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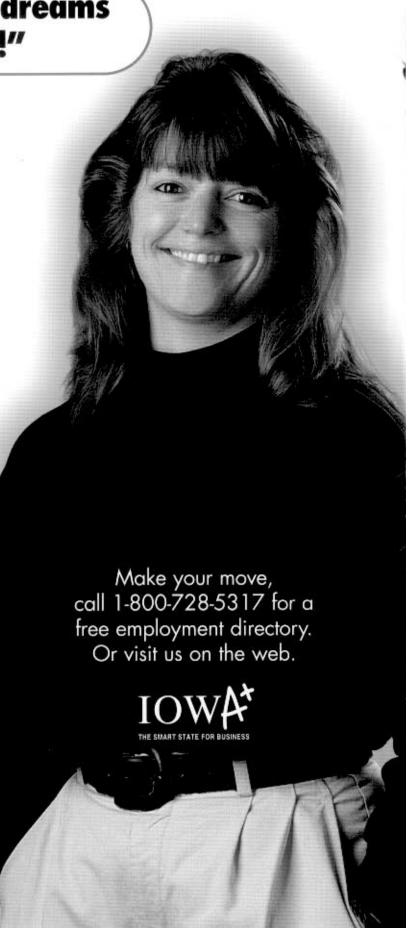
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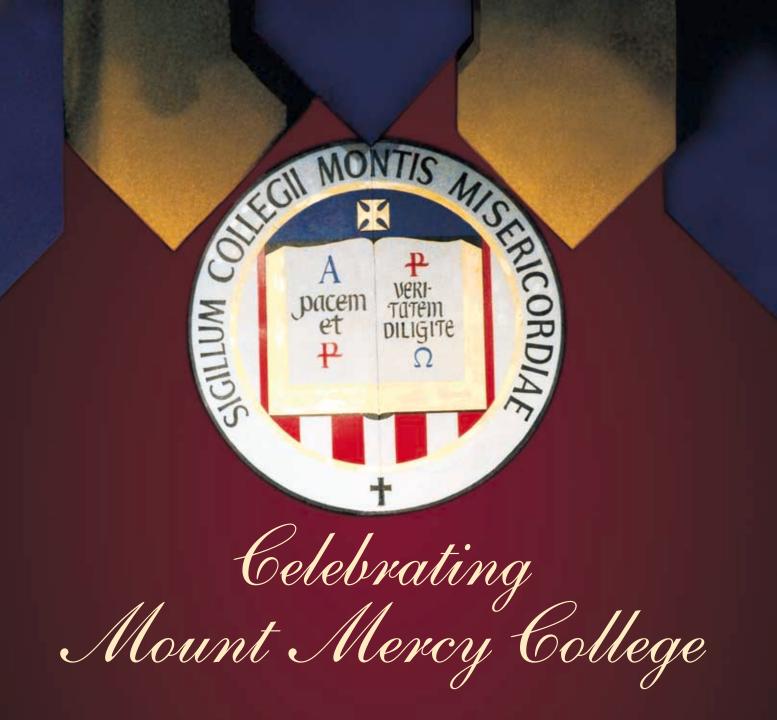
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About the cover

Mount Mercy College administration, alumni, Board of Trustees, faculty, students, the Catholic Church and the Sisters of Mercy are represented on the cover. They include (clockwise from center): Dr. Robert Pearce, seventh president of Mount Mercy; John Rogers professor of social work; Archbishop Jerome Hanus, OSB; Sara Kruse, president of the Student Government Association (SGA); Nancy Penner, president of the Alumni Association; Emmett Scherrman, chairman, Board of Trustees; and Susan O'Connor, RSM, president of the Sisters of Mercy.

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The presidential inauguration commemorates our heritage of courage and change.



arrying a rainbow of banners, students represented Mount Mercy clubs and organizations in the inaugural ceremony of Dr. Robert W. Pearce. Heralded by the Cedar Valley Brass, alumni, faculty, staff, students, trustees and special guests processed in the colorful ceremony held in the Hennessey Recreation Center. The Mount Mercy Women's Choir and

Mount Mercy Choir sang several selections including "Ave Maria." The inauguration

of the College's seventh president was a two-day celebration that culminated in the installation ceremony on May 1, 2000. The College also hosted an inaugural dinner and Eucharistic

celebration. Over 500 people attended the campus events.

In the inaugural address, Pearce outlined his vision for Mount Mercy. The four-part agenda first involves reaffirming Mount Mercy's Catholic identity and maintaining an ecumenical culture. He said, "This means making sure that we have the proper mix of courses, religious programs and worship opportunities that support students who come to us as a Catholic institution." Pearce continued. "As a Mercy-sponsored institution, we need to continue the Sisters' unique commitment to service, a commitment we would hope to instill in each of our graduates."

He also stressed the importance of strengthening the role of the liberal arts "to insure that every graduate has been provided with communication and critical thinking skills, values, social development and the knowledge of the world in which they live and work." He said, "As 98% of our graduates are employed or in graduate school within six months of graduation, we obviously are meeting the current needs of employers. We

Dr. Robert W. Pearce was formally installed as Mount Mercy's seventh president May 1 in the Hennessey Recreation

must be sure that we are also providing our graduates with every advantage for a lifetime of success."

During the next five years, Pearce wants to increase enrollment from 1,300 to 1,600 students. "Planned growth can contribute to both institutional vitality and viability. Most importantly, we have a wonderful product, a product which we are motivated to share," Pearce said.

The final component of Pearce's vision for Mount Mercy is to develop a comprehensive plan to preserve and

expand campus facilities. He said, "Our first planned venture will be the construction of a new academic building to house business and science. This project has been initiated by a \$2 million gift from Columbus (Cal) Basile, a longterm supporter and former member of

the Board of Trustees."

In her call to service, junior Sara Kruse, president of the Student Government Association (SGA), recounted why students choose to enroll at Mount Mercy. "Students have a name, not a number," Kruse said. "We are achieving unimaginable goals." She

> concluded with a message to the president: "On behalf of the students, we wish you the best of luck on the road to change."

> Alumnus Matt Paul, C'93, executive assistant to Iowa Governor Tom Vilsack, said in his call to service, "Mount Mercy teaches students to live a life." His message highlighted the fact that 90% of Mount Mercy graduates settle in Iowa and practice

the values they learned in college.

Cedar Rapids Mayor Lee Clancey echoed the importance and impact Mount Mercy graduates have in Iowa. "Mount Mercy had 256 graduates in 1999; 100 in business and computer science. Fifty percent of them stayed in Cedar Rapids," Clancey said. The mayor welcomed the Pearces and remarked, "Marie is a great tennis player!'

In her call to service, Nancy Penner, C'81, said alumni are defined by their

# Staff Profile: Connie Walther

alma mater and Mount Mercy alums have many reasons to be proud. Penner, an attorney at Shuttleworth and Ingersoll, issued a challenge to Pearce, "Take good care of her, be a good steward, rely on the good people around you."

John Rogers, Mount Mercy professor of social work, delivered the message that "the faculty will stand beside you." He continued, "The common mission is to provide the highest quality education for students who come here

to study." Sister Susan O'Connor, president of the Sisters of Mercy, promised the continued "support and collaboration" with the College and praised Dr. Pearce as "a true leader and man of integrity." She challenged him to be a spiritual leader, a role model and a man of

ethics. She said, "Speak of God, speak for God and with God. May you free others to do the same."

Dr. Richard Bowen, president of Idaho State University, said of his former vice president, "Dr. Pearce understands every facet of higher education academics." He continued, "Bob and Marie are prepared; they are strong, resilient and piercingly intelligent."

The president of the Iowa Association of Independent Colleges and Universities, Dr. John Hartung, said in his call to service, "We have already benefited from you." Hartung pledged the support of the ICU and said, "You are president of one of the jewels in the crown of Iowa independent colleges."





capped with an outdoor reception on the Busse Regina Plaza.

#### **Presidential Mace**

The Mount Mercy Presidential Mace is made of wood from Warde Hall and has engravings on each of



the four sides: The Chapel of Mercy, the Warde Hall cupola, the Mercy cross, and the College seal. Mount Mercy Professor of Art, Bob Naujoks, designed the mace and Dave Young, ARAMARK staff member, did the woodworking.

The tradition of the Mace originates from ancient traditions where it was used to preserve order. The Mace is carried by the chief marshal at formal academic functions and is a symbol of authority.

#### **Presidential Medallion**

In commemoration of the presidential inauguration at Mount Mercy, the Sisters of Mercy commissioned the Mount Mercy Presidential Medallion designed by Mount Mercy Art Professor Dr. Charles Barth.

The medallion incorporates the symbols of the Sisters of



Mercy and the College. Embedded in the center of the medallion is the College seal. Sigillum Collegii Montis Misericordiae, (Seal of Mount Mercy College), bears the open book with the prayer Pacem et veritatem diligite (Learn to love peace and truth), the Chi-Rho symbol of Christ, and the Greek letters alpha and omega. Mercy crosses, symbols of the Sisters of Mercy, are symmetrically located on the circumference of the medallion. The president wears the Presidential Medallion at all functions requiring academic regalia.



