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*Alums guide high school basketball teams
to one-two finish in Washington area*

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In Memoriam



When students think of Montgomery College, they often describe us as “welcoming.” Once enrolled, they begin to share their discoveries—of faculty who love to teach and mentor them, of internship opportunities at places like the Smithsonian museums or NASDAQ, and of specialized programs ranging from MC Scholars to ESOL. When they leave MC, many times they tell me, “Montgomery College changed my life.”

Those experiences are what makes being president of Montgomery College the most exciting and rewarding profession anyone could have. I believe it is you, as alumni and former community college students, who are truly changing our world. I am proud of your accomplishments, of your contributions to the community, and of your continuing support for MC.

MC students represent nearly every nation on the planet. Enrollment today is second only to the University of Maryland College Park among state institutions. Over the past five years, MC enrollments accounted for 58 percent of all community college enrollments in the state. Our faculty members have won national awards including the Microsoft Teacher of the Year Award presented last month to Information Technology Institute Professor Vickie Duggan.

Outstanding programs and efforts currently underway include the Paul Peck Humanities Institute partnership with the Smithsonian Institution; the Macklin Business Institute and Center for Entrepreneurship; the MC Scholars; the Marriott Hospitality Center for students interested in hospitality, hotel, and restaurant management; and an arts program on all three campuses which are winning local, regional, and national recognition for students and faculty members.

My most urgent priority, though, is the opportunity to add three new buildings to the Takoma Park Campus. This \$80 million project will add a beautiful student services center at the gateway to the campus, housing support services, student gathering spaces, an alumni center, and an open technology lab for students needing computer access.

It is an exciting future for the College, alumni and students, area businesses, and the entire South Silver Spring and Takoma Park communities. I hope you will be an active part of this future, helping to shape it and continuing to make possible the scholarships and special programs which truly change lives.

Sincerely,

Charlene R. Nunley, Ph.D.
Montgomery College President



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As the president of your Alumni Association, I want to increase the strength and breadth of this organization. I'm going to concentrate my efforts on building up this body of former students to play a strong role in the College and the community. Several key initiatives we will be focusing on over the next few years will be:

- increasing benefits and services to alumni
- bringing alumni back to campus events
(including art, athletic, professional seminars, and social activities)
- expanding the travel program
- playing a vital role in the Takoma Park Campus expansion
- increasing communication between the College and its alumni

As a former athlete at Montgomery College, it is important for me to see the special interest programs that had a great influence and impact on me and my classmates continue to serve as co-curricular activities. These experiential learning programs build self-esteem, enhance teamwork and leadership skills, and create a sense of school pride that I have found invaluable through the years.

Montgomery College and the Alumni Association are here to serve you. I hope you'll join us at one of the numerous sporting, arts, or social events or seminars at any of the three MC campuses. Together we can build a great arm of the College through the continued growth of the Alumni Association. I welcome your participation and suggestions.

Sincerely,

Robert F. Costello III '64
Alumni Association President



*Morgan Wootten is the **winningest coach** in high school basketball history.*

Montgomery College alumnus Morgan Wootten '52 just smiles when asked to select the one achievement that he is most proud of among his many, as a teacher and a coach at Maryland's DeMatha High School over the past 45 years.

Is it his induction into the National Basketball Hall of Fame in May 2000 that he cherishes most? Or maybe he treasures his unprecedented career win-record of more than 1,200 wins, which have garnered 32 regional championship titles (including the just completed season) and led to his teams being declared national high school champions five times over his career.

Or, perhaps, he relishes most the upset victory his team of unknowns pulled off against the young Lew Alcindor (now Kareem Abdul-Jabbar) and his teammates from New York's Power Memorial High School in 1965. The upset ended a 71-game winning streak and launched Wootten's reputation as an innovator and a master of the x's and o's of basketball.

So, just which one of his accomplishments is Wootten smiling over, as he considers his storied career? "It was that I was able to be a teacher and a coach," Wootten announces, his eyes twinkling behind his oval-shaped, gold-rimmed glasses. "That I was able to work with America's most important resource, our young people, that has been my greatest honor." Sitting in his box-shaped, pale-blue office overlooking the postage stamp gymnasium that is named after him, Wootten recently spoke about his professional career at DeMatha and his recollections of his

college days at Montgomery Junior College, as it was known when he attended in 1951 and 1952.

