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Message from the President David J. Fike

On November 26th, Marygrove students had the type of real-life experience that defines an urban education—a Marygrove education.



Seven political science and social justice students and their professors witnessed the U.S. Conference of Mayors National Forum on Homeownership Preservation and Foreclosures at which this country's residential foreclosure crisis was discussed with bankers and community leaders and where recommendations were made. Marygrove was the only school invited to this closed meeting. The meeting was closed to the public because the mayors wanted to encourage candid dialog between the bankers, mortgage bankers

and big-city mayors to identify solutions.

We had been working with Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick's office for several months to plan this critical meeting in Detroit as it affects so many lives in our city and the metropolitan area. Our vision of Urban Leadership involves preparing our students for leadership roles in the urban community. What better way to prepare than in an urban laboratory!

Professors Tal Levy and Cynthia Blasses asked their students to reflect on what they had witnessed, how it affected their education and their lives. Here is what Social Justice Graduate Student Addie Bonner said. "The conference was a frank discussion between Big City Mayors, representatives from major financial institutions, and non-profit and counseling entities concerning the foreclosure crisis and its economic implications.

"I was surprised to learn that approximately 50% of homeowners who experience a foreclosure do not contact the lender prior to the foreclosure to attempt to make arrangements. The problem of home foreclosures is not just affecting low income and urban areas. Sub-prime mortgages have caused widespread property loss, which affects the property values of homes in areas surrounding foreclosed homes. I learned that home values suffer a 1.5% loss within a 1/8-mile area of a foreclosed home. So, foreclosures affect us all. It was an experience I will never forget."

Marygrove College's ability to work with the Detroit administration to bring this idea of a conference on a critical issue like foreclosures speaks to our College's institutional leadership, another hallmark of our vision of Urban Leadership.

I want to thank students John Smith, Addie Bonner, Annie Sumareh, Chantell Coyour, Delphine Reed, Henry Roberson and Carl Farrington for well representing Marygrove College. In addition, they were able spokespeople for Fox 2 News and the *Michigan Citizen* newspaper in describing the impact of their experience articulately and cogently. They will be sharing their reflections at the March 2008 Academic Symposium titled "Responding to the Urban Crisis."

This is Urban Leadership in action.

Support for Marygrove Stronger than Ever!

The Marygrove legacy is one of lifelong learning, critical thinking and social justice. Our ideals of competence, compassion and commitment, which transcend time, live on through what we teach today's students, certainly, and in how we teach. And they compel friends of Marygrove to invest in its future.

Recently, Marygrove College has received some of the largest single gifts from individuals, families and classes in its 80 years in Detroit. These major gifts have come from our alumni who want to guarantee that the Marygrove legacy continues. We'd like to acknowledge and recognize these special gifts and donors.

Class of 1967

100 for 100: Leaders Supporting Leaders

The Class of 1967, in honor of their 40th reunion in September 2007, undertook the first of its kind reunion campaign in an attempt to raise \$100,000 to endow the Urban Leader Scholarship, an integral component of the newly introduced Young Urban Leaders Fellowship Program. Virginia Burdick Skinner '67, chair of the 19-member leadership committee, explained why her class embraced this campaign. "We acknowledge the need now more than ever for urban leaders with competence, compassion and commitment, ideals that are hallmarks of a Marygrove education. We feel that extending this opportunity for such an education is a legacy that says the Class of 1967 treasures what the College gave us and is a way in which we can support the initiatives of the College today. We hope this campaign inspires future reunion classes to do their part to support Marygrove." To date, the Class of 1967 has secured donations and pledges totaling \$104,500!

Patricia Fleming Donaldson '51 The J. Bruce and Patricia Fleming Donaldson Scholarship

The week following Dr. David Fike's inauguration in May, Patricia Fleming Donaldson '51 made an appointment with President Fike and presented him with a check for \$100,000. She requested that the money be used to establish an endowed scholarship for a prospective or current Christian student who has the potential to succeed but needs a little financial help to do so. In the letter that accompanied

the check, Patricia stated, "For the past six years, I have been increasingly active at Marygrove after a disappointing experience twenty-five years ago. I am impressed with the good things that are happening here. I must confess some skepticism—wary of the changes since the venerable Class of '51 departed. To my delight I find a vibrant college excelling in its mission, albeit a different one than in 'olden days'.

"One specific incident triggers this gift. I was at a function at Marygrove with my sister, Sister Suzanne Fleming '57, and two young women, one of whom had received a scholarship in my sister's honor, came to our table. Both thanked us for supporting Marygrove and helping to make their ambitions reality. One said words to the effect: Marygrove was the only place that would look behind my ACT score and assess my capabilities in the light of my life experiences. The other young woman was equally enthusiastic about her education and how well it prepared her for the work she was doing. At each event I attend at Marygrove, I seek out present and past students, and all, including several young men who were in your teaching program, regard Marygrove as a significant, if not THE significant factor in their present successes. I was impressed with these young people and want to participate in this work."

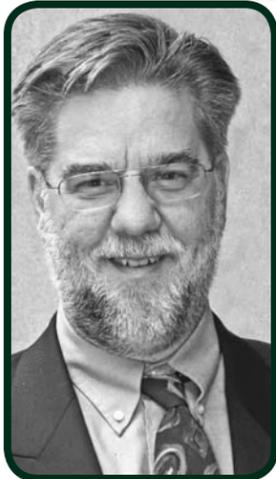
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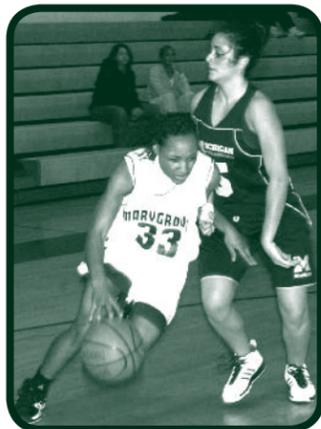
Go Mustangs!

How about those Mustangs! Last March, Marygrove College's men's and women's basketball teams played in the Final Four of the USCAA's 2007 National Basketball Tournaments. It was an exciting time for the student-athletes and coaches because both teams traveled together to Tulsa, Oklahoma, to compete against schools from around the country for a national title. Both teams were within one game of playing for a National Championship. Unfortunately, neither Mustang team advanced to the championship game in their division, but the experience that our student-athletes received will be remembered for the rest of their lives.

