

NAME THE QEP

IN THE SPOTLIGHT...

Name the QEP!

Over the past several months, there has been much discussion about Marymount's Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP), part of the SACS accreditation reaffirmation. "Promoting Scholarly Inquiry Across the Marymount University Community" has been selected as the QEP topic. But now the QEP Planning Committee is looking for a catchier title. That's where you come in.

First, to help get you thinking, here is an overview of the QEP. The overall objective is to enrich the undergraduate curriculum with an increased emphasis on the skills and attitudes needed to engage in scholarly inquiry both in and out of the classroom. The QEP also is designed to expand research opportunities and the visibility of student research at Marymount. While the primary emphasis will be on undergraduate students, graduate-student and faculty research will be addressed as well.

The Center for Teaching Excellence is sponsoring the "Name the QEP" contest. Center Director **Dr. Carolyn Oxenford** explains, "We are looking for a name that's not too long or has a good acronym. It should capture the excitement and inspiration we are hoping the QEP will promote on campus."

QEP Planning Committee members will choose the winning entry. The lucky winner will receive a \$50 Barnes & Noble gift certificate.

Submissions are due by September 30 and should be e-mailed to carolyn.oxenford@marymount.edu.

FYI

New Offerings from the Center for Teaching Excellence

Throughout the academic year, Marymount's Center for Teaching Excellence offers a variety of workshops and activities to support scholarship in

teaching and learning and provide resources to enhance creative and effective instruction. These events are open to both full-time and adjunct faculty members.

On Wednesday, September 19, from 10 a.m. to noon in the Reinsch Library Reading Room, the center will offer a workshop called "It's About Time." Attendees will learn techniques to help them balance academic and other professional responsibilities and still have time for a life. Register for the workshop online at www.marymount.edu/mucte or e-mail the center at teaching@marymount.edu.

No registration is necessary for "It's Just Lunch" on Thursday, September 20, from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Gerard Dining Hall. **Dr. Carolyn Oxenford**, center director, will lead an open-ended discussion on how to motivate students. Handouts will be provided, and faculty are encouraged to share their own experiences and solutions.

MU to Sponsor Ethics Program at Virginia Hospital Center

Marymount University will sponsor an ethics education program on "Cultural and Religious Influences on End-of-Life Decision-Making." It will be held in the John T. Hazel Auditorium at the Virginia Hospital Center on Wednesday, October 17, from 8 to 10:30 a.m.

Carol R. Taylor, RN, MSN, PhD, founding member and director of the Georgetown University Center for Clinical Bioethics, will be one of the speakers. She was awarded the Marymount University Ethics Award last November. **Carlos S. Gomez**, MD, PhD, medical director of the District of Columbia Palliative Care Cooperative, also will speak.

Admission is free for Marymount faculty, students, and staff, but seating is limited. For more information, contact

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. Ronald Hudak, John H. McDonnell, Jr., Endowed Chair in Ethics (ext. 5925; ronald.hudak@marymount.edu).

Plan Now for the Future

Getting solid financial advice will help you build a secure retirement plan. Experts from TIAA-CREF will be on campus to provide free consultations on September 27 and 28, October 18 and 19, and November 14 and 15 in the Reinsch Library's Boldt Room. Appointments will be available from 9 a.m. to 3:15 p.m.

Please call Human Resource Services, ext. 1554, or send an e-mail to benefits@marymount.edu if you would like to schedule an appointment.

Deeper Waters Kicks Off Semester

In its first meeting of the fall semester, the monthly discussion group Deeper Waters will examine *Mere Christianity* by C.S. Lewis, on Friday, September 21, 1 to 2 p.m., in the Campus Ministry Lounge.

Copies of the book are available in the Campus Ministry office. Please call ext. 1607 if you would like to borrow one or need additional information.

Dollar Dinner

Faculty and staff are welcome to join Campus Ministry staff and MU students for Dollar Dinner night on Friday, September 21, at 5 p.m. in Bernie's. The meal will be followed by a slideshow and discussion led by chaplain and photographer **Maj. Eric J. Alberson**, U.S. Army Ranger, Airborne. He will share photographs taken while ministering to soldiers and Marines in Iraq and offer insight into the daily lives of men and women serving the nation overseas.

Ballston Center Masses Resume

Mass will be celebrated at the Ballston Center every Thursday at noon in the 5th floor chapel. All faculty, students, and staff are welcome.

PLAUDITS

Dr. Pramila Rao, assistant professor of Human Resource Management, presented "Current Challenges & Staffing Practices: Experiences from the Indian Software Industry" at the VI International Workshop on Human Resource Management held at the University of Cadiz, Jerez de la Frontera, Spain.

PEOPLE

Welcome

Jennifer Brown, administrative secretary, School of Business Administration (ext. 5910; jennifer.brown@marymount.edu)

Rachele Brown, administrative secretary, Student Activities (ext. 1611; rachele.brown@marymount.edu)

Virgilio Cruz, shuttle driver, Campus Safety and Transportation (ext. 5760; virgilio.cruz@marymount.edu)

Dr. Lucille Guss, assistant professor of Literature and Languages (ext. 1560; lucille.guss@marymount.edu)

Kevin Herder, Jr., security guard, Campus Safety and Transportation, ext. 1601; kevin.herder@marymount.edu

Halimah Kennedy, secretary, Financial Aid, (ext. 1530; halimah.kennedy@marymount.edu)

Karen Kersting, career counselor, Career and Internship Center (ext. 5960; karen.kersting@marymount.edu)

Stefano Spadafora, classroom technical support assistant, Information Technology Services (ext. 6908; stefano.spadafora@marymount.edu)

Transitions

Jean Harsh has been promoted from manager to director of IT Support Services, Information Technology Services.

Jillian Jurek has transitioned from alumni events manager, Alumni relations, to secretary, Student Health Center (ext. 1610).

David Lutes has been promoted from information services manager to director of Information Systems, Information Technology Services.

Irene Wong has been promoted from accounting assistant to staff accountant, Business Office.

EVENTS

September 11—Women's volleyball vs. Salisbury, Verizon Sports Arena, 7 p.m.

September 12—Men's soccer vs. Hampden-Sydney, Quincy Field, 7 p.m.

September 15—MU Volleyball Invitational, Verizon Sports Arena, 2 p.m.

September 16—MU Volleyball Invitational, Verizon Sports Arena, 11 a.m.

September 18—Women's soccer vs. Catholic, Quincy Field, 6 p.m.