

# MOUNT ST. MARY'S UNIVERSITY

## THIS STORY HAS A NICE "Ring" TO IT!

Just when it seemed all hope was lost, a "miracle" occurred at Mount St. Mary's University.

A \$15,000 engagement ring that had slipped off its owner's finger and found its way into the university sewage system on February 20 turned up a month later on a grate in the campus water treatment facility—fully intact.

Debbie Squicciarri of Ramsey, N.J., was visiting the Mount with her daughter, sister, and niece at a Discovery Day Admissions program on February 20 when her engagement ring slipped off her finger and fell into an automatic flush toilet in the Mount's student center.

Squicciarri's sister tracked down the Mount's Recruiting Director, Josh Ditsky, and told him what happened. Ditsky called Physical Plant for assistance and Physical Plant worker Ron Bledsoe attempted to recover it—removing the toilet from the wall and scanning the plumbing trap, but to no avail.

Bledsoe, of Fairfield, Pa., promised a visibly distraught Squicciarri that he would keep an eye out for it, although his words seemed to do little to comfort her.

But this story has a happy ending.

A month later, on March 20, Bledsoe sought out Ditsky in the Admissions Office.

"Ron walked into our office and says to me: 'I'm supposed to talk to you about the woman who lost her ring,'" Ditsky recalled. "And then proceeds to pull it out of his shirt pocket."

Ditsky then called Squicciarri to share the good news.

"I guess this means I have to send my daughter (a high school junior) to Mount St. Mary's," an ecstatic Squicciarri joked to Ditsky. "When I returned home, everyone reiterated the same words Ron did, that the chances of finding the ring were slim to none. I had resigned myself to accepting that my ring was gone.

"When Josh called, my reaction was total shock followed by an immediate sense of faith—in the fact that there are people in this world who are not only caring but honest," Squicciarri said. "Not only did Ron continue to look for my ring, but when found he was honest enough to return it. I cannot say enough about how thankful I am for his diligence and morality."

Squicciarri met up with Bledsoe on campus March 27, where he returned the ring to its rightful owner—right where it belongs!



Debbie Squicciarri's engagement ring—safely back on her finger!



Mount St. Mary's University physical plant employee Ron Bledsoe with Debbie Squicciarri.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Stay up-to-date with Mount events by visiting [www.msmary.edu](http://www.msmary.edu), click on "upcoming events" in the upper right corner. For athletic schedules, stats and player interviews, visit [www.mountathletics.com](http://www.mountathletics.com)

### **Finitude, Suffering and Hope: What wisdom and witness do we have to offer a despairing worlds**

Tuesday, April 25

7:30 p.m., Knott Auditorium

Carol Taylor, CSFN, RN, Ph.D.

A vocational analysis of one woman's journey to accompany family and friends, students, patients and groups struggling to find meaning in finitude and suffering.

### **Mount Chorale Spring Concert**

Sunday, April 30

4 p.m., Immaculate Conception Chapel

The Mount Chamber Choir and Women's Ensemble present Sacred Music from Rival Empires and Beyond. Featured on the program are works by William Byrd, Tomás Luís de Victoria, Juan Esquivel, Franz Schubert, and Giuseppe Verdi. A free will donation will be accepted.

### **Mount Wind & Jazz Ensemble Concert**

Sunday, May 7

3 p.m., Knott Auditorium

The Mount St. Mary's University Wind Ensemble and Jazz Workshop present their annual Spring Concert, featuring works by Ralph Vaughn Williams, Franz von Suppe, Duke Ellington, and Cannonball Adderley. Donations will be accepted for the Catocin Pregnancy Center.

## SENIOR HONORS PRESENTATIONS

### **A Three-week Celebration of Academic Excellence**

April 19-May 5, 2006  
Bradley Conference Room  
Bradley Hall  
Mount St. Mary's University

#### **Wednesday, April 19**

Noon Kim Najem  
Art Education: Do Perceptual Exercises Benefit Students with Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder?

4 p.m. Kristi Voskuhl  
Conflicting Identities: Birth Control and American Catholic Women

#### **Thursday, April 20**

Noon Shannon Gibbons  
An Analysis of RELN as an Autistic Gene

3 p.m. Kelly Pilger  
Triptych of Terror: "Murder in the Window"

#### **Friday, April 21**

Noon Sean Clancy  
Collection of Short Stories

3 p.m. Kate Parnell  
Lips, Slips, and Meander Strips: Steps in Making an Ancient Greek Vase

#### **Monday, April 24**

Noon Matt Simantel  
Cursory Versus Conscientious: Comparing Scholarly and Public Assessments Regarding Presidential Ranking

3 p.m. Megan Wertner  
Symbolizing the Sacred: "World Youth Day" as Rhetorical Sub-Genre

#### **Tuesday, April 25**

Noon Eddie Wright  
Chaos in Student Formation

3 p.m. Jen Auman  
Las Latinas del Trabajo y de la Casa: Giving Voice to Latin American Women at Work and Home

#### **Wednesday, April 26**

Noon John Foley  
The Economics of Stadium Construction

3 p.m. Natalee Henry  
Do trichomes in rapid-cycling Brassica rapa defend against herbivory by Trichoplusia ni larvae?

#### **Thursday, April 27**

Noon Jennifer Fox  
Expression and Characterization of the Variola Interferon Gamma Receptor Protein

2 p.m. Jackie Hoy  
The Celtic Tiger, Past Present and Future: A look at the economic impact of European expansion on Ireland.

#### **Friday, April 28**

Noon Sarah Ramsburg  
Manifesto of a Math Teacher: A Declaration of Principles, Policies, and Intentions for Math Education in America

#### **Honored Faculty Research Presentation**

Friday, April 28, 3:30 p.m.  
Use of Wisconsin Fast Plants™ as a research and teaching tool in ecology and evolution  
Dr. Rosie Bolen

#### **Monday, May 1**

Noon Scott Feldmann  
The Adaptation of the Sequence Three Experiment to the Micro Scale

3 p.m. Courtney Jenkins  
Direct-to-Consumer Advertising of Prescription Drugs: An Ethical Analysis.

#### **Tuesday, May 2**

Noon John Rodriguez  
Counter-Insurgency Lessons for Iraq

3 p.m. Tara Lowder  
Exploring the Intentional Fallacy Through the Artwork of Frida Kahlo

#### **Wednesday, May 3**

Noon Ryan Cleary  
Use of Thionyl Chloride to Increase Purity and Yield of Organic Chemistry Sequence 3 Experiment in the Undergraduate Organic Chemistry Laboratory

1 p.m. Danielle Krause  
Developing a Curricula of Change

3 p.m. Jessica Upchurch  
An Analytical Comparison on the Methods Implemented in the Social Studies Classroom and Mount St. Mary's Teacher Education Program

#### **Thursday, May 4**

Noon Laura Robinson  
The Ever-changing Legend of Jane McCrae

3 p.m. Bill Davidson  
Catholic Thought on Birth Regulation: An Argument Starting with the Common Ground

#### **Friday, May 5**

Noon Laura Treado  
Gambling with Our Future? A Cost Benefit Analysis of Legalized Gambling

3 p.m. Ross Montfort  
Examining the Philosophy of Fight Club: An Expose of the Film's Freudian and Marcisian Assumptions