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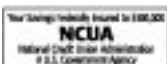


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Dear MC Alumni and Friends,

As my term comes to an end as Montgomery College Alumni Association president, I am reminded of all the former students and employees I had the pleasure to meet over the past two years. I am also reminded of the many exciting events the association hosted and of the variety of venues in which I represented the alumni association. I am especially proud of our association's launch of this magazine.

In this issue you will get a taste of my experience as you learn more about alumni and employees. This year, for the first time since the campuses combined the graduation ceremony, a former student will deliver the commencement address. You may know Wendy Thompson, as she is very active in the community, and is the general manager for Telemundo 64, the Washington, D.C. affiliate of the Spanish-language television network. Also in this issue, you'll learn about a gem of a professor who will be retiring after 30 years, leaving the College and his students a spectacular legacy.

We hope you will join us in celebrating the Summer Dinner Theatre's 25th Anniversary. Alumni nights are June 21 for *South Pacific* and July 19 for *On the Town*. There will also be a gala celebration honoring the Silver Anniversary this summer. Certainly those of you who performed previously in our Summer Dinner Theatre productions would enjoy a reunion. If you've been a consistent theatre-goer, you won't want to miss these milestone performances.

The years ahead will prove to be interesting and challenging at our first campus, as we've just broken ground for a new Health Sciences Center on Georgia Avenue, part of the Takoma Park Campus' expansion into south Silver Spring. It should be exciting to witness the campus' expansion over the next several years.

I will continue to be involved with the Alumni Association, and I encourage you to do the same. Montgomery College provided us with a solid background and opportunities to advance in our careers and/or enrich our lives. I hope you will consider making a gift and participating in the College's and the Alumni Association's events. I look forward to seeing you in the future.

Sincerely,

Robert F. Costello III '64  
Alumni Association President

P. S. Nominations are now being accepted for the Outstanding Alumni Achievement Award through June 30. Visit our Web site at [www.montgomerycollege.edu](http://www.montgomerycollege.edu), under the Alumni and Friends category, to obtain a nomination form or call the alumni office at 301-279-5378.



# Channeling Success

by Richard Richina

**W**endy Thompson understands the benefit of investing in human potential and the responsibilities attached to those investments.

The 35-year-old alumna of Montgomery College arrived nearly a decade ago from Peru with little more than the expectation most immigrants share. Through good fortune and a “tremendous thirst for success,” she found people who literally and figuratively invested in her future and opportunities opened for her.

As general manager of the Washington, D.C. affiliate of one of the largest Spanish language television networks in the country, Telemundo, Thompson is fulfilling a responsibility she feels and welcomes by making sure others in the Hispanic community have what they need to succeed.

“One of the reasons I am very committed to helping the Hispanic community is because I understand not many people have the good fortune I had,” Thompson says, as she sits in the small, rectangular office space that serves as the executive suite of the telecommunication affiliate. “All of our community outreach work is geared toward giving people some hope about their future.”

Telemundo/WZDC-TV 64, the affiliate’s official name, reaches 600,000 homes in the Washington, D.C. metropolitan area and is carried by all the major cable networks serving the region. Nationally, Telemundo, the Miami-based television network, claims to reach 85 percent of the Hispanic community in the United States. As an affiliate, WZDC-TV 64 is the exclusive broadcast outlet of the national network’s program, and is owned by ZGS Broadcasting, Inc.

Thompson came to WZDC-TV 64 as a sales representative from a nonprofit international public health organization in 1995. After only two years with the company, Thompson took over the general manager’s position with very little experience in the corporate world of broadcast media. Her broad smile and gracious manner complement the highly motivated personality that drives her to make the best of her opportunities in her adopted country. As she tells the story of leaving her family, the challenges she overcame, and the victories of securing a leadership role in the community today, her fingers clasp and unclasp into a fist unconsciously punctuating her points.

“What I think this country offers to every immigrant who comes is opportunity,”

she says. “But it is up to them to take advantage of that opportunity.”

