Mount men who attended Virginia Tech during the deadliest shooting in modern U.S. history reflect on the tragedy and how the Hokies are moving forward.

“...looking around and seeing an endless sea of candles in all directions held by people who care and were there to mourn.”

-Tim Bednar ’05
Message From Brother James Kelly

My Dear Alumni,

In early June we had a reunion of the resident students at the Mount from 1955 until the boarding school closed in 1960. It was a delightful evening, and I learned an interesting historical fact about the Mount which I never knew. Apparently, the late Brother Robertus Duffy conducted the Xaverian Brothers’ dating service for the resident students. Since they had little opportunity to meet girls, Brother Robertus called the nuns at I.N.D. and Catholic High to arrange dates for the residents for the school dances. On the Friday of the dance, the resident would present himself in Brother Robertus’ office and would be given a white slip which read, “Your date for the evening is the lovely Mary Smith of the Institute of Notre Dame,” or “Your date for the evening is the lovely Mary Jones of The Catholic High School.” Rumor has it that one of the young ladies in Brother Robertus’ dating service is now the Speaker of the House of Representatives! At graduation I told the seniors that we should reintroduce the Xaverian Brothers’ dating service. Their social lives might go more smoothly if Mr. Fitz and I were arranging their dates.

Graduation was, as always, a very solemn and beautiful experience. The Mount has the most impressive graduation of any school at which I have been stationed. Of course, the beautiful ambience of the Cathedral of Mary Our Queen adds to the solemnity of the day. At graduation both Mr. Fitz and I paid tribute to Mr. Michael Dolan who is retiring after thirty-one years of service at the Mount. Those alumni who were fortunate to have Mr. Dolan as a teacher or a coach know that he represents all that is best in Mount Saint Joseph. For thirty-one years he has been the perfect role model for the young men at the Mount, a man of faith whose faith permeates all that he does. We will certainly miss him, but I hope that in his retirement he still finds time to be involved with the Mount.

If you drive by the Mount later this summer you will (please God!) see construction beginning on our new stadium and playing field. Next year the Mount will play all football, soccer, lacrosse, and rugby games off campus as the construction continues. Poor Paul Triplett ’79, our Athletic Director, has his hands full with scheduling the next year in athletics. We will be playing our volleyball, basketball and baseball games at home. This summer will also be the last summer for Camp Saint Joseph which was founded by John Plevyak in 1947. I am grateful to Dave Norton ’71 for directing the camp for the past 28 years. Next summer we hope to have an integrated athletic and academic program as part of the summer at the Mount. Our new athletic facilities will provide us with enhanced opportunities for summer athletic camps, and our state-of-the-art computer facilities will provide us with opportunities to offer summer programs to interested young men and women.

Many alumni of the 1970s, 1980s and early 1990s will remember Brother Robert Flaherty ’64 who taught computer science and coached various sports at the Mount for twenty years. Brother Bob will be returning to our faculty next year. He and I were stationed together at Saint X in Kentucky during the 1990s, and for the past eight years, he has been the Chairman of the Computer Science Department at Saint John’s Preparatory School in Danvers, Massachusetts. Brother Bob will be teaching math and computer science and coaching a yet to be determined sport. We actually have an award in hockey named after Brother Bob since he re-founded the Mount Saint Joseph hockey program. I am delighted to have another Xaverian Brother on the faculty. In the 1940s and the 1950s, there were only three laymen on the faculty which consisted almost entirely of Xaverian Brothers. Now there are three Xaverian Brothers, Brother Bob, Brother Charles, and myself, on a faculty which is almost entirely lay. To run for the Mount, our lay faculty is one of the most mission-minded groups of men and women I have ever met. They understand beautifully the spirit and the philosophy of the Xaverian Brothers, and they live it out every day in their work with the young men at the Mount.

I am sorry to report that Mrs. Emily Rollins, our Alumni Director, has resigned to become a stay-at-home mom. We will all miss Emily very much. She has done a tremendous job for us over the past five years, and the alumni have come to love her dearly. I am happy to report, however, that Joe Schubert ’00 will be replacing Emily as our Alumni Director. James Poisel ’03 will replace Joe as Director of Communication and Events. Our Development Office, under the direction of Kevin Kearney ’94, always stands ready to be of service to our alumni.

Please remember that you are always most welcome at the Mount and also remember every day to say a prayer for the Mount.

Sincerely,

Brother James M. Kelly, C.F.X. President

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

Everyone loves to receive gifts and sometimes gifts come to us in different forms. Sometimes they are obvious and sometimes they are not easy to distinguish.

We see our son’s four years at the Mount as a gift from God.

The first part of our gift was just finding the place. We live on the other side of town and didn’t know too much about MSJ. A school counselor of our son’s told us about the school and the environment it offered. It was explained to us simply as “a school for all boys” where learning disabilities and different backgrounds were not only welcomed but understood as well.

The second part of our gift was the four years our son spent at MSJ. With each passing year he was drawn more and more into the friendship, camaraderie and acceptance the Mount offered him. And it wasn’t just from the other boys. The faculty and staff often went out of their way to keep an eye on our boy and help him be successful. They are special people who are too numerous to mention here but know who they are!

The third and final part of our gift is that everything our son Greg involved himself in and everyone he was involved with are now woven into the fabric of the young man he has become.

We also see this gift from God as one that will keep giving. Greg will give to others everything he has learned from the Mount. We will give to others all the Mount has taught us about how to parent boys into young men. Thank you Brother James and Mr. Fitz for your monthly newsletters, we do read them!

Finally, we know the Mount will keep giving to all those coming after our son who need that extra push, outstretched hand or special word of encouragement.

