an opportunity to push himself beyond his limits, yet the faculty, staff and administration see each of our sons as the individuals they are. Obstacles are overcome, talents are discovered and goals are achieved. This is what sets Mount Saint Joseph apart from the rest.

I am truly grateful to all who guided my sons through the years. Mount Saint Joseph will be forever in their hearts as will the brotherhood that they have become a part of.

Mount Saint Joseph Forever!

— Sincerely,

Kimberly Cecil

J. Allan Cecil III- Class of 2004
Matthew D. Cecil-Class of 2008

Attention All Mount Alumni!

Come join your fellow Mount Men online!

The Mount is proud to offer and maintain an online community that is open to all alumni. In the community, you can:

- Search for and contact friends from the Mount
- Post and read Class Notes
- Search for and post alumni businesses in the Classified section
- Purchase tickets for alumni events
- Catch up on MSJ news
- Post your resumé, mentor and business information
- Post and search for jobs
- Post and share photos

To log in, go to www.MSJconnection.org and click on “First Time Login” in the upper left hand corner of your screen. You will need to complete the following five steps to log in:

1. Enter your last name and click Find.
2. Select your name from the list shown by clicking on the button next to your name and click Next.
3. Enter your Constituent ID number, which can be found above your name on the back of this magazine.
4. Click Verify.
5. Confirm your information and create your own username and password for future logins and write them down so you remember them. If you have any problems logging into the online community or if you have any questions, please contact James Poisal ’03 at jpoisal@admin.msjnet.edu.

Upcoming Events

2008 REUNIONS
WE NEED YOUR HELP!

If your graduation year ends in a three or eight, your reunion will take place this fall.

The Mount’s Development Office will assist you in all phases of your reunion, from planning and arranging logistics for the day of the event, to mailing correspondence to classmates and reporting to the committee on the progress of the reunion.

A reunion planning committee meeting was held on Wednesday, April 16, in the Development Office to start the reunion planning process. If you missed the meeting and would like to participate in planning your reunion it’s not too late. Please contact Joe Schuberth ’00 at jschuberth@admin.msjnet.edu or 410-646-4700 if you are interested in helping to plan your reunion.

ANNUAL ALUMNI LACROSSE GAME & FAMILY COOKOUT

Due to the closing of the John M. Plevyak Field for the summer as the new track is poured and constructed, the Alumni Lacrosse Game in memory of Matt Stoffel ’00 will be canceled this year. Be sure to look for this event next year!
At age ten Dr. Alan Reisinger ‘74 was exposed to tuberculosis. The ensuing twelve months of treatment with his family doctor convinced him that he wanted to be a physician when he grew up. He became fascinated with the workings of the human body and with the ways that the field of medicine could alleviate suffering, treat disease and alter one’s course of life. When it came time to choose a high school, Reisinger wanted to go to a school that would give him a fighting chance of getting into a good college, and in turn, a good medical school. Mount Saint Joseph was his number one choice, even though his family had moved 45 minutes away from Catonsville by then. According to Reisinger, “My family couldn’t afford the tuition, which I think was all of about $800 a year back then.” Reisinger sat nervously for the Mount Scholar Exam in the hopes of qualifying for an academic scholarship. “I was fortunate enough to get that scholarship which allowed me to attend The Mount,” explained Reisinger.

As many alumni would agree, Reisinger looks back and realizes just how fast his four years at the Mount seemed to fly by. He reflected, “Although I grew up an only child from a broken home, the bonds that I developed with my closest friends at the Mount were as strong as I could have had with any real brother. My new family of Xaverian brothers, teachers and friends would come to be the pillars of support that would help me to pursue my dream of getting to medical school.”

In reflecting on his transition into college, Reisinger exclaimed, “These academic mentors [at Mount Saint Joseph] prepared me so well for college that I had no trouble getting into my first-choice school. I felt like my first year of higher education was no more challenging than my high school years.” The lessons that Reisinger learned at the Mount, namely how to speak and write effectively, how to study, and how to pursue his goals, helped him through some tough times in college and in medical school.

