The Mount’s ‘E-Diva’

Rockefeller Legacy Grows

Une Soirée Fantastique
Alumna and Her Husband Create Endowed Scholarship for Nursing Students

Bebette Gualano Coleman ’52 and her husband, Thomas J. Coleman, have established a $100,000 scholarship for nursing students to help alleviate a shortage in the profession.

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ON THE COVER: Monica Luechtefeld '71 heads electronic commerce at Office Depot. PHOTO BY RICK MENDOZA

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As I write to you, the trees are greener, the days are longer, and spring has truly blossomed, bringing with it joyous thoughts of commencement and new beginnings for our graduates. There is always much to be proud of at Mount St. Mary’s College.

It is with great pride that I report some wonderful news from our Education Department. Three of our students planning to be teachers were selected as 2003 Rockefeller Brothers Fund Fellows. This is both an honor and a monetary award. Please read the details of this remarkable achievement on page 15.

During spring break in March, our students had opportunities to be involved in several prestigious programs. As participants in the Public Leadership Education Network (PLEN), our Women’s Leadership Program partnered with the Junior League of Los Angeles to offer scholarships to seven deserving Mount students to attend the Women and Congress seminar held in Washington, D.C. A national consortium of women’s colleges working together to educate women for public leadership, PLEN believes that women’s participation is critical in shaping public policy in communities, the nation, and the world. We are very pleased to have students who will contribute to this mission.

The College’s Career Planning Center, also in conjunction with the Junior League of Los Angeles, sponsored the Women in Networking (WIN) program during spring break. WIN matches students with professional women for a week of mentoring. This year, we provided an experiential learning opportunity for 24 students who shadowed women leaders at Childrens Hospital, the Los Angeles Police Department, the Los Angeles District Attorney’s office, Metro Goldwyn Mayer, Warner Brothers, Universal Studios, and the Magic Johnson Foundation, to name a few. We were delighted to receive calls from several of the mentoring women thanking the College for sending them such well-prepared and motivated students.

During the academic year, our students participated in regional Model United Nations conferences, and several of them received awards for their presentations. In April, 20 of our students traveled to New York City to be part of the National Model United Nations Conference where they served as delegates representing Vietnam. Not only were they history and political science majors, as you might expect, but several were biology, sociology, and psychology majors who became experts on global issues and honed their speaking skills as well.

We received two extraordinary grants, one for $300,000 from the Ahmanson Foundation and the other for $250,000 from the Bill Hannon Foundation, which will provide funds to renovate Ahmanson Commons on the Doheny Campus. The remodeling will be done this summer to improve and beautify the dining facility. When our academic year begins this fall, we will have a new and thriving dining facility where the entire academic community—students, faculty, and staff—can enjoy meals in an enhanced setting and mix freely.

I am pleased to report that Provost Sister Mary Williams created a task force to examine ways to further goal three of our strategic plan, which is to “become a culture of remarkable service.” This task force, with volunteer representatives from across the College, has been meeting since the fall semester and is bubbling over with enthusiasm as they create a series of programs and events to ensure we are best serving our students, our community, and each other in the true tradition of the Mount and the charism of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet.

On another positive note, we can all be very proud of Mount St. Mary’s College because in this challenging economic environment, we have already raised more money than last year. I extend thanks to everyone for helping us advance the mission of the College. The chart below indicates where we are in our fundraising efforts this fiscal year.

We are all looking forward to our upcoming gala, “Une Soirée Fantastique,” sponsored by the Regents Council on June 28 (see page 16), and I hope to see many of you there.

Sincerely,

Jacqueline Powers Doud, President

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My Emerging Understanding of Latina Culture

By Karen Perkins, assistant professor of biology

I had the pleasure last spring of taking the online class “Expanding Possibilities: Moving Toward a Deeper Understanding of the Latina Culture” with 10 other faculty members and administrators at the Mount. The course, which was created to meet the guidelines of a federal grant to Hispanic-serving colleges and universities, has more than increased my understanding of Latinas.

Let me describe my own background to illustrate the gap that had to be bridged between me and the Latina students. I grew up in the all-white, affluent New York City suburb of Greenwich, Connecticut. I was educated at a North Eastern prep school and attended a small private college in New England. I met with diversity as it existed in the sphere in which I lived. I later went into the field of cancer research, and there were very few minorities in that field. There were, however, researchers from around the world, working in the top laboratories in the country. I experienced diversity as it existed in this sphere: in the educated crème de la crème.

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In the last year, I’ve learned a lot about teaching. In particular I’ve learned a lot about teaching students at the College, where 46 percent of the baccalaureate students are Hispanic. My first semester, they pretty much stared at me with blank faces.

By the second semester, when a little e-mail arrived on my computer announcing the “Expanding Possibilities” course, I jumped at the opportunity. I didn’t know if it would help, but it was certainly worth a shot. It turned out to be fun. There were a range of Latina activities to choose from: reading poetry or stories, listening to Spanish radio stations, going to a Latina nightclub, or simply logging on to the Internet to learn more about Latin culture.

One additional requirement for the course was that we had to conduct an interview with a Latina student. Because I had trouble connecting with the students, I realized that I had an opportunity to perhaps smooth over any bad feelings that might have occurred between me and particular students whose needs I’d failed to meet the semester before.

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I chose to interview a student from my first-semester class at the college who I was sure hated me the most. When I was the teacher, we didn’t see eye-to-eye on anything. But still there was something about this student that I admired: her strength, her pride, the way she wore her “Latinas Unidas” t-shirt everyday, and the way she stood up to me. So I chose to interview her, and I was grateful when she accepted. She was grateful to have me as her student.

What she told me, I will never forget. She had grown up in a mountain town in Mexico, a town that had no name, which was a series of huts with no mail delivery. She had never known her father, and her mother had left for the United States to make money to send home. She was forced to live with her grandmother who had children the same age as she was and who didn’t really want the extra burden of more children. This student had grown up feeling like an outcast. Her greatest fantasy as a child was that a rich man would come and take her away. I asked her what qualities would make a man desirable and she quickly said two things: he would have a horse and a hat.

After many years, her mother sent for her, and this girl had the opportunity to come to the United States. She was accepted into the baccalaureate program at Mount St. Mary’s. She had me for a teacher my first semester. There was no way I could have understood that the gap between us would be this great unless I had tried teaching my way, failed, and then been given the opportunity to sit with her on her terms.

This experience provided a catalyst for me to change every way that I present science: to Hispanics, to African-Americans, to people from all backgrounds. I completely revamped every aspect of my biology teaching to present my subject for their use, not for mine…without compromising standards. The “Expanding Possibilities” course has more than enhanced my understanding of Latina culture. It has made me a better teacher, and that benefits all the young women who enter my classes.
President Doud Honored as Woman of the Year

President Jacqueline Powers Doud was honored as a Woman of the Year during a March ceremony hosted by the Los Angeles County Commission for Women.

Doud was joined by her husband Robert, other family members, colleagues, and friends at the 18th Annual Women of the Year Awards Luncheon at the Millennium Biltmore Hotel.

The commission recognized Doud among eleven outstanding women, including “Real Women Have Curves” screenwriter Josefina Lopez as well as a children’s advocate, a family law judge, and a community volunteer. Christine Divine, television journalist and co-anchor of Fox 11’s ten o’clock news in Los Angeles, said in presenting the award to Doud, “At Mount St. Mary’s College, President Jacqueline Powers Doud invigorates higher education by helping women from all backgrounds earn self respect and realize their potential through outstanding academic achievement and contributions to their communities.”

Scholarship Luncheon Honors Donors, Celebrates Students

Three members of the Mount’s class of 2003 shared success stories made possible by donors’ generous giving at the Annual Scholarship Luncheon this spring semester.

The luncheon recognized gifts from individuals and corporations to help more than 300 young women pursue their dreams of attending college and furthering their educations.

Senior April Figueroa thanked her benefactors, including the Bannan Endowed Scholarship and the California Foundation Scholarship.

Celebrity Authors Series Brings Tommy Lasorda to Mount

Legendary Los Angeles Dodgers Manager Tommy Lasorda shared his trademark wit with guests at the Mount’s Celebrity Authors Series in January in the Doheny Mansion.

