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Physician Assistant program receives \$704,000 grant

Alison Trautmann
Editor-in-Chief

The Physician Assistant program at Marywood University has received a grant from the Health Resources and Services Administration. The grant was given to Marywood in order to expand the Physician's Assistant program.

The \$704,000 grant will enable Marywood to graduate 16 more physician's assistants throughout the next four years. Dr. Karen Arscott, the program director for the Physician Assistant Program, said that 4 students per year for the next 4 years would receive financial assistance of around \$20-21,000 per year for each student in order for them to practice primary care for at least 5 years after graduation.

Primary care is defined as family practice, general internal medicine or pediatrics instead of a specialized field. Physician's assistants generally graduate with large amounts of loans due to the long hours they spend in the classroom, so they often go straight into specialized care because it pays more money.

Dr. Maria Montoro Edwards, the Assistant Vice President for Research, said that Dr. Arscott identified the grant as perfect for Marywood because

the institution was recently approved to accept additional students for the PA program. The program currently has 40 students in its first year, 30 in the second year, and has been approved for 45 in 2010. Dr. Edwards said "It is a good vote of confidence when they say 'Yes, you can take more students.' It certainly speaks to the quality of the program." The grant will most likely not be renewed because the grant was a direct response to the Affordable Care Act and those funds are now closed.

Dr. Arscott said there are healthcare provider and doctor shortages in many areas of Pennsylvania. This shortage is due to the fact that malpractice insurance is very expensive in these areas and Medicare reimbursements are low. The difference between doctors and physician's assistants is in the



Marywood's physician assistant program was awarded a \$704,000 grant from the Health Resources and Services Administration. The funding will be used to provide scholarship assistance to PA students. Members of the Physician Assistant program from left to right Lori Swanchak, Ph.D, PA-C, Dr. Karen Arscott, Program Director, Linda Hunter, Clinical Instructor, MPAS, PA-C, Lisa Mattei, Clinical Instructor, MPAS, PA-C, Stanley Blondek, MD, FAAP, Medical Director, Marie Bonavoglia, Academic Coordinator, MPAS, PA-C. Photo credit, Morgan Strasser.

length of their education. A doctor needs four years of college as well as four years of medical school and a 3 to 5 year minimum residency in order to gain their medical certification. A physician's assistant can gain

their medical certification 24-36 months after their bachelor's degree is completed or else take part in Marywood's 5 year program.

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School of Social Work honored by Catholic Charities USA

Alison Trautmann
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In September, Marywood University was awarded a Centennial Medal from Catholic Charities USA. The medal was awarded because of Marywood's "contributions to the reduction of poverty in the United States" according to the Catholic Charities USA.

The Marywood Social Work program has graduated over 4,000 MSW and 500 BSW students since 1969 when the school was first established.

Catholic Charities USA celebrated the hundredth anniversary of its founding by awarding 100 medals over the course of the year. Thirteen of the medals are being presented to schools of social work in Catholic colleges across the United States.

Dr. Lloyd Lyter, the Interim Dean of the College of Health and Human Services, said

that eight years ago, the thirteen Catholic colleges banded together to increase awareness about their social work programs. These 13 medals were awarded in recognition for the work that the schools of social work undertake.

The medal was awarded in the Library of Congress in Washington D.C. Dr. Lyter accepted the award and said "It was really cool. That was my first time in the Library of Congress. We weren't in the main building but were in a conference room with balconies that looked over the city."

The Marywood Social Work program has graduated over 4,000 MSW and 500 BSW students since 1969 when the school was first established. The program's solid reputation comes from its forty year history and an excellent faculty. For many years it was the only masters program in Northern PA and Southern New York. Faculty in the department often work part time and are currently in the field so they have familiarity with current



The Marywood University social work program was recently honored by Catholic Charities USA, for their outstanding contributions to the profession. Dr. Lloyd L. Lyter, Interim Dean of the College of Health and Human Services, accepts the Catholic Charities USA Centennial Medal at the Library of Congress. Pictured with Dr. Lyter are, Rev. Larry Snyder, President, Catholic Charities, USA and Sr. Donna Markham, OP, Prioress, Adrian Dominican Sisters and Chair, Board of Trustees, Catholic Charities USA. Photo credit Catholic Charities USA.

issues and techniques. They are also highly regarded on the national and international scene.

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Grad brings Good 50x70 poster exhibit to Marywood

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The Society of Design recently came to Marywood University, from October 1 through the 24, to show their exhibit Good 50x70. The exhibit gives artists a chance to speak up for what they believe in. It also doesn't hurt that it gives these nonprofit organizations some free advertising.

According to Christine Medley, Assistant Professor of graphic design, the exhibit was offered by the founder, Craig Welsh, a graduate of Design from Marywood University.

The posters were mailed to the university for free. All Marywood had to do was hang them up. The graphic design and art students helped out in setting everything up. "It was a good opportunity for them to get to see design and social design" said Medley. Because of space limitations in the Kresge Gallery, they were only able to fit 190 of the 210 posters that were sent.

"The goal of the Society of Design is equal parts design and community service," said Julie Bancroft of Society of Design. According to Bancroft the money always goes to a nonprofit organization, and has donated \$20,000 to 14 different nonprofits so far.

"Society of Design dovetailed perfectly into Marywood's mission" said Medley.

Society of Design has been around for a year now and has about 250 members, including



Students check out the 50x70 poster exhibit in Marywood's Studio Arts Center. Photo credit Alison Trautmann.

students and faculty from 20 different schools and universities.

If you would like to become a member of Society of Design you can go to societyofdesign.org and click, "Join" at the top of the page. Once you are a member, the fee is \$30.00 for a student, \$50.00 for faculty, and \$100.00 for a professional.

Your membership requires a commitment of at least 10 hours of design-related community service each year. This can be done independent of Society of Design initiatives, or you can take advantage of Society of Design's opportunities available to its members. As a member you will also be able to take part in their tours and speaker series. "We want to connect designers," said Bancroft.

The quote "Pictures speak a thousand words" definitely rang true at this exhibit. Included in

the collection was a poster by Malgorzata Bedowka, of Gdansk, Poland. It was a simple black background with a yellow globe in the center, with white surrounding it, to form a sunny side up egg. The message was clear without even reading the caption: Global Warming. Another poster, one that I asked to buy, but then, to my disappointment was told that the posters were not for sale; was a hot pink background with a glue stick, with a handwritten label on the front reading, "lipstick". The artist was Vahe Abed, interestingly enough from Tehran, Iran. The caption read "Fashion: Shut Up". A glue stick instead of a lipstick will leave mouth closed to have no one shout for women's rights. Today fashion fools women and they're satisfied with their appearance.

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Catholic Charities, continued

presented a paper in Oxford, England.

The Social Work program is not only confined to the Scranton campus. Social Work programs are also offered at DeSales University, Alvernia College and Bloomsburg University.

Social workers are actually the largest group of providers of mental health service. They also deal with child welfare, hospital based services, end of life care, school social work, military, industry, and forensics. "It's almost hard to imagine an area in which there are not social workers" said Dr. Lyter. The recognition of Marywood's Social Work program certainly adds to the already impressive reputation of the program. <



The Catholic Charities, USA Centennial Medal hangs in the reception area of the Marywood University School of social work. Photo credit Ann L Williams.

Let Your Voice Be Heard

Nicholas Pesarcik
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The Undergraduate Student Government Association continues working hard through the halfway point of the semester and has made good progress towards accomplishing their goals set forth at the beginning of the year.

Each committee is constantly improving aspects revolving around areas such as dining services, academic affairs, student life issues, and information technology. The organization is always looking for new students with great ideas to get involved. SGA provides a forum for students to express their concerns and then, with the help of other students and University resources, work to resolve those issues in a positive manner.

Being a member of SGA is also a great bonding experience for students. Meetings are held every other Tuesday in Media 160 at 9 pm. Here, students can take a break from studying, blow off some steam, and relax with friends. The meetings are usually less than one hour, which is the perfect amount of time for a procrastination break.

There are four main segments to a meeting. First, the assembly discusses progress made on goals then each of the four committees meet to talk about their own accomplishments from the previous week, inform new members of the goals and progress made, and work on deciding how to move forward in the accomplishment of their specific goals. Next, each committee reports to the General Assembly of their progress so each member is informed as to what SGA is doing. Finally, Open Floor ends the meeting. Open Floor gives any student the chance to voice their concern, make a statement, or propose a solution. From this, SGA can get the students' feedback on issues that are concerning them and propose ways to solve these issues.

It is important to remember that SGA is here for the students. Throughout the history of the organization, many changes have been made to University Policy and student life issues. If you ever have a concern regarding your Marywood experience, come to SGA and voice your opinion. As always, check for updates on the SALD website, on Facebook, or send us an email at SGA@m.marywood.edu. <

NEWS

Comm Arts offers new journalism major



Journalism instructor, Lindsey Wotanis, teaches a class on news writing which is a Comm Arts core course at Marywood University. Photo credit Joseph Petro.

Joseph Petro
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The communication arts department launched a new program in broadcast journalism this fall. The new program complements the department's two existing programs in advertising/public relations, and digital media/broadcast production.

Students enrolled in the program can expect a communication arts core and a major program that emphasizes traditional journalism courses, which will prepare students for a career in journalism.

Dr. Douglas Lawrence, chair of the department, said that his goal for the program is to cultivate good storytellers who

Students interested in more information about the program can contact Wotanis directly at lwotanis@maryu.marywood.edu or stop by her office in the Sette LaVerghetta Center for Performing Arts, Room 100B.

possess great writing and communication skills. Dr. Lawrence said that the new program rounds out the current offerings in the communication arts department.

"I feel there is a need for a good journalism program," Lawrence said.

He added that he'd like to see the program grow and expand to produce journalists who will explore and report on local and national news using all of the new mediums available to journalists. "These new technologies service a wider audience and are cheaper," Lawrence added.

Ms. Lindsey Wotanis, new faculty member and director of the program, said that the program will teach students theoretical journalism, practical skills, and the ethics of journalism. The broadcast journalism program will also prepare students for a

field that is constantly changing through courses that combine traditional reporting methods with new, emerging mediums.

Journalism courses will combine theory with practice, teaching students how to write a news story, record an interview, do a podcast, or put together a multimedia package—and how to do so quickly and accurately. "I think it's really important that as a journalist, you're prepared to enter the workplace and in the workplace, things happen quickly," Wotanis said.

In addition to coursework, the broadcast journalism program offers various opportunities for hands-on experience, through practicum and internships. Students can also get involved with TVM, 97.1 VMFM, and *The Wood Word*.

Owen Karoscik, freshman broadcast journalism major, said he chose Marywood because the communication arts department allows students to use hands-on equipment from day one.

"[At] most colleges, you have to wait until your junior year to get your hands on a camera," Karoscik said.

Karoscik is already actively involved with both the television station and radio station on campus as well as writing for the campus newspaper.