The father of five children, Wootten claims as a personal achievement the 37-year marriage to his wife Kathy. In 1990, he retired from teaching at DeMatha after 32 years, but he continues to be head coach of the basketball program, to do fund raising for the private school, and to run summer basketball clinics.

A self-effacing, gentle-mannered man who speaks in aphorisms and peppers his responses with quotes from historical figures and events, Wootten wears the mantle of celebrity and fame with an unassuming air and a sense of responsibility.

"If you are even a little in the public eye, your responsibility is greater than most to try to be a good role model and good person," says Wootten, who looks more like a portly history professor than the reigning dean of high school basketball coaches. "You are influencing lives whether you like it or not."

In late July 1996, Wootten's doctors gave him a week to live when a liver disease he had ignored for years turned aggressive. Midway through the week, a healthy liver was found, and he survived the brush with death. Since then he and his wife have become vocal and public advocates for the need for a greater number of liver donors.

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A Role Model for All Time:

by Richard Richina



Morgan Wootten

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The Perfect Finish:



Dan Harwood recently earned Coach of the Year honors from the Washington Post.



Harwood (#40) is the second highest scorer in MC history.

Dan Harwood

by Richard Richina

An undefeated season such as the one just completed by Magruder High School’s men’s basketball team is rare at any level. So it is no surprise that head coach Dan Harwood speaks about the season in hushed and awed tones.

A former Montgomery College basketball star, Harwood ’79 recently earned coach of the year honors from the *Washington Post*. His team is the reigning Maryland State 4A champion for the first time in the history of the school. However, even more impressive, the Colonels went 27 games without a loss over the course of the season, a feat that has not been accomplished in Montgomery County in more than 46 years. Over the past three seasons, they have lost only five games out of 65 played.

“I knew we would be good, but I never expected we would go undefeated,” says Harwood. “It is just kind of unbelievable.”

The 43-year-old Harwood, a native of Montgomery County, grew up in the Aspen Hill community and attended the former Peary High School, where he excelled in sports, particularly basketball. During his final year at Peary, Harwood broke his foot three times and had to sit out the last half of his senior season.

The need to heal and the lure of Montgomery College’s respected basketball program under the legendary Don Drown prompted Harwood to start his college career at Montgomery College. Harwood blossomed as a player and a person under the tutelage of Coach Drown and other teachers at Montgomery College, including Jim Davis and Connie Morella, who then taught English and now represents Montgomery County in the U.S. House of Representatives.

“In those two years [at Montgomery College], I matured physically and mentally; partly, it was natural development, but the teachers and coaches also played a big part,” he says.

After scoring a total of 1,137 points over two seasons at Montgomery College, an achievement that places him second on the all-time scorer’s list of the College, Harwood won a full scholarship to attend Boston University. There he played under a young and emerging phenom on the college basketball coaching scene, Rick Pitino. After several years of playing professional basketball in Europe, he returned to Montgomery County to pursue his childhood dream of becoming a basketball coach.

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A True Survivor:

by Jim Terry

Bella Mischkinsky



Mischkinsky fled with her father... heading for the Russian-controlled area of Poland. Before her mother and sister could join them, the Germans closed the borders...

As MC alumna Bella Mischkinsky '91 sips her drink, she casually tells the story of how she escaped death in Nazi concentration camps, giving details about her adventure as if she were talking about today's weather.

Born in Poland, Mischkinsky was a young woman when the Nazis initiated their reign of terror in Europe. As the Nazis began their systematic elimination of Jews, Mischkinsky fled with her father and a small group of other Jews from their homes, heading for the Russian-controlled area of Poland. Before her mother and sister could join them, the Germans closed the borders. Her mother and sister were eventually sent to the Auschwitz concentration camp.

Mischkinsky and her father were able to stay together for a short time, until a woman who was supposedly helping them turned them over to the Germans. Mischkinsky and her father slipped away during the interrogation process, and headed for the forest, where they lost each other. She was able to get a job in the Russian-controlled part of Poland, but after the Russians pulled out, the Germans took her to a series of concentration camps, where she would spend the next five years of her life.