— Peace,
Susan and Tim Sisk, Parents of Greg Leftwich ‘07

Dear Mt. St. Joseph,

On this graduation night, I am filled with mixed emotions—tremendous pride yet an overwhelming sadness of leaving MSJ. Words cannot begin to express our gratitude to everyone at MSJ for the loving care and guidance you have given our son, Zach. He has told everyone this was the best four years of his life!! I am so proud of the Mount man he has become and everyone at MSJ should stand tall and proud of a job well done. God has blessed every faculty and staff member with a gift and I thank you for sharing that gift with the Class of 2007. God bless you and the work you do.

— Fondly,
Bill and Pam Gerbrick, Parents of Zach Gerbrick ‘07

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.

The Mount receives Public Service Award

The Arc of Baltimore presented its Public Service Award to Mount Saint Joseph High School. The Arc is an organization whose mission is to ensure that people with developmental disabilities have maximum opportunities to actively participate in all aspects of community life and to offer programs and services that support them in doing so.

Steve Morgan ’68, is the Executive Director of The Arc, and joined in presenting the award to Brother James, Mr. Fitzpatrick, Ben Stevick, a sophomore at the Mount, Ben’s teacher, Cheryl Hall and Ben’s mom, Doris Stevick. The Public Service Award recognizes individuals and groups that advance The Arc’s mission by increasing public awareness and advancing the rights and quality of life for persons with developmental disabilities.

The Mount is the first Catholic high school in the Baltimore area to enroll a student who has Down syndrome. When Mr. Fitzpatrick was approached with the idea of Ben Stevick attending Mount Saint Joseph, he didn’t see obstacles, but rather an opportunity to enhance the Mount’s mission - offering an inclusive and compassionate education.

— Bob Morgan ’73

ARE YOU MISSING ANY OF YOUR MSJ YEARBOOKS?

If you attended Mount St. Joseph during any of these years and do not have the corresponding yearbook, please contact Mary Wiedel at 410-644-3300 x. 373.

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CORRECTION In the Class Notes section of the Spring 2007 edition of The Mount, George von Paris, Sr. and his wife, Mary, actually celebrated their 60th anniversary on October 16, 2006. The Mount regrets this error.
Hokie Pride Continues to Shine

There is no way to describe the students’ reaction to the shootings at their university other than complete shock. “It felt a lot like 9/11 in that we got sucker-punched,” stated Steve Sikorski ’05. “I was blown away that something like this could ever happen, let alone in my dorm and right in front of the building I was in,” said Bednar. “I was in shock that it had taken place in a rural town, but knew that if any school could overcome this tragedy it was Virginia Tech,” affirmed John Hall ’03.

John’s belief that Virginia Tech would overcome this event was soon echoed all over campus with the first stages of mourning. April 17th was a new day for Virginia Tech and a Convocation memorializing the victims of the tragedy was held. Professor of English and internationally known poet Nikki Giovanni was the last to take the podium after some very noteworthy speakers, including President George W. Bush.

“There was fire in her voice and in her eyes, and her closing remarks moved a nation: ‘We will prevail. We will prevail. We are Virginia Tech.’ Giovanni’s words were met with thundering applause and a standing ovation. And then, entirely unexpectedly, students, faculty, staff, alumni, and parents alike began chanting, ‘Let’s go, Hokies!’ until their voices rang through the rafters of Cassell [Coliseum]. That spontaneous outburst embodies the university’s indomitable will and strength of character.”

— (Sherry Bitthell, editor, Virginia Tech magazine)

“When Nikki Giovanni gave her address, I was on the verge of tears. When the entire student body started chanting, ‘Let’s Go Hokies!’ I couldn’t hold it back anymore,” said Jeff Klassen ’06. “As her speech went on I started to feel more and more pride that I was part of such a great community. For the first time I truly began to realize that I made the best possible choice I could have made to better my future. When it was over and everyone started chanting, I was overwhelmed with school pride, and it actually brought a little happiness to the day,” stated TJ Bauer ’05. Sean Hebeler described Giovanni’s address as “very moving and motivational.” He further states, “It gave us the a sense that things would be OK in time.”

John Hall was in agreement: “The address said what was on everyone’s minds and it proved that Virginia Tech will get through this tragedy and become a better institution.” Tim Bednar sums it up by saying that Giovanni’s speech was “the turning point in defining what Virginia Tech was from that moment on.”

While classes were canceled for the week after the tragedy, members of the Virginia Tech community paid tribute to the victims by placing memorials across the campus.
As this day of remembrance and reflection grew dark, candlelight began to illuminate the campus. A vigil was held on the Drillfield at Virginia Tech the evening after the Convocation, and even though many members of the Virginia Tech community were anxious to go home to their families, thousands stayed behind to pay tribute to those who lost their lives during the tragedy. One theme seemed to stand out at the Candlelight Vigil: unity. Just thirty-six hours had passed since this university had experienced the deadliest shooting in U.S. history and yet managed to find strength in coming together as a community. Michael Vaughan said, “I will remember the large amount of people at the Candlelight Vigil. It let me and everyone else know how united our school is.” “Let’s Go Hokies!” rang out at the end of the vigil. Jeff Klassen will always remember these chants. “Between Mount St. Joseph and Virginia Tech, I have been very blessed with a strong sense of school camaraderie over the last five years,” says Klassen. Seeing all of those candles and hearing those spirited chants showed everyone that the Virginia Tech community would remain united as they mourn and will continue being proud of their school.