Thompson spent eight years working as a nanny for two families in Takoma Park, Maryland, while she pursued her dream of getting a higher education. The families became extensions of her immediate family in Peru, enabling her to balance work time and study when necessary and extending financial help when money became an issue of her continuing.

“I’m not ashamed of telling people I took care of babies and cleaned houses. In fact, I’m very proud of it,” she says, leaning forward over her desk. “I share [my story] with pride and with the hope that people who are in the same shoes can see there is an opportunity, if they persevere.”

Despite two years of English at a local language school in Lima before leaving, Thompson began her academic career at Montgomery College taking noncredit writing classes in English. A female roommate, who worked at IBM at the time, suggested business as an area of study to her. According to Thompson, Montgomery College was where her friend’s suggestion became a reality and a passion for her.



"All the teachers had the attitude that every student who came to them were diamonds in the rough," she says of her experience at Montgomery College, adding that small classes and flexible class schedules made it possible for her to realize her dream of getting a degree. Thompson is Montgomery College's commencement speaker this year, an opportunity that makes her feel "deeply, deeply honored."

In a grayish-blue checked suit jacket, burgundy knee-length skirt, and sensible pumps, Thompson looks every bit the corporate executive she has become. Her flat management style and pride in her staff is apparent as she greets each one of them, while touring visitors around the television station's ground floor office.

During her tenure, the affiliate has doubled in staff and her responsibilities have grown to include the management of a Spanish language radio station, Viva 900 AM. Among her current development plans for the television station is the creation of a news department and the production of a half-hour local Spanish news program. While the affiliate is contractually obligated to air programs from the

national network, Thompson is carving out slots for local programming. "The community needs not only scholastic education, but also education on issues and education on what is available to them," she says.

In addition to her career, Thompson serves in leadership positions in business and community organizations such as the National Center for Community and Justice and Montgomery County's Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, as another means of addressing the needs of the Hispanic community. She also willingly accepts the fact that she is a role model for young Hispanic women, noting she is the first Hispanic female general manager of a television station in the local market.

As she considers her career and the responsibilities it has imposed, she acknowledges that there are still many challenges ahead, but she willingly accepts her fate.

"I don't see it as burden; I see it as a blessing," she muses. "I am definitely thankful for the opportunity to do something and not just to stay where I am."



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## A Four-Year Degree Only Minutes Away

Montgomery College alumna Demitta Burkett planned to transfer to the University of Maryland, College Park when a brochure abruptly altered her plans. The mailing announced that the prestigious business degree from Maryland's Robert H. Smith School of Business would be offered on the new campus of the Universities at Shady Grove—only 15 minutes from her Gaithersburg home.

"If I hadn't gotten that brochure, I would not have considered attending the Smith School, but here I am."

Burkett, who graduated from Montgomery College with an A.A. in business administration last summer, is one of just over 100 students who are taking upper-level undergraduate courses on the 50-acre campus of the Universities at Shady Grove. Nine of the eleven colleges within the University System of Maryland offer degree programs at the site in the heart of Montgomery County.

Currently, the Universities at Shady Grove are accepting courses taken at Montgomery College in 14 baccalaureate degree programs on the campus. These include computer and information technology, education, nursing, social and biological sciences, hotel and restaurant management, and various business degrees.

Burkett says attending the Universities at Shady Grove is not like anything she expected. "I feel like I'm a real student. It's wonderful."



## Summer Dinner Theatre's

# Silver Anniversary

by Richard Richina

The silver anniversary season of Montgomery College's Summer Dinner Theatre promises to be as magical a run as any past season. Already, expectations that this year's productions of *South Pacific* and *On the Town* will be no less challenging and thrilling are quietly building. But it wasn't always so.

"The first year was wonderful, but we didn't have a clue what we were doing," says Susan Hoffman, the chair of the Speech, Dance, and Theatre Department at the Rockville Campus. "Our biggest mistake was doing it again the next summer, because then we ended up doing 25 seasons," she adds jokingly.

