Guide to the

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ADMINISTRATIVE HISTORY

Mount Saint Mary's alumni have always been a significant force at the institution, taking a keen interest in their alma mater and providing in turn vital financial support and other assistance as needed. The audience for the published issues of The Mountaineer, first printed in 1893, included alumni as well as students, and much of the journal was devoted to alumni news. Publication of The Mountaineer lapsed in 1922, and for several years the primary source for alumni news was the student newspaper, The Mountain Echo, which began publication in 1923. Alumni-oriented publications were launched after this time primarily in conjunction with fundraising drives. One example is The Mountain, produced around 1929, which discreetly solicits contributions to the endowment fund. In 1949, the Mount launched The Sesquicentennial, with an appeal from Msgr. Hugh Phillips to the alumni to raise $500,000 before the 150th anniversary celebration of the establishment of the College and Seminary in 1808. In 1951, The Sesquicentennial was succeeded by The Mount Alumnus. The Mountaineer Briefing, a new publication geared toward the alumni, was published in 1973, and shared the format of The Mount Alumnus until October 1974, when the two journals were combined to form Mount Saint Mary's Briefing and Mount Alumnus. In 1979 its name was changed to Mount Saint Mary's Mountaineer Briefing. Publication of an alumni-related newsletter was suspended during the budget crises of the early 1990s, but resumed in 1992. In 1998, the name was changed once again to the Mount Briefing, and then in 2000 to the Mount Magazine.

From 1976 to 1978, The Mountaineer was briefly resurrected, and The Mount Benefactor came out in the spring of 1992, in the midst of fundraising and renovation drives.

PROVENANCE

Unknown. Recent copies of each Mountain Briefing and Mount Magazine have been supplied by the Public Relations Office of Mount Saint Mary's.

PROCESSING NOTE

Unbound issues were housed in acid-free folders and stored in chronological order inside acid-free boxes.
SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

This collection consists of both scattered unbound issues and issues that have been bound for reference. Unbound copies comprise 2.25 linear feet, and the entire collection dates from circa 1929 and from 1949 to 2004. Items in this collection include publications launched to provide news of interest to the alumni and to solicit their time and support. Alumni directories can also be found in this collection.

The publications are arranged into the following series:

Series I: The Mountain
Series II: Sesquisentinell
Series III: The Mount Alumnus
Subseries 1: The Mount Alumnus
Subseries 2: Index
Series IV: The Mountain Briefing
Series V: The Mountaineer
Series VI: The Mount Benefactor
Series VII: The Mount Magazine
Series VIII: Alumni Directories.

SERIES DESCRIPTIONS

Series I: The Mountain, c. 1929, n.d. (2 folders)
This series consists of two booklets describing the college and illustrating the text with several photographs. One of these prospectuses contains an appeal for contributions to the newly created endowment fund, describes the physical status of the campus as well as the financial status of the college, and explains the needs for expansion and improvement. It also briefly sketches the lives and contributions of several alumni.

The undated booklet is placed after the endowment appeal issued around 1929.

Series II: Sesquisentinell, 1949-1951
This series contains bound volumes only of the Sesquisentinell, which was published between March 1949 and April 1951. The first issue includes an account by Msgr. Hugh Phillips of the fundraising campaign launched by the alumni in 1947 and an appeal for support. In anticipation of the celebration of the 150th anniversary of the founding of Mount Saint Mary’s, the alumni voted to revive the Loyalty Fund and selected Msgr. Phillips to head it. Their goal was to raise $500,000 before 1958. A prospectus was sent out, and the Sesquisentennial was created as a vehicle to keep the alumni informed about the progress of the campaign and the activities of their
alma mater and peers.

The issues were bound together into three volumes and arranged chronologically. There are at least two copies of each issue.

Series III: The Mount Alumnus, 1951-1979 (.15 ft.)
The first issue of The Mount Alumnus is dated Winter 1951, and supercedes the Sesquicentennial, which ceased publication earlier that year. Although one of its goals was to keep the alumni informed about the progress of the fundraising campaign for the building program, the new publication was intended to cement further the bond between the college and its alumni; to convey information about the activities and progress of the school, the students, and the alumni; and to solicit the participation, interest, and support of its graduates. Msgr. Hugh J. Phillips was the first editor and served as well as secretary of the National Alumni Association, which published the newsletter. The Alumnus contained alumni news and information from alumni chapters, and served as a conduit between the alumni and the Lay Advisory Board, which was sponsoring the campaign to raise money for a library building, a science hall, a new wing for the Seminary, and wings for the Memorial Gymnasium.

This series has been arranged into two subseries: The Mount Alumnus, and Index.

Subseries 1: The Mount Alumnus, 1951-1979 (.15 ft.)
This subseries consists of bound issues of the publication and both bound and unbound duplicates, which have been arranged in chronological order.

Subseries 2: Index, n.d. (1 folder)
This series consists of a table of contents to the first ten volumes of The Mount Alumnus.