Reisinger noted, “I learned discipline and how to be a gentleman at the Mount. It seemed as though every other week I was in hot water with the dean of discipline, first Brother Dennis and then Brother Corby.” Reisinger was no stranger to Justice Under God, better known as JUG. “I remember Brother Donald Coffey, the very Irish head of the library, booting us out for talking with the admonition: ‘and don’t come back till St. Patrick’s Day!’ Yet it seemed always apparent that these heavy-handed disciplinarians were looking out for our own welfare, and would go out of their way to be there for us if and when we were in trouble. You could always count on your St. Joe family to be there to support you.” When it came time for Reisinger’s sons, Eric ’04 and Tony ’06 to enter high school, there was no question where they’d go. Each of them, in their own way, became part of the Mount family.

Reisinger attended Western Maryland College, known now as McDaniel College. He then went on to the University of Maryland School of Medicine, where he later realized that he wanted to be an internist. An internist is a doctor who specializes in the diagnosis, prevention and non-surgical treatment of diseases affecting adults. Internists are also known as diagnosticians, and are often called upon to act as consultants to other physicians to help solve puzzling diagnostic problems. The training to become an internist involves at least seven years of medical school and residency. “We serve as primary care doctors who provide preventive healthcare advice, treat a broad range of illnesses from infections to diabetes and hypertension to heart disease, and act as advisors to our patients to guide them through the healthcare system,” said Reisinger.

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The therapeutic value of the doctor-patient relationship became evident as Reisinger shadowed several of his mentors in medical school and residency. Reisinger noticed that the trust and confidence that patients had in their physicians added immeasurably to the effectiveness of their care. He soon decided that he wanted to open a primary care practice in the area in which he grew up, deepen his roots in the Catonsville community, and bring an academic level of care to a community practice setting. Reisinger began his internal medicine residency at Mercy Hospital in Baltimore, where he became close friends with Dorian St. Martin, one of his fellow residents. During their final year at Mercy they served as co-chief residents, helping to run the internal medicine residency program and teach the medical students and residents who rotated through Mercy. They decided to go into practice together, and in 1985 opened the doors of Drs. Reisinger & St. Martin.

During the early years of his practice Reisinger also served as medical director and then president of the medical staff for Frederick Villa Nursing Center. “When ‘managed care’ came onto the scene in the late 90’s, we were intimidated by the HMO’s ‘discount fee-for-service’ and ‘capitated lives’ concepts, so we joined the Seton Medical Group, a group of primary care physicians working as a subsidiary of St. Agnes Hospital,” remembered Reisinger. Ultimately, he was fortunate enough to build a group of caring, competent doctors that eventually grew to include 40 internists, pediatricians, family practitioners and nurse practitioners, all of whom strive to provide the best care possible to their patients.”

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and Ob/Gyns that worked together to serve the St. Agnes community. As president of the Seton Medical Group and as a member of the board of directors of St. Agnes Hospital, Reisinger was privileged to work with some of the brightest and most compassionate physicians and hospital administrators on many of the initiatives undertaken to improve the health of the community.

Unfortunately, the pressures of managed care over the years turned primary care medicine into an assembly line, high-volume, low-touch business. Reisinger recalls, “The pressures to see more patients in a day led to a sense of always rushing through the day, and the focus shifted from disease prevention to disease management.” Eventually, Reisinger and St. Martin went to a conference on medical practice management to get some ideas on how to better care for their patients and keep their practice afloat. The discouraging news they heard was that the trend across the country was to hire physician extenders and spend even less time with patients. “It was at that point that we discovered the concept of ‘personalized, preventive healthcare,’ a concept that we quickly embraced,” said Reisinger. He and St. Martin have since left the medical group, gone back into private practice, and are now part of MDVIP: an organization focused on prevention and wellness. Reisinger said with excitement, “Our patient’s volumes are down, the amount of time we’re able to spend with each patient has more than doubled, we’re able to do house calls again, and each of our patients has our cell phone number on a card in their wallet, so we’re available when they need us.”