On April 20, 2007, Mount St. Joseph held a school-wide prayer service which gave the Mount men who attend Virginia Tech the opportunity to come back to their alma mater and see how another school was reflecting on the tragedy. “I was greatly pleased with the support we received from the MSJ community when we returned for the prayer service. I have spent the last two years building up this pride as a Hokie that is almost, but not quite, as proud as I am to be an alumnus from Mount St. Joseph,” said Sikorski. While Jeff Klassen attended the prayer service he remembered “the times when other members of the Mount community were affected by tragedy and how we would gather behind the affected people and support them.” He continued, “I felt very comfortable to know that the Mount was behind the Hokies in our time of pain and healing.” The graduates of the Mount who attended Virginia Tech during this tragedy have realized that a similar community exists where they have continued their education. This community is what the Hokies are most proud of and what they would like their university to always be remembered for. “I am proud of how close of a community we are and how we have supported everyone in the administration during this tragedy. We showed the world how well we responded to this tragedy and the unity we have as a community. This is a reflection of the school pride that we have always had,” said Vaughan. Klassen adds, “Virginia Tech should be remembered as a tight community of friends who will not hesitate to stand behind and beside another in time of need. We are strong; we are loving; we are Hokies.” The Mount St. Joseph alumni at Virginia Tech knew how much the Mount was behind them as they were grieving. In fact, Mount St. Joseph Principal Barry Fitzpatrick called the Mount men at Virginia Tech right after the tragedy occurred. TJ Bauer recalled:

“Tim Bednar was in my apartment when he received a call from Mr. Fitz, who was calling to check in. We told a couple of people about this who were with us at the time and most of the responses were the same. They could not believe that our high school principal contacted us. That just goes to show what a tight community and brotherhood we have at Mount St. Joseph.”

Daniel Evans ’06 stated in an email to Fitzpatrick:

“As I watched the events unfold on the news, I kept thinking about everyone back at St. Joe. I knew that the entire community was hoping and praying for our well being. Then, yet again, I was amazed by my true brothers from the Mount. Minutes after the news started coming out we were all in contact with each other making sure everyone from MSJ was safe. In a way we bonded and stuck together as we had time and again during our four wonderful years at Mount St. Joseph.”

John Hall stated, “I am grateful to the Mount for embracing their alumni that go or went to Virginia Tech. It is great to see that our high school still cares so much for us and will do anything to support us.” As declared in the mission statement, “…Mount St. Joseph strives to be a community of growth and learning characterized by enduring personal relationships…” Based on what the Mount men at Virginia Tech have said, Mount St. Joseph is certainly living out its mission.

-Emily Wilson Rollins
News  From Alumni Relations

ALUMNI EVENTS WRAP-UP

Alumni Communion Breakfast

On March 25, 2007, the Alumni Association sponsored their annual Communion Breakfast. From left: Alumni Association past president Pat Hall ’74, Al Shields Service Award recipients Charles Gilbert ’70 and Brenda Tracy, Alumnus of the Year Billy Bassler ’69, and Knight of the Tower Award recipient Craig Sigismondi ’81.

Alumni LAX

On June 9, 2007, Mount alumni lacrosse players reunited to play in their annual alumni lacrosse game in memory of Matt Stoffel ’00. This was the last official game played on the grass of Plevyak Field before the new synthetic turf is installed.

1955-1959 Resident Reunion

‘56 Day at the Races at Laurel Park

On Thursday, April 12, 2007, the Class of ’56 held its third annual Day at the Races at Laurel Park. Fifty-three people including graduates, wives, and friends attended the luncheon event. Approximately $200 was raised for the Class of 1956 Endowment Fund. Once again, Andy Long ’56 chaired the event and handicapper, Lou Loll ’56, back by popular demand, analyzed the races and picked several winners. Everyone in attendance felt that this was the best Day at the Races yet, and they look forward to doing it again next year.

Golden Gaels Kick Off Reunion Year

Members of the Class of 1957 gathered to kick off their 50th reunion year by participating in the Class of 2007’s graduation at the Cathedral of Mary Our Queen on June 3, 2007. This year’s Golden Gaels will hold their reunion celebration on the weekend of October 6-7, 2007. Please look for more information coming soon regarding this reunion.

Upcoming Alumni Events

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION GOLF TOURNAMENT

Monday, September 24, 2007 — 9:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. registration, 11 a.m. shotgun start at Rolling Road Golf Club

Cost is $250 per player, which includes a contest package, an MSJ gift, lunch, golf, greens fees, cart, scoring, course beverages, and dinner. Can’t make it for golf? Come join us for dinner for $65. Sponsorship opportunities available. To register, visit www.msjconnection.org/GolfTournament or call Joe Schuberth ’00 at 410-646-4700.

HOMECOMING

Friday, October 19, 2007, 7 p.m.
Varsity Football versus Loyola at Johns Hopkins University

Due to construction on campus, the Homecoming festivities will be held off campus this fall, but be sure to still call your classmates and root on our Gaels! Please contact Joe Schuberth ’00 at 410-646-4700 for more details.

7th ANNUAL BEEF & BEER NIGHT

Wednesday, November 21, 2007
7:00 p.m. in the Mount cafeteria

This night is becoming a tradition for both young and old alumni, so call up your fellow Mount men while everyone is home for the Thanksgiving holiday and enjoy some good company, delicious food and ice cold beverages. You could even win some money at money wheels! Visit www.MSJconnection.org/ BeefnBeer to purchase your tickets online.

WANT TO WIN SEASON TICKETS FOR THE RAVENS’ 2006-2007 SEASON?

Make sure you purchase your raffle tickets for this Alumni Association fundraiser by visiting www.MSJconnection.org/RavensRaffle or by calling James Poisal ’03 at 410-646-4700.

TICKETS ARE $5 EACH.
UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN ALUMNI 2007 REUNIONS

If your class year ends in a 2 or a 7, then it's your reunion year! Details for all 2007 Reunions are being finalized right now and all reunions will take place this September, October or November. Registration forms for each reunion will be mailed out this summer so look for them in your mailboxes soon. We are also looking for lost alumni from any of these reunions, please contact Cathy Steffe in the Mount's Development Office at csteffe@admin.msu.edu or 410-646-4700.