As for Wotanis, she said she is excited about the future of the program. "I think my two main goals are to grow the program while working closely with my students to get them really interested in what we do here, and also to grow and expand the student media on campus," she said.

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Marywood and Holy Cross high school partner for scholars program

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Staff Writer

Marywood has partnered with Holy Cross High School in Dunmore for a new scholars program, which will allow Holy Cross students to take advanced-level and college-credit courses at Marywood.

The program brings Holy Cross sophomores, juniors, and seniors onto Marywood's campus, giving them first-hand experience of what academics and volunteering programs Marywood has to offer. The program is also intended to help the high school students make a successful transition from high school to college level academics.

Students may take courses in liberal arts, mathematics, or science. They also have the opportunity to be involved in a program run by Campus Ministry, which will give them an orientation to the Marywood Core Values, service.

Ms. Ann Boland-Chase, vice president for Enrollment at

Marywood, said that the program is off to a good start.

"At this point, it's just the first year of the program, and we have seven students and then we have a cohort of students interested for next year. They are going to begin a leadership training program this fall," Boland-Chase said. According to Boland-Chase, next year's class will include fifteen students.

According to Sister Catherine Luxner, IHM, Director of Campus Ministry, the service experiences that the high school students will receive here are ones that they can apply within their own lives.

"Eventually they may get involved with a service project, or our students may help them do service or get students engaged in service from their school. So, they take some of the things we've done here and transfer them to Holy Cross so that they will be the leaders there," Luxner said.

While taking classes, students will be also meeting with current

college students, some of the Maxis-Gillet scholars—students who excel in community service in high school and continue through college—from Campus Ministry.

According to Andrea Fritchey, Maxis Gillet Scholar and sophomore Marywood student, these meetings are a way to track how the Holy Cross students grow during this program. "[This program is] a way for us to impart some of the wisdom that we got in the last couple of years since we [were] in high school," Fritchey said.

The mentorship program is also one designed to give Holy Cross students the skills they need to get through the rest of their high school careers and to begin college life.

"[This program] will give [Holy Cross students] a way to know what they want for their future and where they want to go to school and be in a great community like Marywood," Fritchey said.<

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LIFESTYLES

Annual Family Weekend brings more than 250 families to campus

Kendra Rafferty
Staff Writer

Marywood hosted the annual Family Weekend event for students and their families on October 1-3. The event brought together the Marywood community so parents could visit and tour the university while enjoying activities around campus.

This year's Family Weekend, planned by the Student Activities and Leadership Development office, brought 237 families to campus and also added some new events to the schedule.

According to Carl Oliveri, the director of Student Activities and Leadership Development, the event was a three day format incorporating Friday, instead of the usual two day format of just Saturday and Sunday. The new format allowed for more activities being planned for the already packed weekend.

"This year, for example, we added the hypnotist. Last year, we had a dance show at the Performing Arts Center," Oliveri said. As well as the new addition of the hypnotist, traditional activities offered at this year's Family Weekend included the silent auction and basket raffle, fall festival, and casino night.

Oliveri said that Family Weekend 2009 saw the largest attendance in the years that he's been working for Marywood, with approximately 600 visitors on campus. This year's event came close, bringing 237 families—more than 500 guests—to campus to share in the activities.

Through the easy online registration, and the deals with local hotels for parents, Oliveri has simplified the weekend for parents and students alike here at Marywood.

"I think the most important part is just having families come and hang out with their students," he said. "Especially for the freshman, it's the first time they've probably seen their parents in a month. It's just kind of a relaxed atmosphere, so that's



Students and family members cheer for the home team during Family Weekend 2010. According to Carl Oliveri, director, student activities and leadership development, over 230 families visited campus. Photo courtesy of Marywood Marketing and Communications.

what we're trying to do, just make it fun." Oliveri said.

Students like Lindsay McCarron, senior elementary education major, have gone to Family Weekend in the past and enjoyed the activities and the time spent with family and friends.

"My parents like to come up and be involved with Marywood's community," McCarron said. "They come up every year except for last year, so my senior year they want to come up and spend time with me and get to see Marywood some more." McCarron said.

This year, McCarron and her family went to Nay Aug, went apple picking at Miller's Orchards, and enjoyed the activities available throughout the weekend.

"My family and I went to Mass on Sunday which was nice because we got to spend time together and enjoy experiencing mass with Fr. Brian. We really enjoyed the mass and coming together as a community." McCarron said. <

Sell-back dates at bookstore and drop/add dates conflict, cause frustration

By Keaton Fedak
Staff Writer

Those who visited the bookstore this year on September 3 faced madness as students piled in to bring back any of their unneeded fall semester books by the return deadline. But, those students who dropped classes after that September 3 return date were not permitted to return their texts, even though the drop/add deadline for classes was not until September 7.

Students across campus were expressing their frustrations with these conflicting deadlines.

"I think that it's unfair to us as students that we're able to add and drop classes [until the 7th], but we're unable to get our money back for the books we purchased [after the 3rd]," said sophomore Stephanie Heim.

Tessa Lavelle, sophomore-business major, concurred. "I don't think it makes any sense actually," she said.

Some students said they felt that the bookstore was taking advantage of them by not allowing them to return books after a certain date even though the drop/add date of classes had not passed.

Erin Ostroski, bookstore manager, said that the book return date used to be prolonged until two years ago, when earlier return dates were put in place. In accordance with this new policy, students are given a shortened length of time to return books that they had purchased for the semester. Ostroski said that this change was necessary to prevent loss of profit.

"What happened was a lot of people were using the bookstore as a loaner institution. They would buy the book, order it on Amazon, or Half.com,



Conflicting deadlines with drop/add course dates and textbook return dates cause confusion and annoyance among students. Photo credit Alison Trautmann.

wherever, and when their book came, they would bring [the other book] back," said Ostroski.

Restocking fees also play a large part in profit loss. Ortoski said that the bookstore is only allowed to send back 25% of the order that she receives from the publishers. "Once I go over that, I end up paying a restocking fee anywhere from 3%-12% of the total cost. It runs into a lot of money," Ostroski said.

In order to be more accommodating to students, Ostroski said that the bookstore plans to acquire a new system that will allow book rentals and eBooks. Book rentals would allow students to pay a reduced fee to borrow a text for the semester and return it once the course has ended.

Ostroski also explained the eBooks as being similar to a SIM card. Students purchase the card, which holds a code that can be entered online to

access books via a computer.

With these offerings, students will have more options available to them when purchasing course materials at the beginning of each semester. "The National Association of College Stores is trying to find other ways [to reduce costs of textbooks], because they have seen what we have seen in the trenches," Ostroski said.

Ostroski said the bookstore is trying to be reasonable when it comes to a student's finances. In October, the bookstore will allow students to return books from past semesters and other universities.

The student will receive the asking price from the company for the book. In addition, the sell back period for the fall semester is throughout finals week.<

Not all websites created equal: Tips for telling good from the bad

Annette Fisher
Guest Writer/Librarian

All websites are not created equal—some are bad, some are good, and some are just a waste of time. So, how do you know if the website you are using is credible? Consider these 5 items when judging a website: Accuracy, Authority, Objectivity, Currency and Coverage.

With accuracy, it is easy to discern the purpose of the website, namely, it is written to inform the reader as opposed to inflaming or inciting the reader. The author is qualified to write

about the topic and there is a way to contact the author. Authority implies credentials, for instance, the institution that published the website is reputable.

The domain of the site is credible, for example, it ends with .gov or .edu. As with accuracy, there is objectivity with the website. The information is very detailed and it is not slanted nor opinionated. If opinions are expressed, they are not inflammatory.

The site is not a disguise for mere advertising. Check the links on the site—these cross references are also respectable

and credible. Currency implies timeliness which means the website or page was produced recently and/or updated recently. Links are current with few or no dead links.

Finally, coverage entails a balance between text and images. Information is cited correctly. You do not have to pay to view the information. <

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LIFESTYLES

Green Being in downtown Scranton celebrates second anniversary



Marywood alum, Cristin Powers, inside her shop Green Being, located in downtown Scranton. Photo credit Morgan Strasser.

Morgan Strasser
Staff Writer

Local vintage and eco-friendly clothing and accessory store, Green Being, celebrated its second anniversary on Saturday, October 2. Green Being is owned and operated Marywood Univer-

sity alum, Cristin Powers.

Powers arranged a sidewalk sale right outside of Green Being on 334 Adams Ave. in honor of her store's two-year anniversary. Among the festivities were live music, a tarot card reader, a book swap and cupcakes for all to enjoy. Massages were even made

available to guests that came out to celebrate.

Powers said that Saturdays tend to be a bit slow in downtown Scranton. Despite that, she still had a nice turnout on her big day.

"It wasn't bad. The people that were here were supporters of Green Being from the beginning, so it was nice to see them around," said Powers.

Prior to Green Being taking off, Powers graduated from Marywood in 2007 with a degree in business with concentrations in marketing and retail management.

Powers stated that Marywood's business program helped to prepare her for running her own business.

"The marketing classes with Dr. Jaeger I feel like I benefited the most from," said Powers. Powers said that she had always wanted to run her own business, but never expected it to happen as soon as it did.

"I thought like the normal thing to do would be to like work

for someone else for five years then I was going to open my business," said Powers.

When no jobs were available after graduation, Powers stumbled upon an available space in downtown Scranton and decided to give running her own business a try. "I just jumped right in," said Powers.

Another reason finding a job wasn't easy for Powers was because she was only interested in finding a job at an environmentally friendly company. A number of places weren't hiring and the ones that were had stiff competition.

"A bunch of people were looking for green jobs when there were only a handful of green jobs available," Powers said.

Green Being is kept green by selling only vintage and handmade items and clothing. The handmade clothes are all out of recycled materials. Powers also works with organic cotton and hemp.

For those that are familiar with Scranton's "First Friday" are probably already familiar with Green Being. On the first Friday of every month, all of the local art galleries and many other small businesses in Downtown Scranton host art walks. Art-lovers are invited to walk the streets of downtown Scranton and enjoy new artwork, live music and refreshments at all of the many locations.

Green Being is currently one of those locations and has been for exactly two years. Powers opened Green Being on a First Friday and has been continuing with the tradition since then.

"I feel that First Fridays are a big part of keeping the downtown community alive," said Powers.

Powers and Green Being aren't just making names for themselves in the community, but outside of Scranton as well.

Powers has her eco-friendly coffee sleeves being sold in many areas of Pennsylvania, including Philadelphia, and in New York as well.

Powers and her eco-friendly coffee sleeves were also featured in the November 2009 issue of Country Living magazine as well.

Powers and her store have been blogged about on greenwala.com, a website that is big on the green movement and provides tips for its visitors on how to be green and eco-friendly.

Powers says that while there are ups with running her own business, it can sometimes have its downs, with it being busy and stressful at times.

"...But at the same time, it's a stress that I love," said Powers.