This year the opportunity for our student-athletes to compete on a larger national stage has become greater as 2007-08 will be Marygrove's first as a member of the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics, more commonly known as the NAIA (www.naia.org). The NAIA is the oldest national athletic association and consists of nearly 300 member institutions from the U.S. and Canada. The move to the larger NAIA not only provides a bigger stage for our student-athletes, it will benefit the entire institution in the areas of recruiting, retention and overall exposure. It will also align Marygrove athletically with other in-state intercollegiate athletic programs such as Madonna University, Siena Heights and the University of Michigan-Dearborn.



Dave Sichterman, Marygrove's Director of Athletics, Wellness & Recreation, saw the NAIA as a perfect fit for the College. A big draw to the NAIA for Dave and Marygrove's leaders was the NAIA's Champions of Character program. The NAIA has a mission to change the culture of sports in our society. Champions of Character promotes a culture of character and leadership development by stressing five core values: Respect, Responsibility, Integrity, Servant Leadership and Sportsmanship. These values echo the mission of the Mustang Athletic Program and are congruent with Marygrove's mission of teaching through the values of competence, commitment and compassion. Marygrove hopes to establish a Champions of Character Center on campus that will serve as a leadership development resource location for metro Detroit.



The College's commitment to the Mustang Athletic Program doesn't stop with the NAIA membership! As early as fall of 2008 we'll see Mustang student-athletes competing in men's soccer, women's volleyball, and men's and women's cross country, with other sports expected to follow.

The Alumni Association proudly supports the athletic program by donating a portion of the proceeds from the Alumni and Friends Golf Scramble to the Mustang program. I'd like to encourage each of you to personally show your Mustang spirit by purchasing Mustang apparel from the College bookstore, attending Mustang games and following the teams' progress in the newspaper or online at www.marygrove.edu/athletics. Go Mustangs!

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Award-Winning Science Fiction Author to Deliver Bauder Lecture

Umberto Eco considers him a "fascinating writer . . . who has invented a new style." *Galaxy Magazine* considers him "the best science fiction writer in the world." *The Nation* calls him "brilliant, driven, prolific" and says that he "has a fearsomely stocked intellect, and a wider range of experience than most writers can even imagine."

The Marygrove College English and Modern Languages Department proudly announces that **Samuel R. Delany** will be the twentieth visiting author in its Contemporary American Authors Lecture Series. The second author of science fiction to participate in the series—the first was the late Octavia Butler in 1994—the tireless Delany has written nearly fifty book-length works: novels, short stories, essays, memoirs, and literary criticism. **He will deliver the Lillian and Donald Bauder Lecture on Friday, April 11, 2008, at 8 p.m. in the Madame Cadillac Building's Alumnae Hall.**

Delany uses the distant times and places in which he

sets his work as opportunities to comment on issues he considers important in our own time. He writes frequently of people who challenge conventional values and accepted patterns of behavior, and he explores the nature of change and the ways that change occurs. His works themselves reflect these themes by challenging common assumptions about language, structure, and genre.

Samuel R. Delany grew up in Harlem and began his career as novelist at age nineteen. By the time he was twenty-five (1967), he had published nine novels and had won two Nebula Awards, given to the year's best works of science fiction. Since then, he has continued to produce groundbreaking science fiction and fantasy. Major works include novels *Babel-17* (1966); *The Einstein Intersection* (1967); *Nova* (1968); the trilogy *The Fall of the Towers* (1970); *Dhalgren* (1975); *Triton* (1976); a series of fantasy novels, *Return to Neveryon* (1979-87); *Stars in My Pocket Like Grains of Sand* (1984), *Equinox* (1994), and *Phallos* (2004). He has two collections of short stories, *Driftglass: Ten Tales of Speculative Fiction* (1971) and *Aye, and Gomorrah: Stories* (2003), which includes the stories of the earlier volume. His nonfiction includes critical essays about literature and about language, sexuality, and race—among a wide range of other subjects. In addition to four Nebula Awards, Delany has twice received the Hugo

Award for science fiction, the Science Fiction Research Association's Pilgrim Award for Excellence, and the William Whitehead Memorial Award for Lifetime Achievement for Gay and Lesbian Literature. He has also been elected to the Science Fiction Hall of Fame.

Delany has taught at a number of universities, including the University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee; SUNY Buffalo; Cornell University; the University of Michigan; and the University of Massachusetts, Amherst. Since 2001, he has been professor of English and creative writing at Temple University in Philadelphia.

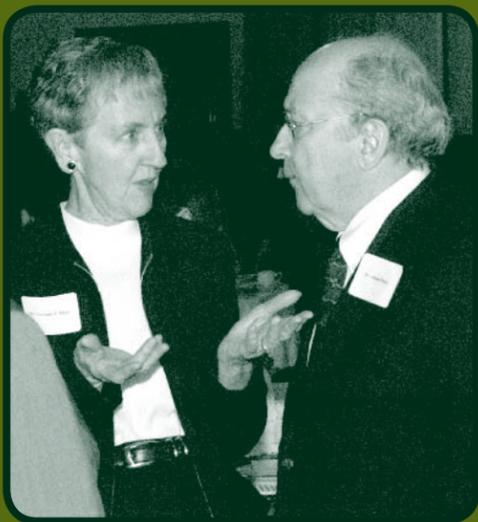
Jane Branham Weedman, author of one of four book-length studies of Delany's work, has written, "Few writers approach the lyricism, the command of language, the powerful combination of style and content that distinguishes Delany's works." She adds, "Few writers... so successfully create works which make us question ourselves, our actions, our beliefs, and our society as Delany has helped us do."