Series IV: The Mountain Briefing, 1968-2000 (1.95 ft.)
In 1968, governance of the College was transferred from a clerical body to a Board of Trustees, and a new publication was launched “to project a true image of our college to the many thousands of folks who are interested and involved in its future...’BRIEFING’ is herewith dedicated to reflecting this change, in a manner that represents neither sham nor self-deception.” (Mount Saint Mary’s Briefing, No. 1, November 1968)

From 1972 to 1974, issues of the The Mount Alumnus were inserted into issues of the Briefing, but separate identities were maintained through the use of color and page numbering. However, in October 1974 the two publications were combined into the Mount Saint Mary's Briefing and Mount Alumnus. The initial issues were numbered consecutively or not at all, and some later issues are not dated. In October 1974 the combined publication took over the numbering of the original Mount Alumnus. The purpose of this reborn publication was to provide a venue for news about the college and its students, faculty, and alumni, and to serve as a conduit for alumni news
and participation in the college community. In 1979, the name was changed to The Mountaineer Briefing, shortened in 1998 to The Mount Briefing.

Publication was suspended during the financial crises of the early 1990s, but resumed in 1992.

This series contains a set of issues which have been bound for reference, and unbound copies dating from 1972 to 2000, which have been arranged in chronological order. A few issues published during the 1990s may be missing, and two issues (Special Edition: The New Rector, 1988, and Winter 1989) were not bound.

Most of the issues of this publication are in a newspaper format. The first issue was printed in October 1976 to cement "in a more vital bond of membership, the members of our alumni." (Vol. I, No. 1) The last issue in the collection is Vol. II, No. 4, published in July 1978. Vol. II, No. 3, is missing.

The extant issues were bound in chronological order into two volumes with some duplication.

Series VI: The Mount Benefactor, 1990-1993 (1 ft.)
This newsletter was published between 1990 and 1993 to spotlight "fundraising and other development activities at Mount Saint Mary's." (Letter from President Robert J. Wickenheiser, Vol. I, No. 1, Spring 1990).

The newsletters from 1990 to 1992 were bound in chronological order for reference. There is also a duplicate set. The loose copies are arranged in reverse chronological order.

Series VII: The Mount Magazine, 2000-2004 (0.15 ft.)
When the Public Relations Office was reorganized in 2000 to focus and centralize communications, the name of the alumni publication was also changed to reflect the mission of the new Office of Communications. A greater emphasis was placed on publications and the mission and goals of the College.

One set was bound in chronological order for reference. Unbound issues are arranged in chronological order.

Series VIII: Alumni Directories, 1980-2004
This series contains a copy of each alumni directory compiled by the Alumni office: 1980, 1983, 1989 (3 copies), 1996 (3 copies), and 2004 (2 copies).
BOX INVENTORY

Box 1

Series I: *The Mountain*

The Mountain, c. 1929
The Mountain, n.d.

Series III: *The Mount Alumnus*

Subseries I: *Mount Alumnus*

| Mount Alumnus | Vol. III, No. 2, Summer 1954 |
|              | Vol. III, No. 4, Winter 1954 (2 copies) |
|              | Vol. IV, No. 3, Autumn 1955 (2 copies) |
|              | Vol. 5, No. 3, Autumn 1956 |
|              | Vol. V, No. 4, Winter 1957 |
|              | Vol. 8, No. 1, Spring 1959 |
|              | Vol. IX, No. 4, Summer 1961 |
|              | Vol. X, No. 1, Autumn 1961 |
|              | Vol. X, No. 3, Spring 1962 |
|              | Vol. XI, No. 1, Winter 1963 |
|              | Vol. XII, No. 1, December 1963 |
|              | Vol. XII, No. 2, May 1964 |
|              | Vol. XII, No. 4, September 1964 |
|              | Vol. XIII, No. 2, April 1965 (2 copies) |
|              | Vol. XIII, No. 4, October 1965 |
|              | Vol. XIV, No. 4, October 1966 |
|              | Vol. XV, No. 3, Commencement Issue, July 1967 |
|              | Vol. 25, No. 2, November 1976 |
|              | Vol. 27, No. 4, May 1979 |
|              | Vol. 28, No. 1, Summer 1979 |

Subseries 2: *Index*

List of Contents to Vols. I-X

Series IV: *The Mountain Briefing*

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Mount Saint Mary’s Briefing October 1972
October 1973 (2 copies)
February 1974
April 1974 (2 copies)
July 1974
Vol. 23, No. 1, October 1974 (2 copies)
Vol. 23, No. 2, December 1974
Vol. 23, No. 3, February 1975
Vol. 23, No. 4, April 1975 (2 copies)
Vol. 24, No. 1, August 1975

Mount Saint Mary’s Briefing and Mount Alumni
Vol. 24, No. 2, November 1975
Vol. 24, No. 3, February 1976 (2 copies)
Vol. 24, No. 4, May 1976 (2 copies)
Vol. 25, No. 1, August 1976 (2 copies)
Vol. 25, No. 2, November 1976 (2 copies)
Vol. 25, No. 3, February 1977
Vol. 25, No. 4, May 1977 (2 copies)
Vol. 26, No. 1, August 1977 (2 copies)
Vol. 26, No. 2, November 1977
Vol. 26, No. 3, February 1978
Vol. 26, No. 4, May 1978
Vol. 27, No. 1, August 1978 (2 copies)
Vol. 27, No. 2, November 1978 (2 copies)
Vol. 27, No. 3, February 1979
Vol. 27, No. 4, May 1979 (2 copies)