At a Latvian concentration camp, Mischkinsky met her future husband, who was fortunate enough to have a nice raincoat to bribe a German officer to make sure he and Mischkinsky remained together. They later escaped from the camp, stole German army uni-

forms and a car, and made their way to freedom in disguise. After the war, Mischkinsky and her husband came to America, where she reunited with her sister.

Years after earning her bachelor's degree from Queen's College in New York, Mischkinsky attended Montgomery College for self-interest and personal fulfillment, taking courses ranging from computer applications to American and world history. She enrolled in almost 30 different courses. She still keeps in contact with some of her professors at MC.

Mischkinsky's second husband, Henry Bermanis '48, a Bliss Electrical School* graduate and fellow concentration camp survivor with whom she kept in contact after coming to the United States, also took several classes with her at MC. Bermanis entered the Bliss Electrical School after he served in the U.S. Army. He later became a nuclear engineer for a private firm in the Washington area.

"I take my responsibilities very seriously," says Mischkinsky. Whether she's volunteering at the Holocaust Museum in Washington or at the Montgomery College Alumni Association office, she provides an invaluable service in both areas. Next year, she plans to spend the summer in England studying with the MC Scholars at the renowned University of Cambridge.

**The Bliss Electrical School was the site of the current Takoma Park campus.*

In just four years since he arrived here from Gambia, West Africa, with \$150 in his pocket, Jorgomai Ceesay '98 has "made it." Recently, Ceesay landed a civil/structural engineer position at Bechtel Power Corporation in Frederick, Maryland, one of the world's largest engineering and construction firms.

"This is different. This is not a job now, this is a career," says the recent University of Maryland graduate now working on Bechtel's Palo Verde Nuclear Power Plant project, one of the largest projects of its kind in the country.

"My father wanted me to go into medicine," he recalls, but after responding to a Montgomery College flier in his mailbox, Ceesay enrolled and graduated two years later with honors and an associate's degree in engineering science instead.

Financially strapped, Ceesay was on the verge of dropping out when engineering professor Dr. Don Day introduced him to Solomon Graham of Quality Biological Inc. in Gaithersburg, who supports Montgomery College through the MC Foundation, and to the MaWEST (Minorities and Women in Engineering, Science, and Technology) organization,

a Bechtel-supported scholarship and mentoring program. "Dr. Day and Mr. Graham made everything happen for me," says Ceesay.

Ceesay matriculated in the University of Maryland's undergraduate program and earned a B.S. in civil engineering in December '00 with distinction. He forged professional ties with Bechtel during a summer internship.

"We seldom see engineering students get through in four years; most take five because the curriculum is so difficult," says Bechtel Project Manager R. Andy Wheeler, who was immediately impressed with their new hire.

"Jorgomai came here in December with his EIT/FE certification already in hand. It usually takes people much more time to do that. His personality and humility regarding his extraordinary accomplishments are as impressive as his work ethic."

Ceesay will start this fall on his master's in steel and concrete designs, so he can construct multistory buildings that withstand earthquakes. This would be just the job for one so undeterred in the face of incredible odds.

Field of Dreams

Alumna Andrea White '77 is an executive vice president at Clark Construction. She is one of four senior executives who oversee all projects in the mid-Atlantic region. One of White's hallmarks is FedEx Field in Landover, Maryland, home to the Washington Redskins. Her current project is the Washington Convention Center, which opens in 2003.



White and her former MC physics professor, Dr. Don Day, review plans of the new FedEx Field.



White's FedEx Field project, constructed in 17 months, holds the record for the fastest built, state-of-the-art NFL stadium.



"His personality and humility regarding his extraordinary accomplishments are as impressive as his work ethic," says Bechtel Project Manager R. Andy Wheeler (left).

A Solid Foundation:

by Diane Bosser

MC Grad Builds on Success

Takoma Park Expansion

by Jessica L. Warnick

For years the College's Takoma Park Campus has been nestled in a residential neighborhood—but not for long! As part of a multiphase project, the College will expand onto Georgia Avenue, just north of the District of Columbia line.