Hoffman and the other initial architects of the summer dinner theatre program—Rick Pevey, Steve Campanella, Jim Walters, Jerry Daniel, and Gerald Mueller—took a seat-of-the-pants, slap-it-together initial effort, and they and others created a highly produced, intensely performed, musical theatre experience that has become a valuable educational program and a "must see" performance experience for the community.

*Washington Post* columnist Bob Levy became a fan after his children discovered the program. In fact, his daughter, Emily, is returning this summer for another season. "My children could not have found a better way to have grown as performers," says Levy, who, because of the experience, became chair of the College's Campaign for the Arts.

As they open this season, Hoffman and her troupe are thinking about the next generation of leaders for the program and sustaining the legacy of providing a quality learning experience and a service to the community. "I hope we have grounded the program in really valuable concepts and the way it will develop in the future will only enhance what has been done," she says.

**(Editor's note:** As in past years, all alumni are offered a discount rate on tickets to both performances. Alumni nights are June 21 for *South Pacific* and July 19 for *On the Town*. Please call 301-251-7676 for ticket information. A benefit gala to celebrate Summer Dinner Theatre's silver anniversary is scheduled for July 25, 2002. For more information, please call Isabele de la Puente at 301-279-5287.)

1983



*The Music Man*

1994



*Meet Me in St. Louis*

1996



*Man of La Mancha*

1997



*West Side Story*

2001



*42nd Street*

2001



*The Pirates of Penzance*



# Kimball on Technology

Professor Raymond Kimball knows well the hopes and fears of the students who enroll in the TechLEAP program, Montgomery College's highly concentrated retraining program in computer programming or network management.

A former communications attorney, Kimball made a mid-career decision to pursue an interest in information technology and turned to Montgomery College for computer science courses to give him a start. His enthusiasm over what he discovered about the field and himself while attending Montgomery College turned into a part-time teaching position at the Rockville Campus' Computer Science Department. And last fall, he took over the directorship of the TechLEAP program for the College.

"I go into my classes and tell my 'TechLEAPers' that I am a product of workforce retraining," says Kimball, a thin and angular featured 54 year old. "And I did it all right here at the College."

Like many TechLEAP students, Kimball had been in the workforce for a number of years and had only a slight connection to the information technology boom that has been sweeping the country's market

place. His area of communication and technology law became deregulated in the late 1990s, and he found himself needing to redefine his legal career.

"I had always been interested in technology and the law, but when I came here I really found out that my interest was technology and not the law," Kimball says.

Kimball became a full-time student and designed a course of study that enabled him to begin teaching software application after the first year of study and basic Web design courses after the second year. His skills as a litigator made him comfortable in the classroom, and the administrative skills gained from his law practice opened up opportunities for him to manage the internship programs for the Computer Science Department.

In his current position, Kimball is impacting the lives of many individuals who, like himself, are coming to the College for a new direction. As someone who has benefited from the opportunities offered, Kimball is not only grateful, but he is also a convert to the College's mission of being an agent of change in its students' lives. "It has worked for me," he says.

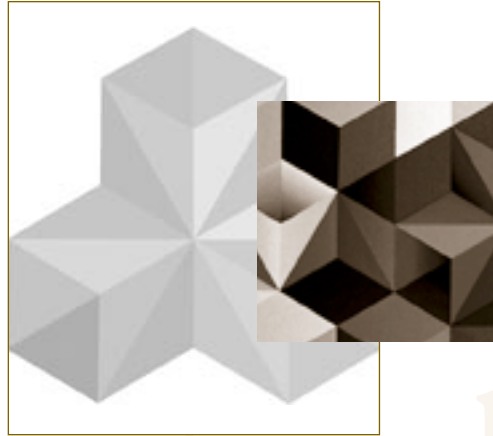
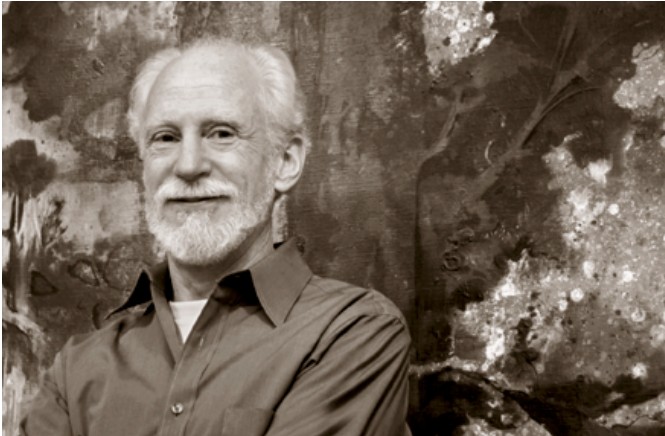