Connie Walther has the soul of a librarian-she has a keen intellect, sees order in the chaos, and is able to find exactly what you are looking for. The media director and serials librarian for the Mount Mercy Busse Library is the engine behind the smooth operations in the media center and a periodical center that houses over 26,000 volumes of over 1000 titles.

Taking work home is no problem for Walther. She and her husband Richard have over 11,000 books throughout their house. Since her undergraduate days at Iowa State, Walther has been a history buff. "Iowa history and genealogy are my particular focus," she says.

After getting her master's degree from the University of Minnesota, Walther worked at the Iowa State University Library before marrying Richard and moving to Marion. She worked at the Cedar Rapids Public Library and Kirkwood Community College Library before coming to Mount Mercy in July 1971.

Walther's talent for research and organization leads one to believe she might not like the unexpected or the things in life that are out-of-order. The fact is Walther keeps her cool when surprises arise.

The story of her departure from Mount Mercy in 1972 is a testament to this trait. Pregnant with her third child, Walther expected to quit working in January 1973, but things did not go as

## **Connie Walther**

Position:

Media Director/Serials Librarian. Busse Library

Employed at Mount Mercy: 1971–1972, 1979–present

Hometown: Fort Dodge, Iowa

BA, Iowa State University, 1964 MA, University of Minnesota, 1965

Interests:

Reading, genealogy, Iowa history and spending time with their five planned. "I went into labor in the library about 12:00 p.m. I got in my Subaru, picked up Richard at Cedar Rapids Engineering and drove us to St. Luke's Hospital," Walther says. "I checked in and Matthew was born at 1:30 p.m."

Connie and Richard have three grown children. Their oldest child, Lorna, C'90, lives in Maryland and served in the United States Air Force. Jennifer teaches third grade in Nashua, Iowa, and Matthew works for Martinson Construction in Cedar Rapids.

During the last 20 years, Walther has seen the Mount Mercy library grow to over 100,000 volumes, reclassify its volumes from Dewey Decimal to Library of Congress and relocate to the beautiful Busse Library. The move up the hill from the present Lundy Commons to Busse in 1992 is a remarkable story. Walther says, "In one weekend, the library staff and volunteers moved the entire library."

Staff and volunteers boxed and labeled thousands of books and moved shelving with only two U-Haul trucks. "Seventh-grade students from Franklin Middle School volunteered to help us. They stood every three feet in the tunnel between Lundy and Busse, and we moved the entire curriculum center by hand," Walther says.

The cooperative college environment and the opportunity to work with young people make Walther excited to be at Mount Mercy. She says, "For some students, this is their first time away from home. I love working with young people, seeing them change and grow over their years at Mount Mercy." MMC



**McAuley Award** 

The 2000 Mary Catherine McAuley Award was presented to graduating senior Catherine Metz at commencement exercises May 20 at the Paramount Theatre in Cedar Rapids.



The Mary Catherine McAuley Award is the highest honor given to a student who has attended Mount Mercy for four years. It is presented to the graduate who, in addition to high scholastic ranking (3.0 or above), has exemplified to a marked degree cooperation with administration, faculty and students; integrity in his/her personal relationships; and leadership and loyalty in furthering the ideals of Mount

Mercy. The award is named for Mary Catherine McAuley, who founded the Sisters of Mercy in 1831.

Metz, a native of Cedar Rapids, graduated cum laude with a degree in elementary education and endorsements in reading, English/language arts and



Lauri Hughes

speech/communications/theatre. She was

president of S-ISEA (Student Iowa State Education Association), recipient of the Trustees Leadership Grant, Founder's Day SGA Service Award, Student Development Leadership Award, Co-curricular Service Award, Sister Mary Lorenz Award, and was active in the drama club, theatre, choir and Student Government Association (SGA).

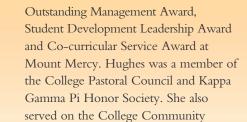
#### Warde Award

The 2000 Mary Frances Warde Award was presented to Lauri Hughes of Cedar Rapids at commencement exercises May 20.

The Mary Frances Warde Award is the highest honor given a student who has transferred into Mount Mercy and who has acquired a minimum of 30 credit hours. Other award credentials match those of the McAuley Award, The award is named for Mary Frances

> Warde who founded the Sisters of Mercy in America in 1843.

Hughes transferred from Kirkwood Community College to Mount Mercy and graduated magna cum laude with a degree in administrative management. She received the Trustees Leadership Grant, Presidential Scholarship,



co-president of Prairie Crest Elementary PTO in Cedar Rapids. Hughes was the featured student speaker at commencement. She has a twelve-

Schools Parent Advisory Board and was

#### President's Award

year-old daughter, Ashley.

Sara Smith of Cedar Rapids, an elementary education major, was awarded the President's Award at the annual Honors Convocation May 19 in the Chapel of

The President's Award recognizes a graduating senior who has demonstrated outstanding perseverance and diligence in pursuing his or her goals at Mount Mercy.



Sara Smith While at Mount

Mercy. Smith was committee chair of the Drama Club, M2AP Board (Student Activities Planning Committee) and was co-chair for the United Way Campaign. She was active in the Social Work Organization, Apartment Council, Campus Ministry, Circle K International, National Education Association, Student Government Association (SGA), S-ISEA (Student Iowa State Education

Association), Arc of East Central Iowa Advisory Committee and served as a Student Ambassador.

Smith received the Trustee's Leadership Grant and the Drama Club Grant

for all four years at Mount Mercy. She was on search committees for the assistant director of residence life and career development director. Smith was a leader in organizing Mount Mercy

service projects including: Homeless on the Hill, United Way campaigns and the Link Program-where students from inner city Chicago visit Mount Mercy. MMC

Sandra Mae Hartstack

Jesse Brock Henkle

Lauri Jean Hughes

Helen Kaye Hunter

Amy Sue Kilbura

Debra Ann Lacock

Kirsten Lynn Lage

Laura Ann Langreck

Kimberly Kay Meader

Catherine Marie Metz

Melissa Marjorie Miller

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Kimberly Jeanne Rodgers

Joseph Michael Rodts

Dorea F. Sathern-Landa

William Joseph Schellhorn

Sara Elizabeth Stanerson

Mary Rose Lage

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Shaylee Ann Knudtson

#### **Additional** Honors & Awards

Sister Mary Norbert Karnik Angela Marie White

**Outstanding Accounting Graduate Award** Jennette Louise Reed

Wall Street Journal Award. Business

Victoria Ellen Rehnstrom

**Outstanding Management** 

Lauri Jean Hughes

Outstanding Finance Award, Victoria Ellen Rehnstrom

Outstanding Marketing Student

Steven Gerald Kehoe Sister Immaculata

**Business Awards** Amber M. Hageman Shaylee Ann Knudtson

Outstanding **Biology Student Award** Kelly Jean Esslinger Laura Ann Langreck Kimberly Kay Meader

**Outstanding Computer** Science Award John Joseph Breen Carol Jean Duit Gerald Ray Gerber Amer Kapetanovic William Joseph Schellhorn

Outstanding Criminal Justice Award-Corrections Carey Ann Tellers

**Outstanding Criminal Justice** Award-Law and Society Joseph Michael Rodts

Outstanding Criminal Justice Award-Law Enforcement Chad Nicholas Loes

Alpha Phi Sigma (National Criminal Justice Honor Society)

Alicia Kathryn Franklin Shawn Michael Harden Michael A Kern Ryan Scott Miller Nicole Takes

Perceptions: Essays in English Awards

1st: Ann Marie Pleiss 2nd: Julie Ann Nelson 3rd: Sarah Jeanne Nelson

The John P. Barthel Memorial **Poetry Competition** 1st: Kara Io Voss

2nd: Lucas J. Lammers 3rd: Amy Jane Ellingson

The Paha Fiction Awards 1st: Gail L. Murphy 2nd: Julie Lynn Holzinger

3rd: Barbra Jean Ritchison Sister Mary Xavier Award, Creative Writing

Victoria Irene Wickham Sister Mary Ildephonse

**English Award** Julie Ann Nelson **Outstanding History Student** 

Kathryn K. Hunter **Outstanding Honors Student** 

William Joseph Schellhorn

**Outstanding Mathematics** Student Award William Joseph Schellhorn

Sister Mary Edward Nursing Dorea F. Sathern-Landa

Theta Tau International (Nursing Honor Society) Christine Virginia Bankord Steffanie Renee Forbes Stephanie Marie Galvalas Donna Jean Kroymann Kirsten Lynn Lage Debra Ann Malone Kimberly J. O'Rourke

Kappa Xi Chapter of Sigma

Emily Sue Pitz Sheila Kae Renaud Dorea F. Sathern-Landa Jennifer A. Simmons Sara Elizabeth Stanerson Beth Anne Sweeney

Jaime Ann Ternes

Melissa Emily Terrell

Sister Monica Rvan Philosophy Award Scott Jamieson

> **Outstanding Political** Science Student Award Nicholas L. Mraz Joseph Michael Rodts

Christine L. Woodruff Psychology Award Stephanie Atkisson Severin

Sister Mary Agnes Hennessey Public Relations Award Lisa Marie Pucelik

Anne K. Stenzel Senior Social Work Award Debra A. Lacock Cynthia A. West

**Outstanding Sociology** Student Awards Jesse Brock Henkle Amy Sue Leininger

Sister Mary Lorenz Award Catherine Marie Metz

Artist of Dionysus Jesse Brock Henkle

Sister Mary Roberta Lyness Award for Comm **Public Service And** Sara Marie Smith

Sister of Mercy Social Justice Award Sara Marie Smith

SGA Leadership Award Tina M. Dighton

Stephanie E. Bott

John Joseph Breen

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1999-2000 Who's Who in

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Tracy Lynn Bowers Jesse Brock Henkle Kathrvn K. Hunter Heather McCauley-Buenzow Deborah Jane Mrkvicka William Joseph Schellhorn

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# Faculty Profile: Zinnia Lim

Growing up in the Philippines, Zinnia Lim was the eldest of eight children. "My parents were very industrious people. My father taught mathematics in college and later worked in administration. My mother stayed at home with the children, but was always trying out new business ideas."