Powers has some plans for Green Being for future growth. She would love to do more online sales along with more wholesales. Owning her own building is something she would like to accomplish very soon as well. She said having her store and her living space in one building would make things easier.

"It's hard having both, living somewhere else and having the store down here. Just because it keeps costs up. It'd just be great to have it in one place," said Powers.

An opportunity for Powers to finally getting her own space is in up and coming south side Scranton on Cedar Ave. It's an option Powers is keeping open for herself and if she decides to do so, she hopes for others to follow her in order for south Scranton to prosper.

"I don't know if I'm that first person, hopefully maybe people will follow... Maybe south side's the next movement," said Powers.

Powers says her plans for Green Being aren't a matter of will they happen, but when they

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The front of Green Being in downtown Scranton. Green Being sells vintage clothing, and eco-friendly products. Photo Credit Morgan Strasser.

SPORTS

Marywood builds new aquatics center

Megan McGraw
Staff Writer

The addition of the new Aquatics Center marks a new era in intercollegiate sports with the inclusion of swimming and diving at Marywood University. In addition, Marywood also welcomes Greg Brown, Aquatics Director and Swimming and Diving Coach, to its campus.

Greg Brown is the former head coach for women's swimming at Division I Siena College. To most, the switch from a Division I school to a Division III school is by no means a downgrade. The opportunity to run a new swimming facility enticed Mr. Brown. "I could really put my stamp on it and be there on the ground floor," said Brown. According to Brown, the switch from Siena to Marywood is the change he was looking for in his career. This also gives Brown a chance to coach both the men and women's swimming and diving teams.

The swimming and diving teams introduce the fifteenth and sixteenth intercollegiate sports



Construction continues on the new Aquatics Center scheduled to open in Spring of 2011. Photo credit Robert Hannon.

teams to Marywood University. Mr. Brown seemed excited to share his goals for the team and the pool, despite the completion of the Aquatics Center being off in the distance. The team will utilize the campuses current facility in the School of Architecture. "We'll have our good days and our bad days, but I think that it

is going to be an exciting way to get started and it will certainly make it easier starting in the fall of 2011," said Brown.

However, the new Aquatics Center will not only serve the athletes of Marywood University, but other students as well as the surrounding community. *Continued, Page 19*

Marywood student balances school with passion

Dave Scarnato
Staff Writer

For most student-athletes, balancing a full time student role with the sport involves smart time management. In order for the student-athlete to enjoy the sport they love to play, as well as performing well in school, they must be discipline. For Jennifer Hurst, good time management helps her do what she does best, competitive ice skating.

Hurst, a freshman from the Philadelphia area, still competes in synchronized skating while majoring in Architecture. Her favorite dance styles on the ice are the Waltz, Tango, and Samba. She has been skating since she was nine years old at the request of her best friend, who after a year, gave skating up.

"After a year of training, she [her friend] stopped," Hurst commented. "But, I really enjoyed skating and I did not want to stop because of my friend, so I continued to train."

Her training paid off. At the Lake Placid Ice Championships, Hurst placed thirteenth out of fifty competitors. She said that this was her all time favorite competition. When home, she trains at the area's most elite rinks and participates in occasional exhibitions and ice shows.

Although Marywood does not have neither a skating club, nor a rink, Hurst finds time working with the University of Scranton's skating club and trains at Ice Revolution in Pittston.

Since she is a resident on campus, Hurst has to commute to her practices, taking up time on its own.

"I train Mondays and Wednesdays from 3:30 to 6pm," Jennifer said. "So, if I have one hour to spare to get homework or studying done, I really focus on doing my homework and getting the job done. Time is very essential, especially with my major. Having projects due really presses my time, but I am up for the challenge. Skating comes in and helps by giving me motivation to do well not only on the ice, but also in the classroom. But, once I hit the ice, its my time."

If you think time management was enough for her, another



Jennifer Hurst and coach Noah Breen in competition. Photo credit: www.montgomerynews.com.

challenge that Jennifer faces is chronic knee and hip problems. Even though these problems can affect her performance on the ice, Hurst just ignores them.

"Once I hit the ice, I forget what is going on in the world and I focus on my training," Hurst proclaimed. "I know I have these injuries, I just ignore them and skate. I feel free on the ice and I let everything go. It is a great feeling."

Now a veteran of the ice, Hurst has started coaching younger aspiring ice skaters in her spare time (along with working a part time job, as well as the full time student status). She loves the role of being a coach and fully understands a role reversal.

"At first, I was a little nervous," Hurst said. "I realized that I was no longer the student, but the teacher. As a coach, I have the responsibility of teaching the sport and how to go about handling yourself. Now, instead of listening, you are being listened to. Coaching really is a worthwhile experience."

Jennifer's future plans are to start competing again by next year. She is excited to start training again.

"I know school right now is precedent over anything," Hurst stated. "So, I will just continue to train for next year. I just want to get used to the college lifestyle. Skating will always be there, but school is the most important thing."

Even though school takes away the drive of competition from Jennifer, her good time management and positive attitude continue to let her be the best ice skater she can be. <

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Steve Prefontaine

Field hockey team raises breast cancer awareness



On October 13th, the Marywood field hockey team and the Keystone College field hockey team sported pink socks and used pink balls during their in-conference match-up in supports of the nationwide "Play of the Cure" cause to help raise breast cancer awareness. Keystone won the game 1-0.

Wilkes-Barre/Scranton Penguins poised to win the Calder Cup

Amber Mohrmann
Staff Writer

The Wilkes-Barre/Scranton Penguins have just begun their season out on the ice and are going after the coveted Calder Cup. They fell short last year and lost in the first round of playoffs, but have reloaded and are ready to take on their competitors.

With new head coach John Hynes at the wheel, the Penguins are ready to take on rivals such as the defending champions the Hershey Bears. Hynes was the assistant coach last season and has coached many championship teams in his career.

There is also a new assistant coach on the team, Alain Nasreddine, who played for five seasons in Wilkes-Barre/Scranton and has had years of experience in the American and National Hockey leagues.

The new coaching staff will be accompanied by returning players such as forwards Tim Wallace, Zach Sill, Kevin Veilleux, Chris Connor, Dustin Jeffrey, defensemen Brian Strait, Robert Bortuzzo, Steve Wagner, and goalies John Curry and Brad Thessen.

Along with the returning players, rookies such as Jason



The Wilkes-Barre/Scranton Penguins on the ice.
Photo credit Eve Collins.

DeSantis and Carl Sneep are fighting to prove they have what it takes to stay on the team. With many young players and a few veterans, the Penguins are a fast and physical squad and they are ready to take on any team standing in their way of the championship.

The Mohegan Sun Arena in Wilkes-Barre is once again the home to the Penguins this season. There will be many promo nights offered this season, with giveaways including items such as hats, bobble heads, posters, and other fun gifts that every Penguins fan would love.

Along with promo nights,

there will also be theme nights where the team wears special jerseys that eventually get auctioned off to fans. Every game is an exciting experience for new attendees and long time fans, and something new is seen every game. It is a physical and fast moving sport that everyone can enjoy. Student prices are available as low as \$12 with a college ID, so everyone can afford the game. There are also practices open to the public for free every week. Check out the Penguins' website, www.wbspenguins.com, for further information.<

Like a playoff: college football and championships

Bill Speare
Staff Writer

In college football there has been an ongoing debate for many years about how to best determine the national champion. Should the traditional bowl system be preserved or should there be a playoff to determine the champion? Critics of the current bowl system say it is unfair because the national champion does not win the title on the field. Defenders of the bowl system say the great tradition of the bowls should be preserved. Those who call for a playoff say that the current system which crowns the national champion after a vote in the final polls after the B.C.S. title game is nothing more than a beauty contest. Those who champion a playoff claim that it would be one of the most exciting events in all of sports with a level of interest second to only the Super Bowl. Believe it or not, there is a solution which would still preserve the tradition of the bowl games, and at the same time be almost equivalent to a playoff system and in the process generate a lot of interest and excitement.

This would be a plan which would return all the major bowl games to being played on New Year's Day, except for one which would be played about a week

later. The two teams that would play in the game a week later; however, would not be chosen until the conclusion of all the bowl games on New Year's Day. At night right after the last games on New Year's Day had ended the two teams to play in the final bowl game would then be announced. It is safe to say that the winner of the final bowl game would have the inside track on being crowned the national champion, but there would still be one final vote after this game.

Such a plan would bring back the great tradition of playing the major bowl games on New Year's Day. In recent years since the Bowl Championship series was adopted in 1998, the major bowls have gotten away from this and many of the games are now played on January 2nd 3rd or even the 4th. This has created a lack of interest in many of the bowl games which don't have a favorable match-up. By returning to playing all the major bowls on New Year's Day, fans would be sure to find at least one game of interest. Another advantage of New Years is that more people are off from work than on the other days, so chances are better that they would tune in to see the games.

Having the two final teams announced right after all the games on New Year's Day would

bring a great anticipation among the fans of college football. This would likely keep them interested in the New Year's Day bowl games even when the match-ups were less interesting. This is an important factor to consider since due to parity there are now many non-traditional powers in college football which generally don't bring as much fan interest as the more traditional powers. Fans would still tune into the games so they could find out who was picked to play in the final game. The announcement of the selections of teams picked to play in the final bowl game would likely be followed by an hour long show on E.S.P. N. or one of the major networks, where the selections would be broken down and analyzed with commentators giving their opinions about who should have been picked and who was left out as well as the reactions from all the contenders. All this would be of tremendous interest to the fans.

More than anything the fans not knowing the final two teams until after the conclusion of the New Year's Day bowl games would bring interest and excitement to college football. This is because in most years at least three of the Major bowls games would contain at least one team

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ENTERTAINMENT

Dr. Dan Robbins appointed new theatre director



Dr. Dan Robbins is the new director of the Marywood University's theater department. Photo courtesy of Lauren Reinhardt

Bob Hannon
Staff Writer

Dr. Dan Robbins has been appointed the new director of the Theatre department at Marywood University. Robbins comes to Marywood from Eastern Arizona College where he was also director of Theatre. He joined Marywood

after a competitive national search. Robbins has many years of training and experience in theatre as both an actor and director. He earned a Bachelor of Fine Arts in theatre from Texas Christian University, a Master of Arts in theatre from Texas Woman's University, and a Ph.D. in theatre from the University of Texas at Austin.

The nationwide search for the new director was guided last year by Sr. Joan McCusker, chair of the department of Music, Theatre, and Dance, after former theater director, Dr. Paulette Merchel, retired.

According to McCusker, Robbins' way of interacting with students and faculty during his campus interview, coupled with his extensive background in theatre, made him the best candidate for the position. McCusker said the search committee was looking for someone who could move the program forward.

"[Robbins] was exactly what the program needed," McCusker said. "We needed someone who had a background in higher education, and also someone who was a professional actor."

