Hello, Mount Community!

I am excited to share our first edition of *Out of the Shelves* with you. I hope that this new newsletter will help bring some of the Mount’s greatest archival treasures “out of the shelves” and to you. This bi-monthly newsletter will contain stories of Mount history, features on some of the gems of our collection, as well as events and happenings in the archives and library.

The Rhoads Memorial Archives is currently located on the lower level of Phillips Library and is named for Paul Rhoads, C’40, whose generous gift helped to establish the archives. Our facilities include archival storage in the compact shelving, as well as a research room.

You can find my bio on page three, and my desk is located on the main floor by the elevators. Please, stop in and see me. I am happy to give tours of the archives and assist with any research needs.

*Jessica Whitmore*
The excitement of the Rio Olympics Games is right around the corner! The Olympic Games have often been a source of Mount pride.

Six Mountaineers competed in the 1984 games in Los Angeles, California. Brothers Charles and Kip Cheruiyot competed for Kenya in the 5,000 meters and 1,500 meters, respectively. David Lishebo ran the 400 meters for Zambia, while Fred Owusu also competed in the race for Ghana. Rounding out the Mount’s presence in Los Angeles were decathletes Bill Motti, France, and Trond Skramstad, Norway.

The 1988 games in Seoul, South Korea saw a strong Mountaineer presence as well. The Cheruiyot twins were back in action in their respective races. Kip finished seventh overall in the 1500 meters (3:37.94) while Charles came in tenth in the 5,000 meters (13:38.44). Keeping in the Mount’s strong decathlete tradition, Carlos O’Connell representing Ireland, and Georg Werthner representing Austria, also competed. O’Conell finished twenty-ninth overall (7,310 points) while Werthner finished twenty-first (7,753). The 1988 games marked Werthner’s fourth trip to the Olympics after he also competed in 1976, 1980, 1984.

However, the highlight of the games was then sophomore Peter Rono taking home the gold medal for Kenya in the 1500 meters with a 3:35.96.

The 1992 games in Barcelona saw the Olympic return of Bill Motti in the decathlon. Additionally, Cliff Wong traveled to the 1996 games in Atlanta as part of Guyanese 4x400 meter relay.

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**Common Archives Myths – Debunked!**

**Myth 1: The archives is just a bunch of old documents.**
False! The Mount Archives not only includes manuscripts but also photographs, film, textiles, paintings, stained glass, sculptures, ecclesiastical artifacts, and furniture—just to name a few! Each unique item helps us to learn more about the history and identity of Mount St. Mary’s, Frederick Co., or the American Catholic Church.

**Myth 2: The archives room is locked and thus inaccessible to students and faculty.**
False! We must keep the archives study room locked to ensure the proper preservation and security of the collection. However, the study room is designed to be an archival research facility. We are happy to open the archives and assist researchers.

**Myth 3: Only history courses can benefit from archival materials.**
False! The Mount archives contain a vast assortment of resources that can be applied across many departments and schools. In fact, history courses accounted for only one-third of the courses, which used the archives last year.

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Mount Olympians continued:

The Mount’s most recent Olympian was Dita Krumberga, who competed on women’s basketball team for Latvia in the 2008 games in Beijing, China.

Other Mountaineers at the Olympic Games included Mount Head Coach Jim Deegan and Frank Zarnowski, a Mount professor who commentated for NBC.

Harry Mara, C’69, will be in Rio coaching Olympic decathlete Ashton Eaton and his wife, heptathlele Briannne Theisen-Eaton. Mara was also with Eaton in London for the 2012 games when he won Olympic Gold.

While the athletes are competing in Rio from August 5-21, stayed tuned to the Rhoads Memorial Archives Facebook page for more photos and details about our Mount Olympians!

Library Tailgate
Monday, September 12
10:00-4:00

Stop by Phillips Library to learn more about library services and show you Mount Athletics pride! Raffles and prizes throughout the day!

#MSMULibraryTailgate2016

Look for our Oct/Nov edition featuring:

- American Archives month!
- Meet our Interns!
- Mount Presidential Connections!

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