Construction will begin with the Health Sciences Building. Built in partnership with Holy Cross Hospital, this structure will be home to a hospital clinic, classrooms, labs, and faculty offices for the Health Sciences Department. Groundbreaking is planned for the spring of 2002 with a facility completion date of late 2003.

The expansion will also include a Student Life Center. For years, students have stood in long, winding registration lines in the small lobby of the Student Services Building. The new structure will provide ample space for registration, career services, financial aid, and computer labs. Groundbreaking is expected in 2003.

The final construction phase will provide for the Violet Blair Janin Cultural Arts Center. The Center will be uniquely situated in Jesup Blair Park. This new facility will bring people to the park—and to the theatre. It will also add a cultural experience and excitement to the neighborhood.

The cost of the project could surpass \$100 million. The county and state have agreed to fund \$88 million; the MC Foundation will raise an additional \$10 million. With these new buildings come naming opportunities. A donation of \$5 million will provide a donor with a lasting legacy by naming one of the new buildings. In addition, there are naming opportunities for labs, lounges, pedestrian bridges, rotundas, etc. Alumni and friends may also leave their mark on the campus in the Buy-a-Brick campaign to lay the foundation for the bridge and sidewalks in the expansion.

As a gateway to Montgomery County, the expanded Takoma Park Campus will play a greater role in the economic development of Silver Spring.



The Health Sciences Building will make MC an icon on Georgia Avenue.



Nearly 5,000 students are currently enrolled at the Takoma Park Campus.



MC has been a presence in Takoma Park for more than a half-century.



Milton Clogg '48 has made generous contributions to MC.

Philanthropy 100

"I was glad I was in a position to make the gift," Milton (Sonny) Clogg says. His \$100,000 gift to Montgomery College in December was the largest gift made to the College by an alumnus. Clogg was grateful for the start Montgomery College afforded him after returning from military service in the mid-1940s.

Now the owner of Milton F. Clogg, LLC, Clogg wanted to make an impact on students by assisting with their education.

Although Clogg did not attend the Takoma Park Campus, his gift is the first donation to the Takoma Park Expansion Campaign. He attended classes at Bethesda-Chevy Chase High School before MC's first campus was established.

He is credited with the resurrection of the Alumni Association in the late 1970s. He was the first alumni association president, and has also served as foundation president, annual fund chair, and the Gudelsky Institute Campaign chair.

He has made many generous financial contributions. His love for Montgomery College is evident as he continues to help the College soar to new heights.

Give Annual-E to Montgomery College

Can't wait to give to the Annual Fund this year? Log on to MC's alumni website at www.montgomerycollege.org/alumni/ and click on the Giving to MC button to make your donation on our new secured Internet site with a credit card or to make your pledge to the fund. It's easy, safe, and a great way to say, "Thanks, Montgomery College. I appreciate what you've done for me and our community!"

If you don't have access to the Internet, look for your annual fund letter and pledge card in the mail. Gifts to the annual fund help support scholarships and other learning opportunities for students at MC. Only one out of every six applicants for scholarships receives any financial support, so all donations are vital in keeping today's students in the classroom.

Help Yourself, Your Family, and Montgomery College Through Gift Giving

by Lena Barnett

Lena Barnett, Esquire, a seasoned tax and estate planning attorney, is the founder of Lena Barnett & Associates, LLC.

Gift giving can bring joy to the giver as well as to the recipient. It can help loved ones, favorite charities, and society. Gift giving can also serve as a very powerful income tax, estate tax, and gift tax planning tool.

Taxpayers can give up to \$10,000 annually, per recipient "donee," free of gift tax. If the taxpayer's spouse joins in, the ceiling is doubled to \$20,000 per donee. Currently, there is no limitation on the number of donees. In addition, the gifts are income tax free to the recipients.

What happens if the gift is above the \$10,000 and \$20,000 amounts? Gifts above these amounts will reduce the available lifetime exclusion. The exclusion is referred to as a coupon. Taxpayers have a coupon that allows them to pass a certain amount of assets to loved ones, free of gift and estate taxes. This may be done while the taxpayer is alive or upon the taxpayer's death. This year the coupon is worth \$675,000.