Zinnia is from Tacloban City—a harbor town in the Visayan Islands in central Philippines. She came to Mount Mercy after earning her Ph.D. at Bonn University in Germany. Her fiancé at the time, Leo Lim, had recently joined the chemistry department at Mount Mercy. They met in the Philippines at the University of San Carlos and continued the overseas courtship through graduate school, and married in 1968. Zinnia then completed her postdoctoral research at The University of Iowa.

As the Mount Mercy chemistry department grew, President Sister Mary Agnes Hennessey personally persuaded Zinnia to join the faculty. "Sister Mary Agnes encouraged me to join the chemistry faculty. I was reluctant since Leo and I just had a baby. Sister Mary Agnes insisted, "Zinnia, you can get a babysitter."

The concept of babysitter was new to Zinnia. "In the Philippines families usually have nannies or someone at home to help raise the children."

A newfound friend and neighbor learned of Zinnia's job opportunity and offered to take care of the Lim's child. "Sister Mary Georgine Budke and Sister Mary Michaeline Meehan, then registrars, let us arrange our schedule to meet our growing family needs," Zinnia says about their early years at Mount Mercy.

The Lim children have kept up a tradition of careers in academia. Leland (University of Chicago, '91), graduated from The University of Iowa this spring with a Ph.D. and M.D. in the National Institute of Health's Medical Scientist Training Program (MSTP). Zinnia says, "Leland is a physician who specializes in medical research. His residency will be in neurology."

Laura, the Lim's youngest, graduated from Williams College in 1992 and earned a master's degree in chemistry from the University of Chicago and a

#### Zinnia Lim

Position:

Associate Professor of Chemistry
Employed at Mount Mercy:

Hometown:

Tacloban City, Philippines

**Education:** 

BS, Pharmacy, BS, Chemistry, University of San Carlos, Cebu City, Philippines MS, PhD, Bonn University, Germany Interests:

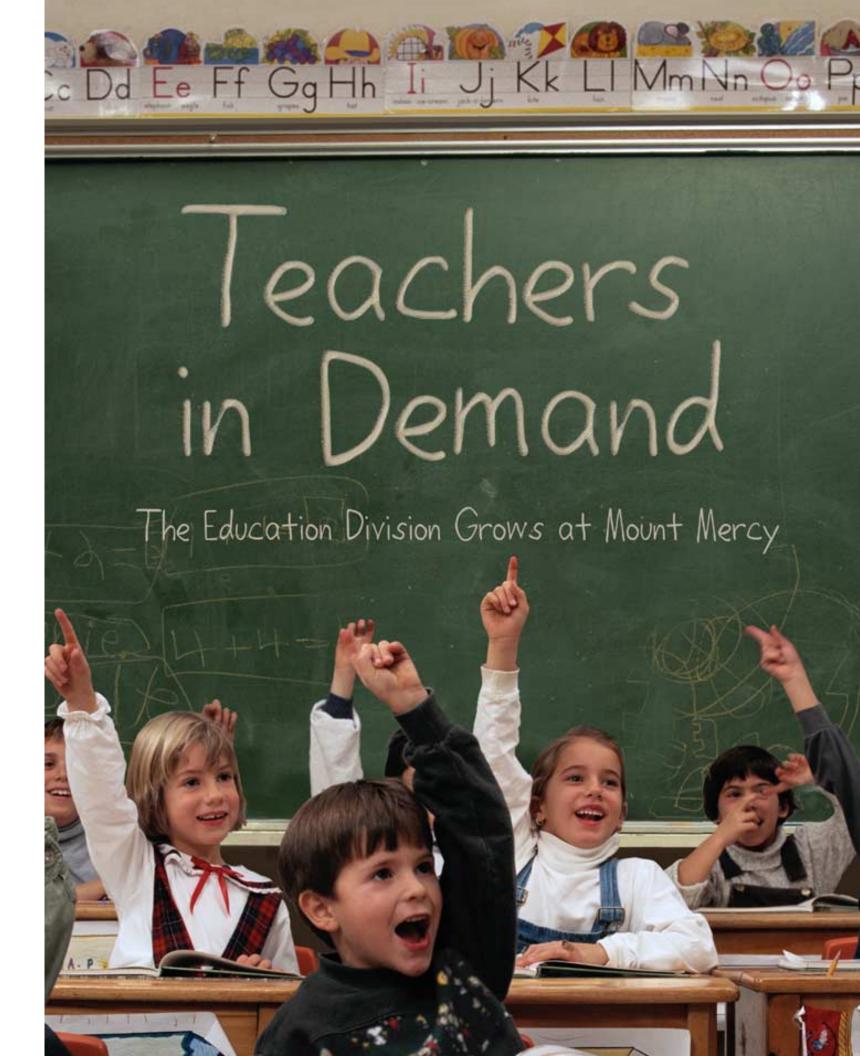
Knitting, reading and gardening



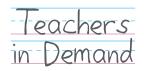
master's degree in science education from The University of Iowa. She is married and teaches high school chemistry in Sugarland, Texas.

Zinnia and Leo originally planned to return to the Philippines after teaching at Mount Mercy for a couple years, but have continued a teaching partnership that has lasted over 30 years.

"When I came to Mount Mercy, there were three main campus buildings: Warde, McAuley and Regina. Students followed a dress code and women could not wear jeans or slacks in the classroom," Zinnia says. She has felt at home at Mount Mercy over the years because of the "freedom to teach in my own style." Zinnia says, "I learn along with the students and gain a deeper and broader understanding of my discipline."



## Teachers in Demand





The number of students graduating as teachers at Mount Mercy is projected to double by 2002. The education team making things happen (left to right): Dr. Merilee Rosberg, Deb Stalkfleet, Dr. Jan Rohner, Ellen O'Keefe, Nancy Merryman, Dr. Jan Handler and Dr. Arlie Willems (not pictured)

ith the effectiveness and precision of a NASCAR pit team, the education faculty has built and maintained a reputable education program that continues to produce top-of-the-class teachers. Mount Mercy graduates in the teaching field are valued and sought after in the region. Take for example the Cedar Rapids School District. In 1999, they hired more alumni from Mount Mercy than any other institution.

This fall, the education division at Mount Mercy—offering majors in secondary and elementary education—will expand from six to eight full-time faculty members. As the division evolves, they intend to preserve the personal attention that is the hallmark trait of a Mount Mercy education.

"The education department is growing," says Dr. Jan Rohner, professor of education and chair of the education division. "This year we will have 40 graduating student teachers. It is projected

that we will have 62 next year and 80 graduating teachers in 2002."

Key to the success of the division is a student-oriented philosophy where faculty, peers and students get to know each other on a personal level. "This way of learning has remained the same over the years," says Nancy Merryman, assistant

at a large university before coming to Mount Mercy and is in her 13th year at the College. "It's great to see students from beginning to the end—when they first come to visit the campus through graduation and their careers. Students and faculty have a long-lasting relationship."

Expectations of students are demanding, but are also clear and fair. "Our grading and assessing strategies encourage cooperation and collegiality," Merryman says. When new students enter the program they have a cohort of peers who will work together in their studies. She says, "Self-confidence grows as students work with peers and faculty. The mix of traditional and nontraditional students is always a strength."

Almost half of the students enrolled in the education program are nontraditional students. Evening classes and the opportunity to earn endorsements in several areas—business, reading, English/language arts, mathematics, science, speech/communications/theatre, social sciences, multi-categorical resource room, teachers in Catholic schools, music and art—attract experienced students.

### "Each semester I did field experience in a classroom-observing and doing things in class. At Mount Mercy, you are out there getting exposure." -Joan Gearhart, C'96

professor of early childhood education. "We have mechanisms in place that keep the sense of closeness in the department. We make sure our graduates—the educators who will be forming our youth—are prepared."

Dr. Jan Handler, professor of education and secondary education advisor, taught

Assistant professor of education Ellen O'Keefe says, "Many students already have their teaching license and come here to get an endorsement. They've heard it's a good program and classes are taught in the evening." O'Keefe's expertise is in special education and notes, "The curriculum prepares them

well and students can graduate in four years. Transfer students usually graduate in one-and-a-half to two-and-a-half years."

#### Alumni in Demand

Alumna Joan Gearhart, C'96, teaches at Sugarhill Elementary School in Atlanta, Ga. As a nontraditional student at Mount Mercy, she earned an elementary education degree with endorsements in reading, language arts and social studies. She moved to Atlanta to do her student teaching when her husband took a new job. "The schools in Atlanta were so impressed they pulled me out of student teaching to do special testing for students with reading disabilities. My reading endorsement gave me training in diagnostic reading," she says.