raymond kimball





# Cohen on Teaching



robert **cohen**

teaching

Professor Robert Cohen lets out a sigh tinged with “what ifs” as he recalls his decision to go into teaching 30 plus years ago. He had just finished a year of teaching part-time at Montgomery College. The teaching experience presented challenges both interesting and compelling, but he also wanted to pursue his passion for art.

“I wanted to paint, but I knew the world didn’t owe me a living,” says the bearded Cohen, as he sits in his cluttered corner of a shared office. “So I thought teaching is a good, honest way to earn a living...it was a practical decision.”

Montgomery College has been the richer for his choice. Cohen retires from teaching this July after three decades of passing on the skills of a fine artist to high school idealists and empty-nesters who all were anxious to change the world. Many of them became artists in their own right. Cohen says two principles guided his teaching: enthusiasm for the work and patience with the student.

His art has been deeply influenced by his personal experiences including his Jewish heritage, his love for travel, and a preoccupation with perspectives and variety. However, he says, his life as a teacher did not significantly shape his style of art.

Nonetheless, he does attribute several key elements of his approach to classroom assignments, specifically his work with the geometric concept of plane and his use of color. His art also had consequences for his teaching, particularly when he discovered new techniques while using certain media such as acrylic in his work. He would routinely share with his students these new techniques.

As his retirement date nears, Cohen feels certain that his decision to retire is the right one, but there are moments when he reflects on his life at the college and wonders. “I am pretty sure this is what I want to do. In fact, I am quite certain,” he says, but then adds in a voice that trails off into a soft whisper, “But there are a lot of...people I will miss.”

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## IN MEMORIAM

The MC Alumni Association would like to pay tribute to former MC professors, staff members, and alumni whom we are aware of who have recently passed away.

**James Asbury**  
September 6, 2001  
Building Controls Mechanic  
Rockville Campus

**Joan Lautman**  
July 25, 2001  
Associate Professor  
Takoma Park Campus

**Kirsten Shumway**  
December 1, 2001  
Senior Administrative Aide  
Rockville Campus

**John H. Van Gordon**  
April 7, 2002  
Bliss Electrical School  
Class of 1920

# Takoma Park Expansion

by Sara Smith



*The Health Sciences Center will make Montgomery College an icon on Georgia Avenue.*

The long anticipated expansion of the Takoma Park Campus officially began with the groundbreaking ceremonies in April for the Health Sciences Center, the first of three new buildings on Georgia Avenue. Construction of the \$25 million Takoma Park Health Sciences Center is an important first step in serving the expanding educational needs of Montgomery College students and the healthcare needs of the community.

This center will house a community health care clinic that will occupy over 7,000 square feet on the first floor of the four-story building and will house four exam rooms and two classrooms. Through a collaborative partnership with Holy Cross Hospital, the primary care clinic will provide community access to quality clinical care and offer valuable community-based clinical experience for student nurses. Holy Cross Hospital personnel will handle patient care and serve as clinical adjunct faculty, working side by side with College faculty in supervising and evaluating students.