Please look at the list below and if you have contact information for any of these alumni, please contact

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The Mount
Students from sports teams, clubs, organizations, and members of the Mothers’ Club helped raise $70,030 in pledges during this year’s Annual Fund Phonathon. This was the most money ever raised in pledges during the Event’s history. Many thanks go out to those who made calls and to those on the other end of the phones who made pledges.

Over the nights he made calls for the Annual Fund Phonathon, Matt Buonato ’07 earned the title of Ultimate Top Caller of All Time by raising a total of $3,735 in pledges.

Mount’s Annual Fund Breaks Record

Thanks to the generous support of alumni, parents and friends, the 2007 Annual Fund finished off the fiscal year at $715,000, which is the most the Mount has ever raised for the Annual Fund. We are thankful to everyone who made a gift to the 2007 Annual Fund and hope you continue giving for years to come. Your donations are used every day to continue the Mount’s tradition of providing an excellent Xaverian education to young men from diverse backgrounds in Baltimore and surrounding counties.

Students from sports teams, clubs and organizations, and members of the Mothers’ Club helped raise $70,030 in pledges during this year’s Annual Fund Phonathon. This was the most money ever raised in pledges in the event’s history. Many thanks go out to those who made calls and to those on the other end of the phones who made pledges.

Developing the Development Office

James Poiyal ’03 has been hired to carry out the position of Director of Communications and Events. Joe Schuberth ’00, the previous holder of that title, has become the Director of Alumni Relations and Annual Giving, taking the place of Emily Wilson Rollins who faithfully served the Mount for five years.

As a recent graduate of the University of Maryland with a Bachelor’s degree in history, James hopes to bring new ideas that will positively contribute to the ever-expanding Mount community and build upon the founding principles of the Xaverian Brothers.

Since coming to the Mount in 2004, Joe Schuberth has proved to be a valuable asset to the development office. He developed the alumni newsletter into a full-color magazine and expanded the alumni experience to encompass the Mount’s new online alumni community, www.MSJconnection.org. The Mount Saint Joseph community is excited to see him transition to his new position where he will work closely with our vast family of alumni.

The Mount truly appreciates the time and devotion that Emily Rollins spent working with alumni. During her time at the Mount she increased the reunion program to include thirteen reunions annually and expanded student involvement in the Annual Fund Phonathon. Beginning in 2002, Emily helped to increase Annual Fund donations from $188,000 to $684,000 in 2006. Emily looks forward to spending more time with her family, including her nine month-old daughter, Sophia.

The Mount Saint Joseph Development Office welcomes James and Joe to their new positions and wishes Emily well in this new stage in her life.
Class of 1939

Thomas E. Dolan, Jr. lost his wife on February 5, 2006. He is also looking for info on Bernard J. Wiegard. Please contact the Development office if you have any news on him.

Class of 1940

Ray Miller remembers a great year when the Mount beat City for the Maryland Scholastic Baseball Championship. Go Gaels!

Class of 1943

John J. Kaufman says, "I am not too well but am still here. Best wishes to the survivors of the great Class of ’43."

Class of 1944

William J. Dee is still enjoying the sunshine in Florida. Jack Nolan says, "Maybe we could arrange a 63-year reunion lunch for our class before we lose any more guys."

Class of 1945

Paul Devlin is enjoying Bridge games and golf in Genview Illinois. Joseph Parlett is retired as an Executive Director of Delaware Association of School Administrators. He is living in Dover, widowed, and has six children living in other states.

Class of 1946

Art Nolan is still enjoying retirement and golf at Kingsmill in Williamsburg, Virginia.

Class of 1948

Donald J. Baron says, "God bless Br. Carlos and the Class of 1948."

Milton F. Brzozowski and his wife, Connie, celebrated their 53rd anniversary on May 30th. They are proud parents of five children and nine grandchildren.

Jack Colleran has six children, 21 grandchildren and 17 great grandchildren.

John C. Staley says that he and Frank Rehak attended Homecoming in October, 2006, and had a great time remembering their time on Gibbons’ field. John says, “Put us in coach; we’re ready!”

George Strohecker says, “Best wishes to all 1948ers, especially my fellow great-grandfathers!”

Class of 1949

Norbert Kane moved to Gulfport, Mississippi, in 1976 with the U.S. Naval Oceanographic Office and is still there. His wife, Rose, passed away on June 24, 2004. Norbert’s daughter and two grandsons are living with him. He says, “The Mount did a lot for me, more than I ever realized. Hello to all ‘49 grads, especially Walter Hook who is probably in Ireland again.”

Stan Sobczynski had open heart surgery on March 9, 2007 and spent some time recovering. He says it was successful, thanks to the Lord!

Class of 1951

Robert Meehan says, “To all the members of the Class of ’51 who are still working, it’s time to retire.”

Class of 1953

Thomas R. Davidson, Sr. and his wife, Marie, are enjoying all of their grandchildren, including their fourth one who was born in May.

Robert Witt wants to say hello to all of his fellow classmates, and he wishes them well. Robert and his wife, Claire, are celebrating their 50th anniversary this year. He is presently serving as a member on the Board of Appeals for Baltimore County.

Class of 1956

Joe Skudrna says, “The bonds that we formed as classmates at the Mount in the 1950s were renewed and fortified as a result of the past five years planning our Golden Gaels reunion. In the aftermath of that highly successful reunion, we have a momentum carryover that drives us to expand our class social contacts and support for our great alma mater: Mount St. Joe.”

