A Message from the Mount Alumnae President:

I hope this message finds you and your families in the best of health.

I’m so excited to bring you this communication, the first in a brand-new incarnation of The Reflector, the Mount Saint Agnes student newspaper we remember so fondly. I hope you’ll enjoy it, and share your ideas on stories we can include in future issues.

This is an exciting time for MSA alumnae as we prepare to celebrate the 40th anniversary of our joining with Loyola. The College may have officially closed in 1971, but it is clear from the support and enthusiasm we’re receiving from Loyola’s staff that we and our contributions to today’s University have not been forgotten.

Plans for our reunion on April 30, 2011, are in full swing, and by now, your class captains should have been in touch with information regarding the luncheon, Mass, tea, and tour of the former Mount campus. This year’s reunion will also feature a display of the rapidly expanding collection of memorabilia gathered for a new archive, as well as an opportunity to meet many of the current and former students who have benefited from our scholarship support.

Best wishes to all!
Peggy Mohler Strahan, ’57

Mount Saint Agnes Alumnae Create Memorabilia Archive

By Sally Riley, ’68

Each year at the MSA reunion, excited alumnae have revealed cherished treasures from their student days and offered to donate them to the Alumnae Association. Unfortunately, the association lacked an appropriate place to store and preserve these important artifacts.

That’s about to change. A few months ago, Alumni Association President Peggy Mohler Strahan, ’57, and Sally Riley, ’68, visited Stevenson University to learn a bit about how that institution had created an archive for its memorabilia, exploring archival storage, involving alumni volunteers in indexing materials, and software designed for cataloguing. The group also met with Loyola/Notre Dame Library Archivist Nancy Perlman, who offered to house MSA items in space available there.

“We presented a report to the Alumnae Association Board at our fall meeting, and the Board voted resoundingly to move forward with the establishment of an archive,” said Strahan.

In addition to Strahan and Riley, Letitia Mahoney Breschi, ’61, Ana Maria Carpio Colwill, ’67, and Peggy Benner, ’68, have joined to form an archive committee. Learning that the official Mount Saint Agnes College archives have been stored by the Sisters of Mercy since the College’s 1971 merger with Loyola, the committee decided its archives would focus on student and faculty memorabilia, including memories as well as physical items.

Eager to begin building an oral history of MSA, the committee hopes to record student and faculty memories for inclusion in the archive. The group has also created a questionnaire for alumnae, which they hope will help capture memories of the Mount. A copy is available at www.loyola.edu/alumni.

“We hope to use the materials collected to enhance and expand the displays at our reunion luncheons, as well as to keep the Mount presence and identity visible on the Loyola campus,” said Strahan. “Next time you gather with fellow MSA alumnae for lunch, tea, coffee, wine, or dinner, take time to complete the survey together, and see what kinds of conversations unfold!”

All MSA alumnae are encouraged to contribute to the archive, and items will be accepted at this year’s reunion. For more information, please contact Loyola’s office of alumni relations at 410-617-2475 or alumni@loyola.edu.
More than 30 members of the Class of 1960 gathered for their 50th anniversary reunion in April 2010.

Reunion 2010 attracts alumnae of all years

By Sally Riley, ’68

More than 115 alumnae from many classes gathered last April to reconnec- t with their classmates and other “Mounties” for MSA reunion weekend. In addition to seeing the alumnae from the classes of 1950, 1955, 1960, 1965, and 1970 celebrating their milestone years, the Alumnae Association was thrilled to see so many other alumnae, faculty, and Sisters of Mercy present.

Highlights included a luncheon featuring the presentation of two MSA alumnae honors, the Mount Award and the Lifetime Achievement Award.

Other key moments from reunion weekend included the singing of the alma mater, class photos, a Mass, remarks from MSA scholarship recipients on how the Alumnae Association’s support has helped them, a tour of the former MSA campus and an English-style tea.

This year’s reunion luncheon and Mass, celebrating the classes ending in 1 and 6, is set for April 30, 2011. For the second year, the Alumnae Association is excited to offer a sumptuous tea and memorable tour of the Mount’s former campus on Sunday morning at the Mount Washington Conference Center (your invitation will include more details). Also, a limited number of rooms are available on the Mount’s former campus at special rates if booked before March 25, 2011. If you would like to book a room, contact Linda Krebs at 410-735-7686.

MOUNT AWARD

Pegeen Slover D’Agostino, ’70

First a social studies teacher in Baltimore City, D’Agostino spent 12 years in public schools before moving into Catholic education, working primarily with the Sisters of Mercy. After earning an M.Ed. from Loyola, she completed course work in administration at Loyola as well as at Fordham University in New York. A school administrator since the late 1990s, D’Agostino was named principal of Baltimore’s Mercy High School in 2009. Throughout her career, she has served on boards and councils for numerous organizations, including Our Lady of Mercy Academy in Syosset, NY, the Network for Mercy Education, and the Mid-Atlantic Sponsor Council for the Mid-Atlantic Community of Religious Sisters of Mercy.