Mountaineer Briefing
Vol. 28, No. 1, Summer 1979
Vol. 28, No. 2, Winter 1979 (2 copies)

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Mountaineer Briefing
Vol. 28, No. 3, Winter 1980 (2 copies)
Vol. 28, No. 4, Spring 1980 (2 copies)
Vol. 29, No. 1, Summer 1980 (2 Copies)
Vol. 29, No. 2, Fall 1980 (2 copies)
Vol. 29, No. 3, Winter 1981 (2 copies)
Vol. 29, No. 4, Spring 1981 (2 copies)
Vol. 30, No. 1, Summer 1981 (2 copies)
Vol. 30, No. 2, Fall 1981 (2 copies)
Vol. 30, No. 3, Winter 1982 (2 copies)
Vol. 30, No. 4, Spring 1982
Vol. 31, No. 1, Summer 1982
Vol. 31, No. 2, Fall 1982
Vol. 31, No. 3, Winter 1983 (2 copies)
Vol. 31, No. 4, Spring 1983
Vol. 32, No. 1, Summer 1983
Vol. 32, No. 2, Fall 1983 (2 copies)
Vol. 32, No. 3, Winter 1984
Vol. 32, No. 4, Spring 1984
Vol. 33, No. 1, Summer 1984 (2 copies)
Vol. 33, No. 2, Winter 1985
Vol. 33, No. 3, Spring 1985
Vol. 33, No. 4, Summer 1985 (2 copies)
Winter 1985/1986 (2 copies)
Summer 1986 (2 copies)

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Mountaineer Briefing Fall 1986 (2 copies)
Winter 1986 (2 copies)
Annual Report 1986/1987 (2 copies)
Spring 1987 (2 copies)
Commencement 1987 (2 copies)
Fall 1987 (2 copies)
Winter 1987/1988 (2 copies)
Spring 1988 (2 copies)
Commencement 1988 (2 copies)
Summer 1988 (2 copies)
Vol. 37, No. 1, Fall 1988 (2 copies)
Special Edition: The New Rector, 1988 (3 copies)
Winter 1989 (3 copies)
Spring 1989 (2 copies)
Commencement 1989 (2 copies)
Fall 1989 (2 copies)
Winter 1990 (2 copies)
Spring 1990 (2 copies)
Commencement 1990 (2 copies)
Winter 1990 (2 copies)

Box 4

Mountaineer Briefing Fall 1990
Spring 1991 (2 copies)
Commencement 1991 (2 copies)
Vol. 40 No. 2, 1992 (2 copies)
Vol. 41, No. 1, Spring 1993 (2 copies)
Vol. 41, No. 2, Fall 1993 (2 copies)
Vol. 42, No. 1, Summer 1994 (2 copies)
Vol. 43, No. 1, Spring 1996
Vol. 43, No. 2, Fall 1996 (2 copies)
Vol. 43, No. 3, Spring 1997 (2 copies)
Vol. 43, No. 4, Commencement 1997 (2 copies)
Fall 1997 (2 copies)

Mount Briefing
Donor Issue, Winter 1998 (2 copies)
Spring 1998 (2 copies)
Summer/Fall 1998
Fall/Winter 1998
Winter 1998/99 (2 copies)
Spring 1999 (2 copies)
Summer 1999 (2 copies)
Fall 1999 (2 copies)
Winter 2000 (2 copies)

Box 5

Series VI: The Mount Benefactor

Mount Benefactor
Vol. I, No. 1, Spring 1990
Vol. II, No. 1, March 1991
Vol. III, No. 1, Spring 1992
Vol. IV, No. 1, Summer 1993 (3 copies)

Box 6

Mount Briefing
Summer 2000 (2 copies)
Commencement/Reunion 2000 (2 copies)

Series VII: The Mount Magazine

Mount Magazine
Fall 2000 (2 copies)
Winter 2001 (2 copies)
Spring 2001 (2 copies)
Summer 2001 (2 copies)
Fall 2001 (2 copies)
Winter 2002 (2 copies)
Spring 2002 (2 copies)
Summer 2002 (2 copies)
Fall 2002 (2 copies)
Spring 2003 (2 copies)
Summer 2003 (2 copies)
Fall 2003 (2 copies)
Spring 2004 (2 copies)
Alumni Files (interfiled)

Campbell, Kenneth J. (Faculty)
Carty, Sister Clare O.S.F. --alum--
Castillo, Leonel J. (Dubois Medal recipient) --alum--
Caylor, Lawrence (Faculty)
Clark, John M. (Faculty)

PR Files

Box 1
Campus News
Coqkley, Fr. Paul
Tribute to Phelan Couching Chair 9/00
Admissions-Student Life Piece 3/01
Mount Athletics Piece-Quick Facts '00
Sports Media Guides-W-LAX '01, Softball '01; M-Soccer '01, Golf '01
Admissions-Jr. Piece 6/01