A \$20,000 gift by an unmarried person will reduce that person's exclusion from \$675,000 (in 2001) to \$655,000. Once the exclusion is used up, then gift taxes must be paid. Is this reduction of the exclusion or the payment of the gift tax a problem? Maybe, depending on the taxpayers personal and financial circumstances.

Cash is the easiest property to pass on as a gift because its value at the time of the gift is easily determined. Taxpayers must be alert to income tax issues before gifting other types of property. These issues arise with properties that were purchased or inherited at a low value and are now worth more.

A gift of appreciated property held more than one year can "cost" less than a gift of cash. The donor avoids the capital gains that would have been due had the asset been sold. Furthermore, the donor earns a charitable deduction equal to the fair market value of the property.

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A Role Model for All Time: Morgan Wootten *Continued from page 3*

“I was very fortunate to survive,” he says in his typical understated way of expressing deep felt emotion. How has his life changed since the transplant: “My outlook on life has sharpened up a little. Now the sunsets are more beautiful, air smells cleaner, food tastes better, you love people more.”

Wootten attributes his lifetime of achievements to having a clear set of priorities that he has sought to instill in his students and players over the years. Sports comes in fourth on the list behind faith, family, and education.

According to Wootten, it was at Montgomery College that the importance of education and the philosophy that athletics was only a means to an end was engendered. “Since they love basketball, we use that as a carrot to get their attention,” he says. “Hopefully, we help them to be better people and to be successful people.”

Wootten describes his days at Montgomery College as an extension of happy days at high school. He played sports and attended classes with many of his neighborhood friends and, most importantly, got prepared for life ahead of him.

“There is no such thing as luck,” he says. “Luck is when opportunity meets with preparation. At Montgomery College, that was one of the things we all learned to do—get prepared.”

Wootten reminisces about classes and teachers from his days at Montgomery College with the obvious pleasure of someone who survived the rigors of demanding task masters. Among them, he names Dr. William Lloyd Fox, who taught history and Dr. Allen Jones, who taught English.

He credits Coach Frank Rubini, a legendary figure in the College’s football lore, with being a significant influence in his coaching philosophy. Wootten also cites as critical to his career choice a “long, long talk” he had with Dr. Hugh Price about the pros and cons of teaching over law. They had this discussion after Wootten spent the summer coaching baseball at St. Joseph’s Orphanage in northeast Washington, D.C.

“It was there [at Montgomery College] where my philosophy of being a giver rather than a taker crystallized for me,” he said in a video-taped interview for the College’s Alumni Association.

As for retirement, Wootten says he will likely give up active coaching soon, but he plans to work on basketball projects such as videos and books and to stay active in the awareness campaign for liver transplants.

“I am a firm believer that you will rust out before you wear out,” he says. “I don’t want to rust out; I want to wear out doing something.”

The Perfect Finish: Dan Harwood *Continued from page 4*

“I knew I wanted to be a basketball coach since I was six,” says Harwood, who has been coaching at the high school level for 19 years, 11 of those at Magruder. “I liked history and math, but I really liked physical education.”

Harwood has built his career around the twin notions of teaching selfless play and garnering community support for his team. Each year, Harwood distributes the men’s and women’s basketball schedules to thousands of residents in the community. During the season, the team holds pep rallies at all the elementary and middle schools feeding into Magruder.

More than 5,000 Magruder fans watched the state championship game at Cole Field House, a fact that Harwood attributes to his “fan-friendly” outreach efforts.

As might be expected, Harwood attributes the season’s amazing outcome to the willingness of his players to sacrifice their individual games for the good of the team. Noting his smallish team had to overcome significant height disadvantages to win the state championship, Harwood observes: “You can overcome many things when you play as a team that you can’t overcome as an individual.”

TRAVEL

Around the World in 35 Days



Photo courtesy of Vergil Dykstra

Vergil Dykstra, MC administrative vice president emeritus and his traveling companion, **Claire Monsma**, visit the Eiffel Tower in Paris. Their five-week, 33,000-mile trip around the world took them to Sydney, Hong Kong, Beijing, Bangkok, New Delhi, Mumbai, Nairobi, Paris, and London.

Alums Have **Lion King** Tickets!