For more information about Samuel R. Delany and his April 11th visit to Marygrove, **please visit the Contemporary American Authors Lecture Series website at http://www.marygrove.edu/contemporary_american_authors/ or call 313.927.1383.**

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Veronica and Charles Pelzer Sr. Rita Killeen, IHM Endowed Scholarship

Veronica Pelzer '54, a school psychologist, and her husband Charles were captured by the mission of



Marygrove from the start. Last May they attended the presidential inauguration of Dr. Fike and experienced the College at its best. They were quite impressed with the relationship between faculty and students, the commitment to the city of Detroit and to Catholic values. Charles, a human molecular geneticist, participated in the inauguration's academic procession as the representative from Saginaw Valley State University where he is a professor in the Biology department. They were so taken by the possibilities that the College offers that they wanted their daughter Mary Beth to visit the campus. Last July when she was here from New York City

where she practices law, Alumni Giving and Program Coordinator Marianne Gaynor, IHM, and Sally Janecek, Dean of Enrollment, gave Mary Beth and her parents a tour of Marygrove and they had an opportunity to see the day-to-day workings of the College. The tour culminated in a visit with Dr. Fike, at which time the Pelzer's indicated that they would contribute a gift of a \$100,000 for an endowed scholarship. The Sr. Rita Killeen, IHM Endowed Scholarship was named in memory of Veronica's sister. Sr. Rita had a passion for education and the city of Detroit. It seemed only fitting to honor her memory with this gift. A junior and a senior who have been accepted into the teacher education program will each receive a \$3,000 scholarship. The recipients will maintain a 2.7 grade point average and contribute 15 hours in an educational service project benefiting urban education, which will culminate with a presentation at the annual Marygrove Student Teaching Gala about how their project met the challenges of educating in an urban setting.

Paulette Balich '70 Marygrove Board of Trustee Challenge

In fall 2007, alumna and trustee Paulette Balich announced a \$50,000 challenge gift. Paulette and her husband agreed to match up to \$50,000 donations made by members of the Marygrove College Board of Trustees from July 1, 2006, through June 30, 2008.



Paulette remarked “Marygrove has always been very important to me. I graduated from Marygrove. I was married in the Chapel. I had my wedding reception in Alumnae Hall. While Marygrove has always meant a lot to me, it has taken on new meaning since I became a board member. There is a tremendous amount of enthusiasm, commitment and excitement on this campus. I do not do anything half-way so when I signed up to be a board member I really wanted to jump in, but it is not easy to jump in from Massachusetts. In addition to attending as many functions as possible, this challenge was an important way for my husband and me to show our commitment to Marygrove. Our hope is that other board members recommit their time, talent and treasures to enable the president, administration, faculty, staff and students to be all that they can be.”

Mary Jeanne Klenow '50

Mary Jeanne has made provision in her will to establish an endowed scholarship to benefit students of the Education Department. She says that alumni and friends should seriously consider supporting Marygrove through the College's planned giving program.

It is belief in the Marygrove mission and our work that compelled these significant gifts. The College expresses gratitude for such meaningful support on behalf of our current students and those yet to come. If you would like to join this chorus of support, please contact Diane Puhl, director of Alumni Relations at 313.927.1443 or dpuhl@marygrove.edu.

Alumni Class Notes are Now Online!



In August 2007, Marygrove's alumni web site (www.marygrove.edu/alumni) began including class notes and photos that have been submitted to the alumni office since the most recent edition of *Contact* magazine. Death notifications, both for alumni and their family members, are also included. While this information will continue to be published annually in *Contact*, we hope this will provide a useful, up-to-date resource that will help alums stay connected with one another.

Marygrove Minute, an electronic newsletter published once per month, is another great way to stay abreast of the events and happenings at the College. If you are interested in receiving the *Marygrove Minute* or would like to submit a class note or death notification, please contact Diane Puhl, director of Alumni Relations at dpuhl@marygrove.edu or Marygrove College, 8425 W. McNichols, Detroit, MI 48221 or 313.927.1443.

Save the Date Homecoming Week 2008

September 15-21

Honoring the graduating classes of:
1933, 1938, 1943, 1948, 1953, 1958, 1963,
1968, 1973, 1978, 1983, 1988, 1993, 1998
and 2003

Monday, September 15
Poetry Reading

Tuesday, September 16
7th Annual Green and Gold
Alumni Basketball Game

Thursday, September 18
7th Annual Alumni and
Friends Golf Scramble

Friday, September 19
Distinguished Alumni Award
Ceremony and Reception

Saturday and Sunday, September 20-21
Homecoming Weekend

Registration materials will be mailed to reunion classes in the spring but all alums are welcome to be part of this celebration of your alma mater!

A proposed Women's Resource Center in development at Marygrove!

Marygrove is committed to fostering Urban Leadership. As one way to make this vision a reality, a group of around 30 faculty, staff and students have begun collaborating on the development of a Women's Resource Center at Marygrove to serve the campus and surrounding community. The proposed Women's Center would serve multiple purposes. It would centralize and strengthen our already existing resources for women, like the academic certificate program in Women's Studies and the Women's Leadership Institute where nominated students attend seminars on leadership and are paired with female mentors in the community. The proposed center would also encourage and support the ongoing development of further Women's Studies curriculum, events and programs. The working group has discussed additional events and services like prominent lectures during Women's History month and support groups on issues most pressing to women. The group has begun polling students on campus to gauge more effectively student need and interest and has also created a “wiki,” a collaborative working web site, where participants can share ideas and continue development. Exciting changes are afoot! For more information or if you are interested in helping to shape a Women's Center at Marygrove, please contact Darcy L. Brandel, assistant professor of English, at 313.927.1447 or dbrandel@marygrove.edu.

2007 Distinguished Alumni



SUZANNE M. FLEMING, IHM '57

In 1957, Sr. Sue Fleming received a Bachelor of Science degree in chemistry as Sister Mary Albert. By 1963, Dr. Fleming has earned both master and doctoral degrees in chemistry from the University of Michigan. From 1962 until 1980, Dr. Fleming held positions of increasing responsibility and challenge at Marygrove College, first as a faculty member in the chemistry department through the ranks to professor. She initiated the Division of Natural Science and Mathematics and became its chairperson.

In 1975, Dr. Fleming became academic vice president and dean of Marygrove. She coordinated the North Central Accreditation, the report for the National Council of Accreditation of Teacher Education and the report for the Council on Social Work Education. Dr. Fleming established a grants office and wrote the first Title III grant application, which resulted in a \$1,000,000 award over three years.

She was then named assistant vice president for academic affairs at Eastern Michigan University. Among her responsibilities was oversight of the University's Office of International Projects, which involved dealing with the United States Agency for International Development and site visits to Yemen and Swaziland.

