

INSIDE

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IN THE SPOTLIGHT... TV Anchor To Deliver the McLaughlin Lecture

Gordon Peterson, ABC7/WJLA-TV news anchor and moderator, will address the Marymount community as the 2007-08 Marya McLaughlin Lecturer in Media Communications on Tuesday, November 27, at 8 p.m., in the Reinsch Library Auditorium. A reception will follow the program.

Marya McLaughlin was a well-known CBS News radio and television correspondent. She appeared on such programs as the *"CBS Evening News with Walter Cronkite," "Face The Nation,"* and the *"CBS Morning News."*

The annual lecture serves as an ongoing reminder of Ms. McLaughlin's contributions to broadcast journalism. Past lecturers have included Helen Thomas, Bob Schieffer, Bob Edwards, and Andrea Roane.

Gordon Peterson is an award-winning news anchor, reporter, writer, and producer. In addition to anchoring the 6 p.m. newscast, he moderates and produces the political roundtable *"Inside Washington."* He has won several Emmy Awards for his work on documentaries and series such as *"Journey to Normandy"* and *"Triana, Alabama: A Bad Case of the DDTs."* Mr. Peterson is a member of the Society of Professional Journalists' Hall of Fame.

FYI Benefits Fair Reminder

Are you thinking of changing your health care coverage or exploring dental benefit options? Have you ever wondered about the advantages of joining a credit union or opening up a Flexible Spending Account? For information on these and other topics, visit MU's annual Benefits Fair.

The fair will be held in the Ballston Center's conference room on Tuesday, November 6, from 1:30 to 4 p.m., and again on Main Campus in the atrium of the Lee Center on Wednesday, November 7, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Open Enrollment is now underway and runs through November 21. This is the only time each year when you can renew or alter your coverage unless there is a change in your family status, such as a marriage or birth. *Remember: Even if you wish to maintain your existing health, dental, or vision coverage, you must elect benefits by the November 21 deadline.*

And the Winner is...

The QEP has a name! Thirty-nine entries were submitted by students, faculty, and staff. The winning entry, The DISCOVER Project, was submitted by Dr. Todd Rimkus, professor of Biology. The QEP Planning Committee says the name best captured the excitement and inspiration of inquiry, creativity, scholarship, and research that it hopes the QEP will produce.

Dr. Bridget Murphy, assistant chair of the Department of Communications and Graphic Design and associate professor of Graphic Design, will conduct a student logo-design competition for The DISCOVER Project.

CTE Seminar

Faculty, don't miss the final session of the three-part workshop series "Step Away from the Podium: Active Learning Techniques," on Wednesday, November 7, from 3 to 5 p.m., in the Reinsch Library Graduate Reading Room. The discussion will focus on using cases and problems in class to activate learning and lectures. The workshops are not cumulative, so attending will be worthwhile even if you missed the earlier sessions.

For more information, e-mail the center at teaching@marymount.edu. Faculty can also register for the sessions online at www.marymount.edu.mucte.

Let's Lunch

Have you been unable to attend scheduled seminars offered by the Center for Teaching Excellence but still want to share best practices with your faculty

colleagues? How about lunch? Join **Dr. Carolyn Oxenford**, center director, for lunch on Thursday, November 15, from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. The discussion will focus on interesting assignments and fun activities to facilitate learning. Registration is not necessary.

Renowned Poet to Read

Poet **E. Ethelbert Miller** will give a noontime reading of selections from his published works on Wednesday, November 7, in the Reinsch Library's Lee Reception Room.

Mr. Miller is the director of the African American Resource Center at Howard University. He also chairs the board of the Institute of Policy Studies and serves on the board of The Writer's Center. Mr. Miller is the author of several books of poetry, including *Where Are the Love Poems for Dictators?*, *First Light*, and *How We Sleep on Nights We Don't Make Love*. His poems and essays can also be found in numerous anthologies.

New Show to Open in Barry Gallery

The Reinsch Library's Barry Gallery will exhibit "Nature Photography: Three Views," featuring work by **Matt Dunham**, **Corey Hilz**, and **Carla Steckley**, from November 9 to December 12. Faculty and staff are invited to attend the opening reception on Friday, November 9, from 5 to 7:30 p.m.

Matt Dunham is the art director in Marymount's Office of University Communications. Many of his photos for the exhibit were selected from his portfolio of photos of the Rowley Courtyard's native plants. They document the garden's changing beauty throughout the growing season. Corey Hilz's photography focuses on fascinating natural elements, while Carla Steckley's work displays her unique specialty — infrared photography.

Thanksgiving "Adopt-a-Family"

Would you or your department like to help a needy family this Thanksgiving? Please join Campus Ministry's Spirit of Service in celebrating family life and giving thanks during the holidays through the "Adopt-a-Family" program.

You can donate money or a Thanksgiving meal basket for an adopted family. Monetary contributions are due by Friday, November 9; Thanksgiving baskets are due by Tuesday, November 13. To learn more or to receive a family assignment, contact **Kelly Power**, Campus Ministry, ext. 1622.

Help the Homeless Walk-a-Thon

The entire Marymount community is invited to join Campus Ministry in the Sallie Mae Foundation's Help the Homeless Walk-a-Thon on Saturday, November 17. This annual event seeks to raise awareness of and funds for local organizations that work to prevent and end homelessness. If you are interested in participating, please call Campus Ministry, ext. 1607, for more information and to reserve a seat on the bus that will transport participants from Main Campus to Washington, D.C. for the event.

Angels Christmas Boutique

The Marymount Angels will sponsor The Shops at Main Christmas Boutique in the Main House on Saturday, December 1, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. This is a great opportunity to get your holiday shopping done and support a good cause. Items for sale will include holiday gifts, decorations, gourmet treats, and much more. The cost of entry is \$12, if paid before November 15, or \$15 at the door. All proceeds will benefit the Marymount Angels Endowed Scholarship Fund. For more information, visit www.marymount.edu/shopsatmain.

MU in the News

Dr. Edward Cannon, assistant professor of Psychology, recently appeared on ABC7/WJLA-TV to discuss "commuter marriages."

PLAUDITS

Dr. Lisa Jackson-Cherry, chair, Department of Counseling, and associate professor of Psychology, has been appointed Ethics Chair of The Board of Professional Counselors and Therapists of Maryland.

PEOPLE

Welcome

Dipti Gandhi, accounting assistant, Business Office (ext. 1492; dipti.ganhdhi@marymount.edu)

Katherine Pouchot, coordinator, Alumni relations (ext. 1541; katherine.pouchot@marymount.edu)

PRAYERS REQUESTED

Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Claude Alexander**, husband of **Denise Alexander**, advertising manager, University Communications.

Please pray for the healing of **Dr. Dan Knifong**, professor emeritus, School of Arts and Sciences.

EVENTS

November 6-7 — Benefits Fair

November 13 — Flu Shot clinic, Lee Center Atrium, 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Cost: \$23

November 16 — Women's basketball, 20th Annual Marymount Tip-off Classic, Verizon Sports Arena, 1:30 p.m.

November 17 — Men's and women's swimming vs. McDaniel, Lee Center Pool, 2 p.m.