Lasorda mixed patriotism, respect for clergy, and love of baseball in a fundraising talk that was part of a series established to raise money for an endowed scholarship in honor of Sister Ste. Helene Guthrie, a popular English professor at the College in the 1940s.

He said he is immensely proud of the more than 50 years he has invested in the Dodger organization, working his way up to the top executive ranks as vice president. Baseball remains his first love, he said.

Lasorda said prayer has played an important role in his career, and he learned valuable lessons from the nuns who taught him during his early Catholic upbringing.
Mount Breaks Ground on New Toddler Center

Thirteen-month-old Samuel Adonis Gonzalez clung to a tiny toy shovel and squirmed in his mother's arms as flashbulbs popped around him to celebrate the groundbreaking for a new College toddler program in February.

The tot, who is expected to become the center's first client, was joined at the ceremony by several College officials, architects, engineers, and foundation representatives.

An old carriage house behind the college's existing Child Development Center will be transformed to house a state-of-the-art toddler program that will serve low-income working families and expand high-quality childcare in the area. The W.M. Keck Foundation of Los Angeles contributed $500,000 to the project, and the Weingart Foundation donated $235,000.

The toddler area expansion is expected to open sometime this summer. The center currently provides full-day childcare for 2½-8-year-olds.

College President Jacqueline Powers Doud said, "This project is going to impact the quality of life for many in Los Angeles."

Samuel Adonis' mother, Gabriela Herrera, is a Mount student who works at the Child Development Center to gain skills toward working in early childhood education. She received her associate in arts degree in May and will transfer to the Chalon Campus to complete her bachelor's degree in liberal studies and obtain a teaching credential.

Herrera said working at the center has been invaluable. "I'm not just going to get my degree not knowing what it is to be a teacher," she said.

Fred Ali, president of the Weingart Foundation, praised the expansion. "The foundation has always looked upon early learning as a special area of emphasis in our grant program," he said.

The College's Child Development Center on the Doheny Campus has been a licensed childcare facility since 1973 and now supplies educational activities for 65 children. Children's parents are encouraged to participate in the center's advisory board as well as attend parenting classes.

The center already has a waiting list of 250 children, said Center Director Susan Skousen. "Our expansion will provide a valuable community service to a neighborhood which has few infant and toddler care openings for low-income children," Skousen said.

Applause

Haco Hoang has been appointed director of the Mount's Leadership and Women's Studies minor. Hoang, assistant professor in the History and Political Science Department, "brings to this position not only her great energy and creativity, but an academic background in, and deep commitment to, women's studies," said Department Chair Pat Ash, who announced the appointment in March.

MaryAnn Bonino '61, founding/artistic director of the Mount's The Da Camera Society, was honored recently by the Los Angeles City Council for 30 years of outstanding contributions in the music world.

The council resolution congratulates Bonino and the society, which was founded in 1973 to restore the performance of chamber music to the intimate environments for which it was originally conceived. In 1980, Bonino created the popular award-winning Chamber Music in Historic Sites concerts which have been presented in diverse settings throughout the region.

Alexis Navarro, director of the Mount's religious studies graduate program, presented "Vatican II in the 21st Century: The Catholic Church at the Crossroads" during a February talk. She discussed some of the major achievements of the Vatican II Council, showed where implementation has been slowed, and highlighted what still needs to be addressed. The talk was held at the University of California, Santa Barbara. The event was sponsored by the Interdisciplinary Humanities Center Catholic Studies Research Focus Group at UCSB.

Mary McCullough, a lecturer in the Mount's Graduate Religious Studies Program, was commissioned to write, "The Impact of Women Religious Leaders on the Development of the Western United States" for the American Encyclopedia of the West, which will be published later this year.
Mount Alumna Expands Student Ambassador Program Into Middle Schools

A college program that sends student “ambassadors” into area high schools to inspire teenagers to pursue higher education is expanding to 40 middle schools under the direction of a Mount alumna.

Yared Salgado ’02, who became director of admissions at the parochial St. Mary’s Academy in Inglewood shortly after earning her bachelor’s degree from the Mount, is applying the concept she learned as a student ambassador at the Mount to eighth graders she hopes to recruit to attend the academy. As part of the program’s expansion, she also trained the admissions staff at the all-boys Verbum Dei High School last year to send their students into middle schools.

Salgado’s program is designed to help middle school youngsters prepare for their next academic step. While the St. Mary’s Academy concept relies heavily on recruitment, the Mount’s program focuses on encouraging young women to attend any college.

Salgado, an English major, says her ambassador experience as a Mount student caught the attention of academy administrators who quickly hired her for the admissions job.

In the Mount ambassador program, College students fill in where high school counselors are too busy to help college-bound students with applications. Ambassadors meet with students who earn average grades and try to motivate them to attend any college.

Salgado’s students visit feeder schools from downtown Los Angeles to Redondo Beach and Beverly Hills. The students talk to the eighth graders about the academy and the academic expectations in high school. The St. Mary’s Academy students in the program do not get class credit for participating but use the experience to log volunteer hours and enhance college applications, Salgado says.

“The high school students gain responsibility,” she says. “They know that they have to represent St. Mary’s in a good way. They want to make sure that every time they talk to the younger students, they explain that there’s a time to play and there’s a time to study in high school.”

‘Real Women Have Curves’ Screenwriter Shares Wisdom With Students

“Real Women Have Curves” screenwriter Josefina Lopez encouraged Latinas to tell their stories and get involved in their communities during a talk at the Mount in the early spring to about 200 students, faculty, and staff.

After the address in the Little Theater on the Chalon Campus, students swarmed around Lopez and told her they related to her perspective of growing up in Los Angeles with “two strikes against her,” as she tells it, as a Latina and a woman.

Lopez, who was born in Mexico, said she often felt invisible when she was younger and living in the United States as an undocumented immigrant. She later gained legal residency. She said she learned to express herself through her natural creativity and love for writing.

“For me, writing isn’t just about telling stories. It’s about affirming my humanity,” Lopez said.

Lopez first wrote “Real Women Have Curves” as a play celebrating the lives of Latinas living in Boyle Heights where she grew up. She said she was most inspired in her writing by the storytelling and “dirty talk” that went on in the sewing factory where she worked with female relatives and other women. In the factory, women made dresses that were sold to retailers for $13 and then priced around $200 in fancy department stores.

Lopez encouraged students to find their own voices regardless of superficial standards imposed in popular culture.

She is opening a community theater in her hometown of Boyle Heights to show outsiders that its reputation for gang-banging and violence undermines the everyday heroics of hard-working people.

The message of community involvement resonated with Joanna Rodriguez, a senior majoring in art and sociology.

“She has a wonderful message about how getting an education and coming back to your community is important, and that you can’t just leave,” Rodriguez said. “You have to be committed to making a difference.”

Cynthia Mineros, a sophomore on the Doheny campus majoring in liberal arts, said Lopez’s story gives her hope that she can attain her goals.

“It’s very inspiring because I want to write Latino screenplays. She’s the first screenwriter I know of that I have something in common with,” Mineros said. “Josefina said, ‘If you want your dream to come true then you have to release it,’ and that is so true. You have to go out and make it happen.”
Eleven of the Mount’s brightest business students and two professors became lifetime members of the prestigious international honor society Sigma Beta Delta in February.

The students were carefully selected to join the society based on their abilities to maintain a 3.2 grade point average and to show promise in pursuing careers in business or public service.

The inductees, all juniors or seniors, are: Martina Arce, Karen Barbery, Celia Bravo, Elsa M. Castañeda, Rhea de Guzman, Sandy N. Garcia, Janet Gonzalez, Maribel Hernandez, ThuyDan Nguyen, Cristina L. Torres, and Hilda Zendejas. Faculty inductees are Carol Garrett, chair of the Business Administration Department, and Janet Robinson, an adjunct faculty member of the department.