In 1983, she was appointed provost and academic vice president at Western Illinois University where she developed a faculty retraining program to prevent layoffs.

Dr. Fleming was vice chancellor at the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire from 1986 until retirement in 1989. She then did research for and served as volume editor and one of the authors for *Building Sisterhood: A Feminist History of the Sisters, Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary*, published in 1997 by Syracuse University Press.



LANA CAVALIER COWELL '64

Lana's life's work has embodied the Marygrove values of competence, compassion and commitment. Her contributions to the betterment of Cleveland Heights, Ohio, will inspire us all to continue to work for social justice. Lana graduated from Marygrove in 1964 and later earned a master's degree and completed course requirements for a Ph.D. at Case Western Reserve University.

Her career began with volunteer work on behalf of fair housing and anti-redlining in Cleveland's eastern suburbs. She joined the staff of the Heights Community Congress and was promoted to executive director in 1977, a job she held for 12 years. Heights Community Congress and the City of Cleveland joined in a landmark case, a nine-year litigation to end the practice of racial steering and to hold brokers accountable for the actions of their agents.

Next Lana joined with leaders of other area nonprofits involved in social justice to form Greater Cleveland Community Shares (GCCS), an alternative umbrella workplace funding campaign for non-United Way agencies. She became its executive director in 1989. GCCS has

grown to 40 member agencies. GCCS raised nearly \$1 million in its most recent drive. Cowell retired from GCCS in 2006 but continues to serve on the board of the National Alliance for Choice in Giving and the National Committee for Responsive Philanthropy. She is also a volunteer consultant to Community Shares USA. Currently, she is working with volunteers in the Ukraine to develop a giving program similar to GCCS.



LYNNE O'LOUGHLIN DeGRANDE HACKATHORN '67

Twenty years ago, 156 people died as the result of the crash of Northwest Airlines Flight 255 at Detroit Metro Airport. Fortunately a year earlier, Lynne O'Loughlin DeGrande (now Hackathorn) had worked with the Red Cross to develop a response plan for such an emergency. Within hours of the crash, the Detroit Chapter of the American Red Cross called Lynne to the scene where she remained for over a week, leading a team of counselors, coordinating services to the families and providing support to first responders. This was one of the crises that reinforced her personal creed: "We never realize how strong the human spirit is until we need it to be."

In the twenty years since, she has been called to numerous "critical incidents," including earthquakes, hurricanes, other air crashes and work-site homicides in several states and the disaster at New York's World Trade Center, September 11, 2001.

Employee Assistance Programs are relatively new in the corporate world and were established to deal with substance abuse and mental health problems. Earning a Master's in Social Work from the University of Michigan in addition to her Marygrove degree enabled Lynne to start her own business and to contract with corporations such as General Motors to provide employee assistance.

She works with clients overwhelmed by relationship turmoil, financial strife, serious child development problems, chronic progressive medical issues, job stress or the ravages of addictions. "Lynne remains calm, is a quick study and a ready advocate, moving toward problem solving and respectful intervention," writes Nancy Schultheis-Krebs, a colleague at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, Trinity Health System.

As a member of the Grosse Pointe War Memorial Association's board of directors (1994-2000), Lynne saw a new service opportunity within the association's mission of honoring service men and women. During Operation Desert Storm, she developed a support group for family members of service personnel who were serving abroad. Board President Mark R. Weber remembers that Lynne showed great compassion as she facilitated this group of moms, dads, sisters, brothers and friends week after week. "She gave hope, a compassionate ear and an opportunity for those involved to feel as though they were not alone in their worry, grief and fear," says Dr. Weber.



ELIZABETH A. BURNS '72

"Nourishing Your Body and Soul," was the theme for a women's health conference in North Dakota planned by Dr. Elizabeth A. Burns, MD. The title is an apt summary of Beth's career in medicine. She is a passionate advocate for health care for women and children. "I am proud of the teaching and the work I've done with my medical students and Family Medicine residents over the years. Some have gone into practice and others into teaching themselves – the ripple effect. I'm also proud of the care I've provided for my patients; being a family physician is truly wonderful," says Beth.

Following her graduation from Marygrove in 1972, Beth continued her education at the University of Michigan where she earned a Medical Degree in 1976 followed by an internship at Henry Ford Hospital, Detroit. Her future path was set with a two-year residency in Family Practice at Harrisburg Hospital, Pennsylvania. Next was a Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Faculty Development Fellowship at the University of Iowa Department of Family Practice.

Following the two-year fellowship, Beth joined the faculty in Family Medicine at Iowa where she handled many responsibilities during the next 13 years. She saw patients, taught, did research, community and university service and was residency director for the program. She became involved with the Domestic Violence Intervention Project and served on the board for five years and then joined the board of United Action for Youth, an after, school program to deter youth from trouble.

She left Iowa for Chicago in 1992 to become head of the Department of Family Medicine at the University of Illinois, Chicago School of Medicine, clinical chief at the University Hospital and tenured Professor.

Five years ago, Beth left Chicago for North Dakota where she is a tenured professor at the University of North Dakota School of Medicine & Health Sciences in Grand Forks and an elected member of the university's graduate faculty. She also treats patients at the UND Student Health Services Clinic. She completed the Bishop/ACE Fellowship Program in academic administration and leadership in 2005.

Beth was elected to the Marygrove College Board of Trustees and is a member of the Development Committee. Of Marygrove she says, "The education I received in the sciences paved the way to the University of Michigan Medical School. But the humanities and social sciences made me a better person."



VICTORIA E. JONES '76

Dr. Victoria E. Jones says, "I decided to pursue a career in the automotive industry as a direct result of a summer internship provided through Marygrove. As a result, I have a wonderful career in Human Resources with General Motors of more than 35 years, standing. The Liberal Arts training has served me well in leading people related work at GM."

Alumni Award Recipients

Currently, Dr. Jones is Human Resources director and dean of the College of Leadership, General Motors University. She is responsible for setting the global strategic direction for the Global Leadership Development Curriculum for GM executives and managers as well as communications and marketing for GMU.