D’Agostino credits her years at MSA with setting the course for her career. “My time at Mount Saint Agnes changed my life and I have felt that I needed to help other girls the same way the Mercy Sisters helped me,” she said.

LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Sr. Mary Jeremy Daigler, RSM, ’60

Sr. Mary Jeremy Daigler, RSM, ’60, received the Lifetime Achievement Award in recognition of her extraordinary achievements in teaching, research, vocation direction, campus ministry, pastoral counseling, writing, and much more. With an educational background that includes Church administration, theology, linguistics, and classical languages, Sr. Jeremy served the Mount as director of admission, director of recruitment, and acting dean of students. She also taught Latin, French, and religion at Mercy High School. A sought-after speaker on the role of women in the Church and a board member of the Quixote Center in Mount Rainier, Md., she is known internationally for her work with the Sisters of Mercy, in the area of Jewish-Christian studies, and on the ordination of women.

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Get to Know the MSA Scholarship Recipients

By Peggy Benner, ‘68

Ever wonder what happens to the money you donate to the Mount Saint Agnes College scholarship fund? Every single penny goes directly into the fund, without any overhead charges deducted, to help a growing number of accomplished students experience an education that will guide the rest of their lives. Thanks to the generosity of Mount alumnae, Loyola students have received more than $35,000 in scholarship support during the 2010-11 academic year. The students benefiting from these resources represent a living, breathing embodiment of the Mount Saint Agnes heritage and its continued vitality on Loyola’s campus today. Learn a bit about each scholarship recipient below:

Nicole Andreasik, M.Ed. ’11
FOCUS: School Counseling
UNDERGRADUATE EXPERIENCE: B.A. in Psychology from Rutgers University
ACTIVITIES AND HONORS: Loyola admission assistant; volunteer at Beans and Bread meal program, Maryland School for the Blind, St Michael’s Overlea Christmas bazaar, and other fundraisers

Elizabeth Staub, ’10
MAJOR: Biochemistry
HOMETOWN: Ardmore, Pa.
ACTIVITIES AND HONORS: Research on effects of parasitic bacteria in the Chesapeake Bay; pharmaceutical company internship; biology and chemistry honor societies; Loyola honors program; Greyhounds crew team; nominated for Ernest Lagna scholar-athlete award

Katelyn Larkin, ’10
MAJOR: Education
ACTIVITIES AND HONORS: President of Education Society; historian of education honor society; Relay for Life committee; resident assistant; Maryland Department of Education Teacher of Promise; Teach for America in Louisiana

Kasey Telfer, ’11
MAJOR: Chemistry/Biology
HOMETOWN: Scottsville, N.Y.
ACTIVITIES AND HONORS: Study abroad in Newcastle, England; travel to Edinburgh, Paris, Amsterdam, Geneva, and Dublin; volunteer at Baltimore children’s hospital; taking nursing prerequisites

Ellen Wik, ’12
MAJOR: Accounting
HOMETOWN: Penfield, N.Y.
ACTIVITIES AND HONORS: Sellinger Scholars program; study abroad in Melbourne, Australia

Daniel Gentry, ’13
MAJOR: Biology
HOMETOWN: Fallston, Md.
ACTIVITIES AND HONORS: Baseball; racquetball; Phon-a-thon
MSA CONNECTION: Grandmother Janet Hohman Salemi, MSA ’50

Kevin Boland, ’14
HOMETOWN: Attleboro, Mass.
INTERESTS: History and world events
ACTIVITIES: Club rugby

The Mount Saint Agnes Scholarship Fund makes an extraordinary difference in the lives of talented students. To show your support for this valuable program, contact Jane Curley Hogge, ’83, director of annual giving, at 410-617-2131 or jchogge@loyola.edu.

“Instead of worrying about finances, I was able to put my efforts into growing emotionally and intellectually. I’ve met many of the women who make this scholarship possible, and their advice and encouragement has been invaluable to me.”
- Katelyn Larkin, ’10

TRIVIA ANSWERS:
1. Sister Alma
2. The elevator
3. Sledding down the hills on campus
4. To apply seamlines down the back of the legs to sneak out of McAuley Hall if you weren’t wearing stockings
5. Octagon, Atkinson Hall, McAuley Hall, Hartman House, Curley Library

— submitted by Tish Breschi, ’61
EXTRA! EXTRA!
Mount Saint Agnes Alumnae Board Revives The Reflector

The Reflector, the official student newspaper of Mount Saint Agnes College, ceased publication with volume XXVIII in 1971, but now, the MSA Alumnae Association Board of Directors has brought it back to life.

The Board plans to publish the revamped Reflector twice a year, featuring content from Board activities as well as alumnae submissions and updates.

Readers will learn how the Board is keeping the MSA spirit alive at Loyola today and find information on events and programs including the annual reunion, the Mount Saint Agnes College Scholarship, and the development of the MSA archives.

To share your news and photos in The Reflector, submit items to:
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