Being able to spend more time with patients is crucial. One notable medical case was that of a man who was looking for a fourth doctor’s opinion. The gentleman, who was in his late forties, had already seen three doctors, including a cardiologist, for severely high triglyceride levels. Triglycerides are a fatty substance in the bloodstream which, if elevated, can lead to heart attack or stroke. “Normal levels are below 150. His were 1100,” said Reisinger. The patient had been unable to lower his triglyceride levels despite trying every available medication and following a fairly strict diet. “There was no medication left to try, so we spent our visit analyzing his lifestyle,” said Reisinger. He finally admitted to drinking more than a few beers a day, a habit that he was unwilling to part with. Knowing that triglycerides levels rise with the introduction of carbs into the body, Reisinger sat the patient down to let him know what he risked by not taking action immediately. Realizing that his death would leave his children orphaned, the man, who was in his late forties, had already seen three doctors, including a cardiologist, for severely high triglyceride levels.

Dr. Reisinger ‘74 examines his patient, Craig Witzke ‘82.

"I resigned from the board and from the medical group, put the band on indefinite hold, quit my speaking engagements, pared my practice down to a level at which I could provide the kind of careful, thoughtful, compassionate care we were all taught to provide in medical school.”

Dr. Reisinger’s transition to a more simplified work environment is a very fitting correlation to the Mount’s 2007-2008 school year. Every year the faculty and staff of Mount Saint Joseph choose a different Xaverian charism as a major theme on which to focus their daily lives. The Xaverian charisms include zeal, humility, simplicity, compassion and trust. The charism chosen for the 2007-2008 school year is simplicity. The head of campus ministry, Mr. Rob Peace, noted, “These charisms serve as a call to the community of Mount Saint Joseph to receive these gifts in daily life.”

The Mount’s faculty, staff and students are challenged to find simplicity in their daily lives, in the class room, on the playing field and at home, just as Dr. Reisinger did in his life. His realization and subsequent change was considerable. He took the time to step back and reevaluate his life. His changes afforded him more personal time with his family and friends and more work/professional time with his patients. When asked if he had any advice for alumni, current parents, student and friends of the Mount, Dr. Reisinger posed the following question for you to reflect on: How could your life be simplified to make room for what is truly important for you?

— James Poisal ‘03
ALUMNI EVENTS WRAP-UP

Communion Breakfast

The Alumnus of the Year Award is given to an alumnus of Mount Saint Joseph High School who performs an outstanding deed or service to the community at large, or distinguishes himself in his career field. This year’s Alumnus of the Year Award was given to Joseph Aiello ’56.

The Albert Shields Service Award is given to someone connected to Mount Saint Joseph High School for his or her outstanding service to the school. This year’s Albert Shields Service Award was given to John Reese ’59 and Frank Del Gavio ’62.

The Knight of the Tower Award is given to an alumnus of Mount Saint Joseph High School for their service and dedication to the Alumni Association Board of Directors. This year’s Knight of the Tower Award was given to Kevin Kearney ’94.

A special thank you to the Communion Breakfast’s keynote speaker, General Superior Brother Lawrence Harvey, C.F.X., for giving his thoughts on the current status and the future of the Xaverian Brothers.

Bull & Oyster Roast

John and Chris Miller enjoy the Bull Roast with two friends from Woodlawn High School. From left: Pat Liberto, John Miller ’86, Chris Miller ’90, and Rob Knickman.


Tom Kleintank ’56 enjoyed the 2008 Bull & Oyster Roast with some friends who traveled from Pennsylvania. Standing, from left: Buck Hendrickson, John Sweeney, Tom Sweeney, Dan Sweeney. Seated, from left: Carl Pund, Tom Kleintank ’56, Joe Hargadon.

A group of friends enjoy the 2008 Bull & Oyster Roast. From left: Steven Awalt ’77, Dan Kane ’77, J. Allan Cecil ’74 and Kim Cecil.