Each year the clinic will treat an estimated 5,000 patients with chronic conditions. The clinic will not offer surgery or emergency treatment; it will, however, provide important educational and outreach activities, such as patient health education, screening, and support groups for the county's uninsured and undertrained, many of whom are immigrants who speak little English.

The Health Sciences Center presents an exciting opportunity to expand academic programs limited by lack of space at the present site. The new facilities afford outstanding opportunities for our students and our community if the facilities, programs, and tuition support can be made available.

The MC Foundation has launched a \$10 million campaign to support the expansion of the Takoma Park Campus and to ensure that the expanded campus maintains its level of academic distinction and excellence.

Private funding for the Health Sciences Center is critical for the success of this bold venture:

- To increase scholarships for those most in need.
- To expand academic programs, including the existing nursing program that have been limited by available space in present quarters.
- To support urgently needed new programs in bilingual nursing.
- To invest in the equipment, faculty, training, and facilities to support instruction.
- To offer continuing education opportunities to support local businesses and customized credit and noncredit courses to corporate clients, including health care professionals such as diagnostic medical sonographers.

For more information, please contact LaVerne Gordon at 301-610-4023.

## Alumni Career Services

How have you been impacted by the economic downturn? Are you looking for a new job or maybe thinking of changing careers? The Career Information Specialists at Montgomery College's Career/Transfer Centers provide services to support the career decision making process. These services include matching interests to possible career fields, performing career information searches, preparing resumes and cover letters, performing job searches, and preparing for interviews. All services are free to alumni. Please call 301-650-1479 for more information or visit these Web sites for information on

upcoming events at Montgomery College's Career/Transfer Centers:

- **Rockville Campus:**  
[www.montgomerycollege.edu/Departments/studevrv/transfer-center.html](http://www.montgomerycollege.edu/Departments/studevrv/transfer-center.html)
- **Germantown Campus:**  
[www.montgomerycollege.edu/Departments/studevgt/Center.htm](http://www.montgomerycollege.edu/Departments/studevgt/Center.htm)
- **Takoma Park Campus:**  
[www.montgomerycollege.edu/Departments/studevtp/](http://www.montgomerycollege.edu/Departments/studevtp/)

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# Robert P. Moltz Scholarship



*Robert E. Torray (left) shown with Robert P. Moltz (right) and scholarship recipient and Student Ambassador President Ezinne Uzo Okoso. Through the generosity of Moltz and Torray, a number of students will receive a strong educational foundation.*

“A very meaningful experience,” is the way Robert P. Moltz ’67, president of Weaver Bros. Insurance Associates, Inc., and MC graduate, describes his years at the College. He credits MC not only for promoting his educational interests but also for playing an important role in his success. Moltz has shown his commitment to the College by both serving as an MC Foundation board member and through the establishment of the Robert P. Moltz Scholarship, sponsored by Weaver Bros. Insurance Associates, in the fall of 2001. This annual scholarship provides full-time tuition and fees for two deserving MC students.

Moltz was also instrumental in introducing a close personal friend, Robert E. Torray,

chairman, Robert Torray and Co., to the College. Stirred by the exciting collegewide initiatives that are underway, and Moltz’s enthusiasm about MC, Torray agreed to commit to an annual scholarship gift to support ten full-time students each year. Torray was recognized for his leadership gift at the MC President’s Forum Breakfast in November 2001.

Both Moltz and Torray have shown that their many successes have only heightened their awareness of the need for everyone to have an opportunity to receive a high-quality education.

Through the generosity of Moltz and Torray, a number of MC students will realize that opportunity every year.

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## Reflections of a Prankster’s Past

### Memories from the Class of 1956

by Larry Bubes ’56

For most teens in the 1950s, the problems of peer acceptance and status were satisfied by association with, or membership in, one of the many types of activities or social organizations. In the D.C. metropolitan area, this affiliation took the form of the school fraternity, street/shopping center gang, or an adult-sponsored group.