The Fourth Annual New York Theatre Trip is planned for November 10-12, 2001. The cost of the trip is \$470/person (based on double occupancy). The cost includes an orientation seminar; round-trip motor-coach travel from Rockville, Maryland; two-nights accommodations at the Milford Plaza hotel; and tickets to *Lion King*, and Radio City Music Hall's Holiday Show. Although the trip is sold out, you may contact the **Alumni Association** at 301-279-5378 to be placed on a waiting list.

Study Abroad at **Cambridge University**

The Montgomery College Alumni Association is offering all MC alumni a unique opportunity to study at the International Summer School at Cambridge, England. To learn more, contact **Jim Terry** of the Alumni Association at 301-251-7951.

HONOR ROLL

The Honor Roll listing is one way the College shows its appreciation to all the donors who have expressed their confidence in Montgomery College. Many thanks for your generosity. The Honor Roll will be posted on the Montgomery College Web site: www.montgomerycollege.org.

ALUMNI AWARDS

Newman Named 2000 Outstanding Alumni

Esther B. Newman has been the executive director of Leadership Montgomery since she founded the organization in 1989. Leadership Montgomery educates, connects, and recognizes community leaders through a nine-month program for current and emerging business and community leaders.

Her community service also includes serving as president of the MC Alumni Board for two years and vice president for Leadership Development on the Board of Temple Shalom. She has served three county executives on the County Executive's Ball for the Arts and was appointed to the Task Force on the Future of Arts in Montgomery County. Newman currently serves as immediate past president for the MC Alumni Association and serves on the Nominating Committee for the MC Board of Trustees.

Applications for the 2001 Outstanding Alumni Achievement Award will be accepted until June 30, 2001. For an application, go to www.mc.cc.md.us/alumni/achievement.html or email the alumni office at alumni@mc.cc.md.us or call 301-279-5378.

Five Inducted into **MC Athletic Hall of Fame**

Professor and Coach Helen Dorasavage '60-'82, Rockville and Takoma Park Campus, was the first women's coach at MC. She coached the women's field hockey, basketball, volleyball, and tennis teams, as well as the cheerleading squad.

Professor and Coach Phil Adams '66-'91, Rockville Campus, was Maryland JUCO Coach of the Year 10 times while at MC. He was also Region XV, XIX, and XX Coach of the Year six times. Coach Adams was head tennis coach at MC for 25 years, with more than 200 wins.

Russell LaHayne '73, Rockville Campus, was captain of the 1972 and 1973 Fightin' Knights football team. He was an Honorable Mention All-American football player in 1973. He was also captain of the MC baseball team, earning accolades as a member of the All-Maryland JUCO and All-Regional teams.

John Papanicolas '60, Takoma Park Campus, was captain and pitcher of the baseball team, as well as the team's MVP both years he attended Montgomery Junior College, as MC was known then. He was also a member of MJC's boxing team.

Earl Lauer '68, Rockville Campus, was a member of the 1967-68 wrestling team, which won the Tri-State Championship; the track team, which also won the Tri-State championship; and the cross-country team.

CLASS NOTES

'60

Clarence Leon Carroll, Jr. recently retired from the National Institute of Standards and Technology.

'63

Thomas L. Long, Sr. spent 35 years in federal service, working with the Department of the Navy and NASA. He then worked 10 years in industry, retiring in 1991. He is now building a personal library and is an amateur radio enthusiast.

'74

Margaret Chase Jennings (Zepp) is the grants and contracts officer at the American Psychological Association. Her husband Larry is president of Show Services, Inc., an exhibit management firm. They have two children and two grandchildren. Jennings and her husband live in Silver Spring, Maryland.

Karla Berg Walker received her bachelor's and master's degrees from the University of Maryland. A certified reading specialist, she works as a reading recovery teacher and administrator for Montgomery County Public Schools. She has been married to Frank L. Walker for 23 years and they have three children.

'76

John L. Palmer, Esq. graduated summa cum laude and valedictorian of the December 1999 class at Western State University College of Law. He passed the California Bar Exam and is now practicing law in Orange County, California.

'77

Leslee Susan Hecht earned a master's degree in social work from the University of Maryland. She then obtained her LCSW-C clinical license while practicing in adoptions at Catholic Charities in Baltimore. She is now an international adoption social worker with Catholic Charities.