Though he's only been at Marywood for a couple of months, Robbins has already increased the number of shows the students will perform each year. He recently directed "All in the Timing" by David Ives. He is also going to direct "The Complete Wrks of Wllm Shkspr (Abridged)" by

the Reduced Shakespeare Company in November. Robbins said he realizes the changes may be difficult for the student actors.

Robbins said he felt it was important to increase the number of shows produced at Marywood.

"The additional shows are necessary to give the theater students sufficient training, as well as more experiences on the stage," said Robbins.

Robbins added that his approach to college theatre is to treat the students like real Broadway performers and not simply as students. He said that he hopes to see Marywood's Theatre department become "the academic theatre of Northeastern Pennsylvania" under his direction.

Members of the Marywood community can see Robbins and the theater students in action in their next production of "The Complete Wrks of Wllm Shkspr (Abridged)," which will run from November 3-6. Show will be performed in the Sette LaVerghetta Center for Performing Arts at 7:30 p.m.<

92.1 WFUZ-FM adopts new alternative format



by Joe Petro
Staff Writer

Times-Shamrock Communications changed the format of radio station 92.1 FM on Thursday September 16, 2010 to a '90s alternative based broadcast. The station 92.1 FM also broadcasts on 102.7 FM and has changed their call letters to WFUZ-FM.

Prior to the reformat, WQFM was based around an Oldies genre playing artists from the 60's and 70's for its listeners. FM 92.1 plans for its demographic audience to span from the 25-44 age brackets in order to obtain a newer audience. The station created the slogan "More Music Less...Yada, Yada" to entice listeners by implying less interruption.

Along with the newly launched station, Times-Shamrock Communications owns *The Times Tribune*, *Citizen's Voice*, various radio stations, and several other media publications.

Although this newly formatted station may prove more effective for Times-Shamrock and generate a larger listening audience, the question is how does it affect the competing stations such as VMFM 91.7? Marywood University's radio station VMFM 91.7 "Your Alternative" may face some competition in the market due to the same genre format. In addition the now two possible competing stations VMFM 91.7 and WFUZ 92.1 are closely placed on the radio tuner. However, thus far both stations stand independent and show no signs of conflict. <

Maroon 5 back with "Hands All Over"

by Amber Mohrmann
Staff Writer

Maroon 5 is back with their third studio album "Hands All Over". Produced by Robert "Mutt" Lange, the man behind AC/DC's "Back in Black," Shania Twain's "Come on Over," and many other famous albums, the album delivers a slightly different sound than the typical Maroon 5 sound. The band's unique sound is kept intact while experiencing other genres.

The first track, "Misery," sounds just like a typical Maroon 5 song. Adam Levine's distinctive voice is once again set to a rock track. The second track, "Give A Little More," has more of a funk sound to it, which may surprise some devoted Maroon 5 fans. Lead guitarist James Valentine's talent is showcased in frequent solos. "Stutter," the third track, is a catchy pop tune that will get stuck in your head and stay there for a while.

The fourth track, "Don't Know Nothing," is another funk sounding track. Levine's tenor voice is showcased through the song, along with catchy harmonies from the Valentine and keyboardist Jesse Carmichael. "Never Leave this Bed," the fifth track, slows

down the pace of the album a little and delivers a solid rock/pop ballad.

While listening to the track, you believe what the band is saying, which is an important factor to an album. "I Can't Lie," the sixth track, sounds similar to songs on "Songs About Jane."

The song brings back Maroon 5's laid back rock sound and is a nice addition to the album. The title track, "Hands All Over," is a seductive rock song composed of Levine's voice and addictive guitar riffs.

The piano is showcased in the next song, "How." The band's percussionist Matt Flynn also adds a drum part that will keep you tapping your foot.

The ninth track, "Get Back in My Life," is a pop track begging for someone to come back. The song will catch on for the fans of love songs.

"Just a Feeling," the tenth track, is a slow track that is a catchy love song. The eleventh track, Runaway, features a bass line by bass player Mickey Madden. It is slower song, yet has a beat that keeps you listening. The last song, "Out of Goodbyes," features the band of the moment in country music, Lady Antebellum.



Maroon 5's third album, 'Hands All Over,' offers a new sound for the band. Photo courtesy of <http://coverlandia.us/?p=21148>.

Many Maroon 5 fans may be hesitant to the band "going country," but surprisingly Levine's voice blends very well with the smooth voices of Lady Antebellum. The song combines Lady Antebellum's country/pop sound with Maroon 5's rock/pop sound and fits perfectly for both bands.

"Hands All Over" was an experimental album for Maroon 5. Many different sounds were tested, and it turned out well. Although the band's die hard fans may be a little hesitant to the album, it should bring in a new group of fans with the experimentation of different sounds.<

Read more about VMFM 91.7 in the November issue.

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ENTERTAINMENT

From the library: Movie review "Last Holiday"



Alec Guinness as George Bird and Kay Walsh as Mrs. Poole in a still from Henry Cass's film, *Last Holiday*. Photo credit <http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0042665/>.

Alison Trautmann
Editor-in-Chief

As Thanksgiving Break beckons students with its promises of turkey and stuffing, family and friends, it also can inspire questions. What does it mean to be thankful? Do you appreciate everything that is in your life? What would you do if this was your "last holiday"?

Head on over to the Marywood University library to check out the wonderful film "Last Holiday" starring Sir Alec Guinness as lonely salesman, George Bird, who is diagnosed with the fictional "Lampington's Disease." Viewers may recognize Guinness from his role as Obi-Wan Kenobi in the original "Star Wars" tril-

ogy. His doctor gives him one month to live, so, not having any family or friends, Bird sells his house, cashes in his life insurance policy, packs his bags and heads off to an expensive resort to live out his last days in pleasure.

However, when he arrives at the resort, he has untold measures of luck, falls in love, and receives an offer of partnership in a business. Sadly this success is tainted by his knowledge that he will soon lose everything that he has through his death. The film certainly does not have the expected ending but it emphasizes the fact that each day should be lived how you want to be living. Don't wait for "someday." <

Movie review: RED

Alison Trautmann
Editor-in-Chief

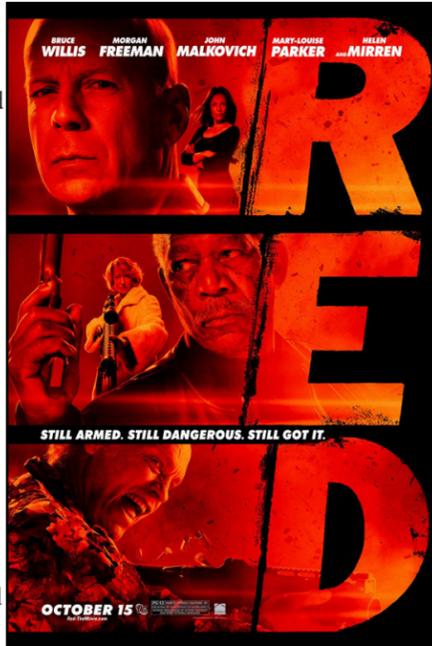
"RED" stands for Retired and Extremely Dangerous, but don't let that scare you away from one of the most entertaining movies in a very long time. I can't remember the last time I had so much fun in a movie theatre. "RED" was funny, action-packed, and (most importantly) entertaining.

Starring Bruce Willis, Mary-Louise Parker, Karl Urban, Morgan Freeman, John Malkovich and Helen Mirren, "RED" is a romance, comedy, and an action adventure film all rolled into one.

Frank Moses (Willis) is a lonely ex-CIA agent who spends his spare time growing avocado plants and ripping up his pension checks so he can hit on the customer service agent, Sarah Ross (Parker), who handles his pension problems.

One evening, a hit squad unexpectedly comes in and tries to kill Frank so he rushes off to rescue Sarah. It is not explained until later in the film why they are being hunted down but it does not matter. The audience is with the characters for the whole wild ride.

Frank and Sarah go on a wild chase to find all of Frank's team before they get killed. By far the most amusing entrance, Helen Mirren, famous for playing such refined roles as Queen Elizabeth II and Sofya Tolstoy, first ap-



Poster for "RED" (Retired and Extremely Dangerous). Photo credit <http://www.onlinemovieshut.com/wp-content/uploads/2010/08/red-movie-poster.jpg>

pears in the film while arranging flowers and then pulls a gun from under the table.

The film jumps from one action sequence to the next, interspersing moments of connection between the characters ultimately making a film full of laughs and explosions.

Other reviewers have compared "RED" to both "Knight and Day" and "The A-Team." Unlike the other two films, this one is actually worth seeing. If you want to laugh and enjoy yourself with a few guns involved, then this is the film for you. <

A look ahead at the holiday movie season

by Owen Karoscik
Staff Writer

While we sit at the table giving thanks with our families this Thanksgiving and Christmas, everyone will also be thinking about what to go see at the movies afterwards. Here are my picks of what to see this holiday season: 1. "Harry Potter and the Deathly Hollows Part 1"

Part 1 of the epic finale is the top movie to see this holiday season. Just about everyone in the world knows what happens in the final book, but now it is possible to get to see what it looks like on the big screen. The only unnecessary quality is that it's in 3-D. However, that should not spoil the fun of all the action and humor. 2. "Black Swan"

Natalie Portman has received huge critical acclaim at the Toronto Film Festival for her haunting performance as a mentally unstable ballerina in this psychological thriller. Directed by Darren Aronofsky (The Wrestler), this should be a top contender for the Oscars as well as a terrific film experience.

3. "Tron: Legacy"

I have never seen the original Tron nor do I know if the story will be good or not. However, the special effects look like they are worth going to see, especially in 3-D. Expect a lot of action and drama. This year's Avatar. 4. "Fair Game"

From Doug Liman, the di-

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ENTERTAINMENT

Anime Club looking for new members

Vincent Mecca
Staff Writer

Students who are looking for a club to join should check out Anime Club, which formed last year. The club is looking for new members and people to partake in

*"We try to incorporate Japanese culture and do different activities that isn't just sitting and watching shows together."
~Stephanie Day*

events they are holding.

According to Jennifer Bish, vice president and co-founder of the anime club, anime is an Americanized term used to describe cartoons that are imported from Japan.

This year the club has recruited many more students due to a wide variety of interests that may appeal to a broader range of students.

Stephanie Day, president and co-founder of the anime club, said that this is actually the second time an anime club has been started on campus. Unfortunately,

the first time around, it did not have an adequate student following to keep it alive.

"In the past [club members] just mostly watched anime," Day said. "[Now] we try to incorporate Japanese culture and do different activities that isn't just sitting and watching shows together."

Students interested in Japanese culture are also encouraged to join the Anime club. Mark Mckeever, a member of the club said the anime club and its members will welcome anyone.

Although it might be a little confusing for someone who doesn't have a lot of anime background, nobody is ever excluded and anyone who has any sort of interest in anime, Japanese culture, or anything related to Japan should attend.

Bish said that even students with limited background in Anime are welcome to join. "We're never afraid of answering questions," she added. Bish says that the things the club's activities are a learning experience for everyone, even the members who are very knowledgeable in anime.