"Mount Mercy has a very thorough program; you need to do your homework." Gearhart says. "Each semester I did field experience in a classroom—observing and doing things in class. At Mount Mercy, you are out there getting exposure."

Mary Lage, C'00, says being a nontraditional student was intimidating at first. "I was worried about being with traditional-age students at a small school, but I had a very positive experience. I made a lot of friends—some my daughters age!"

Lage came to Mount Mercy to earn her teaching license and graduated with a degree in elementary education and endorsements in early childhood development and reading. As a second-major student, she was able to compare her undergraduate experience at a large university to Mount Mercy. "I really valued the small classes and the exchange of ideas," she says.

Jerry Engel, part-time faculty member, retired from the Grant Wood Area Education Agency after 38 years and supervises Mount Mercy student teachers. He says, "Mount Mercy gets students in the classroom right away with field experiences. Quickly and quite often, teachers get the students involved in the classroom; it's a mini-

accepting and grateful to attend a good, safe school," she says.

Moser got married and returned to Cedar Rapids to teach at St. Matthew's Catholic School and then Van Buren Elementary School. She says, "I can't compliment the Mount Mercy program enough. They prepare you to be a professional and a life-long learner."

Recent grad Catherine Metz knows the benefits of practical, hands-on teach-

ing time. She graduated in May with a degree in elementary education and will teach second grade this fall at All Saints Catholic School in Cedar Rapids. "The education program gave me confidence and prepared me well in subjects I'll teach. I spent over 200 hours in the classroom in my first three years, plus 16



Personal attention and real-world experience are the hallmarks of the education department's philosophy. Students learn the latest teaching methods and theories, and get experience each semester in local school districts.

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student teaching experience. This way there are no surprises."

Elementary teacher Kathy Powers Moser, C'93, was ready for a very challenging first teaching job that took her to the inner city. "You were it," she says about her experience at St. Dorothy's—a Catholic school of 500 students located on the south side of Chicago. "Resources were limited so you taught everything. It was a wonderful place and the kids were very

weeks of student teaching after that," Metz says. "I had experience in both the public and private schools. The program is very intense—with reading, journals, field experiences, lectures and hands-on experience. I feel Mount Mercy has the best program; it is so well organized."

Elementary education major Kelly Kirkwood, C'00, says each student is paired with cooperating teachers who are a good personality fit. "I did studentteaching at two different schools and

## Teachers in Demand

learned so much from the cooperating teachers. I'm ready."

The education division has documented their mission to "provide a professional program that empowers individuals to become competent and reflective practitioners, and that fosters responsive leadership in varied education settings." In 1998 the division centered on the theme of "making connections" between students and faculty, between educational programs, and with the community and College administration.

Merilee Rosberg, professor of education, initiated the planning process while chair of the division for 14 years. "We really work well together, set goals and build on each other's strengths," Rosberg says.

This first priority of 2000-2001 is to welcome the new faculty members—Dr. Norma Linda Gonzalez-Mattingly, assistant professor of education and Sister Ann Dominic Stewart, Ed.D., assistant professor of education (see right). Dr. Arlie Willems says the education division now has "enough to fill a suite in the new residential housing—but we will need a spare bed for our assistant Deb Stalkfleet, who is indispensable." She predicts the new team members will fit "like Cinderella's glass slipper."

You can bet on the education faculty to achieve their goals. In recent years they have added a special education endorsement to the Mount Mercy program and earned recognition in the teaching arena. The next finish line is establishing a summer reading and math clinic for Mount Mercy students to teach area children. Students will use the skills they learned in the classroom and serve the needs of children in the local community.

#### **New Faces This Fall**

Dr. Norma Linda Gonzalez-Mattingly, assistant professor of education

Dr. Norma Linda Gonzalez-Mattingly is a reading specialist and brings rich experience in ESL (English as a second language). She has traveled throughout the Rio Grande Valley of Texas working in bilingual classrooms and has



taught talented and gifted children in the Brownsville [Texas] Independent School District. Dr. Gonzalez-Mattingly earned her Ph.D. at The University of Iowa in July 1998 and will join the Mount Mercy faculty this fall.

## Sister Ann Dominic Stewart, assistant professor of education

Sister Ann Dominic Stewart, O.P., Ed.D., is a Dominican Sister from Springfield, Ill., who earned her doctorate in curriculum and instruction last spring from the University of Sarasota in Florida. Sister Ann has over 20 years of teaching and admin-



istration experience in Catholic schools in Illinois and Minnesota. She is a member of the National Catholic Education Association and will join the Mount Mercy faculty this fall. MMC

#### **Winter Sports Review**

Juniors Brant Nove, Tommie Robertson, and Amanda Marshall were Mount Mercy's most valuable players during the 1999-2000 basketball season. Nove, a point guard from Fairfax, received all-Midwest Classic Conference (MCC) honorable mention after leading the league in assists at 7.2 per game and averaging 6.2 points and four rebounds per contest. Robertson, a forward from Chicago, scored 9.9 points per outing and led the Mustangs in rebounding (7.3 rpg) despite missing 15 games with a foot injury.

Ryan Rinnels was cited as the team's most improved player. An honorable mention all-conference selection in 1999, he was a first-teamer this year while averaging 13.3 points and 3.4 rebounds per game during the 2000 campaign. The senior guard shot 52 percent from the field, 45 percent from three-point range and 80 percent from the free throw line.

All-MCC honorable mention also went to **Dustin Mudderman**, a junior guard who led the Mustangs in scoring (14.0 ppg) and three-point goals (71) while averaging three rebounds and three assists per game. Junior forward **Nick Mead** and senior forward **Nick Nelson** were academic all-conference for the second year in a row. Sophomore guard **Sean Ericson** was honored for the first time.

The Mustangs (15–18) began the year by winning a school record nine of their first 10 games and cracked the NAIA Top 25 for the first time in four years, coming in at No. 23. In a 135–122 victory at Grinnell November 19, Mount Mercy set school records by shooting 83 percent from the field (54–of-65) and recording 45 assists.

Junior forward **Matt White** tied the single-game scoring mark with 45 points on 21-of-25 field goal shooting.

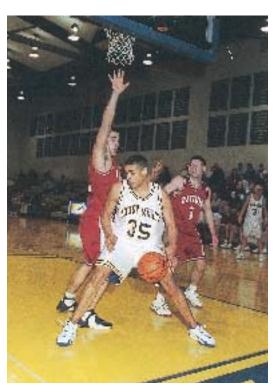
Nove set a pair of assist marks this season. His 15 assists against Grinnell January 18 broke the single-game record he shared with three players. Nove ended the season with 239, surpassing the former single-season standard of 219 set by **Doug Thier** (C'96).

Rinnels and **Mike Welcher**, a senior forward, became the 14th and 15th men's basketball players to join Mount Mercy's 1,000-point club. Rinnels reached 1,000 points when he poured in 18 at William Penn December 6. He ended his career with 1,308 points, which is eighth on the all-time list. Welcher's 26-point performance against Grinnell

January 18 put him over the mark, and he ranks 14th on the career chart with 1,061 points.

Marshall, an all-MCC guard from Niota, Ill., led the Mount Mercy women's basketball team (15-19) in scoring (12.8 ppg), assists (3.9 apg), and steals (81). She also averaged 5.1 rebounds per game. In league play, Marshall upped those numbers to 14.4 points, five rebounds, and 4.8 assists per contest. Freshman forward **Erin Lane** from New Boston, Ill. was tabbed as the team's most improved player.

Chantelle Uthoff from Marengo earned all-conference honors for the third straight season. The senior forward drilled a team-high 37 three-point goals while averaging 12.1 points and 5.6 rebounds per game. She was the 22nd Mount Mercy women's basketball player



The Mustangs' Matt White (35) works under the basket in a Midwest Classic Conference battle with Viterbo College at Hennessey Recreation Center.

to join the 1,000-point club and finished her career 11th on the all-time list with 1,327 points.

Abbie Stepanek was Mount Mercy's third-leading scorer at 10.9 points per game. The sophomore forward from Atkins was second in assists (2.1 apg) and three-point goals (32), third in steals (66), and fourth in rebounding (4.5 rpg). She also led the team in blocked shots (18) and free throw percentage (73 percent).

Academic all-conference recognition went to Amanda Marshall, sophomore guards **Erin Bott** from Victor, **Kelli Kramer** from Larchwood, **Leslie Marshall** from Farmington, and **Lindsey Mescher** from Cascade; and junior forward **Emily Cecil** from Farmington. **MMC** 

#### New Faces, New Places...







Maggie Jackson Jim Steiner

**Buelane Daugherty** 

#### **New Director of Admission**

Mount Mercy has a new director of admission. Maggie Jackson, who has served as registrar at Mount Mercy for the last three years, began as director of admission in June. Jackson earned a law degree from Loyola University-Chicago in 1994 and holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Notre Dame in American Studies. Jackson and her husband Stephen have a one-year-old son, William.