Charlene Beard of the GM Corporate Staff Group HR reflects on example of Dr. Jones, style, "I recently traveled to Shanghai, China, with Dr. Jones. Her leadership capabilities, warmth and her innate ability to get to the heart of matters, as well as her ability to work collaboratively with people of various cultural backgrounds and personalities to achieve specific goals, astonished all who came in contact with her. So much so, that the 'Women of Shanghai' wanted to nominate her as a Distinguished Woman of Shanghai. Well, we later discovered only natives of China were eligible for the award."

During the mid-1990s, Dr. Jones was GM's Director of Diversity Strategies. According to then Vice President William Brooks, she developed the education model that successfully implemented the diversity strategies in the United States, Canada, England, France and Germany and, "She developed the basic premise that diversity was not a social, legal or moral issue but was a business imperative."

While working for GM, Dr. Jones earned a master's degree in Business Administration from Central Michigan University and a doctorate of Management from Phoenix University. She also completed executive development programs at the University of Michigan, Columbia and MIT. She is a graduate of Leadership Detroit XVI.



ARMANDO R. CAVAZOS '99

Among the goals Armando Cavazos set for himself was to earn a Master's degree in business. Although he already had a distinguished career in financial services and was Chief Executive Officer of Credit Union One, he believed in the importance of continual learning, knowledge and wisdom that the advanced degree represented. He chose Marygrove College and completed a Master's degree in Human Resource Management in 1999. Despite several decades of experience in business, he found the courses more challenging and enlightening than he had expected and is developing a book based on a thesis he wrote for one of his classes. "It gave me a more intuitive perspective, made me a more patient, considerate person and one with a greater appreciation for diversity," he says.

According to *Crain's Detroit Business*, the Ferndale-based CUO ranks second in assets in Southeast Michigan. From four branches and \$100 million in assets and 60,000 members, Credit Union One has grown to 25 branches, 117,000 members, and current assets of \$1 billion. Credit unions are a special kind of not-for-profit financial institution whose philosophy is "people helping people." He is proud that extraordinary growth has not come at the expense of principle.

Armando retired from Credit Union One in 2006 after 30 years. Subsequently, he established Synergies Plus, LLC, to consult on clients' key projects, community and government relations.

Credit Union One's presence in Southwest Detroit when the area was abandoned by mainstream banks during hard times speaks to Armando's commitment to customers' needs. "He has worked hard to help Credit Union One build the business case to choose an urban focus," says Marygrove Professor

Jane Hammang-Buhl '68. The credit union also has branches in Grand Rapids and Traverse City.

He has contributed his talents far beyond the financial services industry. He is a member of the Board of Trustees of the University of Detroit Mercy, the Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute, the Rehabilitation Institute of Michigan, the Utica Community Schools Foundation for Educational Excellence, and the Board of Governors of Oakland University. He has also served as board chair of Leaps and Bounds Family Services, an agency dedicated to serving those in poverty.



AMY PAVLOV '08

"College is free form. It's up to you to create your own experience. How big you dream will determine how grand your experience will be." Amy Pavlov's advice to prospective students is exemplified by her first three years at Marygrove and is indicative of the reason she was selected to receive the Distinguished Alumna of Tomorrow award.

Although Amy is the daughter of a Marygrove alumna, Marilynn Schreiner Pavlov '71, her choice of Marygrove was not automatic. Her siblings had attended larger state universities but a campus tour sold Amy on the value of the small campus, the individual attention and a program that suited her goals as well as a scholarship offer.

Once enrolled, she hit the ground running. She completed her junior year as an English major with Biology minor and a GPA of 3.904 and has been on the National Dean's List every year. Amy is a student representative on the Academic Events Committee and served on the presidential search committee. She was on hand as a volunteer for the inaugural events for President David Fike last May and is an admissions tour guide. Amy is student representative to the Marygrove Alumni Board.

An Honor's Program student, officer and a co-curricular coordinator, Amy was invited to present a paper at Purdue Calumet on health fads in literature. Amy traveled to Puerto Rico on a service learning trip last year. The group worked at a San Juan homeless shelter as well as with a local organization on the island of Vieques.

Academics aside, Amy is one of the College's most involved and active students. She works in the office of Enrollment Services for Dean Sally Janecek '71.

In reflecting on the College, Amy said "Marygrove has challenged me to grow. It welcomed me as a daughter. It makes me view others and situations with greater compassion and has challenged me to look at the other side of things."

Amy participated in Marygrove's Academic Symposium last year and helped to plan the Founders' Day program last November. She won the McCombs Currier award in 2004 and squeezed in time to produce pottery accepted in the student exhibition. Amy continues to be active in the campus ministry program.



Marygrove College Distinguished Alumni Awards

The Marygrove College Distinguished Alumni Awards are honors bestowed by Marygrove College and the Marygrove College Alumni Association. These awards have been established to recognize and honor alumni who have distinguished themselves and their alma mater.

All living Marygrove College alumni (those who have earned undergraduate or graduate degrees) are eligible for this award. Self-nominations are accepted. Alumni, family, friends, co-workers, faculty, staff and students may submit nominations. The Alumni Association Advisory Council will review nominations and select the award recipients.

The Distinguished Alumni Awards celebrate the ideals of competence (the ability to understand and participate effectively in the promise of our evolving world), commitment (the capacity to care about and respect the worth and dignity of people), and compassion (the will to act responsibly based upon one's beliefs and to contribute to the building of a more just and humane world), qualities that Marygrove has always tried to instill in its graduates. These awards honor graduates who have made significant contributions and demonstrated leadership in any of the following areas:

- professional, educational or artistic endeavors
- the community through government service and/or civic organizations (such as Lions Club, City Planning Commissions, government committees, etc.)
- political action, social justice or volunteer activities in schools, hospitals, etc.
- Marygrove College

Based on the number of qualified applicants, up to six awards will be given annually. For one of these awards, special consideration will be given to alums who graduated within the last 15 years. All nominations will remain on file and will be reconsidered the following year.

The Distinguished Alumni Awards will be presented on Friday, September 19, 2008, at a special recognition event during Homecoming weekend.

Please make your nomination using the form on page 8 and include the required documentation. Nominations are due no later than May 31, 2008.

Giving Matters

by Marianne Gaynor, IHM '72

As Alumni Giving and Program Coordinator, my goal is to keep you apprised of how your partnership is making a difference. For more information about the initiatives listed below, please contact me at mgaynor@marygrove.edu or 313.927.1572.