Caterina Marie Sparacino is currently the box office manager at the Robert E. Parilla Performing Arts Center on the Rockville Campus. She is now working on her bachelor's degree in management studies at the University of Maryland University College.

'78

Marika Brown is currently the senior director of billing at MAMSI Health Plans.

'80

Paul Sherno is a vice president for marketing and audience development for Pittard Sullivan. Sherno's work takes him all over the world, helping television stations improve their marketing techniques.

'82

Joel Brotman was one of the finalists in Ed McMahon's www.nextbigstar.com online talent competition program and went on to appear on the television version of the program, "Next Big Star." A former theatre student at Montgomery College, he appeared in numerous productions at the Rockville Campus. At a recent D.C. United Soccer game, he sang The National Anthem before a crowd of 25,000 at RFK Stadium. He also provided entertainment for the Montgomery College Alumni Awards Dinner this past year.

'84

Ellen Reilley Farrell received an A.A. in nursing from MC. She continued her studies, receiving a bachelor's and a master's degree. She is now working as a geriatric nurse practitioner at Elder Health in Baltimore, Maryland.

'86

Wayson P. Lee teaches hypnosis workshops in the D.C. area, and also participates in the MC Speakers Bureau, where he offers lectures on becoming an "atmosphere actor" (movie extra). He has been in the movies *Cherry Falls*, *The Contender*, *Contact*, *The Corner*, *The Replacements*, and the television show "The District."

'88

Barry McEvoy is an off-Broadway actor and screenwriter. He wrote the screenplay for the movie *An Everlasting Piece*, based on stories about his father, a barber. The movie, directed by Barry Levinson, appeared in movie theatres nationwide this past Christmas.

'90

Eduardo Sanchez was co-director of *The Blair Witch Project*, which received national acclaim. Haxan Films, of which Eduardo is co-founder and partner, has several other projects currently in the works, including two movies entitled *Fearsum* and *Heart of Love*, as well as the TV series *Freakylinks*, which airs on the Fox Network. He married his MC sweetheart, **Stefanie Decassan** '90, last year. The couple now have a beautiful daughter, Bianca Bella, born March 20.

'91

Sharon Kass is a writer and editor, most recently for the American Psychological Association. She is currently launching a consulting firm in the Washington, D.C. area.

'92

Anne Worthen Bondarenko earned a bachelor's degree in sociology with a concentration in research. She is now working as a research analyst at Westat Center for Studies in Alcohol.

'93

Wendy Thompson is the general manager of Telemundo/Channel 64 in Arlington, Virginia. She attended Montgomery College and transferred to the University of Maryland. In 2000, she earned kudos as Young Careerist from the Montgomery County Business and Professional Women's Club. She was recently voted to the Board of Directors of the Rockville, Maryland Chamber of Commerce.

'96

Kenny Franklin works for WBIG-FM Radio in Washington, D.C. He is the producer of the afternoon drive show and hosts his own weekend show Sunday afternoons. He has been nominated for several awards, including Best New Talent and Best Weekend Show in Washington, D.C.

'98

Amal Diallo recently passed the CPA exam. She is working for Clifton Gunderson LLC. in the firm's federal government practice and concentrates on providing audit and accounting services.

Daniel Jones graduated from Union College and is now an engineer for Nortel Networks in Dallas, Texas. He expects to start a master's degree program in the near future.

Yves Ngu recently graduated from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute. He plans to continue his studies at the master's level in electrical engineering at Stanford University and hopes to earn a Ph.D.

Samuel Yeboah recently graduated from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, where he attended on a scholarship. He now works for Merck Research Labs in West Point, Pennsylvania, as a chemical engineer. He will soon start graduate school, which will be financed by his employer.

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Samuel Quarcoo is currently attending Johns Hopkins University School of Professional Studies in Business and Education.

FACULTY NOTES

Marilyn Moors, professor emerita, recently had a book published. *The Maya Diaspora—Guatemalan Roots, New American Lives*, chronicles the Maya people in their attempt to escape suppression and forced poverty during the 1980s. She is now an adjunct professor teaching anthropology and gender studies at Frostburg State University.