Junior Rhea de Guzman said she’s eager to start her society tenure. “This is a great networking opportunity, and we encourage each other to do well,” said de Guzman, who aspires to work for a professional sports organization in community affairs or as an event planner.
Women Artists Shout, Whisper, and Cheer

“Shouts, Whispers, and Cheers exhibited a series of issues relevant to the role of women as creators and individuals in contemporary culture,” said exhibit curator Irina D. Costache, as she explained the contributions of the six women artists who were featured in the José Drudis-Biada Art Gallery in February and March.

“This show, which attracted more than 500 viewers from all over California, identified a new generation of women and honored them for their commitment to art,” said Jody Baral, chair of the art department.

The artists shared their visions through photography, video, sculpture, and painting. They varied in age and personal interests, and examined everything from the search for perfection through cloning to blindness and its metaphors.

College Recognizes CSJs with Day of Appreciation

The Mount commends the following for their significant contributions to the College as they celebrate jubilee years as Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet. The College hosted CSJ Appreciation Day in March to recognize them.

50 YEARS
- Sister Teresa Ayalos
- Sister Daniel Therese Flynn
- Sister Patricia Foster
- Sister Kathleen Kelly
- Sister Marta Ann Cota
- Sister Rose Leonard Stevling

70 YEARS
- Sister Jane Bernadette Smith

60 YEARS
- Sister St. Joan Willert

Sisters Present $100,000 Gift to College

The Los Angeles Province of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet recently presented the College with a $100,000 gift to increase several existing scholarships and create new funds in honor of Sister Aline Marie Gerber and Sister Mary Williams, both CSJs.

Part of the money also will be used to enhance an existing scholarship in honor of Sister Cecilia Louise Moore, CSJ ’53, a College trustee and former Mount president.

Sister Aline Marie, who taught languages including French and Spanish at the College between 1950 and 1995 and still tutors students, said she hopes the scholarship inspires in others a love for the spoken word.

“There is a saying that you become another person for every language you speak. If you speak English and Spanish, then you are two people,” Sister Aline Marie said.

Sister Mary Williams, who most recently served as provost and academic vice president of the College, is retiring from the Mount in June after more than four decades of service to the Mount that included many years as a popular English professor and chair of the department. The scholarship in her honor was augmented during a tribute dinner this spring semester.

Sister Maureen O’Connor CSJ ’63, provincial superior of the Los Angeles Province of the Sisters of St. Joseph, said the gift pays tribute to women who served the Mount well.

“It’s living out the legacy of the College and honoring those women who gave the best years of their lives to the mission of Mount St. Mary’s College,” she said.

Anyone interested in contributing to scholarships in the name of a sister may contact Stephanie Cubba, executive director of Institutional Advancement, by phone at (213) 477-2766, or by e-mail at scubba@msmc.la.edu.
Acclaimed Poet Giovanni Brings Outspoken Style to Mount

Renowned African-American poet Nikki Giovanni brought her outspoken style and vivid poetry to the Mount in February, reading her work to more than 100 students, faculty, and staff on the Doheny Campus in honor of Black History Month.

Giovanni's appearance at the J. Thomas McCarthy Library was arranged by her lifelong friend, Frankie Lennon, a lecturer in the Mount's English department.

In her talk, Giovanni covered an astonishing array of topics including slavery, prisons, war, affirmative action, and space travel. She spoke with tenderness about her grandmother and Martin Luther King, Jr., and said of slain rap star Tupac Shakur: "Tupac was good people. He didn't deserve to be shot down like that."

Giovanni explored her fascination with space travel and life on other planets and said extraterrestrial beings wouldn't stand a chance if they landed in the United States; someone would probably shoot them.

"It is illogical to think that in this universe we are the only ones here," she said. "If this is all of life, a great mistake has been made."

She advocated an end to war and to prisons, saying that instead of incarcerating minorities, the government should educate them.

Lennon said Giovanni inspired her to see the world through a more critical lens, and to value directness and honesty.

"She was always offering you a new slant on the old, traditional way of looking at things," Lennon said. "Her poems show us the way home. They connect us to our roots." Giovanni, who has been writing for more than 30 years, promoted her new book "Quilting the Black-Eyed Pea" during her visit. Best known for such works as "Blues: For the Changes" and "Racism 101," she is the first recipient of the Rosa Parks Woman of Courage Award and holds the Langston Hughes Medal for Outstanding Poetry.

Many students already had read Giovanni's poetry for class assignments and said she connected with them.

Said Mayra Hernandez, a freshman psychology major, "I learned that it's good to be a dreamer."

Remembering Sister Miriam Joseph Larkin, CSJ '51

A funeral Mass was celebrated in January at Carondelet Center for Sister Miriam Joseph Larkin, CSJ '51, a former Mount instructor and director of the Archdiocesan Liturgical Commission. She died Jan. 12.

Sister Miriam Joseph received her bachelor's degree in music from Mount St. Mary's College and her master's degree in music from USC. She started teaching at the Mount in 1955 and became chair of the Music Department in 1966. Most recently, she taught at St. Martin of Tours School in Brentwood and St. Jerome School in Westchester.

She is survived by her sister, Mount Trustee Sister Miriam Therese Larkin, CSJ '53.

Panelists Debate War in Iraq

Peace activists, Mount faculty and students debated whether war was justified in Iraq and examined reasons given by the Bush administration for the conflict during a Panel on Peace in March.

About 100 students, faculty, and staff listened to presentations in the Chalon Campus Center from panelists Rabbi Steven Jacobs, a peace activist; Eric DeBode, Southern California coordinator of California People of Faith Working Against the Death Penalty; Nazir Khaja, a medical doctor and Muslim peace activist; Haco Hoang, assistant professor of political science and an expert in international relations; Mount senior Elizabeth Robles, a history major whose minors are Spanish and political science; and Scott Bryson, assistant professor of English.

The panel was moderated by Mount English Department Chair Rev. George O'Brien and was coordinated by Regina Meister of the Chalon Campus Learning Center.
Los Angeles street corners and city tunnels prowled by Raymond Chandler's detective Philip Marlowe are woven together in the fabric of fiction. But many of the locations are true-life pieces of Los Angeles, and English students at the Mount have designed a Web site to shine a light on them.

The College’s new “L.A. Literature” online learning project spotlights real locations visited by literary characters in books set in Los Angeles. Students have developed detailed portraits of Los Angeles as described in books by Raymond Chandler, Gina B. Nahai, Joan Didion, Carolyn See, Walter Mosley, and Robert Crais. The ongoing initiative, which represents the work of a freshman composition class, includes links to an analysis of how individual books portray the city.

“The idea was that students and scholars and anybody who has read some of these novels about Los Angeles would have a place to go for research,” says Scott Bryson, assistant professor of English and coordinator of the project. “It’s also just to help people anywhere enjoy the books in ways they normally wouldn’t be able to.”

Toni Palacios, a sophomore business major, said she was stunned early this spring semester when Bryson’s class turned out to be more than a typical English course. Her class group researched Oscar Zeta Acosta’s autobiographical The Revolt of the Cockroach People.

“I thought I was going to go in there, read a couple of books, do a little bit of class discussion, and that’s that,” she says. “And then Dr. Bryson told us there’s this Web site ongoing project, and I was totally shocked.” Bryson’s passion inspired her to work harder, Palacios says. “I’m going to leave the Mount and my kids are going to be able to see my hard work one day on display, because my work is hopefully still going to be up on the Web site,” she says.

Bryson says he began the enterprise when he moved to Los Angeles from Texas in 2000: “Since I wasn’t a native Angeleno, I decided that one of the best ways I could learn about my new place was to begin to read what people had written on it.” He decided to involve his first-year students, and shared his vision of developing a Web site—including photos, links, maps, video clips—with them. “It’s still very much a work in progress,” he says, “but it is an excellent teaching tool.”

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Bryson notes that the project has especially piqued the interest among students who have spent their lives in Los Angeles. “We’re asking them to use this project to get to know their city in a way they haven’t done even if they grew up here,” he says. “We have kids from East L.A. better understanding the history of their neighborhood, as well as students raised in Bel Air learning for the first time about forces that shaped Watts in the 20th century, and students from Connecticut who are obtaining a deeper sense of the personality of the city in which their college is located.”