#### **Steiner Joins Mount Mercy**

**Jim Steiner** became the new vice president of finance at Mount Mercy May 1. Steiner is former vice president and chief financial officer at Abbe, Inc. A Cedar Rapids native, Steiner graduated from Washington High School and The University of Iowa. He is a Certified Public Accountant (CPA) and has thirteen years of public accounting experience including college and university audits. MMC

#### **Registrar Appointed**

Lori Heying has been appointed registrar at Mount Mercy. Heying has served as registrar for six years at Upper Iowa University in Fayette. She has her bachelors degree from Upper Iowa and is completing her master of arts degree. She joined Mount Mercy July 1, 2000.

#### New Associate V.P.

Buelane Daugherty RN, MSN, assistant professor of nursing, has been named associate vice president for academic affairs at Mount Mercy College. Daugherty has been on the nursing faculty for 24 years and has her masters

degree from the University of Minnesota. MMC

#### Student **Activities** Director

Elizabeth Harris has been named director of student activities and orientation at Mount Mercy College. Harris has ten years of experi-

ence in student development at Brewton-Parker College in Mount Vernon, Ga. She has a master of divinity from the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Ky. MMC



An April snowstorm tests the mettle of Mount Mercy students sleeping

the tendor

The annual event had been planned far in advance, anticipating better weather conditions, but unusual single-digit temperatures did not deter the students. "The homeless can't postpone (sleeping outside) so we didn't postpone either," says Jacqueline Mich, a junior from Oskaloosa. Sponsored by the Mount Mercy Social Work Organization, all donations were given to the Catherine McAuley Center and Madge Phillips Center. MMC

Age ...

#### New Full-Time Faculty and **Staff Members**

Mount Mercy welcomes several new full-time faculty and staff members: Mindy Dunkel, admission representative; Erin Gray, admission representative; Dr. Norma Linda Gonzalez-Mattingly, assistant professor of education; Sr. Ann Dominic Stewart, Ed.D., assistant professor of education; and Beverly E. Loberg, office assistant, career development. MMC

#### Homeless on the Hill

A hearty group of Mount Mercy students braved an unseasonable winter storm in April and spent the night in cardboard boxes to raise awareness of homelessness in Cedar Rapids.



**SIFE Wins Regional Tournament** 

and Ranked in the Top 50 Internationally

As regional champion the Mount Mercy SIFE team won \$1,500 and competed against the top 100 teams worldwide at the International SIFE Competition in Kansas City, Mo. May 21-23. "The students presented a summary of our annual projects at the St. Louis competition, including our market research with the Freedom Festival," says Mount Mercy faculty advisor Tom Castle.

The Mount Mercy College emphasis on service was an integral theme in the SIFE presentation. "All our projects fit both our mission as SIFE members and the spirit of service here at Mount Mercy," Castle says.

Mount Mercy's "Students In Free Enterprise" (SIFE) team placed among the top 48 teams interna-

tionally in the SIFE International Competition May 22 and 23 in Kansas City, Mo. They received

two perfect scores and beat the national champions from Canada and the Ukraine to win second

For SIFE's work teaching disadvantaged children, they earned the "Special Competition: Success 2000" award and \$1,000 at the St. Louis competition.

At international competition, the SIFE team presented its summary of annual service projects to a panel of 15 judges and won second runner-up, a \$750 prize.

The 1999-2000 Mount Mercy SIFE team completed 26 projects, volunteered over 1,200 hours, and educated 1,600 people about the principles of free enterprise. Students In Free Enterprise is a non-profit organization that provides college students an opportunity to establish a variety of community outreach programs that teach the principles of free enterprise. Each year, more than 800 colleges and universities from all over the world compete in SIFE regional competitions. Students prepare an annual report and present their outreach programs to a panel of national business leaders and entrepreneurs who rate the overall effectiveness of their efforts. MMC

#### **Women in Mathematics** Honor

Mount Mercy junior Debbie Czarneski was one of 16 women selected nationally to participate in "The George Washington University Summer Program for Women in Mathematics." The five-week program is for women who are college juniors interested in math and considering graduate study in mathematics.



Debbie Czarneski

Czarneski, a native of Luxemburg, Wis., will receive a \$1,250 stipend, campus room and board and a travel allowance from George Washington University. The summer program includes seminars by mathematicians, panel discussions and weekly field trips around the Washington D.C. area. Students who competed in the national search were required to send a written essay, recommendations and an application.

#### **Math Team Wins Recognition**

A Mount Mercy College math team was "meritorious winner" in the 2000 Mathematical Contest in Modeling, an international math competition. Mount Mercy was among 43 schools worldwide to receive the meritorious award in their

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category, the second highest honor in the competition. Overall, 282 teams from the United States and 213 from foreign countries participated in the competition.

Three Mount Mercy students—junior **Debbie Czarneski**, junior **Craig Morgan** and senior **Bill Schellhorn**—prepared a paper applying "mathematics to one of two real-world problems." Dr. K.R. Knopp, Mount Mercy associate professor of mathematics, says, "The paper explains how to apply math to the problem, and explains the strengths and limitations of the approach."

The Mount Mercy team presented a mathematical solution to assigning "radio channels to a systematic network of transmitter locations so as to avoid interference."

Competitors were allowed to have teams of three undergraduates. Students received the problems at 12:01 am Friday, February 4 and had until Monday, February 7 at 5:00 pm to complete the essay. The competition is administered by the Consortium for Mathematics and its Applications (COMAP) and is funded by the National Security Agency (NSA) and the National Science Foundation (NSF).

## "Ethical Perspectives on the News"

Several Mount Mercy faculty members have appeared on a local, pre-recorded television show called "Ethical Perspectives on the News." Sponsored by the Interreligious Council of Cedar Rapids, the show brings together people of different religious and ethical backgrounds to discuss the ethical aspects of current news stories. Dr. Mary Ducey, assistant professor of



Faculty members share their views on the local television program "Ethical Perspectives on the News."

philosophy, is on the planning committee and occasionally moderates the show on KCRG TV-9 that airs most Sunday mornings from 7:40-8:00 a.m. Other faculty participants include Linda Scarth, Melody Graham, Allison McNeese, Tom Nickels, Joe Givvin and David Ard, as well as Mount Mercy philosophy student Scott Jamieson.

#### "College Visit Day" for Elementary Students

Students from Arthur and Erskine Elementary got a taste of college life thanks to a unique partnership with Mount Mercy. Over 40 students from the two elementary schools participated in the pilot program where they spent the day on campus taking classes. "College Visit Day" is part of a joint partnership between Mount Mercy and the two elementary schools to get students to consider different career paths. Students toured the residence halls, registered and attended two classes and visited with college students.

After a morning orientation session, students registered for two of four subjects: criminal justice, nursing, science or theatre.

At the end of the day, Kathi Pudzuvelis, associate professor of speech and drama, and senior Catherine Metz led a discussion with the students to find out how their perceptions of college have changed. The program could grow to 150 students next year. MMC



The "College Visit Day" program is a unique partnership with Arthur and Erskine Elementary schools where fourth graders go to college for the day. Over forty students from the elementary schools participated in the pilot program.

# Alumni Profile: Barb Jacobs

Is the artistic gene passed on from generation to generation? Maybe, judging by the front steps at the home of freelance graphic artist Barb Jacobs. Artwork by her daughter, Robin, adorns the entryway and offers proof that it is possible.

Jacobs herself became interested in art as a youngster, and the enjoyment she got as a child continues to make her job fulfilling today. It was not always roses, though, as she explains when asked about her first job out of college.

"It was a very unpleasant experience," she says. "I worked for a screen printing company that was housed in an old building downtown. We were on the upper floor, where it was unbelievably hot. Only our boss had an air conditioned office, and to make things worse, I was told I would never make more than \$5.50 an hour."

Needless to say, Jacobs quickly left for Galt Sand (later known as Starter). It was after the birth of her son, Jeremy, that she decided to do freelance work on a full-time basis. Going out on her own was what Jacobs had in mind after graduating from Mount Mercy, but warnings from friends and colleagues dissuaded her from doing so.

"If you can get in there and get a reputation, it is great. But getting experience and building self-confidence first is the best way to go," says Jacobs, who does not advertise but earns business by word-of-mouth. Some of her clients include Alliant Energy, Aegon, McLeodUSA and Metro Communications.



Off duty, Jacobs spends most of her time with her kids, who, like most children, enjoy drawing. It remains to be seen whether or not they follow in their mom's footsteps. "Jeremy loves to draw, and Robin is just starting to add arms and legs to the people in her pictures. Soon she will start adding fingers and eyelashes."

You can also find Jacobs roller blading with Jeremy, working in the garden, or taking pictures. She is a self-described "amateur photographer" who feels at home behind the camera, especially

#### **Barb Jacobs**

Position:

Freelance graphic artist

Hometown:

Cedar Rapids, Iowa

Education:

BA Mount Mercy College, 1987

Interests:

Family, music, photography, gardening

when her children are in front of it.

Jacobs and her husband, Scott, love to travel, and so far so do the kids.

"We went to New York City when Jeremy was four and he absolutely loved it," she says.

An excursion to the Badlands and Mount Rushmore is in the works, but it may not top last summer's trip to St. Louis to see the Cardinals and slugger Mark McGwire. Although he did not hit a homer while the Jacobs family was in attendance, Big Mac came close. "He missed a home run by just a few feet," says Jacobs.