Class of 1957

John G. Frizzer was married 43 years in June. He has three children, two grandchildren, and one on the way. He

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**PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK MOUNT MEN**

To submit the name of a sick student or alumnus to the prayer list, e-mail Joe Schuberth ’00 at jschuberth@admin.msjnet.edu or call 410-646-4700.

Blase Cooke ’03 (Honorary)  
Robert Dillon ’56  
Sean Goerling ’06  
Ed Molinaro ’70  
Andrew Olert ’46  
Dan Sapanur ’08  
Michael Seidl ’09  
Joseph N. Smith ’44  
Robert J. Thommen ’51
also retired from St. Joseph Hospital as the head of the OB-GYN department at the end of June. He will continue to practice privately for a while.

**Joseph P. Weiss** has been married to Sandy for 45 years. They have three children and three grandchildren. Joseph is retired from the Baltimore Fire Department and is trying to learn to play golf. He is looking forward to his 50th class reunion this year.

**Class of 1959**

Nelson J. Arnold and his wife, Joan, are retired and enjoying their two granddaughters. Nelson says, “Hi to all my classmates.”

Jim Blockston retired in February, 2007, and is enjoying traveling, golfing and spending time with his family and friends.

Milton Kowalewski, Jr. proudly announces the birth of his fifth grandchild which is his first grandson.

**Class of 1960**

John F. Brailsford is enjoying retirement in Palm Coast, Florida; he highly recommends it. John says, “If the Class of ’60 gets a golf outing set up, please include me.”

G. William Lipa retired from Black & Decker-DeWalt after 30 plus years of service to Palm Coast, Florida. His email address is kmblipa@peoplepc.com if you would like to contact him.

**Class of 1961**

Albert E. Mank was inducted into the University of Baltimore Hall of Fame for soccer.

**Class of 1964**

Dennis F. Maher and his wife, Susan, have been married for 38 years. They have two sons and two granddaughters.

**Class of 1965**

Paul R. Moore retired on March 2, 2007, after 41 years of service with CSX Transportation.

**Class of 1966**

(From left) George Vogelsang ’68, Rev. Jay O’Connor ’66, Frank Burgess ’66, and Jim Frazetti ’66 have continued their friendship over the years and recently enjoyed the annual seafood festival and caught flounder on the Eastern Shore of Virginia.

Edward J. Brzozowski, Jr. really enjoyed his 40th Reunion. He has been retired for seven years from teaching and coaching for Baltimore City Public Schools. He says that life is great!

John Martellini is a veterinarian and has a general practice in North Port, Florida. He and his wife have three children and two grandchildren.

**Class of 1967**

Nick Cola has grown his CPA practice to include his daughter, Cristi, while his son, Tony, is a senior at UCF in Orlando studying to be a CPA. His son will join the firm after he graduates.

**Class of 1968**

Mike McAvoy teaches AP European History U.S. History and law classes at Bel Air High School in Bel Air, Md., and is also an American Revolutionary War re-enactor. He and his wife, Kathy, have two children and two grandchildren.

**Class of 1969**

Thomas McGrain, Jr. would like to say hi all his classmates. He is still employed with the State of Maryland Division of Parole and Probation where he has been working since 1973.

Robert Dale Klein and his wife, Trisha, celebrated their wedding anniversary on May 6th. Twenty-nine years ago they were married in the old chapel at Mount St. Joseph. Now they are empty-nesters, and when Robert is not practicing law, he continues to write songs. If you want to check out his latest tunes, go to his “artist’s page” at www.myspace.com/robertdaleklein.

**Class of 1971**

Tony Bilenchuk is currently the Director of Respiratory Therapy at Johns Hopkins Hospital. His third son just graduated from the Mount and he is looking forward to returning in two years with his fourth son.

**Class of 1972**

David Ralston, Jr. was recently elected president of Alpha Sigma Nu, the national honor society of Jesuit colleges and universities. The society recognizes students of Jesuit schools for their scholastic achievements, loyalty to the values of Catholic and Jesuit education, and service to others. David and his wife, Mary, live in Clifton, Virginia.
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Class of 1973

John Kirby was named the Chief Operating Officer of TruePresence, a national Internet marketing firm in Baltimore that helps businesses maximize their online potential.

Michael Larsen and his wife, Brenda, celebrated their 31st anniversary in December, 2006. They also welcomed two granddaughters in 2006 who joined their two-year-old grandson in bringing a lot of laughter to their family. They are looking forward to having Mike’s parents move closer this year to share in their happiness.

Bernard McVey was named sector vice president of business management and chief financial officer within Northrop Grumman Corporation’s Information Technology (IT) sector.

Nick Vaccaro was named Pastry Chef of the Year by Members of the Restaurant Association of Maryland at the Restaurant Association of Maryland’s annual gala.

Class of 1977

John Dunn retired on January 1, 2006, after 28 years with the Maryland State Police. He has since started a new job as a bailiff for Carroll County Circuit Court.

Ed Evans and his wife, Nancy, celebrated their 20th anniversary in July, 2006. They have been living in Tampa since 1989 with their two daughters.

Glenn Zahren would like to say hi and best wishes to all alumni. He has been working for Lockheed Martin since 1988 in subcontracts. He and his wife, Kasey, have two children.

Class of 1978

Sean Keelan and his wife, Suzie, have been married for 23 years. Together they have a daughter attending UMBC and a son, Brendan ’08, who will be the last Keelan from his generation to graduate from Mount St. Joseph.

Class of 1979

Kevin Brown is living in western Massachusetts and loving it. He keeps in touch with fellow alumni, Don Schuerholz, Steven Clark, and Jim Mountcastle. Kevin comes to Baltimore occasionally doing comedy with a group called “The Loyal Opposition.”

