

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 Squiccimarrri 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.

Squiccimarrri'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 Squiccimarrri 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 Squiccimarrri 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 Squiccimarrri 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," Squiccimarrri 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."

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



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



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

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Stay up-to-date with Mount events by visiting www.msmary.edu, click on "upcoming events" in the upper right corner. For athletic schedules, stats and player interviews, visit 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