The club has many events in

store for the school this year. Day said that the club plans on having a Japanese tea ceremony, origami-making, Dance-Dance Revolution contest, as well as field trips to both New York City to a Japanese market and New Jersey for a Japanese Festival.

The anime club will also be hosting an open mic night later in the semester, which will be open to all Marywood students who wish to attend.

The anime club meets every Thursday at 9 p.m. in Room 111 of the Liberal Arts Center and the meeting lasts anywhere from one to two hours. Students who joined in the past but are no longer members are also encouraged to return.

"The club is constantly improving and becoming more organized as we go," Mckeever concluded. "We have a lot of new people who are interested this year and we hope they stay around." <



Stephanie Day (president) and Jen Bish (VP) serve tea in their kimonos at an Anime Club event. Photo credit Robert Hannon.

Correction to "New Staff" in October Issue

Correction: The following names were inadvertently omitted from the article "New Staff at Marywood University," published in the October 2010 issues of The Wood Word.

School of Architec-

ture: Mr. James F. Eckler and Mr. Joseph Gluba.

The Wood Word sincerely regrets the error and welcomes Mr. Eckler and Mr. Gluba to the Marywood University community. <

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New and old TV shows return for the fall

Roxeanne DeAngelo
Staff Writer

It's that time of year again. While some wait in anticipation for the continuance of the more popular returning shows, others mourn the loss of the less compelling series from the previous season. Some may find themselves overwhelmed, with over 20 new TV series to choose from its no wonder why.

To better help you get acquainted with this season's top rated shows TVGuide.com's TV Team research panel reveals the top 10 most anticipated returning shows for the fall:

1. *NCIS* (CBS)- A successful 'JAG' spin-off about criminal cases involving Navy and Marine personnel, handled by the Naval Criminal Investigative Service.

2. *Fringe* (Fox)- A drama with sci-fi elements following the FBI probe of mysterious deaths aboard an airplane that landed at Boston's Logan Airport. But the deaths aboard Flight 627 are only the beginning of the story.

3. *Glee* (Fox)- Musical comedy-drama about the misfits who make up a high-school glee club.

4. *Castle* (ABC)- A murder-mystery writer and a detective team up to catch a serial killer who is reenacting murders from his books. Once the case is solved, the unlikely pair continue to work together to probe New York City's most unusual homicides.

5. *Bones* (Fox)- A scientist with an 'uncanny ability to read clues left behind in a victim's bones' solves murders in a procedural series inspired by real-life forensic anthropologist and novelist Kathy Reichs.

6. *Chuck* (NBC)- A computer nerd is drawn into shadowy global espionage when subliminal government secrets are downloaded into his brain.

7. *The Big Bang Theory* (CBS)- Two nerdy physicists share an apartment and an unlikely friendship with their beautiful neighbor with whom one of them is infatuated.

8. *Grey's Anatomy* (ABC)- Surgical residents at a Seattle teaching hospital hone their bedside manners on and off the job in this medical drama.



Hawaii Five-O (CBS) is one of this year's most anticipated tv shows. Image courtesy of <http://blog.reelloop.com/wp-content/uploads/2010/09/hawaii-5-o.jpg>

9. *Supernatural* (CW)- McG-produced drama about two brothers, searching for their missing dad, who chase down evil forces that claimed the life of their mother and the life of the younger brother's girlfriend. They travel the country in a '67 Chevy Impala, encountering paranormal phenomena at every turn.

10. *Dexter* (Showtime)- A forensic expert lives a double life as a vigilante-serial killer who murders wrongdoers who've escaped justice.

As for the top 10 most anticipated NEW shows for the fall, according to TVGuide.com's TV Team research panel they are as follows:

1. *Hawaii Five-0* (CBS)- An elite police task force in Hawaii headed by a decorated naval officer probes high-level crimes. The series is a reboot of the classic Jack Lord crime drama of the 1970s.

2. *The Event* (NBC)- An ordinary man's probe into his girlfriend's disappearance leads him to uncover a conspiracy of untold dimensions, inadvertently affecting the newly elected U.S. president, the leader of a group of mysterious detainees and the detainee leader's father.

3. *Law and Order: Los Angeles* (NBC)- The police investigate crimes in Los Angeles and prosecutors try the suspects in this crime-drama series.

4. *Blue Bloods* (CBS)- A New York crime drama focusing on a

multi-generational family of cops that includes the city's police commissioner, his two sons and his retired father

5. *No Ordinary Family* (ABC)- A sci-fi drama about a family that develops superpowers after a plane crash in the Amazon.

6. *Undercovers* (NBC)- A married pair of retired spies return to the world of espionage, this time as partners, while also running a catering company in this action-adventure series.

7. *S#! My Dad Says* (CBS)- Sitcom based on Justin Halpern's popular Twitter feed about a guy in his 20's who moves back home with his perennially grumpy father.

8. *Nikita* (CW)- A spy emerges from hiding to seek revenge on a clandestine government agency that betrayed her after rescuing her as a teen and training her to be an assassin.

9. *The Defenders* (CBS)- Two charismatic defense lawyers represent a variety of clients in Las Vegas.

10. *Boardwalk Empire* (HBO)- Political boss Enoch 'Nucky' Thompson runs Atlantic City at the dawn of Prohibition in this drama inspired by Nelson Johnson's non-fiction book 'Boardwalk Empire: The Birth, High Times, and Corruption of Atlantic City.'

For more information on shows not listed visit the Tvguide.com.

Marywood holds annual homecoming dance

Alison Trautmann
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The Marywood Student Activities Committee hosted the annual Homecoming Dance on October 22 at Genetti Manor.

The Homecoming Court results were announced at the dance. Freshman Lord and Lady were John Holler and Jayne Fulfer, Sophomore Duke and Duchess were Dave Maione and Addie Long, Junior Prince and Princess were Nathan Miller

and Michele Rava and Thomas Korp and Erica Timmons were crowned Senior King and Queen to thunderous applause.

Students enjoyed an evening of dinner and dancing.

The theme this year was "Antique City" with a focus on Hollywood, London, New York, and Paris.<



The Homecoming Court dances during Marywood's Homecoming Dance. Photo credit Morgan Strasser.



A group of students wait to receive their dinner. Photo credit Morgan Strasser.



Students enjoy the music at Homecoming. Photo credit Morgan Strasser.

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PEACE & JUSTICE

Alphonsian tradition alive and well today

Jill Troiano
Staff Writer

November 10 is an important day for the Sisters, Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary. No, we at Marywood don't get a day off, but what happened on this day in 1845 continues to impact this university. The founders of the IHM Congregation, Theresa Maxis Duchemin and Father Louis Gillet, laid the path for the Congregation to develop into three branches and establish three universities. Thus, we would not be here at Marywood today without the IHM Congregation and their founders.

Theresa Maxis Duchemin was the trailblazing foundress of the IHM Congregation in Monroe, Michigan in 1845. She was the first U.S. born African American woman to become a vowed religious sister. She was well educated and in 1829 was a founding member of the Oblates Sisters of Providence in Baltimore. Soon after, she accepted an invitation by Fr. Louis Gillet to establish a new religious community in Michigan. Fr. Gillet was a Redemptorist priest whose community preached the unconditional love of God to all.

In 1858, the Sisters of IHM opened a mission in Pennsylvania, and in 1871 established a Motherhouse in the diocese of Scranton. The Sisters were now divided into three separate groups in the dioceses of Detroit, Philadelphia and Scranton. Theresa worked tirelessly to bring unity to the Congregation

although often the hierarchy was working against her. Theresa believed the Redemptorist tradition was essential to the spirituality of the IHM Congregation.

Even though he is not a direct founder of the Congregation, St. Alphonsus may be the most important founder, in spirit, of the Sisters of IHM. When one looks into the history of Theresa Maxis or Fr. Gillet, one cannot help but be directed back to St. Alphonsus. St. Alphonsus Liguori founded the Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer in 1732, of which Father Gillet was a member.

Father Gillet co-founded the Sisters, Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, who have sponsored Marywood University since 1915 and continue to honor the spirit and teachings of St. Alphonsus. That sounds like a complicated lineage, yet he is a significant saint in the present day. Believe it or not, there is a statue of St. Alphonsus near the Memorial Commons. Go check it out sometime.

St. Alphonsus had a lifelong focus to bring the Good News of God's love to the spiritually abandoned poor. He ministered where the church in the 18th century did not go and worked to change structures of oppression and injustice that maintained poverty. Pope John Paul II described him as, "a close friend of people, a missionary who went in search of the most abandoned souls." He gave people hope and optimism, amidst their chaotic and uncertain lives. This redemp-

tive mission is integrated into the mission and core values of the IHM Congregation and those of Marywood.

Several of the Marywood core values mirror those of the IHM Sisters. In particular, take note of the values of service, empowerment and justice to stand with and defend those who are denied full human dignity. Students at Marywood can carry out these core values through volunteering and in their future careers.

Campus Ministry has a group of 20 Maxis-Gillet Service Scholars who take leadership roles in community service projects on campus and in the Scranton area. This is my third year as a Maxis-Gillet leader. We participate in training to reflect on our strengths and talents, and are encouraged to use them in our leadership responsibilities.

Over the past three years, I have learned a great deal about poverty in our local community and in the nation. Most of this learning did not take place in a classroom. I have participated in five service trips and led several outreach programs through Campus Ministry.

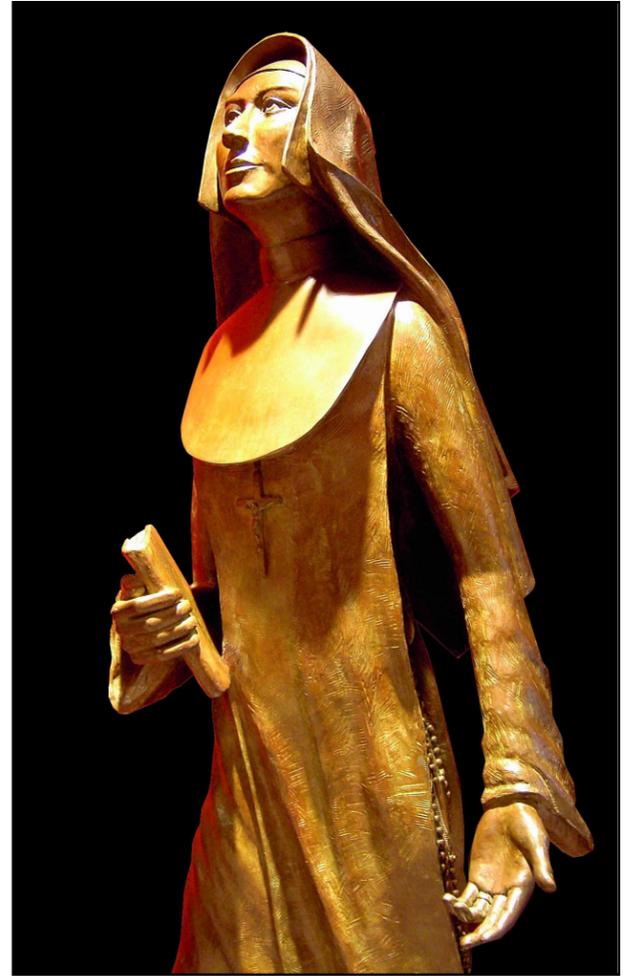
One population I have felt compelled to serve is the homeless. They are often stereotyped yet have great life experiences to share. All a student can do is lend an ear and be a symbol of hope, a light. It is through these experiences that I have shared Jesus' redeeming love with the people I meet and serve.