Patrick Sprankle received his Doctorate of Ministry from the Graduate Theological Foundation in South Bend, Indiana. He is currently Director for Youth and Young Adult Ministry at St. Louis Parish in Clayville, Md. Pat’s son, Matt, just finished his sophomore year at the Mount and Pat’s Dad, Herb Sprankle, is a 1948 graduate of MSJ. Pat also has two daughters.

Class of 1983

Gene Bateman has been married to Krista for 16 years, and they reside in Catonsville. They have three future Mount men as sons and Gene recently started a group health insurance agency in the Baltimore area called Employee One Benefit Solutions.

Darryl Day and his wife, Kippy, proudly announce the birth of their daughter on November 6, 2006. They currently reside in Columbia, Md. Darryl is a regional director with Anthem Blue Cross & Blue Shield.

Class of 1985

Michael S. Brennan and his wife, Heather, have a son born December 22, 2006. His name is Colt Tobin Brennan. Colt joins his sisters Catie Flynn (6) and Hope (3). Colt is the great-grandson of the late Jerome
Wolters '36, nephew of Todd '87, Brad '95 and grandson of Dale Wolters, MSJ Staff, and related to numerous other graduates of MSJ.

Class of 1986

Sean Spencer married Kelly Tribble on November 22, 2002, and they had a daughter on May 6, 2004. Sean is an international DJ who frequently travels to Europe, Asia and Australia.

Class of 1987

Karl Skowronek received his doctorate in cell and molecular biology from the University of Vermont in 2001. After four years of a post-doctorate position at the University of Stony Brook on Long Island, Karl moved back to the area to work as a patent examiner at the United States Patent and Trademark Office. He is currently living in Alexandria, Virginia, with his wife, Maria, and their two daughters.

Class of 1988

William Dower '94 and his newborn son, Liam

Will Dower and his wife, Leah, proudly announce the birth of their son, Liam Stephen on Thursday, May 3, 2007.

Daniel Gazaille married Noel Fisher on May 19, 2007. If you would like to contact Daniel, you may get in touch with his parents who still live in Catonsville.

Rodney Walker and his wife, Lea, have purchased a new home in Parkville. Rodney teaches at William Paca Elementary School in Baltimore City and received his second Master's degree in May from Towson University.

Class of 1989

Mr. and Mrs. Brad Wolters '95

Brad Wolters married Tricia Kokosko on June 9, 2007, in St. Michaels, Md. The couple resides in Federal Hill.

Class of 1991

Ronald Hawkins is a Foreign Service Officer in Iceland.

Joe Monmonier is teaching special education and is the head varsity lacrosse coach at Hilton Head Island High School. He has also been named to the Limestone College Athletic Hall of Fame and will be officially inducted this October.

Class of 1992

Kevin Wajek is serving Anne Arundel County Public Schools as a mathematics department chair at Chesapeake Middle School. Kevin graduated with a Master's degree in education in May from UMBC.

Class of 2001

Joe Bispo '01 graduated with a Master of Science Degree in Biological Sciences from Clemson University on May 11th, 2007. His thesis was titled: Growth and Survival of the Pacific white shrimp, Litopenaeus vannamei, in sea salt and other ionic environments. He will be continuing at Clemson University for his Ph.D. in Environmental Toxicology.

Mosheh M. Gains graduated from Temple University with a degree in journalism in May of 2006. At Temple, he won an Emmy for his involvement with the production of the highly publicized Philadelphia Mayoral debates in 2004. Currently Mosheh works in production for ABC News shows including "World News with Charles Gibson" and "Nightline." He is based at the network's Washington Bureau.

Lucas Harris graduated from flight school at Ft. Rucker, Alabama, in April. He now flies the Chinook as an Army helicopter pilot. He has also been accepted to Ranger school.

Brian Jaffe is in Houston teaching fifth grade for Teach for America.

Class of 1993

Dave Jaffe is currently attending the University of Maryland Medical School after graduating from the University of Delaware.

Class of 2002

Brian Galovic graduated from the Schreyer Honors College of Penn State in May with an honors degree in Biology. He plans to attend medical school beginning in the fall of 2008.
Michael Amos ’07 wins “The Written Word Contest”

To encourage excellent writing among the students of Mount Saint Joseph, the Class of 1947 has endowed an annual writing contest entitled, “The Written Word Contest.” Senior Michael Amos earned the $1,500 first prize for his work, “A Scent of Memory.” The focus of this year’s essay was to explore the lives of your parents or grandparents before you were born.

~ A Scent of Memory ~

By Michael Amos ’07

As she opens the crimson jeweled box every morning, Mildred Pipkin, my grandmother, is flooded with memories of her past. As she unlatches the blackened metal clasp, the scent of her mother's favorite perfume, “April Showers,” escapes and dances throughout the room, as it has for the last 60 years. It is as if this scent reaches into my grandmother's mind and pulls forth a stream of memories from her past. It always starts with one.

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It is October of 1949 and the smooth sound of Bing Crosby’s “Galway Bay” echoes from downstairs where Millie's parents are getting the last of their things together before going out to Little Italy for their anniversary dinner. Millie opens the door to her mother's room quickly, to prevent the rusted hinges from singing their high-pitched song. She tiptoes over the floor, as if she were walking on broken glass, and makes her way to the crimson jewelry box atop her mother's oak jewel armoire. “Millie!” She froze, sure she had been caught. “Your father and I will be home around eleven,” her mom shouts from the bottom of the stairs. “Have fun tonight.” Millie lets out a sigh of relief. Millie's brother, Joe, has set her up on a date with one of his friends. He is a 6-foot-tall pilot, Bill Amos, who is trying to plant his feet on solid ground after his lengthy duty in the war. Millie waits for the roar of her dad's 1945 Cadillac sedan and watches as they back out of the driveway. Millie puts on the pearl earrings that her mother wore on her wedding day, and she feels almost magical.