Among the online content, students videotaped a freeway excursion driven by Joan Didion’s main character in “Play It as It Lays.” Web site visitors will be intrigued by watching the video on-line and opening their imaginations to the book’s character.

Bryson said the class project also helps students develop research and critical thinking skills, as well as the ability to understand an audience and decide how to present material in an interesting way.

Amanda Romero, a junior sociology major who took the class during spring 2002, says she was challenged while researching Joan Didion’s “Play it as It Lays.” “It was really amazing to see the amount of facts that really go into a book,” Romero says. “When I finished this, I felt a huge sense of accomplishment. Putting my work on the Web is different from just writing a paper that no one reads besides your professor.”

The site can be found at: www.msmc.la.edu/english/LAliterature
Zhou DanDan (right) professor of English at Nanjing University, examines books on China in the College's Center for Cultural Fluency with Debbie Giunta, center director. DanDan is the second faculty visitor in the Education Department's Bridging Cultures: U.S./China Connections Program established in 2000 by Nancy Pine, associate professor and director of the Elementary Education Program. DanDan was invited to visit the College for a week to observe and learn about American culture and academics, and to share her knowledge of China with the Mount community while visiting classes on both campuses.

What impressed her most? “I am very happy to see how American students are relaxed and share information with each other in the classroom,” she said. “This is really a lovely way to learn.”

Mind and Spirit Committee Brings Spirit of Dorothy Day to Mount

Comfort the afflicted; afflict the comfortable.
— Dorothy Day

Dorothy Day was invited to Mount St. Mary’s College as a guest lecturer on October 11, 1937, when she introduced students and faculty to the Catholic Worker newspaper, which she had recently founded.

Her words and sentiments resounded again at the College in March when the Mind and Spirit Committee presented storyteller Sharon Halsey Hoover in a dramatization of Day’s life as part of the celebrations for Women’s History Month 2003.

The program, Saint or Troublemaker? Meet Dorothy Day, gave students, faculty, and staff an opportunity to learn about Day’s life as Hoover revealed her story through Day’s own recollections and vast writings. Reflections about her life and works were offered by panelists Thomas A. Chabolla, former director of the Office for Justice and Peace in the Archdiocese of Los Angeles; June O’Connor, professor of religious studies at the University of California, Riverside, and author of Day’s biography; and Leia Smith, a member of the Orange County Catholic Worker in Santa Ana, Calif.

“The program marked the College’s first endeavor at bringing the same event to both campuses on the same day,” says Sister Mary Williams, provost. “It was very relevant for the Mount Community at this time in our national history.”

Remembering
Angelino Tabisola ’99
1919–2003

When Angelino Tabisola received his diploma in 1999 at the age of 80, he not only heard gleeful hoots and hollers from fellow graduates—he also watched in amazement as the entire audience stood with a cheering ovation. Bestowed with the honor of being the oldest graduate in the Mount’s history, Tabisola earned his B.A. in liberal arts from the Weekend College and completed his lifelong dream of earning a higher degree.

His graduation was the apex of his multi-faceted career during which he served 22 years in the U.S. Army, was a realtor, a book store clerk at Pierce College, a volunteer with the California Highway Patrol, and performed 11 sky diving jumps after he was 75 years old. He brought Christmas dinner to homeless men and decorated his living room with American flags and pictures of Pope John Paul II.

Tabisola died peacefully with his son at his side, happy in the knowledge that his only child Che-Juan is following in his footsteps and is a senior in the Mount’s Weekend College.
Monica Luechtefeld ’71 Translates
Monica Luechtefeld ’71 carried the creativity and vision she fostered as a science student at the Mount into the boardrooms of the multibillion-dollar Office Depot corporation. She translated her reasoning and logic skills into business savvy, and rose to become executive vice president of electronic commerce at the office supply chain.

The onetime biology major, dubbed an “e-diva” in 2001 by BusinessWeek and one of the magazine’s 25 most influential people in e-business, started her professional life working in the admissions office at the Mount. She later worked as a sales rep for Maloney’s, a local stationary company owned by a friend’s family. She eventually became president of Eastman Inc., a small furniture supplier that had bought Maloney’s and was subsequently purchased by Office Depot.

Luechtefeld walked a remarkable path from the Mount to the workforce, paved with tenacity and cool-headed decision-making. Her story, from the time she was recruited to the College from an all-girls, Catholic preparatory school in Woodland Hills to her current job overseeing $2.5-billion in on-line retailing, illustrates the versatility of a degree in the liberal arts and sciences.

Reflecting on the role of her biology degree from the Mount, the Los Angeles area native and College trustee recalls being encouraged to stretch and maximize her potential. She says her Mount education also was fortified in the Catholic tradition of giving back to the world and fostering a sense of responsibility for others.

“My chemistry and biology are probably a little rusty at this time, but the process that the education instilled in me was to take a disciplined thought approach to problem solving,” she says. “Courses in logic prepared me for the type of reasoning that you need to apply in the business world for problem resolution and in managing people and crises.”

She also credits her parents, John and Marie Spillane, for inspiring her to take risks and dream big.

“My mom gave me a core foundation that I could do anything, and the message I took away from my dad was, ‘figure it out,’” she says. “He was a dad that if you asked a question would give you all of the information he knew on it and point you to the encyclopedia to get more and say, ‘Go look it up in the dictionary, go figure it out in the encyclopedia.’”

When she attended college in the late 1960s and early 1970s, science was still an unusual major for a young woman. Likewise, by the time she was an established businesswoman at the Delray Beach, Fla., based Office Depot in the mid-1990s, she was preparing to launch a pioneering on-line retail campaign, something that she says was then considered a business fad.

“The job that I’ve built and created for myself didn’t exist 10 years ago,” she says. “There is no way I could have forecast when I was a sophomore in college selecting majors that this was something that I needed to be prepared for.”

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She says she was intrigued in 1994 by the capabilities of a global computer network. “I had a vision of how the Internet could change the way you worked, and I knew if I believed in it strongly enough I could find executives in the organization who would fund the work that we wanted to do,” she says.

As passionate as Luechtefeld is about e-commerce breakthroughs, she says she is equally committed to enhancing diversity in the business world, both for minorities and women.

“Any business that fails to recognize that the community they work in and the customers that they serve are diverse, and doesn’t try to build that into their organization is really missing the opportunity to take their company to a much more successful level,” Luechtefeld says.
It’s no surprise then that Luechtefeld spearheaded the launch of the first Hispanic Web site in the retail industry. “The Hispanic market is exploding and today represents a significant portion of our business customers,” she says.

Sister Cecilia Louise Moore, CSJ ’53, president of the Mount from 1967 to 1976 and a current trustee, remembers when Luechtefeld had just graduated from the College and quickly gained a leadership role in the College admissions office. Luechtefeld, Sister Cecilia recalls, was a responsible young woman with keen people skills—organized and intelligent.

“She’s just a very fine example of what the mission of the Mount is, to prepare women to assume very important roles of leadership,” she says. “She was never someone to maintain the status quo. She was always somebody who was a builder and could see other ways of doing things.”

Luechtefeld’s gifts were enhanced by a liberal arts education at the College, Sister Cecilia says. “If you talk about a Mount education and you want to personify it she’s a living mission statement. And she has wonderful values, which is what the Mount is all about.”

Learning to make ethical decisions started at home with values passed down from her parents, devout Catholics, Luechtefeld says. “But that was certainly fostered and nurtured in my environment at Mount St. Mary’s,” she says. “The faith-based aspect of the education was really critically important. There’s nothing more important in the business world than ethics. Ethics is not just about doing what the law requires; it’s really about doing what’s right.”

Beyond ethics, Luechtefeld values people who execute their work based on careful research and planning. She says she bristles when people are unprepared for a business meeting, and she is rankled by corporate types who don’t understand the basics of a profit and loss report when promoting a new idea.

“In today’s business world if you want to be successful you’ve got to have a great idea, you’ve got to believe passionately about it and be prepared to be the evangelist for it,” she says. “But you’ve also got to be able to speak in terms of a [profit and loss report], to say, ‘I need X amount of dollars to do this and this is what I’m going to generate with it and this is when I’m going to generate it.’”