Even though family and work keep her on her toes, Jacobs' passion for music, which took hold when she was 10 years old, is still an important part of her life. She has been playing the guitar since she was 12, and is lead vocalist and plays guitar for the Bad Actors, a fourpiece cover band that performs tunes by the Beatles, Eagles, Goo Goo Dolls, Sheryl Crow, and Alanis Morissette, just to name a few.

The group, which takes the stage a couple times a month at Cedar Rapids venues like Cocktails and Muddy Waters, just released its second CD entitled "Make it Work." Guess who appears on the cover? Robin Jacobs, in a photograph taken by her mother.



Ron Harp, C'88



Tracie Helle Schmelzer, C'92



Kim Hutchins Knapp, C'92



Bob Timmons

#### Hall of Fame Inductees

At the Alumni Games March 4, three alumni and a former coach were inducted into the 2000 Hall of Fame in the Hennessey Recreation Center.

Ron Harp (C'88) set a number of records during his career on the Mount Mercy men's basketball team. He is second in career points scored (1,595), career field goals (604), career field goal attempts (1,223) and career assists (435).

Tracie Helle Schmelzer (C'92), an outstanding pitcher for the Mount Mercy softball team, holds the record for career wins (58). Helle also is second in career strikeouts (339) and third in career earned run average (1.04). She was NAIA academic all-American in 1992, all-district 1991-92, allconference 1991-92 and academic all-conference in 1991-92.

#### Kim Hutchins Knapp

(C'92) made pitchers tremble when she came to the plate. Hutchins holds school records in triples in a season (11), RBIs in a season (54), career home runs (18) and RBIs in a career (147). In 1991-92, Hutchins was NAIA first-team all-American. all-conference and academic all-conference.

Bob Timmons was the head softball coach at Mount Mercy for eleven seasons and his teams had a 339-146 record. Timmons was District 15 Coach of the Year in 1986-87 and coached eight NAIA all-Americans during his tenure. In 1991-92 his team was Midwest Classic Conference Champion and Bi-District Champion in 1987, 1989 and 1990. MMC

#### Nolte Named Director of Development for **African-American Museum**

Joe Nolte (C'95) was named development director for the African-American Historical Museum and Cultural Center of Iowa. The Iowa native returned to Cedar Rapids after serving as donor services manager for the Madison Community Foundation in Madison, Wis.

With over five years of experience in museum and nonprofit foundation operation, Nolte is confident the museum can raise the \$2.8 million needed to complete construction of the facility. "We've just begun the public phase of a capital campaign to build on the \$1.5 million

raised thus far," Nolte said. "It is exciting to be on the ground level of something so important."

Museum Executive Director Joseph McGill, Jr., believes Nolte will be a key to the success of the museum. "Joe's energy and persuasive nature will benefit our fundraising efforts," McGill says. Nolte is a Mary Catherine McAuley Award winner and was president of the Student Government Association and editor of the Mount Mercy Times. He and his wife Joanne (C'96), have a six-month-old son, Edward, MMC



Joe Nolte, C'95, is the new development director for the African-American Historical Museum and Cultural Center of Iowa. Nolte (left) and Joseph McGill, Jr., museum executive director, have begun a capital campaign to raise the funds needed to construct the \$2.8 million educational facility in Cedar Rapids.

**Lost Alumni** The alumni office has lost touch with some alumni over the years. If you know how we can reach them, please write to the Mount Mercy alumni office, by regular mail or e-mail at alumni@ mmc.mtmercv.edu or call us at (319) 368-6468. Academy Class of '30 Elizabeth Britt Mary Dwyer Miller Rita Riley Academy Class of '35 Leona Fitzsimmons Mary Wootten Schilling Academy Class of '40 Florence Freeman Parson Constance Sheridan Vail Academy Class of '45 Pacia George Fields Jeanne McDonnell Academy Class of '50 Betty Melichar Bartosh Charlene Uchytil Goldberg Dolores Sindelar Academy Class of '55 Jeanne Tibeau Cunningham Ann Hayes Commercial Class of '35 Lucille Barber Hurd Commercial Class of '40 Betty Newcomb Cameron Mary Ferris Hackney

Martha Kuhn Hurley

Laura Welty Pilkenton

School of Nursing Class of '35

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School of Nursing Class of '60

School of Nursing Class of '70

Treva Jones

Ruth Taylor

William Miller

Mary Stark Pertman

Lois Driscoll Hennings

Nancy Taylor Springer

Marcia Farrell Luick

Cecilia Allbee Lusson

Lydia Rentzsch Piehl

Donna Heck Tcheng

Kathleen Andrlik Cox

Bonnie Inger Michel

College Class of '65

Cecilia Larkin Mower

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Robert Tierney

Jon Wheelock

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#### LaMorgese Endows **Scholarship**

Nancy LaMorgese (C'97) and her husband James have initiated a scholarship in their name with a gift of \$5,000. The scholarship will be awarded to a worthy and deserving student maintaining at least a 3.2 GPA. Preference will be given to but not limited to sociology majors. The James and Nancy LaMorgese Endowed Scholarship will be awarded to one student with preference given to that same student throughout his/her four years. Nancy LaMorgese received a baccalaureate degree from Mount Mercy in sociology and worked as an assistant in the Registrar's office. MMC

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#### **Admission Application Fee Waived for Alumni** Referrals

The best testament to the quality education students receive at Mount Mercy comes from our 9.000 alumni worldwide. The College is fortunate to have some many good ambassadors sharing the story of Mount Mercy with others. To encourage alumni referrals, Mount Mercy will waive the \$20 application for admission fee when alumni refer prospective students to the College. Alumni may request a special application for admission and pass it on to an interested student. Contact the alumni office at (319) 368-6468 or e-mail abates@mmc. mtmercy.edu to receive an application for admission. MMC

#### **Alumnus Promotes** Music in Cyberspace

Michael Andrews, C'90,

hopes to make it big in the music business in a nontraditional way. Andrews is promoting a music project he helped produce called Runaway and several of his own projects on the Internet. The website allows consumers to sample, purchase and download music from the comfort of their own home. MP3.com is a music



service provider on the Internet

that houses over 250,000 songs

Michael Andrews C'90

that users may download to their computer hard drives and also have the option to buy compact discs (CDs) online. With free software such as WINAMP or Windows Media Player you are

able to listen to music via the Internet

Andrews, who graduated in administrative management and marketing from Mount Mercy, is producing albums on the side and works full-time for the business development division for Walker, an

accounting software firm in the

San Francisco Bay area. He says, "MP3.com allows me to publish my music at very low costs and I don't have to send a million demos to different record companies. The most important thing about MP3.com for me is that you get a lot of nice feedback from other artists and fans or just people who bumped into my website by browsing."

Other CD projects including Project Zero and Synthopia feature Andrews performing all the drums, synthesizers, guitar and vocal parts. "Thank God for modern technology!" he says. Using computers, he is able to be a one-man online band.

Besides his presence on the MP3.com website (www.mp3.com), Andrews has his own personal site. To find him on the Web, go to their homepage at www.mp3.com and enter Andrews in the search engine. MMC

Schedule

of Events

# eunions2000

Reunions 2000 will be held on the Mount Mercy campus on Saturday, October 7. Honored classes for the Recognition Luncheon include the classes of '50, '55, '60, '65, '70, '75, '80, '85, '90, and '95. All alumni who graduated before 1950 will also be recognized.

Saturday, October 7, 2000 8:00 to 10:00 a.m. Tour and Breakfast

Mercy Medical Center, Cedar Rapids

10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Registration and Hospitality McAuley Lobby

11:30 a.m.

Recognition Luncheon McAuley Cafeteria

\*Reservations required

1:30 to 2:30 p.m. Honored Class Photos Lundy Commons

1:30 to 4:30 p.m. & 5:30 to 7:30 Campus Bookstore open Lundy Commons

2:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Campus Tours Lundy Commons 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. Mini-Workshops

3:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Sisters of Mercy Reception Sacred Heart Convent

4:30 p.m.

Chapel of Mercy, Busse Center

5:30 p.m.

Student Alumni Career Ambassadors Dinner

Heritage Hall \*Reservations required 5:30 p.m.

Honored Class Reunion Dinners Hilltop Grill, McAuley Class dinners may be arranged by calling (319) 368-6468. \*Reservations preferred.

6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Art Exhibit McAuley Gallery

7:00 p.m.

Dessert Reception Lundy Commons

8:00 p.m.

Entertainment— to be announced McAuley Auditorium

#### 1950s

Sister Iames Marie Donahue (RN'51 & C'59) has been appointed President of the Mercy Medical Center Endowment Foundation. She continues to be coordinator of the Mercy Resource Library. Rosella Hejlik Tisl (JC'58 & C'60) retired in June, 1999 after teaching 41 years either full-time, part-time or substituting. She taught at All Saints in Cedar Rapids, Ute Public Schools, St. Mary's and Stuart-Menlo Schools, both in Stuart, Iowa.

#### 1970s

Rhonda Bricker Gammell (C'79) has worked in home health care 14 years in Polk County and was promoted to lead home care aide supervisor

J. Katherine Schroeder Hennessy (C'74) is in private practice as a therapist in Minneapolis, Minnesota and is the program director in a residential mental health treatment program in St. Paul.