Memorial Tree Planting

The family of **Doratheia Mossett Brady '49** planted a tree in memory of Doratheia and her husband Joseph on her birthday, which was August 21, 2007. Rebecca Brady and Sabina Brady and their daughters Erin and Sarah gathered with Doratheia's sister Katherine and her husband Art and her brother Fr. Robert Mossett to remember and celebrate the lives of Doratheia and Joseph in a simple tree-planting ritual on the campus. It was an opportunity to share their special memories. The service was followed by a lunch and a tour of the campus, which included some extended time in the campus archives where they looked through many of the memorabilia from Doratheia's Marygrove era. It gave them a better sense of why Marygrove had been such a significant part of Doratheia's life.

2007 Homecoming Reunion Giving

The 2007 reunion classes contributed approximately \$120,000 in support of the College. This included the Class of 1967's 100 for 100: Leaders Supporting Leaders Campaign (see page 1) and the Class of 1972's gift of \$2,725 toward the Library Fund. Reunion gifts were given in memory of the following individuals:

Gene Galawajder
Mary Beth Celer '72
Elizabeth Grix Cissel '72
Mary Blonde Connolly '62
Mary Louise "Molly" Brennan Kelly '60
William Lieberth

Sylvia J McCann '57
Mary McGrath, IHM
C. Joseph Schwedler
Bernadette Sheridan, IHM
Loretta Lane Wider '33
Mary Grosbeck Youngs '72

Annual Fund Appeal

In November, you received the **Annual Fund Appeal**. Your support is vital to enable us to realize our long-term strategic vision of Urban Leadership. The appeal introduced you to two current student leaders, **Amy Pavlov '08** and **Carl Farrington '08**, who have benefited from your generosity and are now poised to make significant contributions in their communities. If you haven't had an opportunity to respond, please seriously consider a gift to the Annual Fund Appeal and mail it to: Marygrove College, Office of Institutional Advancement, 8425 W. McNichols Rd., Detroit, MI 48221.

Alumni Travel to China and Egypt

Collette Vacations and Smithsonian Journeys Partner on Egypt Trip!



Beijing City Stay

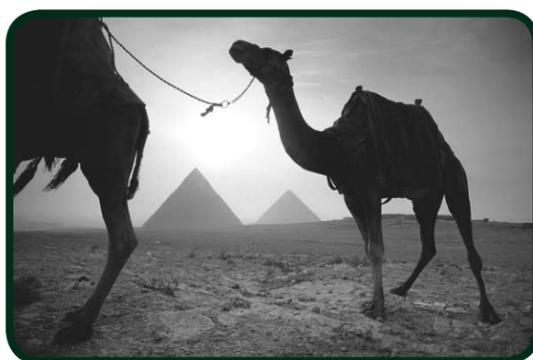
October 14 - 22, 2008

9 Days - 15 Meals

\$2,029 - Includes roundtrip air from Detroit, hotel transfers and departure taxes.

Experience the best of Beijing, home of the 2008 Summer Olympics, while spending each night of our tour in one of the city's finest hotels. We'll visit Tiananmen Square and the Forbidden City, the Summer Palace, the Temple of Heaven and The Great Wall. We'll also experience ancient Beijing on a rickshaw tour, have a traditional Chinese dinner with a local family in their home and attend the Peking Opera.

Alumni-sponsored travel is open to all alumni, family and friends of Marygrove College. To view the full itinerary for these trips, please visit www.marygrove.edu/alumni/travel. Special accommodations can be made for people who need a departure city other than Detroit. If you have questions or need more information, contact Diane Puhl, director of Alumni Relations, at 313.927.1443 or dpuhl@marygrove.edu.



Splendors of the Nile

March 11 - 22, 2009

12 Days - 22 Meals

\$3,449 - Includes roundtrip air from Detroit, hotel transfers and departure taxes.

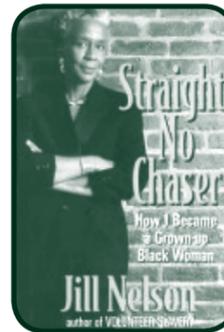
Step back in time and explore thousands of years of history, legend, and lore as we view the timeless wonders of Egypt. Discover the world of the ancient Egyptians as we visit the incomparable sites of the pharaohs – Memphis and Sakkara, the Pyramids of Giza, Luxor and Karnak temples, and the tombs on the West Bank and ancient Thebes. Cruise along the legendary Nile River, pass colonnaded temples, and stop at the temples of Edfu and Kom Ombo, situated at the crossroads of ancient caravan routes. We'll learn about ancient Egyptian history during lectures in Cairo and on board the cruise from our Egyptologist/National Guide who will accompany us throughout your journey.

BOOK DISCUSSION

Friday, February 22, 2008

Straight, No Chaser: How I Became a Grown-up Black Woman

by Jill Nelson



Dr. Loretta Woodard, associate professor of English, will lead another engaging and enlightening book discussion on journalist Jill Nelson's *Straight, No Chaser*. We welcome all to join us to discuss Nelson's highly praised and insightful work.

The discussion will take place on Friday, February 22, 2008,

in the Faculty Lounge located in the lower level of the Liberal Arts Building from 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Enjoy light refreshments while we share our views.

Book summary: Full of candor, courage, wit, and passion, Nelson uses a blend of autobiography, political analysis, and self-help, to examine the roles and status of black women in their communities. As she unveils the "secrets, silence, and invisibility," which defines their lives, Nelson challenges black women, and by extension, all women, especially young women, to "speak up and out," as a collective voice, about the ills of their communities, and the larger culture.

If you plan to attend, please mark your calendar now and contact Alumni Program Committee member Druel Outley at 313.342.3208 or drueloutley@ameritech.net.

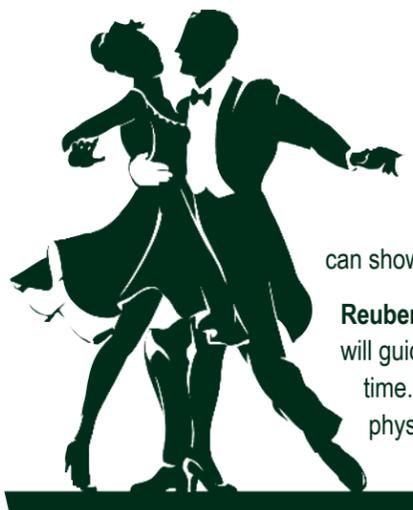
Tour the IHM Motherhouse and Enjoy Lunch in Monroe

Saturday, April 12, 2008
8:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.