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My grandmother kept an accurate diary, which made it clear that “Mill and Bill,” as everyone liked to call them, were a perfect match. Their dates no longer required the beautiful jewelry that Millie found in her mother's jewel box—they had each other, and that was all they needed. It was a mere 43 “adventures,” as she liked to call them, before that crisp spring morning in May when Bill proposed to her in front of a cool-blue sunrise overlooking the Pocono Mountains.

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“I can't believe this day is here,” Millie's mom says to her on a beautiful Saturday morning in May, nearly one year after Bill first proposed to my grandmother. The sun shines through the slats in the Venetian blinds, illuminating a world of dust in her 19th century home. As Millie finishes applying her charcoal mascara, she hears the faint voice of her mother calling out, “Millie, come in here.” Millie walks into her mother's room to find her mom standing next to her oak jewel armoire. “I wore these on my wedding day, and I want you to do the same.” Millie's mom is unaware that Millie's relationship with Bill was founded on these pearl earrings, but she is happy as Millie accepts them with a smile. Her mother sprays herself with “April Showers,” and kisses Millie on the cheek. “You two are meant for each other,” she says. “Thanks Mom,” Millie replies. She can't produce a better response, but she knows it's true—they are meant for each other. Millie and her mom hold hands as they walk outside to the limousine waiting in front of their house.

Bill and Mill spent their years together in her childhood home. Bill would spend his days as a personal accountant and financial advisor, and Mill, as she was called whenever they were together, would spend her days filling catalogue orders for Montgomery Ward.
Ward in their central warehouse in downtown Baltimore. They both enjoyed cinema, sharing a favorite movie in "Smiles of a Summer Night" by Swedish director Ingmar Bergman. Mill loved the main character, Fredrik Egerman, and she always told Bill how she admired both of their spontaneous minds. The end of the 1950s brought about their first child, my father, and my grandmother describes the next 40 years of her life as "unforgettable and wonderful—never a dull moment."

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In his early 50s, Bill was diagnosed with Alzheimer's. For nearly ten years, Mill watched as his personality ebbed away. She watched as his memories of their time spent together in Italy, or Rome, or Sweden, were lost to this biological mistake. It was hard to accept. She tried making conversation at the dinner table, she tried taking him out to plays, and she even tried forcing him to read the newspaper every morning, in a final attempt to save him. His mind was lost to this disease, and as he became more and more distant, she had to let him go. The Bill she once knew could only be found inside the depths of her heart—he was forever trapped in that simple scent of perfume.

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It is dark and gloomy outside as the sound of rain beats against the hundred-year old window in what has now become Millie's bedroom. She feels like Millie again. Her days as Mill seem to be lost in time, and she tries her best to remember the good times as she walks over to that same oak jewelry armoire, which has now become the center of her memories. Many of her friends wonder how Millie will deal with the death of Bill. In her eyes, Bill died the minute he forgot her name. She puts on the pearl earrings that she and her mother wore on their wedding days, but this time, she feels a sense of comfort—a sense of relief. That crimson jewelry box contains much more than those lustrous pearl earrings that accompanied my grandmother throughout her life. It contains a stream of memories, organized into life and death. That jewelry box is the only place my grandmother can be Mill again—it contains their eternal love.

Parle vous francais?

Mount Saint Joseph is proud to announce that junior Colin Leach has been ranked first in the State of Maryland and second in the nation for his performance on the 2007 National French Contest, “Le Grand Concours.” Colin competed with 104,155 other students. Each year, the Mount boasts students who are ranked among the top ten French students in the State of Maryland. This year Colin extended the Mount’s streak and has brought honor and recognition to himself, our French program, and the Mount community.
Sports Signings

Congratulations to the following Mount men for committing to participate in collegiate athletics.

Tommy Beach ’07 – lacrosse – Towson University
Jake Bohn ’07 – wrestling and football – West Point
Peter Buppert ’07 – lacrosse – McDaniel College
Sam Buppert ’07 – lacrosse – Limestone College (Div. 2)
Stafford Chipungu ’07 – soccer – Rutgers University
Donald Gibson ’07 – soccer – Limestone College (Div.2)
Dino Gregory ’07 – basketball – University of Maryland
Tyrone Hall ’07 – soccer – Limestone College (Div.2)
Matt Hanzsch ’07 – lacrosse – Towson University
Patrick Langan ’07 – lacrosse – Limestone College (Div.2)
Ryan Mulford ’07 – lacrosse – Fairfield University
Jarnd Ricks ’07 – football – Lafayette College
Jon Rodriguez ’07 – lacrosse – Limestone College (Div.2)

History Bowl Winners

On March 31, 2007, the MSJ History Bowl Team won its second straight Georgetown University European History Bowl Competition. MSJ successfully defended its title by going 11-0 in head to head competition with Calvert Hall, Commonwealth Governors School, Severna Park HS and others. Team Captain Colin Leach also won honors as top individual scorer for the second year in a row. 2007 History Bowl winners with Brother James Kelly, C.F.X., from left: Gavin Blasdel, Colin Leach, Andrew Coccoli, Kyle Wesselman, James Paul, and moderator Mr. Ryan Folmer ’96.

Teacher of Year

This year is the fourth year in a row that a Mount Saint Joseph teacher has won the VFW Maryland Teacher of the Year Award. From left: 2007 recipient and history teacher Jody Harris ’79, 2006 recipient and history teacher Sean Gibbons, and 2005 recipient and history teacher turned guidance counselor Kevin Shearer. Not pictured: 2004 recipient and religion teacher Tim Breen.

Norton ’71

Reaches 500 Wins!