We want to hear from you! Send us your updates and we'll let everyone know about your accomplishments in the next issue of *Insights*.

The MC Alumni Association would like to pay tribute to former Montgomery College professors and staff members who have recently passed away.

LaVerne W. Miller
May 4, 2001
Professor Emerita and
Learning Lab Director
Takoma Park Campus

Barbara Fredrikson
April 18, 2001
Professor
Rockville Campus

Olivia Crockett
March 17, 2001
Office Assistant
Takoma Park Campus

Rawland (Hap) G. Cresser
February 7, 2001
Learning Resources Director
Rockville Campus

Virginia S. McHenry
February 2, 2001
Adjunct Professor
Rockville Campus

Raymond (Bud) J. Hanks
February 2, 2001
Professor Emeritus
Rockville Campus

Leonard F. Colwell
January 8, 2001
Professor Emeritus
Rockville Campus

Helen Statts
December 26, 2000
Professor Emerita and
Founder of the Takoma
Park Nursing Program

Connie Cox
December 7, 2000
Instructional Dean
Continuing Education

Wayne Bryan
November 24, 2000
Former MC Employee
Takoma Park Campus

Amos Faulkner
October 10, 2000
Building Service Worker
Takoma Park Campus

Benjamin Strong
August 6, 2000
Professor Emeritus
Rockville Campus

Sylvia Cohen
August 4, 2000
Senior Administrative Aide
Rockville Campus

Robert King
June 19, 2000
Professor Emeritus
Rockville Campus

Joan Gordon
January 3, 2000
General Counsel
Central Administration

Ruth Sherrod
January 1, 2000
Professor Emerita
Rockville Campus

Nicholas Natoli
December 17, 1999
Asset Management
Specialist
IT Lecturer

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Athletic Hall-of-Famer Marty Gallagher...

MC alumnus Martin T. (Marty) Gallagher '55, teacher and coach at Northwestern High School in Hyattsville, Maryland, passed away May 11, 2000. "Gallagher Field" was dedicated in his memory on May 12 of this year at Northwestern High School to honor his dedication to high school baseball. He was class president of Northwestern's first graduating class in 1952 and returned to teach and coach from 1957-90.

Gallagher received his associate's degree from MC. He received his bachelor's and master's degrees from George Washington University. He was also inducted into the Maryland State Association of Baseball Coaches Hall of Fame and the Montgomery College Athletic Hall of Fame. Gallagher is survived by his wife Marjorie Clark Gallagher '54.

For those who knew Marty Gallagher, you'll recall these sayings:

- It's a great day for baseball.
- Everything out there is in play, if anyone hits it over that fence or in the woods, I'll be their agent.
- Even a blind squirrel finds an acorn once in awhile.
- Get in the game—there's a good one going on out there.
- See the ball hit the bat.
- They needed two runs, they took two runs.
- It's the little round white thing, catch it once in awhile, that'll shake 'em up.
- Move around, you're killing the grass.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Martin T. (Marty) Gallagher Scholarship Fund through the Montgomery College Foundation, 900 Hungerford Drive, Rockville, MD 20850.

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In an effort to bring alumni from around the globe together, Montgomery College is proud to announce the publication of an all-new Alumni Directory.

Scheduled for release in spring 2002, our Alumni Directory will be the most up-to-date and complete reference of more than 45,000 former Montgomery College students ever compiled! This comprehensive volume will include current name and maiden name (if applicable) as well as class year(s) and degree(s) earned from Montgomery College. Each biographical listing will also include home address and phone number, names of spouse and children, in addition to detailed professional information, as well as an e-mail address.

The new 2002 edition will list alumni alphabetically with the

information outlined above, as well as by class year, by geographic location, and by occupation in our special career networking section.

The Alumni Office chose the Bernard C. Harris Publishing Company to produce this special edition. Harris will soon begin researching and compiling the data to be included in the directory by mailing a questionnaire to each alumnus/a. Please be sure to complete and return it as soon as you receive it. (If we don't have your current address, please e-mail the Alumni Office at alumni@mc.cc.md.us as soon as possible so we can make sure you receive a directory questionnaire!)

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