

INSIDEMU

InsideMU is a biweekly newsletter for Marymount faculty and staff.

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

IN THE SPOTLIGHT...

University Assembly: August 21

Faculty and staff are invited to attend the fall semester University Assembly on Tuesday, August 21, at 10:30 a.m. in the Recreational Gym.

President **James E. Bundschuh** will begin the 2007-08 academic year with updates on a number of topics, including exciting news on the 26th Street Project and preparations for the SACS reaccreditation review. After the presentation, faculty and staff are invited to the Gerard Phelan Dining Hall for lunch.

Please plan to attend this important University event.

FYI Dining Update

The Gerard Dining Hall will be closed for cleaning and repairs from Monday, August 6, through Sunday, August 19. During this period, Bernie's will be open Monday through Friday for breakfast from 8 to 10 a.m.; lunch from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.; and dinner from 4 to 6 p.m. On Saturday and Sunday, brunch will be served from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and dinner from 4 to 6 p.m.

In addition to Sandella's and Jazzman's menu options, a salad and hot food buffet will be available during lunch and dinner. All dining locations will resume their regular hours of operation on Monday, August 20.

Later this month, Bernie's will also be home to a convenience store that will sell handy grab-and-go-items, such as microwaveable foods and ice cream. Faculty and staff will be able to pay for these items, as well as those purchased from Sandella's and Jazzman's, by using their BlueCard or cash at the convenience store's register. Look for the grand opening soon!

Learn the Rules of Student Employment

If you're planning to hire student workers in the coming year, please plan to attend a Campus Employer Workshop

to ensure that you understand student employment policies. The offices of Human Resource Services and Payroll have mandated this workshop for all supervisors who plan to hire a student worker.

Representatives from Human Resource Services and Student Employment will review and update student employment procedures and distribute a revised campus employer manual.

This year's workshops will be held on Monday, August 20, at 2 p.m. in Rowley Hall, room 70, and on Tuesday, August 21, at 9:30 a.m. in the Truland Auditorium at the Ballston Center. If you have questions or are unable to attend either of the workshop sessions, please contact **Sandy Henderson** (ext. 5796, sandy.henderson@marymount.edu).

Parking Permits Available Soon

Beginning August 20, faculty/staff 2007-08 parking permits will be available in the ID and Parking Office, Ireton Hall. You may pick yours up anytime, Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Be sure to bring your BlueCard. If you need additional information about permits or parking, visit www.marymount.edu/transportation/parking or call ext. 5700.

Staff assigned to off-campus parking may continue to park on campus through August 24. Regular parking procedures resume on August 27.

Chapel Masses to Resume

Masses will be held as follows in the Sacred Heart of Mary Chapel:

10 a.m. Sunday Mass resumed August 5

7:30 a.m. daily Mass resumes August 6

Noon Mass resumes August 13

7 p.m. Sunday Mass resumes August 19

The Feast of the Assumption, a holy day of obligation, is on Wednesday, August 15. Mass will be celebrated in the Sacred Heart of Mary Chapel at 7:30 a.m. and at noon. Those unable to attend Mass on campus may contact Campus Ministry at ext. 1607 for a list of nearby churches and Mass times.

MU in the News

Steve Foerster, director of E-Learning Services, appeared on the BBC radio program *Caribbean Magazine* to discuss the advantages developing countries can gain by encouraging their well-educated citizens who live abroad to participate in distance learning programs to teach students back in their homeland.

Dr. Charles Miller, associate professor of Finance, appeared on NewsChannel 8 in July to speak about the stock market closing above 14,000.

Dr. Robert Otten, associate vice president for Academic Affairs and professor of English, appeared on NewsChannel 8's *NewsTalk* on July 20 to discuss tips for college success for incoming freshmen, as well as the appeal and literary value of Harry Potter.

PLAUDITS

Dr. Michael Boylan, professor of Philosophy, has published the novel *The Extinction of Desire: A Tale of Enlightenment*, which incorporates Buddhist philosophy. *The Washington Post* recently chose a bookstore event featuring Boylan discussing the work as one of its "Our Picks."

Steve Foerster, director of E-Learning Services, recently spoke at the iCommons Summit in Dubrovnik, Croatia. He presented on the advantages of participation in online communities such as WikiEducator for building open education resources. His paper, "The 'Playlist' Model of Course

Development: Using Closed Content to Make Open Courses," was published in the *iCommons Annual*. Foerster also spoke on WikiEducator and opportunities for student involvement in the development of open educational resources at the Free Culture National Conference held at Harvard Law School in May.

Dr. Kathleen Garces-Foley, assistant professor of Religious Studies, has published an article entitled "New Opportunities and Values: The Emergence of the Multicultural Church" in *The ANNALS of the American Academy of Political and Social Science*.

Dr. Kristi Planck Johnson, professor of Education, was co-presenter of a paper entitled "Teaching About Globalization" at the Annual Conference for the Comparative and International Education Society earlier this year. The conference, entitled "Engaging Our Differences," included scholars from the World Council of Comparative Education Societies.

Dr. Ralph Kidder, vice president for Financial Affairs, has been appointed budget chair of the Association for the Study of Higher Education.

PERSONAL MILESTONE

Dr. Monica Robbers, chair, Department of Sociology and Criminal Justice and associate professor of Criminal Justice, represented the United States in the Long Distance Triathlon World Championships in Lorient, France, and took home the bronze medal. MU swim coach **Mike Clark** is her coach.

PEOPLE Welcome

Kelly Meade, internship coordinator for Forensic Psychology, School of Education and Human Services (ext.

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Monica Montoya, director, Reston Center (ext. 5771; monica.montoya@marymount.edu)

Merle Schneider, gifts officer, Office of Development (ext. 6893; merle.schneider@marymount.edu)

Jennifer Webb, coordinator, Graduate Admissions (ext. 5908; jennifer.webb@marymount.edu)

Transitions

Holly Danforth has been promoted from admissions counselor to assistant director, Admissions, ext. 1505.

Jordana Fornier-Belonio has been promoted from assistant to the undergraduate director to associate director for operations, Admissions, ext. 5745.

Meghan Voris has been promoted from psychological counselor to assistant director, Counseling Center, ext. 6861.

PRAYERS REQUESTED

Please pray for the healing and recovery of **Jack D. Ellinwood**, father-in-law of **Janice Ellinwood**, chair and professor of Fine and Applied Arts.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Mateo Rios**, a Marymount senior who was killed in a car accident on July 23.

EVENTS

August 20—Library and Learning Services New Faculty Orientation

August 27—Classes begin

The next issue of *InsideMU* comes out on Monday, August 27.

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