Today's IHM community considers sustainability a moral mandate for the 21st century. The renovation of their Motherhouse stands as a national model of sustainable living. By using earth-friendly materials and practices, creating constructed wetlands and an organic farm, installing a geothermal heating and cooling system, and practicing the principles of right relationships, the IHM community is establishing itself as a learning laboratory and center of new growth and transformation.

After viewing the twenty-minute DVD *Blue Nuns Go Green*, an IHM docent will take us on a tour of the rest of the space followed by lunch in the dining room. In the spirit of sustainability, carpools will be organized from Marygrove to Monroe. Registration fee of \$25 includes the tour and lunch. Contact Marianne Gaynor, IHM, in the Alumni Relations Office at Marygrove at 313.927.1572 or mgaynor@marygrove.edu by March 28th to register.



Ballroom Dance Classes Back By Popular Demand

Ballroom dancing is making a comeback and here is your chance to learn this elegant and graceful art form. The Marygrove College Alumni Program Committee is offering six 1½-hour lessons followed by a dance where you can show off your newly acquired or finely honed skills.

Reuben Collier and Margo Lee '00, both experienced instructors who love to dance, will guide you through the lessons and have you dancing like Fred or Ginger in no time. In addition to being fun, ballroom dancing is also very healthy, as it has physical, mental and social benefits.

Lessons, which are \$5 for alumni and \$3 for students, will be held in the gym the following Thursdays: March 20, 27, April 3, 10, 17, 24.

The dance will be held in the Main Dining Room in Madame Cadillac Hall on Friday, May 2, 2008. Tickets are \$10 and should be purchased in advanced. To register for the lessons, purchase tickets for the dance or for more information, contact Margo Lee '00 at 313.538.8611 or margolee2000@sbcglobal.net or Marianne Gaynor, IHM, at 313.927.1572 or mgaynor@marygrove.edu. Let's show those "Dancing With The Stars" celebrities they have nothing on Marygrove Alumni!

Dinner/Theatre

And Neither Have I Wings to Fly

February 9, 2008

Dinner at 6:30 p.m. in Madame Cadillac Hall
Stage Play at 8:00 p.m. in the
Marygrove Theatre



The Marygrove College Alumni Association Program Committee cordially invites you to join us for the UDM production of *And Neither Have I Wings to Fly* written by Ann Noble Massey and directed by Yolanda Fleischer. The story, set in a town on the east coast of Ireland in the late 1950s, swirls around the Donnelly sisters, the responsible, devoted Eveline and her younger, more glamorous and more selfish 18-year-old sister, Kathleen. The two are mourning the death of their mother after a long illness. In their very different ways, they are trying to break free of their depressed father, Peter. *Wings* is a fiercely lovely meditation on the high price paid in the quest for personal freedom and the equally high price exacted for remaining true to others. It is as soaring, and as rueful as its richly poetic title.

The cost is \$30 per person which includes dinner and a theater ticket. Space is limited and reservations must be received no later than February 1, 2008. To make reservations, send a check made payable to Marygrove College, attention Marianne Gaynor, IHM, 8425 W. McNichols, Detroit, 48221 or call 313.927.1572 to pay by credit card.

THE COLOR PURPLE

Friday, MAY 30, 2008, 8:00 p.m.

FOX THEATRE



Oprah Winfrey presents **THE COLOR PURPLE**, a soul-stirring musical based on the classic Pulitzer Prize-winning novel by Alice Walker and the Oscar-nominated film by Steven Spielberg. It is the unforgettable and inspiring story of a woman named Celie, who triumphs over tremendous odds to find joy in life and her true inner beauty. Nominated for eleven Tony® Awards, **THE COLOR PURPLE** is a landmark theatrical event. With a joyous GRAMMY®-nominated score featuring jazz, gospel and blues, **THE COLOR PURPLE** is capturing the hearts of young and old, and uniting audiences in a celebration of love. Mezzanine tickets are \$58.50. To register, send check made payable to Marygrove College, Attn: Marianne Gaynor, IHM, 8425 W. McNichols, Detroit, MI, 48221 or call 313.927.1572 to pay by credit card. **Reservations must be received by April 25, 2008.**

La Traviata at the Detroit Opera House

Friday, May 16, 2008, 7:30 p.m.



Paris is the setting for Giuseppe Verdi's tragic tale of the forbidden love between the courtesan Violetta and her young nobleman suitor Alfredo. Convinced by Alfredo's meddling father that she has brought disgrace to his family's name with her sinful ways, Violetta feels compelled to abandon her love. Only later, as his lover is confined to her deathbed, does Alfredo learn that it is his own father who has caused the flower of his love to wilt. If you have never enjoyed opera before, this is the one to see. If you have heard this opera in the past, it is time to enjoy it again.

A limited number of group rate tickets are available in the Balcony Section for \$42. **Reservations must be received by April 24, 2008.**

Make your reservations by sending a check, payable to Marygrove College, attention Marianne Gaynor, IHM, 8425 West McNichols, Detroit, MI 48221.

Alumni Night at the Detroit Pistons

Saturday, March 29, 2008

7:30 p.m.

Palace of Auburn Hills



Alumni, family and friends are invited to join us as the Pistons take on Labron James and the Cleveland Cavaliers. This game, which is being billed as the most exciting regular season game of the year, is already sold out...but the

Alumni Association has a block of 30 seats!

Cost: \$37

Package includes: \$40 ticket in section 220 and a \$20 Pistons hat

To register, send a check made payable to Marygrove College, attention **Marianne Gaynor, IHM**, 8425 W. McNichols, Detroit, 48221 or call 313.927.1572 to pay by credit card. *Tickets will be distributed on a first-come first-served basis so place your order early.*

Beer Tasting and Dinner

Friday, March 14, 2008, 6:00 p.m.