Under Luechtefeld’s leadership, Office Depot soared to become the No. 2 on-line retailer behind Amazon.com. “Most people, when you tell them that we’re second only to Amazon, are stunned because there’s not an awareness that a company in the area of office supplies—which is a very small segment of what people would ever buy on-line—would be this large,” she says.

Luechtefeld says she advises college students who have an interest in corporate America to take business and computer science courses, regardless of their majors. She says she learned her business sense the hard way, without specialized training. She also urges students to study how the Internet changed the profession they are interested in to bring a more sophisticated level of expertise to their jobs.

Luechtefeld says women beginning a career should choose a company for its culture and values over a particular job. “If you’re in the right environment you’ll find that you’ve got lots of opportunities to stretch, lots of opportunities for professional development.”

She says she will always be connected to the Mount. “Mount St. Mary’s was a great place to develop, to become a part of the person I continue to become, and it was a great place to prepare myself for the different careers I was going to have.”
Three Mount students were awarded prestigious teaching fellowships in March from the Rockefeller Brothers Fund. The College now counts 20 recipients of the Fellowships for Students of Color Entering the Teaching Profession, more than any other participating institution nationwide.

This is the fourth time since the fellowship’s inception in 1992 that all three students nominated by the College have received the honor. Each year, up to three students may be nominated from 28 participating colleges nationwide.

Juniors Vanessa Ruiz, Miriam Salgado, and Jaclyn Zapanta impressed representatives of the Rockefeller Brothers Fund in New York during face-to-face interviews with their commitment to teaching in public schools. The fellowships provide up to $22,100 to 25 undergraduate juniors every year who intend to pursue a master’s degree in education and teach in public schools.

“All of us work so hard to try to prepare teachers to be the best, and it’s very rewarding to see our students acknowledged and respected by others,” said Anne Wilcoxen, chair of the Education Department. “The reputation of our institution is excellent out there among all the other institutions and fellows.”

This summer, the students will receive grants of $2,500 for a project that will last at least seven weeks and is related to teaching. After graduating, the students are expected to enroll full-time in a master’s program in teacher education or a related field.

The fellowships aim to encourage recipients to select schools most in need of minority teachers, to retain minority teachers in the profession through a strong network of support, and to increase the level of awareness on liberal arts campuses about the potential rewards of teaching in public schools.

“What all our Rockefeller winners have in common is that they eloquently write and speak their commitment to public education to help diverse students like themselves, usually in urban environments, who often struggled to get where they are,” Wilcoxen says. “They are strongly committed to making a difference in their home communities. That’s probably why we have more winners than anyone else. We are sitting right in the middle of the urban core of Los Angeles, and these students come from that community.”

Ruiz, from Gardena, said she hopes the fellowship will prepare her to help the children of immigrants who attend public schools in the Los Angeles area.

“I really want to teach somewhere in inner city schools because that’s where I started off,” she says.

Salgado, from Glendale, called her mom when she opened her fellowship acceptance letter. “I couldn’t believe it. I was like, ‘Oh my God, I got it, I got it!’”

Salgado plans to teach elementary school. “The kids that go to public schools really don’t always have the best opportunities,” she says. “I want to give them all the opportunities that life has to offer.”

Zapanta, a Filipina and native of Guam, says she hopes to return to Guam where the education system is faltering and teach high school social studies.

“I honestly didn’t think I would get it because there were so many good competitors,” she says. “Me, from little Guam, coming here to big California and winning this is amazing.”

Miriam Salgado, Vanessa Ruiz, and Jaclyn Zapanta (left to right), all of the class of 2004, are this year’s Rockefeller fellows from MSMC.
The Mount’s Regents Council is revving up for a black tie extravaganza to showcase the College and its historic Doheny Campus.

The 53-member council, with support from the College’s Institutional Advancement Division, is planning Une Soirée Fantastique, an evening that starts at 6 p.m. Saturday, June 28, with a reception, silent auction, and entertainment by jesters, harlequins, and other performers. Dinner is served at 7:30 p.m., followed by a live auction and a performance by Cirque du Monde.

Proceeds from the $200-per-person event will benefit an endowed scholarship fund in the name of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet, who founded the College in 1925. The Regents Council designated the French theme to honor the order of sisters that originated in Le Puy, France, in 1650.

All members of the Mount community are welcome.

“This probably is the grandest plan as far as a fundraiser that we’ve had in my experience,” says longtime Regent Roger Hughes, who serves on the council with his wife, Katharine.

Regent Jeff Whitman says his colleagues and friends are eager to attend the event at the Doheny Mansion and gardens.

“It’s a very easy sale when you explain that it is all for the benefit of Mount St. Mary’s College and you explain how beautiful the Doheny Campus is, and how it will be a first-class affair and a lot of fun,” says Whitman. His wife Katherine ’63 also is a regent and is a professor of business administration at the Mount.

Council co-chair Mary Anne Houlahan ’75 says President Jacqueline Powers Doud has invigorated regents with her goal to increase the College’s endowment.

“The gala is one in a series of initiatives that are designed to raise badly needed funds for scholarships and capital to enhance the environment that’s already beautiful on both campuses and to make it even more competitive to future generations of students,” Houlahan says.

Toni Bannan Gross ’67, council co-chair, says planning Une Soirée Fantastique has energized the council, which represents Mount alumnae, faculty and staff, business professionals, and education and community leaders.

“We want to make more people aware that Mount St. Mary’s College exists,” says Bannan Gross, whose husband Steven also is a regent. “And we felt that honoring the Sisters of St. Joseph was a good place to start because we’re all very fond of them. Everybody will go through the Doheny Mansion, and that’s a spectacular way to start the night.”

Sponsorship packages are available for the evening and auction items are appreciated. For more information or to attend Une Soirée Fantastique, contact Heather Schraeder, Institutional Advancement special events manager, at (213) 477-2761.
Alumnae News

Class Notes

'37
Dorothy Meyer Depew has eight children, seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

'43
Mary Sililio Frany, at age 80, is retiring from a part-time position as an independent test administrator at a local business college, where she has worked for about 12 years.

'47
Lorraine Murphy Purnell and her husband enjoyed a two and one-half month journey from Berlin, Germany, to the Amazon River in Brazil last fall.

Patricia Borchard Watson's husband was hospitalized for more than five months following heart surgery but is home and recovering very well. Their 14 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren keep them busy. She volunteers regularly at the Assistance League Thrift Shop, helps raise funds for the Performing Arts Council, and is very active in the Garden Club.

'48
Pearl Butler Hengsten enjoyed a visit by a cousin from Columbus, the first one in that family to visit. Her 11-year-old granddaughter was the cantor at the children's Christmas Eve Mass, where she and her nine-year-old brother sang solos.

'49
Katherine (Kay) Williams Taylor will be moving into a home in Ventura soon. She would like to hear from other Mount women to visit. Her 11-year-old grandchildren keep them busy. She says that Fatima and Lourdes were the best.

'50
Gloria Putman Stoeckler is a volunteer for the AARP Tax Program. She is in her third year as an administration specialist on the State Management Team for Los Angeles, Ventura, Santa Barbara, and San Luis Obispo counties.

'51
Mary Lou Hart Forbath has traveled to Nepal, Jamaica. Claire Kassler Gaffney spent three wonderful weeks in Europe last summer, including a spectacular cruise through the Norwegian fjords.

Joyce Gisler Kelly and her husband celebrated 52 years of marriage with 18 family members at the Embassy Suites in Oxnard late last summer.

Mary Lou Jandro Kimmel has started to volunteer at the Rancho Santa Ana Botanic Garden in Claremont, CA, which is internationally known and is affiliated with the Claremont Colleges.

Barbara Diane Torperrson McGourty and her husband celebrated their 53rd wedding anniversary with a return tour of Europe, including first-time visits to Lourdes and Mont St. Michel.

Rosemary Mikulich Pisani has 13 grandchildren and one great-grandchild. Her husband, Lou Pisani, was honored for his service to the community. Las Vegas High, Gorman High, and UNLV, when the mayor of Las Vegas declared August 3, 2002, as “Lou Pisani Day.”

