

MARYMOUNT NEWS

IN THE SPOTLIGHT...

University's 26th Street Project Receives Record Gifts

For more than a year, Marymount has been engaged in the “quiet phase” of a capital campaign that is largely focused on the University's 26th Street project. This effort has generated some of the largest gifts in MU history, and components of the 26th Street project will be named in honor of the donors.

The new academic building will be named Caruthers Hall, in recognition of the generous support of northern Virginia businessman **Preston C. Caruthers**. The new residence hall will be called Rose Benté Lee Ostapenko Hall, in gratitude for the generosity of Marymount Trustee **Rose Benté Lee** and in honor of her late husband, **Rear Admiral William M. Ostapenko**.

The outdoor gathering space between the academic building and the residence hall will be named The Malek Family Plaza, in recognition of a generous gift from Marymount Trustee **Marlene McArthur Malek '79** and her husband, **Frederic V. Malek**. And the clocktower that will crown the new academic building will be The BB&T Clocktower, in honor of a contribution from Branch Banking and Trust Corporation. The chairman of Marymount's Board of Trustees, **Mr. Barry J. Fitzpatrick**, a retired BB&T senior executive, was instrumental in securing the company's support for Marymount's campaign.

After a successful “quiet phase,” the capital campaign will be publicly announced at Marymount's 2008 President's Circle Dinner on September 19.

FYI NSF Grant to Fund Scholarships

Marymount has been awarded a \$595,700 National Science Foundation (NSF) grant to fund a new academic and scholarship initiative for undergraduate students with financial need who are pursuing degrees in Biology, Mathematics, or Information Technology/Computer Science – fields where jobs are going unfilled because of the lack of qualified individuals.

The NSF awarded the grant through its S-STEM Program (Scholarships in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics).

The Marymount award is a five-year grant that envisions 2008-09 as a recruiting and planning year. A cohort of up to 20 incoming and current students who have an interest and aptitude for the designated majors and demonstrated financial need will be selected. Those chosen will receive scholarships of up to \$6,500 per academic year. In addition to financial support, the Marymount S-STEM program will provide an active learning community that will offer scholarly and social opportunities to encourage student retention and graduation in the STEM disciplines. Students in the program will also be encouraged to tutor K-12 school children in math or science.

Dr. Laurie Lenz, associate professor of Mathematics, served as the principal investigator for the grant.

EthicsPoint Link Now Available

Consistent with best practices in business today, Marymount recently adopted a system that enables employees to make anonymous, confidential reports of concerns related to potential breaches of University policy or illegal or unethical behavior. The system, provided by a company called EthicsPoint, is currently used by more than 100 colleges and universities across the nation.

Faculty and staff members can access the EthicsPoint interface on MU's Web site, www.marymount.edu. Visit either the main “Faculty and Staff” page or the main “Human Resource Services” page, and click on the “EthicsPoint” link on the left-hand navigation bar. The system can also be accessed by phone.

Questions about EthicsPoint may be directed to **Dr. Ralph Kidder**, vice president for Financial Affairs, ext. 1480, or **Bing Hobson**, director, HR Services, ext. 1617.

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.

MU Globetrotters

Summer is often a time when people do something totally out of the ordinary. For some Marymount faculty and staff, summer 2008 has provided opportunities to travel to faraway places.

- Three faculty members studied overseas as part of MU's Center for Global Education's (CGE) International Faculty Development Seminar, sponsored by the Council on International Educational Exchange: **Dr. Mary Lindahl**, professor of Psychology, in Poland and Ukraine; **Dr. Shannon Melideo**, assistant professor of Education, in South Africa; and **Dr. Jackie Black**, professor of Science, on the Coral Reef in Australia.
- **Paul Byers**, associate professor of Communications, and **Jim Ryerson**, dean, School of Business Administration, just returned from Beijing, China, where they collaborated on a class for MU Communication and Business students. It focused on marketing and the media as the city prepares for the whirlwind of attention it will receive during the Summer 2008 Olympics.
- Led by **Dr. Chris Snyder**, professor of History and Honors program director, a group of Honors students had the opportunity to study at Oxford. During the visit, Dr. Snyder and one of his students, **Monica Nichta**, were interviewed by ITV, Britain's major independent television network. The network happened to be shooting a documentary on C.S. Lewis at the Eagle and Child Pub, a favorite meeting place of Lewis and J.R.R. Tolkien, and noticed the Marymount students engaged in a Lewis tutorial. The documentary was being shot in advance of the U.K. release of the movie *Prince Caspian*.
- **Dr. Jason Doll**, assistant professor of Psychology, led Forensic Psychology students on a Field Experience in the U.K. Criminal Justice System class.
- **Dr. Nancy Furlow**, assistant professor of Marketing, and **Dr. Terry Long**, professor of Economics, led 24 MBA students to London for a study abroad component for MKT 585 Global Marketing. Their week-long venture included visits to the London offices of Waitrose, Bloomberg, and Lloyd's of London, as well as five guest lecturers on the U.K. business environment.
- **Jean Freeman**, professor of Interior Design, and **Robin Wagner**, associate professor of Interior Design, meanwhile, led a class in Italy for undergraduate and graduate students.
- Two repeat programs from summer 2007 in Belize also took place...but not without some drama. Due to flooding caused by heavy rain, some students enrolled in Marine and Tropical Biology had to be airlifted to higher ground to complete the program. All were safe, including the program's leader, **Dr. Todd Rimkus**, professor of Biology. Also in Belize, **Dr. Susan Bidwell**, professor of Nursing, led a Community Health Nursing class for undergraduate students.
- Still on the horizon – a trip down under! MU Campus Ministry staffers will accompany a group of students to Sydney, Australia, for World Youth Day 2008, from July 15-20. Campus Ministry asks that you pray for a safe and grace-filled trip by the Marymount sojourners.

PEOPLE Welcome

Dr. Sherri Lind Hughes has joined Marymount as vice president for Academic Affairs and provost. She comes from McDaniel College, Westminster, MD, where she served most recently as dean of Graduate and Professional Studies. Dr. Hughes will be a familiar face to many, as she spent 2002-03 at MU as an American Council on Education (ACE) Fellow. (ext. 1550, sherri.hughes@marymount.edu)

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Transitions

Dr. Liane Summerfield, associate dean, School of Health Professions, is now an associate vice president for Academic Affairs. Dr. Summerfield will oversee the DISCOVER office and assist with a variety of Academic Affairs initiatives.

Prayers Requested

Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Lucile McCoy**, who died recently. Ms. McCoy was the aunt of **Sr. Jackie Murphy**, RSHM.

PERSONAL MILESTONES

Congratulations to **Martha Madrid**, graphic designer, University Communications, and her husband **Ricardo Rozada** '94, on the birth on their son, Ricardo Andres, on May 28.

Marymount University Employee Holiday Schedule 2008-09

Marymount University staff and administrators will have holiday leave in 2008-09 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 2008-09 University Academic Calendar, days on which no classes are held are not designated as holidays.

Labor Day Holiday

Monday, September 1, 2008

Columbus Day Holiday

Monday, October 13, 2008

Thanksgiving Holiday

Wednesday, November 26, 2008, through Friday, November 28, 2008

Christmas/New Year's Holiday

Wednesday, December 24, 2008, through Thursday, January 1, 2009

Martin Luther King Holiday

Monday, January 19, 2009

Good Friday Holiday

Friday, April 10, 2009

Memorial Day Holiday

Monday, May 25, 2009

Independence Day Holiday

Friday, July 3, 2009