Traffic Jam & Snug Restaurant, Detroit



Enjoy a buffet dinner and beer tasting at **The Traffic Jam & Snug Restaurant**, a very popular and well known Detroit establishment. Family, friends and alumni are welcome. Nominal price of \$20.00 per person includes buffet dinner, beer sampling, brewery tour, tax and gratuity. The restaurant is located at 511 W. Canfield, Detroit, MI, 48201 and has free parking. To register, send check made payable to Marygrove College, Attn: Marianne Gaynor, IHM, 8425 W. McNichols, Detroit, MI 48221 by February 22, 2008. If you need more information, please contact Marianne Gaynor, IHM, at 313.927.1572 or mgaynor@marygrove.edu.

"On Pilgrimage" from Visitation-North in Bloomfield Hills to the City of Detroit

April 26, 2008

10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Expand your horizons and join us in a pilgrimage to the city of Detroit! Fr. Tom Lumpkin of the (Dorothy) **Day House Soup Kitchen**, and Sr. Angela Cerna Plata, IHM, involved in Hispanic ministry, will be our guides to three places: **St. Anne's Parish**, known for their ministry to the immigrant population, **Manna House**, a soup kitchen sponsored by **Most Holy Trinity** and **St. Peter's Episcopal**, and **Day House**, where there will be an opportunity for a celebration of the Liturgy together and reflection time to help us grow in an appreciation of the beauty and challenges of the city. This will be followed by a simple lunch. Registration fee: \$50 (includes lunch and bus). Contact: Mary McDevitt, IHM, at Visitation-North, 7227 Lahser Rd., Bloomfield Hills, MI 48301, 248.433.0950 or maryihm@comcast.net.

Tour and Volunteer at EarthWorks Urban Farming Garden

Saturday, June 7, 2008
9:00 a.m. – Noon



In 1998, **Brother Rick Samyn OFM Cap '95** felt called to start a garden at his workplace, the **Capuchin Soup Kitchen**, which became known as **EarthWorks Garden**. The garden, which is a partnership between the **Capuchin Soup Kitchen and Gleaners Community Food Bank**, started as a small plot of land in the inner city of Detroit and has grown to 3/4 of an acre on three plots near the Meldrum Street Soup Kitchen. Complete with a greenhouse, EarthWork's primary goal is the education of Detroit area school children in areas of science, nutrition and biodiversity of organic agriculture. The project also yields fresh produce to benefit such programs the Soup Kitchen's daily meals.

Join the Alumni Association as we tour the facilities and spend a morning working in the garden. To register, contact Marianne Gaynor, IHM, at 313.927.1572 or mgaynor@marygrove.edu.

A New Door Opens! Three online MAT programs and eight online professional development graduate courses with more to come!

Marygrove College prides itself on a history of providing practical solutions to the challenges teachers face in balancing the desire to earn an advanced degree with the demands of job and family. Marygrove has been known for excellence in teaching since 1927 and was a pioneer in the use of Distance Learning with our Master in the Art of Teaching (MAT) degree program. To date, more than 20,000 teachers have graduated from our distance learning programs and have gone on to great success in the classroom and as administrators. To maintain the rigor and relevance of our degree programs, we are pleased to announce that Marygrove is offering three new online MAT programs (with more to come). These programs are offered in partnership with Teachscape, a leader in online professional development for K-12 educators. We have new and exciting opportunities to share with you!

The value of Marygrove's degree is reflected in the outcomes of the MAT program and by the quality people who graduate. As you take on greater leadership roles in your school and district, we hope that you will be an outspoken advocate for Marygrove's reputation and the quality of our programs. To that end, we want to make you aware of the new online MAT programs and provide the opportunity for you to experience the quality of these new programs by offering a \$100 discount on the tuition for any of our eight new online graduate courses. (Details of this offer can be found on the registration form by logging on to www.teachscape.com and clicking on Graduate Courses.)

Three online MAT Degree programs to choose from:

- Elementary Reading and Literacy, K-6
- Elementary Mathematics, K-5
- Middle Level Mathematics, 6-8

Features of the new online MAT Programs

The new programs are designed for working teachers and can be completed in less than two years. The online format allows teachers to work from any location and complete their coursework at their convenience.

These new online courses feature video case studies, which include commentary from classroom teachers and renowned education experts, enabling participants to link educational research and theory to the realities of the classroom. Course assignments are designed to be relevant by asking participants to apply what they learn to their own classrooms.

Support and guidance are provided by Marygrove Mentors and fellow cohort participants. The technology is intuitive and easy-to-use.

Additionally, the new programs are affordable and there is no minimum number of teachers in a cohort group.

Application Deadline for May 2008 Term is March 1, 2008.

Help Spread the Word!

If you are interested in helping us spread the word in your school and districts or know someone interested in joining the new MAT program, please e-mail stacey.mcnally@marygrove.edu or call toll-free 877.984.7277.

Marygrove College 2008 Distinguished Alumni Nomination Form

Nominee Information

Name _____
 Year of Graduation _____
 Major _____
 Street Address _____

 City _____
 State _____ Zip _____
 Home Phone () _____
 Business Phone () _____
 E-mail Address _____

Nominator Information

Submitted by _____

 Street Address _____

 City _____
 State _____ Zip Code _____
 Home Phone () _____
 Business Phone () _____
 E-mail Address _____

Nomination Requirements

Three letters of recommendation. In addition to the nomination form, a letter from the nominator and two additional letters must be included. Letters of support may be written by the nominee, fellow alumni, family, friends, faculty, staff, students or co-workers. Please advise those writing letters to be as specific as possible as to why this person is being nominated and how he/she meets the criteria for the award. For example, it is not sufficient to say your nominee is a wonderful person who has been involved with many organizations. Be specific. Name the organizations the person is or was involved with; state how his/her involvement has impacted the organization; describe how the nominee's involvement exemplifies Marygrove's ideals of competence, compassion and commitment.

Supplemental documentation is strongly encouraged, e.g., vita, newspaper articles.

Please return nomination form and letters of support no later than May 31, 2008, to:

Marygrove College
 Distinguished Alumni Awards
 8425 W. McNichols Road
 Detroit, Michigan 48221-2599

If you are a Marygrove College alumna/us:
 Graduation year _____ and major _____

I have contacted the nominee to inform him/her of this nomination.

If you have any questions or need more information, you are strongly encouraged to contact **Diane Puhl, Director of Alumni Relations**, at 313.927.1443 or dpuhl@marygrove.edu.