Rose Marie Bachand Thomas is still enjoying life in the high desert, Apple Valley, CA, and traveling in her motor home.

'52
Margaret Bradish Kelley has two new grandchildren, twins born to her daughter. Margaret had emergency heart surgery last August but made a remarkable recovery and is back at work in patent law.

'53
Charlotte Rohe Bell had a great trip with her sister on a pilgrimage to Portugal, Spain, France, and Italy. She says that Fatima and Lourdes were the best.

Camille Ludy Donaldson is still working in human resources, enjoying her three children and three grandchildren.

Peggy Parkinson was honored for her ongoing commitment by the Hospitaller Foundation of St. John of God Hospital at the 52nd Annual Dinty Moore Dinner Dance with the 2003 Jigs & Maggie Award.

'54
Milania Austin Henley is the planning gift officer at MSRC. She came out of retirement to work for the Mount, and enjoys singing in the Cathedral choir.

'55
Rosemary Heffron Dorazio and her husband visited a cousin in Puerto Escondido in southern Mexico, and their daughter and family in western Pennsylvania.

Patricia Sanders Fontes is retired, has 12 grandchildren, and is expecting her fourth great-grandchild in November. She helps out occasionally at the Santa Clara Chapel.

Phyllis Kinney Hall and her husband are both retired, and have traveled to eastern Canada, Alberta, and the Virgin Islands. They also visit their four grandchildren in Colorado and Idaho, and their son in Arizona.

Mary Jane Hoffman Fox is a clinical consultant for UAC wound therapy. She has five children, ten grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren.

Kathleen McGlinchy Rezzonico and her husband traveled to China with the USC Trojan Travelers. She had an amazing time.

'56
Sally Heenan Bernard spent six weeks cruising from Capetown, South Africa to Lisbon, Portugal up the west coast of Africa, with side trips into eight countries. She has a new grandchild, bringing the total count to 12.

Lucy M. Cohen is a professor in the department of anthropology at Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C. She is a member of the Archdiocese of Washington school board, and continues her volunteer work in the Spanish Catholic Center, a health center she helped to found which serves mostly Latino immigrants.

Mary Lou Smith Haller is enjoying her third career (retirement) as director and performer (Dame Mary Twining) with “Dames At Tea,” presenting Victorian humor and song in tea rooms all over Southern California.

Valerie Munton Krummer finally has her first grandchild, a boy adopted by her daughter! The boy’s proud aunt is Diane Krummer ’84.

Johanna Glass Lopez returned to the United States from Venezuela in 2001 and now resides in South Florida.

Nooren Higgins Masterson traveled with her sister, Kathy Higgins Barela ’54 to Washington, D.C., to attend the wedding of a cousin and spent several days sightseeing. She also attended the wedding of Kathy’s grandson.

Carol Weedy Spalluto finally has grandchildren. Her oldest son adopted a boy and a girl was born last November. She says it’s been a long but worthwhile wait.

'57
Theresa Binkley Byrne is completing a year as a lay missionary for the Brother Benno Foundation in Oceanside. They live in community and daily serve the homeless and poor through their many programs—food, clothing, housing, rehab, tutoring, etc.

Alice Oli Carriere has a new house in Santa Monica, and still lives in the Summerlin area of Las Vegas. She travels a lot.

'58
Rachel Fitzgerald Shumway directed an eight-day retreat for women missionaries in South America. They met in Chile and worked with St. Margaret O’Rourke, CJS.

'59
Gloria Travaglini Chess retired last June after 39 years as an educator, and she and her husband moved to Camarillo, CA. She plans to spend more time with their children and grandchildren, and hopes there will be more time for travel, community work, theater, and reading.

Mary Lou Hogan Dunsford retired in March after 16 years with the local community college as the GED coordinator for her county. She is looking forward to new happenings and answers.

Kathleen Halloran Koziolek’s husband received a kidney to replace his polycystic kidney. The donor was their son, the only one of their five children who does not have APKD. They travel to Washington, Maryland, Dallas, and Southern California courtesy of a son who is an airline pilot.

Janet Lewis Ryan-Miller is on the board of trustees for the Craniofacial Foundation of Arizona as the education consultant. She does classroom presentations called “Unrapping the Package: Dispelling Myths about Unusual Appearances.” She travels all over the state.

Kathleen McCoy Wright and her husband are both retired, and spent Thanksgiving at their new time-share in Aruba, which they love.

'60
Beverly McClure Dougherty says this will be a year of reunions and simple celebrations as the roommates and classmates gather to mark number 65 and joy-filled retirement.

Marylin Brassor Nagel says one of the highlights of 2002 was attending the 50-year reunion of her class at Cathedral Chapel Elementary with Kathleen Kelley Herman ’60.

Judy Scherb Skraba and her husband celebrated 40 years of marriage by spending two weeks on Maui.

'61
Lutier Bernard Boie is raising two granddaughters, volunteers at church, survived the Copper fire of 2001 and now resides in South Florida.

Mary Lee Polchow Engstrom retired from full-time teaching of the learning disabled. She works with fetal alcohol syndrome children one day a week.

Mary Ellen Walsh Friesen was a participant in a group tour the Footsteps of St. Paul to Greece and Turkey with her former parish in Las Vegas. She is an active Soroptimist member and volunteers at the Morongo Basin Children’s Center. She also became a grandmother last April.

Mary Collins Pizzorno retired last May after teaching elementary school for 30 years. She is looking forward to traveling and spending time with grandchildren. They spent three weeks in the south of France last June.

Kathryn Gomez Smith teaches first grade to predominantly Spanish-speaking children.

Mary Weber Succuro took a cruise with her husband and ten friends.
to the Caribbean last year. They are planning a trip to Alaska this year.

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Cecilia Ingoessl Boskin retired from teaching after 39 plus years. She had a double knee replacement in October of 2002.

Georgia Hamilton Perry and her husband are the proud parents of ten children and 19 grandchildren.

Yvonne Prisci Zellmer is retired from the LAUSD. She is busy painting, volunteering, reading, and traveling. She is a docent and a mentor for new teachers.

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Peggy Carr Fries is expecting her thirteenth grandchild this year.

Bernice Fijik Lynch-Bajada just returned from an eye-opening visit to Thailand, Vietnam, and Cambodia.

Judith White Jones and husband celebrated 40 years of marriage on a great tour of China.

Peggie Leenzeno just returned from a holy pilgrimage to the shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Mexico City.

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Cathy Nichols Gledahlit has been married for 38 years, has six children and 12 grandchildren. She works as the office manager for her husband, a general surgeon. She volunteers in her parish, schools, and as the diocesan fund-raiser chairperson.

Cheer Haines Jaisinski, a management consultant, has been selected to participate in the Executive Fellows Program, part of the Capital Fellows Programs funded by the state of California. Capital fellows work as full-time, paid policy assistants, and Cheni is working in the cabinet-level Health and Human Services Agency. Her responsibilities include coordinating the development of a strategic plan for the aging California population.

Peggy Leahy Starr retired from L.A. County as a pediatric nurse practitioner after 36 years of service. She says that now the fun and traveling begin.

Marianne Porti Turner is suffering from breast cancer and asks that prayers be sent her way.

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Sharianne Chapman Bir is still very busy as an LMFT in private practice. She and her husband are overjoyed with their first grandchild and she is looking forward to babysitting when her daughter returns to work.

Margaret Hudnall Friedrich continues to cantor in her local parish, and she and her husband will travel to Europe in May. Their tenth and eleventh grandchildren are due this year. She does lot of babysitting, and is also on the parish council.

Carol Dalton John owns a tax preparation business in Placentia, Calif. After tax season, she loves to travel and went to Europe last summer with a choral group from Orange County. They sang in cathedrals in Vienna, Salzburg, and Lucerne.

Esther Ramirez Salazar and her husband celebrated 35 years of marriage last year. She retired from Kaiser as a clinical social worker after 20 years and began a new position as a mental health clinician in children’s mental health services in San Diego County.

