

INSIDE MU

Inside MU is a biweekly newsletter for Marymount faculty and staff.

To submit items for consideration in *Inside MU*, e-mail: insidemu@marymount.edu or send via campus mail to University Communications, Rowley Hall, Room 89.

IN THE SPOTLIGHT...

Marymount Wins New NSF Grant

The National Science Foundation has awarded a \$91,207 grant to Marymount to establish an introductory psychology research laboratory.

The purpose of the laboratory is to help all students develop scientific literacy early in their college studies so that they have a common base of knowledge to build upon. Specifically targeted are minority, female, and transfer students. The project, entitled "Using Introductory Psychology Labs to Provide Early Research Experience to Regular and Transfer Students," aims to put everyone on even footing.

The grant was awarded under the auspices of the NSF's highly competitive Course, Curriculum, and Laboratory Improvement program. The winning grant proposal was submitted by **Dr. Michael Clump**, assistant professor of Psychology and the principal investigator for the project. **Dr. Carolyn Oxenford**, professor of Psychology, collaborated on an earlier draft of the proposal.

FYI

Employee Meal Cost Goes Up

The cost of an employee meal on campus increased from \$3 to \$4 on July 1. While the cost of the students' room and board has increased each year, this is the first cost increase for employee meals in many years.

MU Men's Basketball Team Needs Your Help!

Men's basketball coach **Scott McClary** and all returning team members will travel to the Emerald Isle from August 18 to 26 to play four exhibition games with Irish professional club teams in Cork, Dublin, and Limerick.

Under McClary's leadership, the team has been fundraising for three years to make this trip a reality, and the final push is on to raise additional funds for the team's travel expenses. Faculty and

staff are invited to support this effort.

This trip is the kind of opportunity that most of the players have not had to date, and McClary thinks it will be one of the highlights of their Marymount experience. McClary believes this overseas trip will strengthen the athletic program by supporting the University's mission to educate the whole person. Before and after each game, the Irish teams will host the MU Saints for a day of fun, touring, and learning about local Irish heritage and culture.

McClary also believes it will help team members bond as they prepare for their upcoming season. He says the team truly becomes a unit as they practice, travel to away games, and strive for victory on the court. For information about how you can support the Saints' trip to Ireland, contact Scott McClary (ext. 1515; scott.mcclary@marymount.edu).

Still Space in MU Summer Camps

Are you searching for a last-minute activity to complete your child's summer schedule? If he or she is interested in athletics, look no further than Marymount's sports camp offerings. There are still spaces available in the basketball, lacrosse, and all-sports camps. For more information, call **Scott McClary** (basketball), ext. 1515; **Beth Ann Wilson** (volleyball), ext. 3834; **Jon Reynolds** (lacrosse), ext. 1690; and **Jamie Reynolds** (all-sports), ext. 3831.

Helping Hands Needed

Campus Ministry invites all faculty and staff to join the incoming freshman class on Saturday, September 1, for Volunteer Service Day, from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Volunteers are needed to drive vans to various service sites and to help with set-up and clean-up duty for the picnic that will reward everyone's hard work. If you are interested in participating, call Campus Ministry

at ext. 1607 or stop by the office in the Lodge.

Mass Schedule Changes

There will be no Masses celebrated on campus during July. The August schedule is as follows: The 10 a.m. Sunday Mass will resume on August 5; the daily 7:30 a.m. Mass will resume on August 6; and the daily noon Mass (Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday) resumes on August 13. The 7 p.m. Sunday Mass will resume on August 19.

MU in the News

Dr. Linda Gulyn, associate professor of Psychology, appeared on W*USA's *9News Now Saturday at 6 a.m.* to discuss ways to celebrate Father's Day if Dad is not present. She also discussed the importance of the "Daddy Factor" in raising children.