Some members of the classes of ’93 and ’93 gather at the 2008 Bull & Oyster Roast. From Left: Tony Lawin ’94, Michael Pinheiro ’94, Dennis Kirby ’93 and Chris Van Bavel ’93.
Overwhelming Turnout for the Alumni Bull & Oyster Roast

New night and time prove to be the right move; no tickets will be sold at the door next year

Traditionally, the Alumni Association's Bull & Oyster Roast has taken place on a Sunday afternoon, attracting a little over 550 alumni and friends to the event. This year, the Bull & Oyster Roast Committee decided to attempt to appeal to a larger audience by hosting the event on a Saturday night, February 23. With this new date and time, it was difficult to gauge how many tickets were going to be sold.

A week before the event, ticket sales were on par with previous years. However, in the last few days before and the day of the Bull Roast, the Alumni Association received a huge influx of ticket sales, with almost 300 tickets being purchased during that time, for a record-setting total of 800 people attending the Bull & Oyster Roast this year. The Committee, along with the caterer, did not anticipate and were not prepared for the overwhelming last-minute response from alumni and friends of Mount Saint Joseph. This unfortunately led to a shortage of food towards the end of the night.

The Bull & Oyster Roast Committee and other members of the Alumni Association Board of Directors met the day after the event to immediately correct this mistake and to evaluate the successes, problems, and solutions of this year's Bull & Oyster Roast. It was decided that there will be no tickets sold at the door at next year's Bull & Oyster Roast and Silent Auction and that there will be a posted cut-off date for tickets to be purchased. No tickets will be sold after this date, and no tickets can be reserved without payment. This will ensure that there will be more than enough food for everyone. The date for the 2009 Bull & Oyster Roast and the cut-off date for ticket sales will be determined and announced this summer.

The Bull & Oyster Roast Committee hopes all who attended enjoyed the food, games of chance, silent auction, and the camaraderie with their fellow alumni and friends. Those in attendance helped raise over $30,000 for Mount Saint Joseph High School, and the Bull Roast Committee is very appreciative of everyone's support of the school and understanding of what happened at this year's event.

If you would like to view photos of this year's Bull & Oyster Roast and Silent Auction, please visit www.MSJconnection.org. The Bull & Oyster Roast Committee of the Alumni Association hopes to see you at the Roast next year!

Sincerely,
The Mount Saint Joseph Alumni Association
**Class of 1938**

George F. Heubeck has been retired for 22 years and married for 61. He recently underwent hip replacement surgery and is doing well. George currently enjoys living in Florida. He says, “I am glad that I don’t have to shovel snow.”

**Class of 1944**

Richard Bradyhouse has written a book of poems about life in the 1940’s, sports and fishing.

Joseph A. Dickerson continues to conduct family research for his friends. He hopes to see lots of classmates at the 65th reunion.

**Class of 1946**

John J. Duffy remembers those Friday nights at Sport Center on North Avenue. He says, “We had a dream team.”

**Class of 1948**

Edwin C. Lescallette says, “Near the time of my graduation, my mother could not afford to pay the remainder of my tuition. Someone anonymously made payment in full! I am very grateful. Because of this, I will continue student aid for as long as I can.”

Milton F. Brzozowski and wife, Constance, celebrated their 54th wedding anniversary on May 30th. Milton says, “Hello” to all of his classmates.

Herb Sprankle is very proud of his two grandsons, Matt Sprankle ’09 and Nathan Scavilla ’09, who were selected by the Mount to attend the Xaverian Brothers Sponsored Schools retreat in Connecticut.

**Class of 1950**

Bernie Demski has ten grandchildren. He is still active in his consulting business and does a great deal of volunteer community work.

Leo Heid has been married to his wife, Dottie, for 52 years. Leo has nine children, and many grand and great grand children. He has been retired from General Motors for 23 years.

John S. Vizzini has been retired since 1992 from the insurance sales industry. He has four daughters and ten grandchildren.

**Class of 1954**

Frank Skarupa is now retired and living in Bel Air, Md. Frank says, “I have always been proud of our great school.”

Lou Winkelman is retired and living in Ocala, Fl. He spends his time working with his community theatre program.