The missionary spirit and faith of St. Alphonsus is can be

easily embraced by college students who are discerning their own life's work and beliefs about God and the Church. Although he was a lawyer and wrote 111 books, St. Alphonsus spoke and prayed in simple language, so

that people would understand how much God loved them. He encouraged them to talk to God as they would a friend, which young adults would feel comfortable doing as well.

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The bronze sculpture of Sr. Theresa Maxis was created by Sr. Cor Immaculatum Heffernan, IHM. Photo credit IHM Communications Department.

Tanzania Art Show

When: November 12th (Friday)

Where: Swartz Center – Conference Room A

What time: 12- 2pm - Presentations - (12 – 12:45, 1:15-2)

Please come and join us to learn about our service learning trip to Tanzania and have the chance to make a difference in the lives of many.

At the show we will have watercolor art work created by the girls at the Bigwa Secondary School on display and available to purchase for a minimum donation of \$8.

All of the money raised will go towards the creation of a vegetable garden that will provide the girls in Tanzania with many nutrients that are lacking in their diet.

You can be the change you want to see in the world.

Any questions feel free to contact:
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Lynette Errante lerrante@m.marywood.edu

PEACE & JUSTICE

2010-2011 Campus Ministry national and international service trips scheduled

*PRESS RELEASE
From Camps Ministry*

*Spring Break 2011: Alternative Break in Scranton!
Feb. 26-March 3*

An annual at-home, hands-on experience working with the most vulnerable populations in our community. This trip is becoming a great Marywood tradition! Examples of service last year include: cooking, serving, and sharing a meal with families involved in St. Joe's Mother/Infant Program, homeless outreach, housing clean-up, Habitat for Humanity, and at-risk youth outreach.

*Spring Break 2011: St. Vincent de Paul Center, Philadelphia, PA
Feb. 27-March 5*

Students and chaperones live in community with one another and serve at-risk youth, elderly people, homeless individuals. Past groups have enjoyed a wonderful experience there! The staff at St. Vincent de Paul Center have always provided great service experiences. Last year's service sites included: In-Dwelling Housing Rehabilitation, working with people with

mental handicaps, soup kitchens, clothing drives, after-school programs.

*Spring Break 2011: Nazareth Farm, Salem, WV
Feb. 27-March 5*

A unique experience of living a simple lifestyle and serving others; students and chaperones live in modest accommodations on a working farm, and they complete farm chores in the morning and evening. During the day, the group travels to local homes to assist with home repair and renovation in the Appalachian Region. www.nazareth-farm.org

*Spring Break 2011: Habitat for Humanity, Bay St. Louis, MS
Feb 27-March 5*

Building homes in an area still recovering from Hurricane Katrina. Participants will live in community at a local prep school and work together on building homes. The group may have the opportunity to meet the family for which they are building the house. Participants will also be working alongside volunteers from all over the country. <http://www.habitatbaywaveland.org/> Applications for Spring Break

due Nov. 12, 2010

*May 2011: San Lucas Mission, San Lucas Tolimán, Guatemala
Dates to be determined; departure will be at least one day after commencement*

Participants serve in the parish communities of San Lucas in a program sponsored by the Diocese of New Ulm, Minnesota. Participants live in community and serve in various capacities depending on Spanish language proficiency: coffee field planting or harvesting, reforestation project, home building, clinic, library, or orphanage. This 10-day international experience combines service, education about country and culture, prayer, community building, and reflection.

Learn more about San Lucas Mission at <http://www.sanlucas-mission.org>.

Participant applications will be available online at: <http://www.marywood.edu/campmin/service/service-trips/> in early October.

Applications due Nov. 5, 2010. <

Help a family in need during the upcoming holiday season by providing all of the fixings for a Thanksgiving dinner. Our goal is to exceed last year's total of 160 sponsored families!

We need your help to reach this goal. Marywood Campus Ministry partners with United Neighborhood Centers for the THANKSGIVING ADOPT-A-FAMILY project, through which families receive a food basket filled with all of the fixings for their Thanksgiving meal. Knowing how financially difficult this past year has been, especially for economically disadvantaged families, your participation in this program is especially needed!

Visit Campus Ministry's website at <http://www.marywood.edu/campmin/service/underprivileged.html> to register to sponsor a family this year. Registration deadline is **NOVEMBER 12th**.

Individuals and groups are needed to sponsor families or make monetary donations. Additional volunteers are needed to prepare food baskets and assist with delivering to families.

Hold the Date: All food baskets are scheduled to be delivered to families sponsored by Marywood University helping groups on Saturday, November 20th between 11am-2pm.

NOVEMBER

In the Nazareth Dining Hall :

CHARTWELLS

11/10
IHM
Founders' Day
Special

11/14
National
French Toast
Day

11/18
Thanksgiving
Harvest Dinner

HOT Apple
Cider

@ Study Grounds

(Cut Out the Coupon to Get \$.50 Off)

FOOD BANK DRIVE

October 22– November 19
Chartwells \$\$Dollars\$\$
for any student or staff who brings a non-perishable item to the Nazareth Dining Hall



1 Smoothie
\$.50 OFF

at The Connections or the Study Grounds

Find us online at
WWW.THEWOODWORD.ORG

PEACE & JUSTICE

Marywood Activists for Compassionate Choices is looking for members



Logo of Marywood Activists for Compassionate Choices. Photo courtesy of Lindsay Iacovazzi.

Lindsay Iacovazzi
Staff Writer

Do you love animals? Are you health conscious? Do you care about the environment? If any of those apply, then this is the group for you! Marywood Activists for Compassionate Choices (MACC) is a new group started by students Lindsay Iacovazzi and Angela Woody with the help of their club advisor, Sarah Kenehan.

MACC aims to educate the community about various animal welfare issues, advocate on behalf of the animals, and raise awareness about current environmental issues. We also intend to promote healthier lifestyles by supporting vegetarian and vegan interests on campus. It's better for your health, for the environment and the animals. MACC intends to show that the animal rights/welfare movement is moving from taboo to mainstream. From important political figures, Olympic athletes, musical artists,

reality stars, authors... they too are showing that a plant-based diet is the most rewarding diet inside and out!

We plan on having several volunteer opportunities for MACC members at local animal shelters, sanctuaries and rescues. This may be a great experience for students who live on campus and miss their pet at home. These unique opportunities not only make a difference in the lives of the animals and the community, but it will give you the chance to meet new people and make new connections. It also shows that we as people can express care beyond oneself.

We plan to hold our first meeting Monday November 1 in Immaculata Hall lounge at 9pm. We will discuss events we would like to plan in the near future and also open to suggestions! There will be refreshments served as well. Hope to see you there!

Any questions or concerns, e-mail Lindsay at liacovazzi@m.marywood.edu. <

Founders Day events: Celebrating 165 years

A new IHM Heritage display is exhibited in the foyer and throughout the main hallway of the IHM Center (located at the top of University Avenue). All are welcome to visit at your convenience to learn about the history and missions of Sisters, Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

Wednesday, November 10:

Lunch, 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Nazareth Dining Hall, featuring favorite recipes of IHM Sisters.

Mission Orientation Series, Research and Mission, 12 noon, Private Dining Room, Nazareth Student Center

Mass, 12:05 p.m., Marian Chapel

Evening Prayer, 6:30 p.m., IHM Center, Jill Troiano, Class of 2011, will share a reflection on her experience of the IHM Charism. All are welcome.

Charism of The Congregation of the Sisters, Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary:



In the passionate spirit of Saint Alphonsus Liguori, we joyfully participate in the redeeming love of Jesus which impels us to proclaim the Good News of God's unconditional love for all. We embrace Mary, the first disciple, as our model of a life rooted in God. <

Karla Dalious
Staff Writer

October is supposed to be a happy, proud month for the LGBT (lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender) community. Since 1988, the eleventh of the month has been designated National Coming Out Day, a sort of holiday during which identities are declared and embraced. Members of the community who are either fully or semi-closeted are encouraged to reveal themselves however possible and everyone, LGBT and their supporters, is invited to display pride symbols.

This year, however, the month was marked in a very different way. The community was forced to grieve rather than celebrate over the losses of six young men, ranging in ages from 13 to 19 years, between the months of September and October. Each faced harassment and humiliation at the hands of their peers based on their orientation, driving them to end their own lives. It is the exact opposite of what the LGBT community has been working toward for so many years, and one cannot help but wonder why these deaths and the events leading up to them occurred. How could these senseless losses been avoided?

Perhaps all it would have taken was one person to talk to and confide in, one person to be accepting and nonjudgmental. It is hard to imagine that such a simple thing can make such a huge life-or-death impact, but sometimes just an open door

and an open mind can make all the difference in the world. And if it is such a simple thing, wouldn't you want to be prepared to be that one person and make that change?

ALLY, Marywood's gay-straight alliance, has been training students and faculty members alike to fulfill just that role since the club's inception.

Rooted in the values of empowerment and respect for each person, an ALLY training session is held at least

once annually to educate interested individuals in everything from proper terminology to LGBT history and current issues. Participants are trained to be allies: to defend, refer, and sometimes simply to listen to and be a safe person for those in need. They are taught to understand and be aware of each person's unique needs/circumstances, and to know when a situation is too complex for them to deal with on their own. Common myths and misconceptions are addressed and tools to combat homophobia are presented in a fun, interactive way.

The statistics are alarming: nine out of ten LGBT students have experienced harassment at school and these students are up to four times more likely to attempt suicide than their



A rainbow triangle within a circle shows that the person is an ally. Photo courtesy of Sr. John Michele Southwick.

heterosexual peers. More than one-third report having made at least one attempt (thetrevorproject.org). Chances are that you either have or will encounter such a student and, even if you never do, no one can say that time becoming prepared is time wasted.

This year's ALLY training will be held on Friday, November 5th from 3 to 6 p.m. in the Swartz Center for Spiritual Life. Dinner will be provided and, although all are welcome, registration is requested. Contact the club at mu10ally@gmail.com or advisor Sr. John Michele Southwick at southwick@maryu.marywood.edu to sign up or for more information. <

Campus Ministry's Upcoming Events

Thanksgiving Adopt a Family starts -Monday Oct. 25th

ALLY Training - Friday, Nov. 5, 3-6 p.m.

