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Mount Mary College Receives Award from Wisconsin Newspaper Association *Two "Arches" Student Newspaper Staff Recognized*

MILWAUKEE (February 9, 2010) – Two Mount Mary College “Arches” staff members have received awards from the “Better Newspaper Contest,” sponsored by the Wisconsin Newspaper Association Foundation. The annual contest recognizes student achievements in college newspapering for pieces published in the previous academic year. The judge’s panel is comprised of Wisconsin newspapers’ publishers, general managers, editors, reporters, photographers, copy editors and other staffers.

Mount Mary’s award recipients were selected from 2,130 total editorial entries from 31 daily and 75 weekly newspapers. The award winners, which will be honored at an awards luncheon at the annual Wisconsin Newspaper Association Convention on Friday, February 12, 2010, include:

Elaina Meier, Second Place – Best Editorial for "Obama Offers Potential for Real Change," November, 2008. Meier is a Mount Mary graduate student in the M.A. in English/Writing program. She also teaches history and government at Wauwatosa East High School and advises the school’s award-winning “Cardinal News” student newspaper.

Frances Czapski, Third Place – Column Writing for "Obscure Observations in Munich," May, 2009. Czapski, a recent graduate of College’s English – Professional Writing program, lives and works in Minneapolis as a freelance writer and photographer.

“Arches,” Mount Mary’s student newspaper focuses on news and events of interest to the College community and includes national, metropolitan, local and college news and features. It is a member of the Wisconsin Newspaper Association and a First Class status member of the Associated Collegiate Press, which has previously awarded the newspaper several design awards and Press Marks of Distinction.

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