**Class of 1955**

William A. King is retiring from the Santee-Wateree Community Mental Health Center in Sumter, S.C. He will continue to work part-time. William enjoys the beach and fishing.

Raymond Krolicki has been married to his wife, Joline, since 1969. He has two daughters and two granddaughters. Raymond has been retired and living in Florida since 1996.

**Class of 1956**

Bob Dillon is a member of the Knights of Columbus, 3rd and 4th degrees. He is a substitute teacher in Baltimore county schools. Bob enjoys playing golf.

Robert Lynch has been retired for 8 years from the State Highway Administration Development Engineering Department. He has been married for 48 years and has 5 grandchildren. Robert enjoys golfing, jogging and traveling.

**Class of 1957**

Joseph J. Bach will be married 50 years in September to wife, Judy. Joseph has three children and six grandchildren.

John G. Frizzera will be married 44 years this June. He has four grandchildren and enjoys spending time with his family, work and leisure.

Brendan A. McLoughlin is retired in California after many years in the computer and software business. He has three children and four grandchildren.

**Class of 1958**

J. James Heim is semi-retired from 1st Mariner Bank. He writes a newspaper column twice a month, a magazine column once a month, plus assorted freelance writings.

Anthony (Joe) Miller is enjoying retirement and is looking forward to being a Golden Gael.

**Class of 1959**

Nelson J. Arnold is a 4th degree member of the Knights of Columbus. On July 1, 2008 Nelson will become a Grand Knight of Notre Dame Council #2901.
Class of 1960

Fred Deyesu worked for Social Security for 37 years and retired to Catonsville. Fred and wife, Reaynea, moved to Spring Hill, FL. Fred says, “We love it here and don’t miss the cold one bit! I, too, am hoping to make it to the 2010 reunion. I was so sorry to hear about “Buddy” Charles Dorn’s passing. Take care, everyone and God bless.”

Class of 1961

Brennan Asplen and wife, Beverly, are enjoying retirement and traveling. When at home, they are busy attending their ten grandchildren’s academic and sports activities.

Joe Bartek and wife, Margaret, are enjoying retirement in Wheaton, Il. Joe moved to Illinois during the BP-Amoco merger of 1998. Their two older children are living and working in New York. Their youngest child lives in Indiana and will be marrying this year.

Bernard Kropp is recently retired and living in Maryland. He enjoys spending time with his children and grandchildren.

Class of 1964

Jerome F. Poisal and wife, Margaret, have been married for 38 years. Jerry has four children and five grandchildren. Jerry wishes his classmates, “laughter to cheer you and those you love near you.”

Class of 1965

Thomas R. McCarthy has been an investment advisor for 22 years. He is currently an Executive Financial Advisor with Raymond James Financial Services. He and his wife, Dr. Ann Laprade, live in Brookeville, Md.

Class of 1968

John J. Moore says, “When all of my classmates are retiring I need to remind them not to ask me when I will be joining them. You see, I married a younger woman and our youngest son is 12 years old. So, it will be a while before joining the likes of George Heinrich. I am looking forward to our 40 year reunion!”

Jim Reynolds is still living in Michigan. He hopes to be moving back to Maryland by 2009.

Class of 1971

Louis “Buzz” Bosica has owned and operated Shannon’s Saloon & Restaurant in Ellicott City, Md. for the past 27 years. He would like to thank all the Mount Men and their families for their support.

Class of 1973

Bob Morgan and his wife, Pat, whose three brothers are Mount alumni, live in Reisterstown, Md. Their oldest daughter works for Time Life in Fairfax, Va. and Sara is a sophomore at Mt. St. Mary’s.

Brother Marx E. Tyree celebrated his 25th Silver jubilee as a Josephite Brother on April 26th at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church in Washington, D.C. He serves as Pastor Associate at St. Bernard’s Church and as Administrator at St. Vincent De Paul Church in Washington.

Class of 1974

Alex Demyan, Jr. says, “Hello to all my classmates.” His son, Alex II ’04 and Nicholas ’05 send greetings to their fellow alumni. Alex says, “We all look forward to seeing the new athletic field at Homecoming.”