Applications Due: Guatemala May 2011 - Nov. 5

Christmas Giving Tree starts - Monday, Nov. 8

Blood Drive, Wed. Nov. 10 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. Latour Room

Spring Break Service Trip Applications Due - Friday Nov. 12

Footprints Retreat and Sleepout for the Homeless - Nov. 12-14

Fair Trade Sale - Tues, Wed. Nov. 16, 17 FPL all day

Thanksgiving Adopt a Family Basket Delivery - Sat. Nov. 20 8 a.m. - all volunteers welcome

Visit Campus Ministry online at www.marywood.edu/campmin/ or stop by the office for more information!

PEACE & JUSTICE

New Student Retreat welcomed freshmen

Morgan Strasser
Staff Writer

This year's New Student Retreat was held on September 17-19 at the Fatima Retreat Center in Dalton. Father Brian F. Van Fossen, Chaplain of Marywood University and director of the program, and upperclassmen welcomed new freshmen Marywood students.

The goal of the retreat was to ease the new students into the transition to college through the use of icebreakers, inspirational discussions and other fun activities, all while building a stronger relationship with God.

Both large and small group discussions were used to get everybody acquainted with one another and with God and to make the new transition a little smoother. The large group discussions consisted of prayer and fun icebreakers, followed by a large group activity. Everyone then broke up into small groups, which were led by upperclassmen team leaders.

Each class's team leaders gave a different themed talk. The sophomores discussed the transition from high school to college.

The juniors discussed the present and what it means to be a part of the Marywood community, while the seniors discussed the future. James Rafoth, a sophomore returning to the retreat as a team leader, discussed friendship.

"[My talk] ended on trying to get [the new students] to realize they aren't alone in the world in the way they feel and they never have to feel like they're alone," Rafoth said.

"It was the best experience I ever had, to be honest. It was the best weekend of my life." said Katie Kiely.

Designated downtime also allowed the students to reflect on everything in a quiet environment.

"That's the thing as college students, [there is] not a lot of quiet time in the world. It's very rare. [This] gives them that opportunity," Father Brian said. According to Father Brian, students tend to forget that college is supposed to be fun, too.

"Sometimes we get so bogged down with homework and so

many other things, like projects, that we forget college is supposed to be fun and to not steal that time away, not to cheat yourself from that opportunity," said Father Brian.

The retreat offered opportunities for fun and a break from schoolwork. There were different sporting activities such as basketball, volleyball and even Frisbee. Card games were a popular activity, as well as arts and crafts. There were also activities as simple as listening to music or even talking with each other. The crowd pleaser of the trip is usually the annual bonfire and that was no exception this year.

Freshman nursing major Katie Kiely said she enjoyed the more sentimental activities, like journaling. Journals filled with inspirational songs and scriptures were passed out to the new students. The students were asked to write journal entries on their experiences on the retreat for them to look back on in the future. "I think that was really important to me and that was such a good idea," Kiely said of the activity. Kiely said she got a lot out of the retreat and would love to return next year as a team leader.



The participants of the New Student Retreat after a weekend of reflection and fun. Photo courtesy of Emily Szczerba

"I would love to be able to be a part of that again," said Kiely. "It was the best experience I ever had, to be honest. It was the best weekend of my life," she said.

A total of twenty-two students attended the retreat, including Kiely, making this year one of the largest in its approximate twenty-year existence. The retreat was previously held in November, but was bumped up

to September this year.

"We actually increased our numbers from last year, which means the dates didn't really matter all that much. In fact, they probably helped our numbers in the long run," Father Brian said. All in all, the New Student Retreat, gave the freshmen a great start to their time here at Marywood.<

Marywood Campus Ministry helps Scranton shop responsibly for Christmas

PRESS RELEASE

The community is invited to shop for Fair Trade gifts, housewares, jewelry and more, handmade by artisans living in developing regions around the world. Marywood Campus Ministry is hosting a Work of Human Hands Sale on November 16 and 17 from 9:00 a.m. until 5 p.m. in the Fireplace Lounge, Nazareth Hall Student Center.

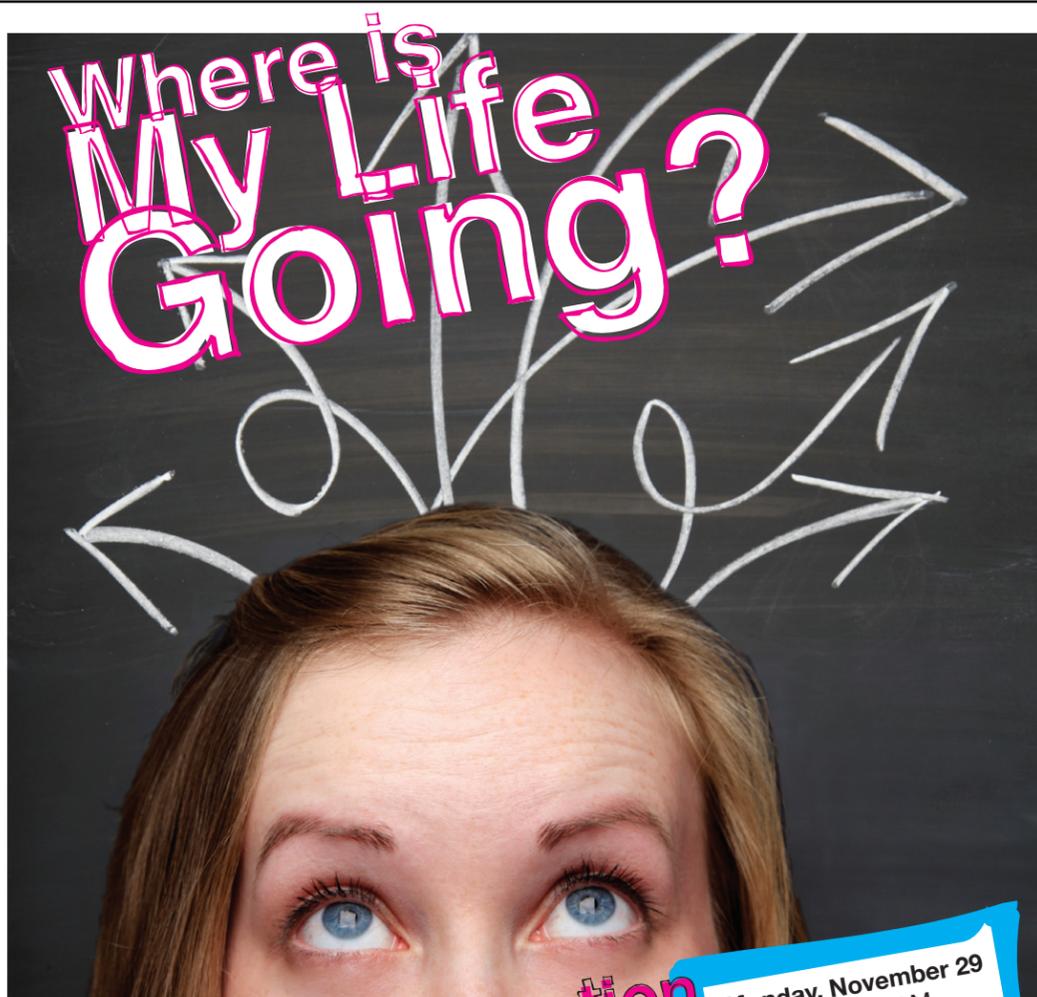
The core values of Marywood University consist of the Dignity of every human being and the idea that we can be of service to all. Social Justice issues challenge us daily to become aware of those around us, question injustices that exist, and work toward systemic change. The students believe the words of Gandhi "Be the change you wish to see in the world." Therefore, this is our fourth year of having this Fair Trade Sale to help those in developing countries create a better living for themselves.

The sale is part of the Work

of Human Hands Program, a partnership between Catholic Relief Services and A Greater Gift, a nonprofit program of SERRV International, an alternative trade and development organization that currently works with artisans and farmers in 35 countries around the world. Every purchase made at the Work of Human Hands Sale allows a producer to provide for the basic necessities of life, to educate her or his children, and to work in a safe environment.

Since joining A Greater Gift's partner KTS in 2000, "I have become independent and am able to earn my living. I can provide education for my children and fulfill their daily needs." Initially with training in weaving and then employment, Lal Maya Rai's life has improved for herself and her family in Nepal.

Come and join us on November 16 or 17. Enjoy shopping and change the world at the same time! <



Explore Your Vocation

Join other young adults for prayer, dinner & meaningful conversation.

Saturday, October 30
3:30-8:30 P.M.
Misericordia University

Monday, November 29
4:00-7:00 P.M.
Marywood University

For more information or to sign up stop by Campus Ministry or visit:

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OUTLOOK

Sketchers Shape-Ups: lose weight while walking

Jeremy Barket
Staff Writer

In between all of the commercials and print advertisements for weight loss products, I am sure you've all seen Skecher's Shape Up sneakers. Between Kim Kardashian telling you to "take these pills" because "you'll lose weight!" and Chuck Norris telling you about his new exercise machine to sculpt those buns of flab into buns of steel, you've definitely seen the shoe.

The cute shoes that claim, due to their 'breakthrough' in shoe designing technology, you will not only lose weight, but you will also tone those buns and sculpt those gams – all while doing the everyday activity of walking!

For those of you who are not familiar with the 'breakthrough' in shoe designing, the sole is essentially similar to gluing a half-cut watermelon to the bottom of your shoe. The sole is also convex, like contact lenses.

So let's get right to the question at hand – Do Shape Ups really follow through on what they claim they will?

Well, yes and no.

According to Dr. Gerald Zavorsky, Marywood University, "Shape ups DO NOT WORK. They are pretty much the same in terms of weight loss and muscle toning as regular running shoes." Dr. Zavorsky is the director of the physiology laboratory, and associate adjunct professor of physiology.

So, in one sense, Shape Ups are not some magical shoe that will allow you to skip typical exercise and diet.

Dr. Zavorsky adds, "It is not the shoe per say that gets you toned and gets you to lose weight, it is the amount and type of exercise that you do that gets you toned. Exercise burns calories not the shape-ups."

So, in another sense, simply by walking in a shoe, any shoe (including Shape Ups) will cause you to lose weight and get those legs in shape.

Now that we know that Shape Ups are not some magical sneakers helping women (and men, too!) lose weight quicker than a normal shoe, let's further examine what else Shape Ups claims.

By logging onto www.skechers.com/info/shape_ups, you

have the ability to find out what the shoe is exactly made up of, testimonials, and 'why it works.' The website also features a short little five minute video of an overview of the sneaker. Within the first seven seconds, the announcer says, "Congratulations! With Shape Ups, you can finally get in shape without going to the gym!" It also goes on to say how it is the first stylish shoe that works instantly to get you in shape.

Now, as we mentioned earlier, any sneaker will get you in shape – so you could really wear whatever sneaker you want without going to the gym. In terms of being stylish? We'll come back to that later.