On April 29, 2007, Mount Saint Joseph Varsity head coach, Dave Norton ’71, collected his 500th career win as the Gaels defeated Gilman, 5-4, in a MIAA A Conference game. Norton’s career record is now 504-186 (.730), over the course of his 25-year career.

Ironically, Norton played lacrosse during his school days in Irvington, despite a life-long passion for baseball. After graduating from Towson University in 1975, he returned to Irvington as a teacher and the coach of the junior varsity baseball team. He has been at the Mount as a teacher ever since and took over the varsity program in 1983.

During his career, Norton’s teams have won 20 or more games in a season 14 times, including a career-high 28 in 1996. He has also won two Maryland Scholastic Association (MSA) titles and the 2004 MIAA A Conference championship.
Mr. Dolan Retires

After 31 years of teaching at Mount St. Joseph, Mr. Mike Dolan has decided it is time to retire. Not only was he a teacher, he was a coach, a mentor and a role model for all Mount men. President Brother James Kelly, C.F.X., had this to say about Mr. Dolan to the Class of 2007 at their graduation:

"I can make this very concrete by telling you that I want you to be a man like Mr. Michael Dolan who retires from our faculty after thirty-one years. If ever there has been a man who lives what he believes, it is Mr. Dolan. He has been for you a role model of a man of faith, a good, loving and faithful husband and a loving father. Although Mr. Dolan did not graduate from the Mount, he is what I hope every Mount man will be."

We wish Mr. Dolan all the best in his retirement and thank him for his dedication to Mount St. Joseph over all these years.

Ricardo Johnson ’03 Leads LaSalle University.

On May 13, 2007, Ricardo Johnson ’03 spoke to nearly 1,000 LaSalle graduates and several thousand of their families and friends as he delivered his commencement speech at LaSalle University. He earned the right to deliver the address after his speech was chosen by a selection committee. On May 13, 2007, Johnson spoke to nearly 1,000 La Salle graduates and several thousand of their families and friends.

Speaking in front of crowds is nothing new for him. As President of La Salle’s Students’ Government Association (SGA), he addressed the incoming class of 2009 and their parents at Opening Convocation in 2005. He spoke before hundreds of students at a candlelight vigil marking the fifth anniversary of the 9/11 terrorist attacks, and he’s sung before audiences as a member of the school’s gospel choir.

This year Johnson was chairman of SGA’s annual basketball marathon to raise funds for the American Cancer Society and was on the executive board of the African American Student League. He was also President of the College Republicans. Last fall, Johnson received The Warren S. Smith, M.D., Scholarship, given to African American students. The scholarship is named for one of the University’s first African American graduates.

Johnson was introduced to the commencement crowd by Dean of Students Dr. Joseph Cicala. In his introduction, Cicala said, “His membership in our community has been characterized by honesty, integrity, civility, and citizenship and he is one of the people who makes me most proud to say that, in association, we are La Salle. He has been a fine student, a good leader, and a valued associate.”

Following graduation, Johnson plans to attend the University of Maryland School of Law.
Awards Ceremonies

From left: Athletic Director Paul Triplett ’79, C. Markland Kelly, Jr. Athletic Service Award recipient Greg Leftwich ’07, President Brothers James Kelly, C.F.X.

2007 Graduates with appointments to military service academies, from left: Jacob Bohn – West Point Military Academy, Nicholas Allen – West Point Military Academy, Jack Traut – Merchant Marine Academy, representative of the Air Force Academy, James Gangler – Air Force Academy, Thomas Meyer – Naval Academy and West Point Military Academy, Austin Clouse – Naval Academy, not pictured: Gary Beier – Massachusetts Maritime Academy.

Br. Bernardine Ridders, C.F.X. Award (for giving the most to make MSJ an exceptional school) recipients from left: Patrick Terranova ’07 and Thomas Meyer ’07.

Saint Francis Xavier Award (for character, leadership and scholarship) recipients from left: Brandon White ’07, Joshua Peeler ’07 and Sean Dalton ’07.

Brother Donald Coffey, C.F.X. Award (for commitment to Christian service) recipients from left: Luke Menefee ’07, Jordan Harris ’07 and Christopher Walker ’07.
Dads and Grads

This year 35 alumni fathers and their sons were recognized at the graduation ceremony for continuing the Mount Saint Joseph legacy.
For Whom the Bell Tolls

August 31, 1901, marks an important date in history for Mount Saint Joseph. On that day a one hundred and fifty pound bell was delivered and set in place in the Tower. It remained there for nearly 60 years, chiming to make students, faculty, and the people of Irvington aware of the recitation of the Angelus prayer or the passing of a Xaverian Brother.

For almost 50 years the bell’s function and history were forgotten, until three seniors, Luke Menefee ’07, Adam Sappington ’07, and Matt Zipp ’07, chose the daunting task of restoring the bell to its original luster. The bell’s refurbishment was completed on May 18, 2007.

The Mount’s administration has yet to decide on its final placement. Please forward any suggestions on the placement of the bell to James Poisal ’03 at jpoisal@admin.msjnet.edu.

Congratulations to the newly elected officers and member of the Alumni Association Board of Directors!

Jack Pundt, III, ’71, President*
Charles Gilbert ’70, Vice President*
Mike von Paris ’70, Secretary*
Eric Schneider ’71, Treasurer*
Kevin Connelly ’84
Joe Gremen ’95
Frank Del Gavio ’62
John Denhardt ’82
Ryan Greer ’98*
Paul Harris ’66
Ron Isaacs ’91
John McKenna ’48
B. J. Romanoski ’98
Eric Schneider ’71
Craig Sigismondi ’81
Mike von Paris ’70
John Weber ’56
Nick Zohdi ’97
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