Class of 1975

Alex O. Stone is currently the Vice President of Annual Giving for the South Atlantic Division of the American Cancer Society. Alex is living in Owings Mills, Md. with wife, Irene.

Class of 1982

Christopher Hane recently joined Ingenix’s Innovation Lab as a Senior Scientist working on data mining, statistics and optimization related to health care. Chris has been living in Irvine, Calif. for the past 13 years.

Class of 1985

Steven Englehart has recently earned his Doctorate of Business Administration (DBA) degree from the University of Phoenix. Since receiving his DBA, Steve has begun teaching undergraduate and graduate level courses in PA and NJ. Steven lives in Doylestown, Pa. with his wife and two daughters. He is currently employed by Verizon Communications as Manager of Staffing & Diversity.

Class of 1989

James Herber would like to announce that his son, Carl J. Herber ’89, along with Nic Lancilotta ’89, owners of Masters Realty, LLC, have opened a new office at 730 Frederick Road in Catonsville.

Class of 1991

David Allan was recently promoted at The New York Times. He is now the Travel and Style Editor for NYTimes.com. David and wife, Kate, a senior editor at health.com, live in Brooklyn with their five-month-old daughter Alice.
Class of 1996

Ryan O’Connell and wife, Susan, welcomed their first child in May. Ryan has been working for Aerotek since college. He is now living in Greenville, S.C.

Class of 1998


Class of 1999

Gregory Care is taking part in a one year fellowship as an appellate attorney at the Public Justice Center in Baltimore. In the fall, he will begin as an associate at the civil rights law firm of Brown, Goldstein & Levy. He was also recently engaged to Laura Cathers. Greg congratulates the varsity football team on a great season.

Justin Geddings graduated from Randolph Macon and works in his family business, Superior Steel Erectors, Inc. He is engaged to marry Lindsay Edgington on October 17, 2008.

Derrick H. Lewis graduated magna cum laude from Wake Forest University with a double major in English and Spanish. He went on to Georgetown University where he received his Master’s Degree in English. While working towards his Master’s Degree, Derrick worked as a Program Coordinator for the Center for Minority Educational Affairs and the Educational Community Involvement Program for Georgetown University. He also worked as a Community Scholars Program Professor and Teaching Assistant. Derrick is now serving as a Youth Development Promoter with the Peace Corps in the Dominican Republic.

Chris Wright earned his undergraduate degree with honors from Towson University, then his law degree (also with honors) from the University of Baltimore. He interned with the Law Office of Peter G. Angelos, PC, (www.lawpga.com) for four years prior to joining the firm as an Associate in the Medical Malpractice department. He works on plaintiffs’ personal injury and medical malpractice cases.

Jonathan Duerr graduated from the University of Miami and worked for several years in new home sales before joining Kids Depot Realty (www.kidsdepotrealty.com). There, he works with the highest degree of confidentiality to assist buyers and sellers of day care centers, preschools, Montessori schools, and private schools to assess the value of their properties and work together to meet their short- and long-term financial goals.

Class of 2001

Lucas Harris and wife, Dori, are expecting their first child in July. Lucas is a 1st Lieutenant in the US Army. He is a helicopter pilot and Army Ranger and is currently serving his first tour in Iraq.

Class of 2002

Brandon J. Howe is a contracted media specialist for NOAA (National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.) He is currently working in Silver Spring, Md.

Class of 2003

Brad Shearer graduated in May with a degree in corporate communication and theology.

Nathan Shearer is a sophomore at St. Joseph College in Standish, Maine. He majors in History and the Classics.

Class of 2005

Richard Hildebrand recently made the rank of Eagle Scout.

For more Class Notes, visit www.MSJconnection.org
Lambert ’70 Named VFW Maryland Teacher of the Year

This year marks the fifth straight year that a Mount Saint Joseph faculty member has been named a VFW Maryland Teacher of the Year.