Mary Ann Stackner Shaw has completed 143 out of 180 hours needed for the Certificate of Liturgical Minister in the Diocese of Memphis.


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Marilyn Spaw Krock has written a new parenting book which has been released by the Paulist Press. “Building a Family: A Handbook for Parenting with God” is the book form of her parenting seminar “Happy, Healthy Families Don’t Just Happen.”

Carmen Leon Guerrero Pearson spent three months in Hawaii, three months on Guam, and traveled to England and Barcelona last year.

Susan Schantz Rausch is involved with the Church Leadership Institute in her parish. Her additional responsibility includes screening and training of parish volunteers. She and her husband, along with their four children, spouses, and grandchildren, traveled to New York for a fall color weekend.

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Linda Parry Eibright and her husband welcomed their first grandchild in March 2002.

Patricia Koneskos Dey has been working for 30 years as a mathematician at the RAND Corporation in Santa Monica. She has been studying calligraphy for eight years and this past summer spent a couple of weeks in Paris and London taking a class from a famous calligrapher. She says it was a great trip.

Shari Pieczarka Duron works remotely as a business consultant from her home on 20 acres in Humboldt County. This past year she traveled to New Zealand.

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Yvonne Burdo Everson is in the family construction business. One daughter was married last summer and another will be married in 2004.

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Susana Hernandez Araclo read papers on Spanish Baroque Theatre in Florence, Italy and in Burgos, Spain last July. Five of her articles have appeared in academic journals in the 2001-2002 year.

Rosemary Caballero Brogan has completed 30 years as a professor of history at Cabrillo College, and is currently chair of the Global Studies Department.

Ruth Meyer Smith and her husband celebrated their 31st wedding anniversary with a trip to Cape Cod and Nantucket Island.

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Vicki Hindman Monette has been married for 33 years and has three daughters. She works for a small consulting firm and pursues artistic endeavors in her spare time.

Noemi Hernandez Capote Olmedo has two grandchildren and is still working for the LAUSD as an English language learner program coordinator. She and her husband celebrated their 35th wedding anniversary with a trip to Tahiti.

Maria Gutierrez Ott, senior deputy superintendent for LAUSD, has been named the 2003 National Hispanic Woman of the Year by the Mexican American Opportunity Foundation.

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Janice McIntyre, a Riverside Superior Court judge, has stepped down to practice law again. She was the court’s first woman judge and its longest serving jurist.

Sister Kathy Stein’s work as director of the Thomas House Temporary Shelter in Garden Grove was recognized by the mayor and city council when she was awarded the annual Community Spirit Award. His unofficial duties have included counselor, financial director, secretary, media liaison, landlord, babysitter, and Lamaze coach.

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Mary Kathryn Durando just completed 30 years at Stanford University Hospital. She has been working in the emergency department for 24 years. She says it was wonderful to see classmates at the 30th reunion, and hopes more will come to the 35th.

Sharon Valente is the recipient of a 2002 ONS Foundation Nursing Research Grant. The ONS Foundation awards this grant to principal investigators actively involved in some aspect of care, education, or research for patients with cancer.

Kathryn Vandehey Hale is the chief nurse executive at the Good Samaritan Regional Medical Center. She enjoys making a difference for others, and has two grandchildren.

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Mary Corty O’Connor is now doing consulting work in nursing education in Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, and San Bernardino counties.

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Mary Ann Medon Lucia is a nurse manager of obstetrics, and her first grandchild was born on Christmas Day.

Jeanne Mitchell has worked for the IBM Corporation for 26 years. This past year she was named manager of business controls for IBM’s Worldwide Distribution Division.

Jenet Fisher Petersen is getting a master’s in education/adult learning and distance learning.

Christina Yi is a retired school psychologist. She enjoys gardening and traveling, most recently to Greece and Turkey.

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Ann Tucker Jone recently completed her health services credential and works for the Los Angeles County Office of Education, Special Education Division.

Ilana Miller is happy to announce the publication of her book “Reports from America,” about a London Times reporter who wrote about the American Civil War for one year. She is now working on a biography of Lord Mountbatten’s mother.

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Dorothy Matlick Caruso-Herman is now retired but continues to do grief counseling and is a member of the Hospice Organization. She has done a great deal of work in pain control.

Nancy Izzo Concelli works part-time for the Diocese of Oakland School Department as a health and safety coordinator, and does volunteer nursing with the First Resort Crisis Pregnancy.

J.ane Montefith has worked for LAUSD as a school nurse for nearly 25 years.

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Mary Barich Byers is busy raising two active boys. She finished a two-year term as president of her children’s school PTA.

Theresa Lewis Del Carlo has three daughters: twins who graduated college, one who is in her last year, and a son who is traveling with a Christian rock band.

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Josie Gonzales Camunna put her banking career on hold to raise her daughter, now 11, and is busy keeping up with her daughter’s active schedule.

Michelle Knight Hoover works as an investment representative for Atlas Securities in La Jolla and Rancho Bernardo.
Julie Meis McKinley is a wound, ostomy and continence nurse at Kaiser in Walnut Creek, Calif. Her two boys are in college.

Deborah Pavetti is employed as a special education teacher and is working on a master’s in special education at Seton Hill University.

Katie Keller DiDonato is director of perioperative services at Washington Hospital, where they are implementing a surgical robotics program.

Lorraine Arlene Edsall just celebrated her 22nd wedding anniversary. She still has two nursing jobs: one in home health in Statislaus/Merced counties, and one as clinical nursing instructor at Modesto Junior College. This is her 10th year teaching.

Jeanie Lee-Marciano is now working in the Emergency Department at Children's Hospital and recently completed TNCC and ENPC for certifications.

Gloria Stoner Lurie is still teaching adult education for the Huntington Beach Adult School in Programs for Older Adults, and is trying to keep up with her son's sports schedule.

Sally Velasquez Morgan is the new director of nursing at Golden West College.

Clare'Teen Knapp Perron is looking forward to a new role in nursing to promote maximum self-management of health conditions by patients. She is still very busy with hockey and volunteer commitments to school and church.

Patricia Headley Sullivan and her husband just bought a bed and breakfast (BB/Hees House Inn) in Jacksonville, Oregon. They welcome any alumna to come by and see them for a visit.

Melissa Hayes Brennan is still working at Daniel Freeman Hospital. She is currently the Cardiac Rehab Program director. Her free time is spent with her three children and their school activities.

Susan Bailey Silgalla has two children.

Ellen Eccleton Sletten and her husband have a very active family with their son and daughter. They are very active at their church and a neighborhood orphanage guild. She still competes in hunter/jumper equestrian competitions. One of their horses was featured in a recent VBA commercial.

Kimberly Knopp Goldstein is enjoying being a full-time mom to two young children.

Kathleen Genovesay Hayworth was honored as one of the 2002 National Distinguished Principals by the U.S. Department of Education and was feted at a black-tie awards banquet in Washington, D.C. She was one of only 63 principals so honored. This summer she will participate in the educational symposium Oxford Roundtable at Oxford University. She is the principal at Laurel Hall School in North Hollywood.

Ann Marie Tancredi Hom and her husband will celebrate their 20th wedding anniversary this year. Their sons will join them on a month-long, cross-country trip this summer.

Yolanda Nino Salido has been married for 16 years and has four children. She continues to work as a physical therapy assistant in different settings—acute hospitals, skilled nursing facilities, and home health.

Dorothy Bimber Worley is currently pastor of St. James United Methodist Church in Pasadena.

Adrienne Allison is finally a grandmother!

Caroline Spotts Corralje is now homeschooled her two young children. She recently returned to work at Simi Valley Hospital part-time on weekends.

Patty McKinnon and her husband have two children. She is an education resource nurse for the GLAB at Presbyterian Hospital in Albuquerque. She is also pursuing an M.S. in community nursing at the University of New Mexico.

Linda Barnett works for Kaiser in San Diego. She asks that any nursing graduates interested in working for Kaiser contact her.

Carla Ruiz Kazimir spoke as part of a panel presentation How to Start a Wellness Practice for the APTA combined sections meeting in Tampa, Florida, in February. She has developed a wellness program at Vila Scalabrini Retirement Center in Sun Valley, California. She is also excited to be serving as a delegate for the L.A. Archdiocesan Synod this year.

