

MARYMOUNT NEWS

IN THE SPOTLIGHT... There's a Future in IT

Do you know Marymount students or other young people who might be interested in a career in information technology? If so, encourage them to attend a free workshop entitled "The Future Potential in IT" in the Gerard Dining Hall on Tuesday, October 10, from 4 to 8 p.m. Marymount is cosponsoring this event with Microsoft and the Society for Information Management.

Keynote speaker **Steve Cooper** is a senior vice president and CIO for information technology at the American Red Cross. Previously, he served as the first CIO for the Department of Homeland Security. A panel of young IT professionals that includes Marymount alums will also discuss opportunities in this burgeoning field and answer questions.

The event is designed for high school juniors and seniors, college students who have not yet selected a major, and all other interested individuals. Participants will automatically be entered for prize drawings, including an Xbox 360 signed by its developers. A number of Marymount alumni who work in the IT field will captain small groups to facilitate discussion, and a pizza dinner will be served.

For more information and to register online, visit www.marymount.edu/news/specialevents/fpitworkshop. Space is limited and available on a first-come, first-served basis.

FYI Go "Fishing" on Staff Day

This fun event will take place on Tuesday, October 10, from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Staff Day will open with a coffee reception and remarks by **Dr. Bundschuh** in the Reinsch Library Auditorium.

Deena Ebbert, a motivational speaker, writer, and FISH! philosopher from Charthouse Learning, will give a lively presentation entitled "Think Outside the Bowl!" designed to help faculty and staff feel more inspired and energized by their work.

Lunch will be held at 12:45 p.m. in the Gerard Dining Hall. The meal will be followed by new staff introductions and door prize drawings. The prizes are still coming in, but so far include gift certificates and a basket from Harry and David. Staff Day will close with an ice cream social.

Wonderbar! It's Homecoming!

On September 30, Marymount will greet alumni with a hearty "*Guten tag*" as they return to campus for the University's fourth Homecoming weekend, featuring an Oktoberfest theme.

Homecoming provides a wonderful opportunity for faculty and staff to reconnect with former students. They are also invited to cheer as alums square off against the women's lacrosse, men's lacrosse, and women's volleyball teams in

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Save the Date! Distinguished Visiting Professor Paul J. Klaassen

Founder, Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer

Sunrise Senior Living

Thursday, November 9 • 7 p.m.

Ballston Center

scheduled matches. An Oktoberfest cookout, featuring traditional German delights, will be held on the Ireton Lawn at 3 p.m.

All Homecoming events are complimentary for faculty and staff. Visit www.marymount.edu/alumni/homecoming to see which of your former students are planning to attend Homecoming.

Wanted: Your Ideas

Marymount is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, which requires the University to reaffirm its accreditation every 10 years. This process now has a new component, the Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP) – a course of action to address a topic or issue related to enhancing student learning.

James Ryerson, interim dean of the School of Business Administration and chair of the University's QEP Committee, invites and encourages all members of the MU community to submit ideas to help formulate the University's QEP. The goal is to create a meaningful plan that will have a transforming impact on the University. SACS mandates an "allocation of adequate human and financial resources to develop, implement, and sustain the QEP." One idea will be identified as Marymount's QEP focus.

If you have an innovative idea that might enhance student learning, please e-mail it to james.ryerson@marymount.edu. Submissions are requested by October 16, 2006.

Deeper Waters Kicks Off Semester

In its first meeting of the fall semester, the monthly discussion group Deeper Waters will examine

the first half of Cardinal John Henry Newman's *The Idea of a University*, on Friday, September 29, 1-2 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.

Nominations Invited for Commencement Speakers

All members of the Marymount community are invited to nominate potential Commencement speakers and honorary degree recipients.

Nominees should be individuals who would bring positive visibility to the University and help make Commencement meaningful and memorable for the graduating class and the entire Marymount community.

Individuals who were previously nominated remain in consideration from year to year. So, if you submitted a name in the past, you do not need to nominate that person again.

A nomination form, which also outlines the criteria used in selecting Commencement speakers and honorary degree recipients, can be found at www.marymount.edu/commencement/nomination.html.

People

Welcome

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Rebecca Proznick, study abroad coordinator, Study Abroad Program (ext. 5762; rebecca.proznick@marymount.edu)

Prayers Requested

Please pray for the repose of the soul of John A. Hols, Jr., father of Eric Hols, director, Campus Safety and Transportation.

EVENTS

September 27—Women's volleyball vs. University of Mary Washington, Verizon Sports Arena, 7 p.m.

September 27—Women's soccer vs. Mary Washington, Wakefield High School, 7:30 p.m.

September 29—Women's soccer vs. Alvernia, Quincy Field, 7 p.m.

September 30—MU Volleyball Alumni Match, Verizon Sports Arena, 11 a.m.

September 30—MU Women's Lacrosse Alumni Match, Turf Practice Field/Main Campus, 1 p.m.

September 30—MU Men's Lacrosse Alumni Match, Turf Practice Field/Main Campus, 2 p.m.

September 30—Men's soccer vs. Lincoln, Wakefield High School, 6 p.m.

October 3—Women's volleyball vs. St. Mary's, Verizon Sports Arena, 7 p.m.

October 4—Women's volleyball vs. College of Notre Dame, Verizon Sports Arena, 7 p.m.

October 5—Men's soccer vs. St. Mary's College, Quincy Field, 6 p.m.

October 5—Women's soccer vs. Catholic, Quincy Field, 8 p.m.

October 9—Columbus Day Holiday; University closed.