Rejected, or rejecting the snobbish fraternity set and lacking the funds associated with its operations, several of our guys looked to the “gang.” This presented no real form of identity, as our temperaments didn’t quite fit a gang’s expectations. Thus, our group of fun seekers brought an alternative to that which couldn’t or wouldn’t belong. The seeds for the UPC (Uptown Pleasure Club) were sown.

And so we nonaligned fun seekers found ourselves graduating from local Catholic and public high schools in 1953-54 and enrolled in a local community junior college. Hence, our base of these young

men was broadened, for now we met others who were similar in thoughts as well as deeds.

On a warm fall afternoon, in an unused classroom (soon to be renovated for the expanding enrollment of Montgomery Junior College, Takoma Park Campus), about a half-dozen of us met and decided to start our own self-interest group. Rules be damned, the only criteria for existing was the pursuit of good times.

To the more serious matter of membership, more time was devoted. Since most of us who were showing up for our drinking sessions were already of a variety of nationalities, we became natural members by association, whether they wanted to or not. It seemed logical that the real bond of the UPC was our differences of ethnic background and family nationality.

Meetings were uncomplicated and took the form of poker, playing ball, or zeroing in on

a party or dance to crash. Always a problem was the matter of cash, who was to drive, and where and when to meet (so what’s changed?), and who got the back seat on a double date. Chipping in for transportation costs and liquid refreshment was often ridiculous.

And so our band of merry men surged forth with vigor in pursuit of formalizing their academic and professional careers while never losing sight of the UPC’s credo—“Fun for All and All for Fun!”

By the end of the 1960s, most of us had obligations to the fulfillment of schooling, military, marriage, and employment. Only occasionally did our paths cross, and on these infrequent get togethers, we attempted to rise to the occasion with shenanigans that were reminiscent of UPC’s past. To this end, enjoyment with one another was both refreshing, if not curious at times.

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## CLASS NOTES

**Stephen Hansen, Ph.D. '65** was selected as a recipient of the Distinguished Support Person of the Year by the executive board of the University of the Pacific chapter of Phi Delta Kappa, a prestigious educational organization, for his exceptional service to students and staff at Lodi High School in Lodi, California.

**Arlene (Scott) O'Donnell '68** is a loss control supervisor for Fireman's Fund Insurance Company in Irvine, California. Ms. O'Donnell was one of the first female police detectives in Wheaton, Maryland, and retired from the Montgomery County Police force prior to moving to California. Ms. O'Donnell's mother, Winifred Scott, former registrar of wills for Montgomery County, Maryland, passed away last year. **Judge John F. McAuliffe '52** gave the eulogy at the funeral.

**Barbara A. Walsh '75** recently appeared in *Sisters Rosensweig* at the George Street Playhouse in New Jersey with Susan Clark and June Gable. Ms. Walsh, a Tony nominee for *Falsettos* and a Broadway veteran of *Big* and *Blood Brothers*, played Pfeni, one of the sisters in *Sisters Rosensweig*.

**Cathy L. Sonneborn '75** was recently named property mistress for six Sondheim musical shows at the

Kennedy Center which are scheduled to run during the summer of 2002.

**Debra L. Valencia '77** has been named the group creative director of Consumer Brands & Retail Group for Guidance, The Convergent Business Studio, located in Marina Del Rey, California. Ms. Valencia specializes in developing long-range Internet business strategies for existing branded companies. Her clients include North American Van Lines, Allied Van Lines, and Footlocker.com.

**Eric L. Provost '78** was sworn in as the chief of police and the director of public safety for Austin Peay State University after completing 20 years as an MP officer and retiring from the U.S. Army as a lieutenant colonel. Chief Provost resides outside of Clarksville, Tennessee with his wife, Ellen, and their three children.

**Robert E. Dorsett, Jr. '91** teaches physical education and health at Perryville High School in Perryville, Maryland. He has coached wrestling and baseball at Perryville High School and is currently the school's head football coach.

**David Sheitelman '95** has recently matriculated to the Doctor of Chiropractic Program at Logan College in Chesterfield, Missouri.