Mike Klappholz (C'77) was installed as vice president for the Hawkeye Area Council, Boy Scouts of America for the year 2000

Barbara Lynch Kramer

(C'70) is the author of two new books that are being released by Enslow Publishers. Madeleine Albright: First Woman Secretary of State, was released in January 2000. Trailblazing American Women: First in Their Fields is a collective biography to be released in the summer of 2000. Both books are written for young adult readers.

Rev. Dale Lint (C'78) will serve as pastor of Zoar Presbyterian Church, located south of Little Rock, Iowa.

**Cindy Moroney Lyness** (C'75) general manager of MRI-

DayStar Staffing in Cedar Rapids has achieved Elite Pacesetters status. Lyness was also named 1999 National Billing Manager of the Year for Officemates5 Division.

#### 1980s

Douglas Drahn (C'81) has been appointed chief operating officer at Radiology Consultants of Iowa, PLC in Cedar Rapids. Amy Eldred (C'89) has a new position as a career & student support specialist for Kirkwood Community College in Cedar Rapids.

George Haan (C'87) is the assistant service manager for Cedar Rapids Toyota. Bob Hackney (C'81) was

named a January Pace Setter for Skogman Realty of Cedar Rapids. Hackney was also awarded the accredited buyer representation (ABR) designation by the Real Estate Buyer's Agent Council Inc. of the National Association of Realtors.

Karen Woodhouse Jahlas (C'84) has been elected to the board of directors of Alternative Services, Cedar Rapids. Trish Schlatter Job (C'88) has

been promoted to senior vice president of commercial banking at Brenton Bank, Cedar Rapids. Mary Kafer Klaus (C'88) is a software engineer at Lockheed Martin Aeronautics in Fort Worth, Texas where she works on F-16 flight displays. Klaus was previously employed at Rockwell Collins in Cedar Rapids, where she worked for 12 years.

Brent Long (C'87) was promoted to Lieutenant on the Cedar Rapids Police Department in December 1999.

Diana Lopata (C'87) is owner/ investigator for The Profile Company/Modern Investigative Solutions in Raleigh, North Carolina.

Maureen Ries McEvoy

(C'88) has been promoted to Nursing Supervisor at St. Luke's Hospital in Cedar Rapids. Dr. Jane Meyer (C'82) is the

director of education outreach for the NCAA in Indianapolis, Indiana.

Nancy Frieberg Penner

(C'81) is now a member of the firm of Shuttleworth & Ingersoll PLC in Cedar Rapids. Penner was also elected to the Witwer Senior Center board of directors

James Smothers (C'80) of Cedar Rapids was honored by United Parcel Service for completing 20 years of service with the company. Smothers, who is a delivery driver with UPS in northwest Cedar Rapids, was cited for his loyal service contributions to UPS.

Iames Stepanek (C'89) has been hired as shredder manager worldwide for the new Harris Shredder Division of Harris Press & Shear in Peachtree City, Georgia. Stepanek was previously with Svedala Industries Inc. in Cedar Rapids.

Barb Flagel Trujillo (C'86) is the past president/member of the board of directors for the Cedar Valley Chapter of the Public Relations Society of America.

#### 1990s

Jennifer Appleby (C'98) began working at HACAP in Iones County in September 1998 as a Head Start/FADSS family development specialist.

Mary Penning Campbell (C'94) is the accounts receivable administrator for the Treasurer's Office for the City of Cedar Rapids.

Mary Holmes Chmelicek (C'93) is one of several Coldwell

Banker Hedges Realtors who were recognized at the International Business Conference in Las Vegas for year end sales achievements. Chmelicek is a member of the Diamond Society (top 20 percent of more than 70,000 agents).

John Cull (C'95) is the distribution manager for Frontier Natural Products Co-op in Norway, Iowa.

Liz Keane Determan (C'94) was promoted to clubhouse manager at Dakota Dunes Country Club in Dakota Dunes, South Dakota.

Mary Hopper Doolittle

(C'98) has accepted a graduate school of social work internship with the Veteran's Administration in Johnson City, Tennessee.

Abby Nolan Elvidge (C'93) was promoted to senior human resources representative at the Quaker Oats Company in Cedar Rapids.

Kim Fensterman (C'91)

was inducted into Edgewood-Colesburg High School's Hall of Fame on February 11, 2000. Kim participated in golf and softball. She lettered 8 times in softball and 4 times in golf. Kim led her team to 3 straight conference championships and was the conference champion in each meet. She also led her team to 2 sectional championship titles where she was the individual champion. Kim was the individual champion meet medallist 34 times throughout her high school years and still owns the school record for best average with 43

Ruth Fleming (C'98) is the program manager for Adtrack Corporation in Cedar Rapids. Shawnda Chedester Garcia (C'92) is a sixth grade teacher and the varsity girls basketball coach at Holland Public Schools in Holland, Michigan.

# Class Notes

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Heather Douglas Gordon

(C'93) has joined Stamats Communications, Inc. in Cedar Rapids as a client coordinator, a supervisory position. Gordon was previously the production manager at Sign Language Custom Display in Cedar Rapids.

Kristi Maloy Gorton Hall (C'94) has become an ASCP board certified histologic technician. She is the histology supervisor in the hospital's pathology laboratory in Sheridan, Wyoming.

Norah Hammond (C'95) has been named staff development specialist at GC Services of Cedar Rapids. Hammond was previously employed at Collins Community Credit Union.

Linda Hildebrand (C'95) has joined NORDSTROM.com as a human resources representative. She was previously site administrator with Larson Service, Inc.

Timothy Larson (C'92) has been named loan officer at Community Savings Bank in Robins, Iowa.

Rene Lemon (C'97) is owner of The Clean Window Company in Newhall, Iowa. Lemon started her company in May 1999 and cleans windows in houses from the eastern edge of Marion, south to West Liberty, west to Blairstown and north to Dysart and Waterloo.

Beverly Hoffmann Long (C'90) is assistant vice president of finance at the main branch of Linn Area Credit Union in Cedar

Rapids.

Kathy Floyd Louvar (C'96) is one of several Coldwell Banker Hedges Realtors who were recognized at the International Business Conference in Las Vegas for year end sales achievements. Louvar is a member of the Diamond Society (top 20 percent of more than 70,000 agents).

**Laura Levandowski Loveless (C'99)** is director of the Linn County Medical Society in Cedar Rapids.

Joby McGowan (C'96) received The Gazette/Top of the Class Award the week of March 27, 2000. McGowan is a first grade teacher at Bowman Woods Elementary in Cedar Rapids. Joe Nolte (C'95) has been named director of development for the African American Historical Museum and Cultural Center of Iowa in Cedar Rapids. Nolte will manage and coordinate fund-raising activities for the museum throughout the state. Gregory Pratt (C'97) is a

Gregory Pratt (C'97) is a management trainee with First American Bank in Chicago, Illinois.

Lois Greenleaf Rude (C'97) was installed as president of the group, Business and Professional Women of Iowa in Des Moines on Saturday, May 6, 2000.

Scott Ryan (C'91) is the finance manager at Dodgetown USA in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

June Schulze (C'94) is a consultant for Bain & Company in Atlanta, Georgia.

Lisa Ralston Stephenson (C'95) joined the law firm of Moyer-Bergman, PLC as an associate attorney in January 2000. Stephenson previously served as a law clerk to Judge John A. Jarvey and Judge Michael J. Melloy in the United States District Court for the Northern District of Iowa. Audrey Tegeler (C'95) has

been promoted to on-site supervisor with Five Seasons Daycare at Nixon Elementary in Cedar Rapids. MMC

## Advanced Degrees 1970s

J. Katherine Schroeder
Hennessy (C'74) received a
doctorate in psychology from
the University of St. Thomas
in St. Paul, Minnesota in May
1999. Hennessy passed the licensure exam to become a licensed
psychologist in October 1999.
Pam Merfeld (C'84) received
a master of science degree in
business from Johns Hopkins
University in Baltimore,
Maryland on May 25, 2000.

#### 1990s

**Kathy Ryan Arnold (C'97)**passed the November 1999 CPA
Exam

Liz Keane Determan (C'94) received a master of arts degree in communication studies from the University of Northern Iowa in Cedar Falls, Iowa in December 1999.

**Kim Althaus Duncan (C'96)** passed the November 1999 CPA Fyam

Peggy Wivell Keefer (C'94) received a master of science degree in effective teaching, learning and leadership from Drake University in Des Moines, Iowa on May 14, 2000.

Christie Sniezek Marchan (C'99) passed the November 1999 CPA Exam.

Angela Yordi Newberry (C'99) passed the November 1999 CPA Exam.

June Schulze (C'94) received a master of business administration from Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania in May 2000.

Lisa Ralston Stephenson (C'95) received her juris doctorate degree from the University of Iowa College of Law in May of 1998. Dee Klostermann Tobin

(C'95) received a master of arts degree in teaching from Coe College in Cedar Rapids on May 21, 2000. MMC

#### Marriages

#### 1970s

Rhonda Bricker (C'79) to Kenneth Gammell, July 24, 1999.