Rose Mary Carrone traveled to London last year. She works for Santa Barbara County as a supervising public health nurse in Lompoc.

Victoria Hernandez Elder is in her 12th year at Mountain View School District in El Monte. She teaches second grade, and loves it. She and her husband have two children.

Stacey Marchus Hickman enjoys working part-time as a home health physical therapist and spending the rest of her time with her husband and son. They have just moved to Ogden, Utah.

Dianne LeDuc Miller retired after having worked as St. Jude Medical Center chaplain. She now enjoys family life. She has 22 grandchildren and makes a quilt for each one.

Sylvia Raigosa has been teaching for the past 15 years and just moved to Santa Fe, New Mexico, where she has always dreamed of living. She teaches third grade, and her son is a sixth grader at the same school.

Joanne Bartolotti is teaching computers full-time at St. Brendan in San Francisco. She still lives in South San Francisco and is still very active in coaching girls volleyball.

Veronica Kelley has two daughters and works as the supervisor of the Department of Cultural Competency and MultiEthnic Services for Orange County. She is a licensed clinical social worker.

Kathryn Brown Schaffer is still working for UCLA, managing several research studies that include mild brain injury, high school sports injuries, and assaults to home health workers.

Pamela Dupasquier Haugan is working as a labor and delivery nurse, and recently celebrated her second wedding anniversary and her son's first birthday.

Valerie Krause teaches kindergarten at Walt Disney Elementary School in Anaheim. She has been teaching for 12 years, and is returning to MSMC to finish her master's degree this spring.

Erica Jager Wang says that any alums who wish to say hello can reach her at erica@ericawang.com.

M. Veronica Martinez is currently pursuing an M.S. in human services personnel counseling at MSMC.

Virginia Castillo is attending Pacific Oaks College for a master’s in psychology.

Linda Prestridge would like to tell alumnae that there is a great volunteer opportunity in the Reading to Kids Program. Members of this program read to elementary school students one Saturday each month. Linda is the volunteer liaison for Disney VoluntEARS and would be happy to answer any questions about the program.

Genoa Robledo is engaged to be married this October in San Diego, Calif.
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The Alumnae Association extends congratulations to the following alumnae and their spouses on the birth of their children:

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Justin Matthew to Michelle Messer De Lorme, 2nd child, 2nd son
Andres Francisco to Josephine Mina Urbino, 1st daughter and 2nd son
Luke Jansen to Carol Jansen D’Agnesi
Jenna Nichole and Brandon Anthony to Suzie Scruca Catalano, 1st daughter and 2nd son
Clare Louise to Jeannette Traub Holt, 2nd child, 2nd daughter
Andrew Robert to Dana Bergman Confair, 2nd child, 1st son
Elis Naheem to Heidi Gesing Chokeir, 1st son
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Daniel A. to Marina Belenkaia-Nazmiyez, 1st child
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Kieran Keoni to Kathleen Grimley Ann, 1st child
Chelsea to Sheryl Lyons Seifer, 2nd child, 2nd daughter
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Susette Aguilar is an English teacher. Her Living Poets society has grown to more than 20 active members. She is a new member of the Alumnae Board and loved participating in homecoming.

Monica Bercerra is currently employed by Milestone Healthcare and is the case coordinator and marketing person for the adult rehabilitation unit at Alhambra Hospital Medical Center.

Monica Cabrera is currently working as a case manager with pregnant and parenting teens. She has also started her MFCC program, and plans to open a center for the mentally disabled.

Sasha Lopez is attending Pacific Oaks College where she is pursuing a master’s in psychology.

’00 Annie Lin has returned to the Mount as director of student activities and commuter services at the Chalon Campus.

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Requiescant

Your prayers are requested for the repose of the souls of:

Helena Geier Keefe
Elana Darian Neal
Marian McGrath Graham
Elizabeth Sheridan McCull
Mary Elizabeth Box Schuck
Frances Pierce Armstrong
husband of Frances Beauchemin Napier and father of first child Napier, CSJ ’71
Mary V. Durkin Crowley
Julia Weber Lopker

Advanced Degrees

The Alumnae Association congratulates the following alumnae on their successful pursuit of intellectual achievement:

Terry Nardo Kaye, master’s in curriculum and instruction, Portland State University, 2002
Mary Perez, M.A. in counseling and psychology, Trinity College, 2002
Karen Villanueva Colette, MBA, Pepperdine University, Grazier School of Business and Management, 2002
Heidi Gesing Chokeir, Ph.D. in macromolecular and cellular structure and chemistry, Scripps Research Institute, 2002
Kristine Becker, M.S. in environmental sciences, UCLA, 2000
Brooke Pierman, J.D., McGeorge School of Law
Kate Hartsfield Zimmerman, J.D., Pepperdine School of Law, 2002

Correction: We apologize. It was inadvertently stated in our last issue that Liz Swertz Newman ’81 received her M.F.A. in creative writing from Cal State University, Dominguez Hills, when, in fact, she received it from Antioch University in 2001.

NOTE—We are proud of all our alumns and are happy to showcase your academic achievements. Please let us know when you receive an advanced degree and include the date and the name of the institution granting the degree. In order to keep this feature current, please do not go back any further than three years or send information that has already appeared in Alumnae Class Notes.
Doheny Groundbreakings

Then...

In 1964, Sister Rebecca Doan, then College president, (at left in photo above), and Mother Josephine Feeley, provincial superior, (right), join Most Reverend Timothy Manning, then auxiliary bishop of Los Angeles, at the groundbreaking ceremony for the Doheny Lecture Hall and classroom building.

A sister (photo left) examines the beginnings of the Doheny Lecture Hall and classroom building in 1964.

Now...

College President Jacqueline Powers Doud and Fred Ali, president of the Weingart Foundation, break ground on a new toddler center on the Doheny Campus this February.
June–July

Saturday, June 28
6 p.m.
**Une Soirée Fantastique**
Doheny Mansion and Gardens
Tickets are $200 per person.
Please see p. 16 for more information.

June 26, July 10, July 17, and July 24
7:30 to 9 p.m.
**Graduate Religious Studies Program Thursday Evening Lectures**
Donohue Center, Doheny Campus
“Paul and Family Values” by Mary Ann Getty, associate professor at St. Vincent College in Pittsburgh; “The Church and the Search for Truth in a Post-Modern Age” by Bishop Edward Clark, regional bishop of Our Lady of the Angels Region of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles; “The Spirituality of Women in Challenging Times” by Alexis Navarro, director of the graduate program; “Mission of the Church, Servant of God’s Reign” by Peter Phan, professor and chair of Catholic Social Thought at Georgetown University.
Cost: $6/lecture or $20 for all four lectures in the series.
Information: (213) 477-2640

Monday, July 7 to Thursday, July 17
6:15 to 9:30 p.m.
**Leadership in Ministry: Strategies for the Future**
Graduate Religious Studies Program
Various instructors.
The course aims to integrate the Gospel principles for developing leadership and management skills. Information: (213) 477-2640.

Saturday, July 12
9, 9:45, 10:30, 11:15 a.m.
**Public Tours of the Doheny Mansion**
Doheny Docents will lead four tours of the first floor of the Mansion and its beautiful outside surroundings. Cost: $25.
Call Heather Schraeder, manager of special events,
Institutional Advancement, for reservations at (213) 477-2761.

August

Saturday, August 9
**Tailgate to the Dodgers Game**
Join alums, faculty, and staff for an evening of friends, food, and fun as the Dodgers take on the Chicago Cubs. For more details, call Alumnae Relations at (213) 477-2767.

September

Saturday, September 20
6 p.m.
**Celebrating The Da Camera Society’s 30 Years of Excellence**
Doheny Mansion
This celebration will be music to your ears as you enjoy a wonderful evening of Chopin and a rare opportunity for an intimate dinner at Mrs. Doheny’s mirror top table in the Pompeian Room. Information: contact Heather Schraeder, manager of special events, Institutional Advancement, at (213) 477-2761.