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INSIDE

IN THE SPOTLIGHT... Open Enrollment for Benefits with an Online Twist!

Open Enrollment, the only time each year when you can renew or alter your health, dental, or vision coverage, is changing this year! Benefit election will be done online. Open Enrollment is now underway and runs through November 21.

No later than 5 p.m. on November 21, all full-time employees who wish to renew or change benefits should go to www.marymount.edu/muebs. Use your Marymount e-mail account user name and password to access the site. When electing your benefits, you will also find links for information about current plan designs and new health insurance rates for 2007.

Employees who do not have e-mail or Web access will be contacted directly by the Benefits office.

Even if you wish to maintain your existing health, dental, or vision coverage, you must elect benefits by the November 21 deadline. This is also the deadline for Pay-Flex Flexible Spending Account enrollment, if you wish maintain or change the amount of pretax dollars set aside from your paycheck for health or dependent-care reimbursement. Changes in your coverage and payroll deductions reflecting the new rates will go into effect in January.

A change in your family status, such as a marriage or birth, is the only time you can alter your coverage outside of this enrollment period. For more information, contact **Julia Kaiser**, benefits manager, ext. 1554.

Benefits Fair Reminder!

Are you thinking of changing health care coverage or exploring dental benefit options? Have you ever wondered about the advantages of joining a credit union? For answers to these and other questions, visit the Benefits Fair.

The fair will be held on Main Campus in the atrium of the Lee Center on November 7 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

and in the Ballston Center's conference room on November 8 from 1:30 to 4 p.m.

FYI

Bioethicist To Be Honored with Ethics Award

Carol R. Taylor, RN, MSN, PhD, founding member and director of the Georgetown University Center for Clinical Bioethics, will be awarded the Marymount University Ethics Award on Tuesday, November 28, at 7:30 p.m., in the Reinsch Library Auditorium. The entire University community is invited.

Dr. Taylor will speak on "Ethics, Education, and Moral Reflection and Discourse." A reception will follow the program.

The Marymount University Ethics Award honors individuals who have taken an outstanding leadership role in promoting and developing ethical standards and behavior. Sponsored by the University's Center for Ethical Concerns, this award recognizes men and women whose commitment and example have provided a strong ethical model for others.

Beat the Flu Before It Gets You!

Flu shots will be offered on Main Campus on Wednesday, November 8, from noon to 3:30 p.m. in the Lee Center Recreational Gym.

Vaccinations will be administered by Inova HealthSource. They are available to anyone 18 or older. The cost for each flu shot is \$23, to be paid in cash or by personal check. For more information, contact the Student Health Center, ext. 1610.

Acclaimed Poet to Read His Works

Poet **Michael Collier** will read selections from his writing on Tuesday, November 14, from noon to 1:15 p.m. in the Reinsch Library's Lee Reception Room.

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.

Dr. Collier, professor of English and co-director of the Creative Writing Program at the University of Maryland, is a former poet laureate of Maryland; director of the Bread Loaf Writers Conference; and a National Book Critics Circle Award finalist. His most recent book, *Dark Wild Realm*, was published in April 2006. Copies of the book will be sold at the event.

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 cash, canned food, or an entire Thanksgiving meal for an adopted family. Contributions are due by November 17. To learn more or to receive a family assignment, contact **Meg Dalmut**, Campus Ministry, ext. 1604.

Payroll Date Reminders

Because of the Christmas and New Year’s holidays, December’s pay dates fall only one week apart, on the 15th and the 21st, with the next pay date on January 15, 2007. Please plan accordingly.

Holiday Theater Outing

Join staff, faculty, family, and friends at Ford’s Theatre to see the holiday classic, *A Christmas Carol*, for the reduced price of \$36. The performance is at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, December 14. For more information and to reserve your tickets by the November 17 deadline, contact Katt Hancher, ext. 1617 (katt.hancher@marymount.edu).

International Education Week

Faculty and staff are invited to attend International Education Week activities sponsored by the Offices of

Study Abroad and International Student Services, November 13 to 17. This week-long celebration of the benefits of international education and exchange is a joint initiative of the U.S. State and Education departments.

Dr. Raja Nasr, professor of Education, international students, and former study abroad participants will take part in a panel discussion in the Gerard Lobby at 12:30 p.m. on November 15. An international Thanksgiving dinner will be held in the Lee Center Atrium at 5 p.m. on November 17. All faculty and staff are invited to join students at these events.

Faculty are asked to encourage their students to attend International Education Week events. Representatives from the Offices of Study Abroad and International Student Services are also available to address classes about international education.

If you wish to schedule a class visit, please contact Study Abroad, ext. 5763, or International Student Services, ext. 6922.

PLAUDITS

Dr. Jeffrey Breese, associate dean of the School of Education and Human Services, has received the Alex Boros Award from the Association of Applied and Clinical Sociology at its annual conference in San Jose. The award recognizes his dedication and commitment to the field of applied sociology.

Dr. Janine DeWitt, associate professor of Sociology and Criminal Justice, and **Dr. Cynthia Cicalese**, Claire Boothe Luce associate professor of Mathematics and Computer Science, recently presented “Contextual Integration: A Curriculum Framework for Presenting Social, Legal and Ethical Content across the Computer Security and Information Assurance Curriculum,” at the InfoSecCD Conference in Kennesaw, Georgia.

Dr. Lisa Jackson-Cherry, associate professor of Psychology, and **Dr. Edward Cannon**, assistant professor of Psychology, recently presented “Gatekeeping the Counseling Profession” at the Southern Association of Counselor Education and Development Conference in Orlando, Florida. With **Dr. Tammy Davis**, associate professor of Psychology, they also presented “Systematic Program Development Issues.”

PEOPLE

Welcome

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PRAYERS REQUESTED

Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Charles Allan Smith**, father of **Dr. Charles Smith**, professor of History and Politics, School of Arts and Sciences.

EVENTS

November 11—Swim meet with Salisbury and Frostburg State, Lee Center Pool, 2 p.m.

November 14—Refworks Workshop, Library Instruction Room, 5 p.m.

November 17—“Great American Smoke-Out” Information Booth, Lee Center Lobby, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

November 17—“Learning How to Quit” Informational Lecture, Lodge Conference Room, 12:30 to 1:30 p.m.