Stephanie Chapel (C'97)

#### 1990s

Brian Helle, October 30, 1999. Coreen Davis (C'99) to Tracy Yousse, March 25, 2000. Scott Fruehling (C'91) to Stacia Arensdorf, April 9, 2000. Katherine Hammond (C'95) to Jason Sagness, April 15, 2000. Jennifer Heefner (C'96) to William Vandivier, March 18, 2000. Paige Klemetson (C'90) to Daniel Grossman, October 9, 1999. Julie Rasmussen (C'98) to Erik Larson, June 26, 1999. Amy Rathje (C'99) to Scott Bahmann, May 6, 2000.

#### **Births**

#### 1970s

**Deborah Gregan Lassise** (C'78) and Mark, a son, Nathan O'Rourke, January 25, 2000.

#### 1980s

susan Besich Edwards (C'87) and Steven, a son, Cole A., December 9, 1999.

Patricia Calvin Lehrman (C'87) and Daren, a son, Brady Laurence, December 13, 1999.

Malinda Dittberner Poduska (C'89) and David, a son, Ambrose David, March 12, 2000.

**Kathleen O'Connell Roseboom (C'88)** and Patrick, a son, Ryan Patrick, February 4, 2000.

#### 1990s

Dawn Holmes Bilden (C'96) and Casey, a son, Connor Sean, September 30, 1999.

Kristi Steinbronn Brownell (C'97) and Brad, a daughter, Jalyn Rose, January 13, 2000.

Lisa McAtee (Gibson) Davis (C'97) and Richard, a son, Richard (Richie) Edward Davis Jr., October 19, 1999.

Elizabeth Keane Determan (C'94) and Jon, a daughter, Alexandra Grace, December 20, 1999.

Dr. Sheila Ryan Fetters (C'90) and Michael, a daughter, Amanda Marie, January 26, 2000.

(C'95) and Patrick, a son, Patrick Charles Gorkow, Jr., April 18, 2000. Jennifer Monday Grieb (C'94) and Steven Grieb (C'93), a son, Maxwell Warren,

Stacie Baumler Gorkow

January 10, 2000.

Carol Rausch Hannan (C'90)
and Pat, a daughter, Cassandra
Ann, November 16, 1999.

Lori Spear Hannan (C'92)
and James Hannan (C'92), a
daughter, Kennedy Lynn,

Andrea Pettyjohn Henley (C'98) and Jamie, a son, Jaden Daniel, January 21, 2000. Vern Johnson (C'92) and Trisha, a daughter, Cortney Marie, January 6, 2000.

March 2, 2000.

Nikki Beaver Koenig (C'95) and Brad, a daughter, Tatum Rae, May 21, 1999. Heather Godfrey Lantz

Heather Godfrey Lantz (C'96) and Raymond, twin daughter, Emma Christine and twin son, Jonathan Thomas, December 23, 1999. Beverly Hoffman Long (C'90) and Brent Long (C'87), a son, Mitchell Ambrose, February 2, 2000.

Sue Clark Lowder (C'94) and Philip Lowder, Jr. (C'86), a son, Ethan Philip, December 7, 1999.

Joanne Nalley Nolte (C'96) and Joe Nolte (C'95), a son, Edward Leo, January 15, 2000. Susan Noonan Shedivy (C'95) and David, a son, Adam Joseph, February 27, 2000. Rachel Tiernan Tegeler (C'93) and David Tegeler

March 27, 2000.

Dee Klostermann Tobin
(C'95) and Chad, a daughter,
Hannah Ann, December 30,

(C'92), a son, Jared Michael,

Stacey Wessels Welling (C'95) and Pete, a daughter, Maddison Reece, November 26, 1999

Cindy Schrader Wilson (C'97) and William, a son, Halas William, December 4, 1999. MMC

#### **Adoptions**

Paula Overend (C'86), a daughter, Emily Frances Menglan, February 16, 1999. The adoption took place on December 8, 1999. Emily was adopted from China. MMC

#### Deaths 1920s

Esther Lundine (RN'25), March 23, 2000. Rose Hartl Nederhiser (RN'23), February 8, 2000.

#### 1930s

Mary McSweeney Arnold (RN'30), January, 2000. Sister Mary Constance Murray (JC'31), February 25, 2000. Catherine Cox Willard (RN'39), December 30, 1999.

#### 1940s

Charlotte Tanke Bean (RN'45), February 24, 2000. Elizabeth "Betty" Jane Paterson (CM'40), February 29, 2000.

#### 1950s

Mary Phyllis Monaghan (JC'50), February 21, 2000.

#### 1960s

Cynthia Hughes Smith (C'61), March 28, 2000.

#### 1970s

Lester Noble (C'75), February 20, 2000.

#### 1990s

Faye Clark Ohrt (C'91), February 18, 2000.

#### **Heritage Club Dinner**



Mount Mercy held its 13th annual Heritage Club Dinner in May. The Heritage Club recognizes and honors those persons who have contributed to the future financial stability of Mount Mercy College by making a gift in one or more ways. Pictured above (from left to right) are: Catherine and Dr. James Manville and Maxine Welch.

# Fall Events

#### September

Founders' Day Convocation

Wednesday, September 13, 2000 3:00 p.m. Chapel of Mercy

#### Chris Offutt—Author, Reading and Lecture

Wednesday, September 20, 2000
10:00 a.m., 12:00 p.m., 7:30 p.m.

Chris Offiut, visiting professor at The University of Iowa Writer's Workshop, is the author of Out of the Woods, The Good Brother, The Same River Twice and Kentucky Straight. He won the Whiting Writer's Award for fiction and non-fiction and a Guggenheim Fellowship for fiction in 1996.

#### **October**

#### Rosario Andino-Concert

Friday, October 6, 2000
7:30 p.m. Stello Performance Hall
Cuban pianist Rosario Andino has toured
throughout Europe, Mexico and the United States
performing classical piano repertoire, and has won
the Music Critics Circle Prize in Cuba as well as
the Pittsburgh Society of Musical Arts Prize.

#### Rosario Andino-Master class

Saturday, October 7, 2000 12:30 p.m. Stello Performance Hall

#### Reunions 2000

Saturday, October 7, 2000 Reunions 2000 will be held on the Mount Mercy campus on Saturday, October 7. Honored classes for the Recognition Luncheon include the classes of '50, '55, '60, '65, '70, '75, '80, '85, '90, and '95. Alumni who graduated before 1950 will also be recognized. See Alumni News for reunion schedule.

### Sidney Callahan—Author Aquinas Lecture

Monday, October 16, 2000
7:00 p.m., Chapel of Mercy
Sidney Callahan is an author, lecturer, practicing
psychologist and professor is the winner of the
Notre Dame Catholic of the Year award. She will
speak about her book All Our Heart and Mind: The
Spiritual Works of Mercy in a Psychological Age.

#### **November**

"Celebrating Diversity: Iranian-American Heritage" is a series of programs including two lectures, an art exhibit and reception, three films followed by panel discussions and participation in the

## Dr. Mohammad Chaichian—Lecture "Post Revolutionary Iran"

Wednesday, November 1, 2000 3:30 p.m., Cherry Heritage Hall

#### "Gabbeh"—Film

Multicultural Fair.

Wednesday, November 1, 2000 7:30 p.m., Busse View Room Panel discussion to follow with Mount Mercy faculty members: Dr. Mohammad Chaichian, professor of sociology; Dr. Jim Grove, professor of English; Dr. Mary Vermillion, assistant professor of English.

#### Iranian Tile Art Gallery—Exhibit

November 5—17, 2000 Mount Mercy McAuley Gallery

### Jafar Moghadam—Lecture "Iran's Contribution to Islamic Art"

Monday, November 6, 2000 7:30 p.m., Cherry Heritage Hall 8:45 p.m., Reception in the McAuley Gallery

#### "The Apple"—Film

Wednesday, November 8, 2000 7:30 p.m., Busse Viewing Room Panel discussion to follow with Mount Mercy faculty members: Dr. Mohammad Chaichian, professor of sociology; Dr. Jim Grove, professor of English; Dr. Mary Vermillion, assistant professor of English.

## Multicultural Fair—Highlighting Iranian Culture and Cuisine

Thursday, November 9, 2000 6:00 p.m., Cherry Heritage Hall

#### "Children of Heaven"—Film

Wednesday, November 15, 2000 7:30 p.m., Busse Viewing Room Panel discussion to follow with Mount Mercy faculty members: Dr. Mohammad Chaichian, professor of sociology; Dr. Jim Grove, professor of English; Dr. Mary Vermillion, assistant professor of English.

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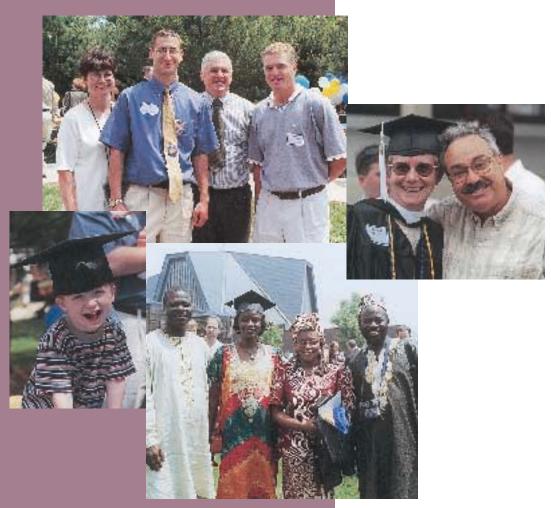
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