VFW (Veterans of Foreign Wars) strives to identify and recognize America’s best educators who devote their professional lives to education and who instill a sense of national pride in their students.

This year, Mount alumnus and science teacher, Walt Lambert ’70, was honored for his innovative teaching methods as well as his exceptional dedication to education. Walt joins past VFW Maryland Teacher of the Year Award winners Jody Harris ’79, Tim Breen, Kevin Shearer and Sean Gibbons.

Eric Cullen ’05 Reached Olympic Trials Standard, Helps Break University of Maryland Swim Records

Mount Alumnus and University of Maryland swim team member, Eric Cullen ’05, reached the qualifying standards for this summer’s U.S. Olympic Trials with his efforts at the Georgia Tech Long Course Invitational. The meet was a last-chance meet for student-athletes to earn qualifying marks for the NCAA Nationals.

Cullen, a junior at University of Maryland, went 1:03.86 in the 100-meter breaststroke, surpassing the qualifying mark of 1:04.69. Cullen was Maryland’s top finisher in the 100-meter breaststroke at the Atlantic Coast Conference championships hosted by Georgia Tech. He is currently ranked in the top 50 swimmers in 100-meter breaststroke.

“This year Eric took major steps forward in his athletic career,” said University of Maryland Swimming and Diving Coach, Jarod Schroeder.

At the ACC Men’s Championship, there were seven Maryland school records that fell. Cullen had a hand in three of the seven record breakings. He beat the record for the 200-yard breaststroke and helped break the record in the 200-yard Free Relay and 200-yard Medley Relay.

When asked about Eric’s performance, Schroeder commented, “He [Cullen] has worked very hard over the last couple of years and is finally starting to see the results from all of the time and effort that he has put in.”

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From the Development Office

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The Development Office Expands

New Addition Focuses on Annual Fund

Erin Van Bavel, the newest addition to Mount Saint Joseph’s Development Office, was hired in March as the Director of Annual Giving. Erin, a graduate of Towson University and The Seton Keough High School, has a professional background in marketing and public relations. Most recently, she worked as the Sales and Marketing Manager for Howard County Tourism, Inc., a destination marketing organization based in Ellicott City. Erin jumped on board just in time for the 2008 Phonathon and is excited to be working to increase the Annual Fund. Erin and her husband, Chris Van Bavel ’93, have attended many alumni events over the past few years and are happy to remain closely tied to the Mount community.

Joe Schuberth ’00 Leaves the Mount

After four years working at Mount Saint Joseph, Joe Schuberth ’00 has taken a position as the Associate Director of Undergraduate Marketing for Towson University. Joe spent three years as the Director of Communications and Events, during which time he took The Mount from an alumni newsletter to a full-color magazine, developed the online community, www.MSJconnection.org, revamped www.msjnet.edu, helped create admissions and capital campaign videos, produced a video on the Saint Giles Program, and was responsible for all external communications and many alumni events. Joe spent his final year at Mount Saint Joseph as the Director of Alumni Relations and Annual Giving, where he helped plan all the reunions and alumni events, was the moderator for the Alumni Association, and coordinated appeals for the Annual Fund including the Christmas e-appeal and the Phonathon. Reflecting on his time at the Mount, Joe stated, “It is very difficult for me to leave Mount Saint Joseph, a place that I put my heart and soul into for four years as a student and four years as an employee, but this new position is an opportunity for me to grow and to learn even more, and it seems like it will be a very good fit for my talents and interests. I have cherished my time here at Mount Saint Joseph and have learned so much, but it is time for me to move on. As always, I will continue to keep Mount Saint Joseph close to my heart and in my prayers.”
The Mount’s Classroom Walls Come to Life

This past February, long-time art teacher and honorary alumnus, Ken Pittman, announced to the students, faculty and staff of the Mount that his Advanced Drawing and Painting students had finished a two-month-long mural project. An assignment of this sort is quite normal for an advanced art class. However, at the Mount Ken Pittman doesn’t give his students the normal medium on which to paint. He arranges for his students to create murals on classroom walls around campus!