**Sonia J. Aslam '01** received the 2001 Betty Ann Krahnke Assistive Technology Award at the Fifteenth Annual Montgomery County Pyramid Awards Ceremony. The Pyramid Awards are presented to individuals, organizations, and businesses committed to serving and including people with disabilities.

## BLISS BEAT

**Henry Heusinkveld '43**

During World War II, I was a student at the Bliss Electrical School in the same buildings later occupied by the Takoma Park Campus of Montgomery College. Old man Lois D. Bliss was a pioneer in the electrical engineering field, and he was present at some of the lectures. He was a dear.

I served as a radio technician during World War II aboard the heavy cruiser U.S.S. Tuscaloosa in the Pacific Theatre and earned several battle stars. It was interesting. I could name the various types of radars we serviced with their characteristics.

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## MC Connections With the 2002 Salt Lake City Olympics

Michael Kohn '94



*Photo by Preston Keres—U.S. Navy*

After receiving his bronze medal for the men's four-man bobsled during the 2002 Winter Olympic Games, **Michael Kohn '94**, waves to the crowd. Kohn was introduced to the sport of bobsledding while attending Montgomery College.

Carl Schroeder



Professor **Carl Schroeder**, Rockville Campus, and MC alumni **Katherine B. Mizell '49** and **Robert J. Burke '91** were among the 60 Washington, D.C. area individuals selected to bear the official flame of the 2002 Winter Games in Salt Lake City. Approximately 11,500 individuals were selected nationwide to be torchbearers, including 100 who represented the victims of the September 11th tragedy. The 13,500-mile Olympic Torch Relay began December 4, 2001, in Atlanta, site of the 1996 summer Olympics, after the Olympic flame was flown to the U.S. from the small town in Greece where the games began. The relay passed through 46 states, including Alaska for the first time, and ended in Salt Lake City on February 8, opening day of the 2002 winter games.

Katherine B. Mizell '49



*Photo courtesy of Katherine B. Mizell*

Robert J. Burke '91



*Photo by David S. Spence—The Gazette*



## ALUMNI BOARD OF GOVERNORS OFFICERS

### **Robert F. Costello III '64, President**

Costello has been a long-time supporter of the College, having served on the MC Foundation Board of Directors, the MC Alumni Association Board of Governors, and numerous fundraising committees for the College. He is completing his second term as president of the MC Alumni Association and encourages all MC alumni to become involved with the College. He is also a vice president for UBS/PaineWebber in Bethesda, Maryland.

### **Mahlon G. "Lon" Anderson '69, Vice President**

Anderson, a 1998 recipient of the MC Alumni Association's Outstanding Alumni Achievement Award, is finishing his second term as vice president for the alumni association. Anderson is director of public affairs for MidAtlantic AAA motorist club. He is an advocate for the addition of roads to help ease gridlock in the Washington, D.C. metropolitan area.

### **Stephen Fisher '75, Treasurer**

Fisher has been involved with the MC Alumni Association Board of Governors since the beginnings of its current incarnation. He has served as president of the MC Alumni Association and has helped to raise funds for the College's Foundation to support scholarships for students in need. Fisher was also a recipient of the Outstanding Alumni Achievement Award in 1992. He has close ties with the Bliss Electrical Society and has served as its president.

### **Maxine Oliver '01, Secretary**

Oliver is completing her first term as secretary for the MC Alumni Association and has earned a certificate in diversity training from the College. Oliver is also president of Racial Interaction Development in Gaithersburg, Maryland.

### **Esther B. Newman '75, Immediate Past President**

Newman has been a longtime Board of Governors member, served two terms as president, and was a recipient of the 2000 Outstanding Alumni Achievement Award. She earned her master's degree from Johns Hopkins and is currently the director of Leadership Montgomery, which trains community members to be leaders in Montgomery County.