The June issue of *Washington Life* magazine featured a three-page spread on this year's *Portfolio in Motion* fashion show and Michael Kors, who received the Designer of the Year Award. Articles on *Portfolio in Motion* also ran in *Women's Wear Daily*, the *Washington Post*, and *DC Luxury Magazine*.

PLAUDITS

Dr. Edward Cannon, assistant professor of Psychology, recently spoke at the International Nanny Association's 2007 annual conference, which was held in Alexandria. His presentation, entitled "Watching for Blind Spots," focused on working with diverse families.

Dr. Cynthia Knott, assistant professor of Management Science; **Dr. Nina McGarry**, assistant professor of Information Management; **Dr. Nancy Furlow**, assistant professor of Management and Marketing; and **Kristina Hopper**, coordinator of SBA Program Initiatives, served as judges

at the 2007 Virginia Future Business Leaders of America State Leadership Conference in Reston. The competition brings together more than 1,200 high school students from across the state to compete for the chance to participate in a national competition.

Aline Orfali, director, International Student Services, chaired a presentation at the NAFSA: Association of International Educators' annual conference in May, with **Andria Jason**, assistant director, International Student Services; **Kristin Balbuena**, international recruitment assistant director, Admissions; and international students Julius Hambule, Jonah Kiliaras, and Benard Korinko. "Leaving the Tribe for an American Experience" focused on the cultural transition the Maasai students from Kenya underwent following their arrival in the United States and at Marymount. The presentation was originally made at the association's regional conference in November and then was chosen as the Region VIII highlight at the national conference in May.

Dr. Behnaz Z. Quigley, professor of Accounting, has been appointed for a third time to the College-Level Examination Program (CLEP) Financial Accounting Test Development Committee. Her 12-month term began July 1. In January 2007, CLEP introduced a new financial accounting exam that was developed by the committee and covers two semesters of knowledge in Financial Accounting and Managerial Accounting.

Dr. Donald Shandler, assistant vice president for Graduate and Adult Education, has been appointed to the board of directors of the Greater Reston Chamber of Commerce. His three-year term began on July 1.

PERSONAL MILESTONE

Congratulations to **Diane Nemr**, administrative secretary, School of

Education and Human Services, on the birth of Giovanna Claire Ramia, on May 10.

PEOPLE

Welcome

Bradley Webb, residence hall director, Residence Life (ext. 2304; bradley.webb@marymount.edu)

Transitions

Margaret Dalmut has been promoted from assistant to associate director, Campus Ministry, ext. 1604.

Jacqueline Gill has been promoted from purchasing assistant to accounts payable coordinator, Business Office, ext. 1487.

Fr. Jack Peterson, who is now the full-time director of Youth Apostles, has transitioned from chaplain to assistant chaplain and associate director of Campus Ministry, ext. 6993.

Fr. David Sharland has been promoted from assistant chaplain to chaplain and

EVENTS

July 4—Independence Day; University closed

Through September 3—"Keeping Up with the Joneses - The Welsh in America" exhibition, Gerard Phelan Hall

The next issue of Inside MU comes out on Monday, August 6.

Deadline to submit items for consideration: Tuesday, July 31.

**Marymount University
Employee Holiday Schedule
2007-2008**

Marymount University staff and administrators will have holiday leave in 2007-2008 according to the schedule specified below. In the event of significant weather-related or emergency closings, the University reserves the right to modify this schedule. While this holiday schedule is generally consistent with the 2007-2008 University Academic Calendar, days on which no classes are held are not designated as holidays.

Labor Day Holiday

Monday, September 3, 2007

Columbus Day Holiday

Monday, October 8, 2007

Thanksgiving Holiday

Wednesday, November 21, 2007 through Friday, November 23, 2007

Christmas/New Year's Holiday

Monday, December 24, 2007 through Tuesday, January 1, 2008

Martin Luther King Holiday

Monday, January 21, 2008

Good Friday Holiday

Friday March 21, 2008

Memorial Day Holiday

Monday, May 26, 2008

Independence Day Holiday

Friday, July 4, 2008