Ken began allowing his students to paint murals in the Art Room in the late 1980’s. “It started with a giant bug painted by Jason Duda and Scott Swidersky,” said Pittman. After a few murals in the Art Room, the idea spread mostly by teacher request. Pittman noted, “It was my vision to do something about the rooms in the basement of the Fine Arts building because of the catacomb effect and the lack of natural light. The administration always supported the projects.”

The murals range from detailed animals and insects, to a columned portico, to a seascape with a mysteriously floating boat and a swooping bald eagle clutching the Art Room clock as if it were prey. The murals liven up the classroom and make the spaces they occupy a friendly learning environment. For instance, the Music Room walls are adorned with brightly painted figures playing musical instruments.

When asked what he thinks about the murals after helping many advanced classes continue the mural painting tradition Pittman reflected, “I think maybe more important than the murals themselves, many of the students learned something about painting in the process and will hopefully have a positive memory of the experience. There are days when I hardly notice the paintings in the Art Room because I see the work every day. But other times, I think about Mark O’Dell, Justin Sodano, David Poole, Steve Kuzmak, Greg Loveland and the other artists that left quite a lasting mark on the Art Room walls and I certainly have a positive memory of all of those individuals.”

Next time you visit campus, take a few minutes to visit the Art Room and see the wonderful creations of the Mount’s talented art students.

— James Poisal ’03
Nine Student Athletes Commit to Colleges

Kirk Brooks: Football – Wesley College, Dover, De  Kirk committed to the division three power earlier this month and will play middle linebacker in college which is the same position he played at MSJ. Kirk led the Gaels in tackles and sacks in 2008 and was named second team all state. Kirk also played guard at MSJ but says his days as an offensive lineman are over.

Shane Casey: Lacrosse – Towson University, Towson, Md Shane is one of the varsity lacrosse team’s top defenders. Coach Brockmeyer commented, “His job this year is to defend our opponents’ top offensive players. Since our league is stacked with very good offensive players Shane has a formidable task ahead of him.”

Derek Cotton: Football – Glenville State University, Glenville, WV Derek received a scholarship from Glenville State in March and will play split end in college. According to Coach Armstrong, “Derek has only played two years of organized football and was one of the most improved players on the team in 2007. He is an excellent blocker and at 6’3, he is a dangerous receiver.”

Jay Drenner: Football – Salisbury State University, Salisbury, Md Jay will play offensive tackle at Salisbury this fall. The MSJ senior captain had an outstanding 2007 season and was an All-MIAA selection and also played in the Baltimore Touchdown Club All-Star Game.

Kevin Fitzpatrick: Football – Marist College, Poughkeepsie, NY Kevin will be playing Split End for the Red Foxes who compete at the Division I AA level. “Kevin has sure hands and has a knack for making clutch catches in pressure situations,” affirmed Coach Armstrong.

Nick Hutcherson: Football – Albany University, Albany, NY Coach Charles Armstrong noted, “Nick is a gifted open field runner and also a dangerous return man. He has the ability to make people miss and is a very versatile player.” Nick could see action as a freshman at Albany and was sought after by a number of Division I AA schools.

Ryan Musgrave: Lacrosse – Mount Saint Mary’s, Emmittsburg, Md Ryan plays close defense, as well as, some time as a long stick midfielder. “We feel that Ryan’s ability to get groundballs is an asset for him at the long stick midfield position,” remarked Coach Brockmeyer.

Elliot Sneeringer: Lacrosse – Mount Saint Mary’s, Emmittsburg, Md Elliot has been splitting time at attack and midfield positions. Coach Brockmeyer observed, “Since Elliot was injured for all of last season he is still trying to find his niche. He has great potential as an offensive player.”

Jake Willertz: Lacrosse – Mount Saint Mary’s, Emmittsburg, Md Jake is the varsity lacrosse team’s leading goal scorer. Because of his ability to shoot the ball Coach Brockmeyer is trying to get him on the field as much as possible. “Along with playing midfield, we will be playing him on attack when we can,” said Coach Brockmeyer.
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