*Back row (from left to right): Robert F. Costello, Stephen Fisher, Mahlon G. Anderson  
Front row (from left to right): Esther B. Newman, Maxine Oliver*

## Ready to Give Something Back?

As a former MC student, you are well aware that MC offers first-rate instruction from professors who provide individualized attention, and that low tuition rates, flexible scheduling, and a welcoming atmosphere is offered to all who attend. Did you also know that MC is a rich resource for all Montgomery County residents, with an extensive menu of concerts, conferences, lectures, theatre performances, sporting events, and other activities, many of which are free?

Give something back to the community's College and to generations of students for years to come. Make a donation to this year's annual fund campaign. The Annual Fund is a critical source of revenue for Montgomery College designed to generate unrestricted donations:

- To provide urgent scholarship relief for deserving students (700 scholarship applicants were turned away this year due to lack of funding).
- To provide state-of-the-art equipment and technology for our classrooms.
- To support faculty and curricula enhancements.
- To support overall programming needs of the College.
- To support other critical programs.

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## Prankster's Past *Continued from page 10*

How often had we parted company and wondered, "What the hell was I trying to prove, anyway?"

By the 1970s, contact with one another became more difficult. However, to the corps of the elite UPC, a night on the town with old buddies became cherished and was looked forward to. Again, of questionable merit was the behavior of some of us at any given get together. By the end of 1979, our UPC members took a pledge to attempt to meet at least once a year for food and merriment. It seems our age has qualified most of our pranks, and fun and frolic are recaptured now in memories. However, who knows what the future holds?

Our ability to provide for family and self may not compare with some standards, but to those who benefit from our labors, it is known the job is well done. Higher goals may be sought and even obtained. To those, we raise our glasses and wish success. Reflecting on past deeds, it could be said that it is miraculous any are here to enjoy each other's company and laugh at what we've done.

May another 30 years of friendship, loyalty, and love be with us. So return with us now to those thrilling days of yesteryear, from out of the winding streets comes the great '48 Chevy. The UPC Rides Again! "HI! HO! Mockahoy!"

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## ALUMNI EVENTS



The Montgomery College Alumni Association sponsored the commercial production of *Joey and Maria's Comedy Italian Wedding* on January 25, 2002, at the Rockville Campus of Montgomery College. More than 200 people enjoyed an evening of fun, food, and dancing all while raising funds for the alumni association. To view pictures from this event as well as other alumni association functions, please visit [www.montgomerycollege.edu/alumni/alumniphotos/](http://www.montgomerycollege.edu/alumni/alumniphotos/).

## They are on their way!

Our Montgomery College Alumni Directory project is nearing completion and the directories are being shipped.

This comprehensive new volume is a compilation of the most current data available on over 30,000 Montgomery College alumni. Information was obtained from questionnaire mailings, telephone verification, and/or from the alumni records. Now the distribution of this impressive edition will begin.

The directories are scheduled to be released in April 2002.

All alumni who reserved a copy of the directory during the verification phase of the project should be receiving their copies two or three weeks after the release. If you have any questions on your order, or if you wish to place an order, please contact our publisher directly at the following address: Customer Service Department; Bernard C. Harris Publishing Co., Inc; 6315 North Center Dr.; Norfolk, VA 23502 or phone 1-800-877-6554.

Our new directory is an excellent way of reliving your college days and getting reacquainted with former Montgomery College classmates. To those who returned their questionnaires—many thanks for your cooperation. And, to those who ordered a copy of the directory and/or CD—enjoy!

## 17th Annual Golf Classic

The Montgomery College Foundation is looking for sponsors for the 17th Annual Golf Classic to be held on September 10, 2002, at the exclusive Woodmont Country Club in Rockville. Join corporate and community friends of the College as they once again play so others can learn. Sponsorship levels start at \$1,500 for two players and increase to \$5,000 for eight players.

Over the past 16 years, the Golf Classic has raised more than \$650,000 to assist deserving yet financially challenged students, as well as to fund critical educational and technological programs at the College. Help us continue this critical support and keep the dreams of a college education alive for thousands of students.

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