The shoe physically has a curved sole, a 'kinetic wedge', and breathable mesh design to provide needed support and supreme comfort. I presume that curved wedge is what that makes the shoe so different because it 'propels wearers into their next step.' I don't know about you, but isn't the walker supposed to propel themselves into the next step? Not the shoe?



Sketchers Shape-Ups are supposedly a way to exercise without going to the gym. Photo credit http://www.examiner.com/images/blog/EXID19078/images/Skechers_Shape_Ups.jpg.

Okay, so the shoe claims that you finally have a reason to enjoy exercising without hitting the gym. Luckily, the website provides an area with all different types of shoes.

Guess how much a pair of Shape Up sneakers will cost you through the company website? Approximately one-hundred dollars. As a college student, I am already strapped for cash by rely-

ing on heavy doses of ramen noodles and Cap'n crunch.

Now, keep in mind that Skechers' the company that produces Shape Ups. If you decide to look for the shoe for less than one-hundred dollars, you might have difficulty finding the Shape Up sneaker. Now, if you want just a normal-soled sneaker made

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Review of Apple's iPad

Roxanne DeAngelo
Staff Writer

As described by Apple, "The iPad is the best way to experience the web, e-mail, photos, and videos, hands down."

"I think they're pretty cool," says James Stolfi, "I'd probably buy one if they weren't so expensive."

Released in April of this year, you could purchase the 16gb Apple iPad for a base price of \$499. This revolutionary device will more than likely make 2010 a landmark year in computer technology. It can be compared to 1984 when the graphic user interface debuted in the first Macintosh or as in 1995 when Windows 95 made it easier for computers to be used when the Internet was in its beginning stages. So what is the Apple iPad?

"I think it's an amazing new piece of technology and if given the chance I would definitely buy one," says Morgan Strasser.

When you first lay eyes on the iPad you may notice how similar it looks to the iPhone and iPod touch. This wasn't an accident; in fact it was done for those who are already familiar with its smaller cousins. The iPad is a little bit heavier than what people were expecting but still much lighter than the average laptop. Being a screen based device Apple went all out on the overall look and appeal for the iPad. The multi-touch display is a 9.7-inch LED-backlit glossy



The iPad is Apple's latest addition to its growing array of computer products. Photo credit http://cache.gawkerassets.com/assets/images/7/2010/04/500x_0402_ipad.jpg.

widescreen, with 1024 by 768 pixel resolution at 132 pixels per inch. This makes for a very clean and crisp picture essential for all the different viewing pleasures the iPad has to offer. Let's not forget the battery life for this device is an amazing 11 hours, more than enough time to do pretty much anything.

With thousands of apps available for the iPad and more made available daily, it is hard to imagine running out of things to do with it. Whether its playing games, watching movies, listening to music, or just surfing the web the iPad has an unending potential.

Some of the more popular apps for the iPad are The Weather Channel, where you could track local, regional, and national

weather forecasts. Zillow, a real estate app that puts over 93 million homes at your fingertips. There are even learning apps for children such as Alphabet Fun and The Elements.

A mistake people have often made is that the iPad is the new and improved laptop. It is only a glorified iPod Touch, a laptop has more computing power and range of abilities that include better hardware. Yes it is impressive for a handheld portable device but that's exactly what it is, Apple doesn't want you replacing your laptops with it they want you supplementing and adding onto your computer experiences.

Although I am fascinated

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Letter to the editor: Parking Problems

To the Editor:

I am writing to you in regard to your recent article on Parking at Marywood University. The article briefly addressed the overall problem commuter students are experiencing. Security pointed out that there are 1685 parking spots available while only 800 commuter permits were sold.

Nowhere was it discussed about outside events being held and visitors using those parking lots addressed. Nor is it mentioned of how students who reside at the school leave their designated parking area to utilize the lots so they may be closer to their classes. Are there different stickers for these students so they may be ticketed? I think not.

As a new student myself I printed maps from the school website to ease my transition to Marywood and have found on occasion all lots on the maps full. Mind you neither I nor my fellow students have ever had issue of walking to our classes

so being close has never really been a topic of discussion. There should be some sort of student information as to where parking is available and legal according to school guidelines for commuters to reference in your article.

The issues of cost for parking should not have even been addressed in this story as it is far from the concern and problem. If you felt the need to inform the student body of our "inexpensive" parking cost compared to others then you should also mention the local Penn State campus and their free parking for students. It is a shame to charge any amount for paying students to attend school, which is another discussion and article all together.

Thank you for visiting this concern and we the commuter student hope you will revisit this topic with just a few of questions I have presented to you on our behalf.

Virginia Sharff

What's your view?

**Write to us at:
thewoodword@m.marywood.edu**

OUTLOOK

Haunted Marywood - real or just pretend?

Jeremy Barket
Staff Writer

Dorm rooms oddly opening for no specific reason. Books and posters randomly flying off desks. Ghosts of former nuns who have died appearing in strange places and hallways. Third floor of Regina...

This isn't where my investigation of the haunted places of Marywood University started.

Actually, I was close to giving up if it wasn't for the perseverance of James Sullivan.

I, myself, have always been interested in things that could be haunted, dabbled with the Ouija board a few times, and have a certain distinct interest in horror movies. The psychological thrillers full of suspense, not so much the 'hack-and-slash,' gore-filled horror movies.

James Sullivan is Marywood University's Director of Record Management and Archives. His office is on the third floor of the library, and although he's only been a part of the Marywood family for one and a half years, he does a fine job of keeping the history of Marywood in check. I also appreciate his fellow affinity for the haunted and the unknown.

"I never heard of anything."

This was Mr. Sullivan's response to my inquiries of any scary stories or strange happenings around Marywood. We both agreed that because the buildings are so old and that being so close to several cemeteries, it would make sense for some kind of paranormal activity.

Needless to say, we pressed on.

Mr. Sullivan opened the door



Beware of walking across this cemetery during the night hours! Photo credit Robert Hannon.

to the Marywood Archives, which houses various student publications throughout all of Marywood's near-hundred-year history, including the student literary publication, The Bayleaf.

Although The Bayleaf now features original artwork, poetry, and short stories – the issues from 1919 took on a slightly different tone. Mostly, it was a print update of what events occurred during the year on various dates.

We figured there may be some stories of ghost sightings around the dates in October. You know, Halloween, less hours of sunlight, scary stuff, right? Well, the only scary thing that happened during the olden days was a Halloween dance that included plenty of 'square and round dancing.' (Insert laugh track.)

Basically, having no luck while searching through these ancient tomes, we basically decided it

was nearly a bust.

In the eternal words of wisdom of Mr. Sullivan, "If you keep scratching below the surface, you'll find something."

And find we did. Eventually.

After searching through the older Bayleaf editions, we decided maybe older newspaper articles would provide any luck. Again, no dice.

Finally, we asked various people around the library. This is where we got some interesting stories!

According to Lee Jamison, "they used to take the dead nuns and embalm them there." And where is that? "The basement of Loughran. Underneath the chapel," Jamison adds. Now we're getting somewhere.

Apparently, the third floor of Regina is haunted, too. And it's been like that for years.

According to Melissa Notarnicola, Marywood University

librarian, "there was a nun who hung herself in the stairway of Regina, and sometimes you can hear her crying."

Some of Marywood University's housekeepers claim that sometimes the ghosts of nuns who have passed on throughout the years can be seen in the LAC.

I found all of these stories highly interesting. It makes sense to me because of the close-by cemeteries and the near-hundred-years old buildings.

Throughout that history, one of the former Marywood buildings caught fire and burned down in 1971. Personally, I was slightly surprised not hearing about any

spirits or strange appearances on campus relating to this fire. But then again, nobody died in the fire.

I am going to leave the rest of the investigation up to you - the readers! Keep your eyes and ears on the lookout for any strange sights or noises. Perhaps if you're feeling especially brave, you might want to walk through the nearby cemeteries without a flashlight during the night time hours to spot any apparitions.

There is more information on haunted locations in Northeastern Pennsylvania. It seems that Northeast Pennsylvania even has its own 'ghost hunters' team. Their website is www.nepaparanormal.com.

The team was founded December 2007 by Katie, Bob, Mike, and Chantel. They do free ghost investigations!

Or maybe if you want to explore more areas in NEPA, as the Suscon Screamer has been around for a great deal of years. Maybe you should check up on her.

If you believe the hauntings are real or just students getting really freaked out – it's up to you. Just be careful walking across the commons in front of the LAC, as I hear there are dead nuns buried underneath the cement.<



The lone door in the Liberal Arts Center looms at the top of a staircase. Photo credit Lauren Reinhardt.

Events on weekends at Marywood

Tatim Brace
Staff Writer

Picture yourself roaming around campus on a Friday evening after classes. Your life is temporarily stress-free after the school week has finished. You're excited to hang out with people, maybe hit up First Stop or participate in a club activity. You suddenly stop and realize that you're standing in the middle of a ghost town.

Marywood University has about 1,000 students residing on campus, but on any given weekend, about half of those residents, or even more, leave. Many stu-

dents drive their cars back to their parents' house or visit friends at other colleges. Though these are often fun things to do on the weekends, it's sad to think that many people feel like they can't have fun unless they leave school.

Devon Chakiris, a work study student for Student Activities Crew, says that many people are gone for the weekend, making it difficult to organize activities because there would be a lack of participation.

"If you're not on a [sports] team or going home, there's very little to do besides eat. If you don't have a car, you can't

go anywhere." Devon says.

On Friday evenings, all cafes and other places to eat on campus shut down for the weekend. Any students who remain on campus are left with few options, even when it comes to eating with friends. Brunch and dinner, served in the dining hall at specific hours, are the only meals available on Saturdays and Sundays.

However, Devon says that there are some weekend activi-

ties that students could be participating in on weekends, but for whatever reason, don't. About every other weekend, SAC and Student Government Association take turns planning events such as bus trips to shopping malls.

In Marywood's effort to go green, some of these events aren't overly advertised with flyers. A great place to find out what's going on around campus is to look at the Weekly Squirrel in one's

Marywood email or to stop by the SAC office located on the ground floor of the Nazareth Student center, according to Devon.

She adds that students should really take advantage of the events that do go on during weekends at Marywood because everyone pays a fee on their tuition to SAC, whether they choose to take advantage of the free events or not.<

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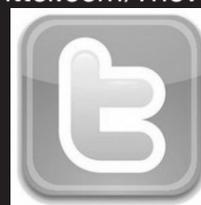
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OUTLOOK

Is common courtesy dead?

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Today's technology allows people to communicate in mere seconds. With email, twitter, or facebook being delivered straight to cell phones, it is easier than ever to send and receive urgent

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messages at a moment's notice. Yet, emails or phone calls regarding a professional inquiry, a class assignment, or other "professional" messages often go with no response. They are simply ignored, often with the excuse, "I never got the message."

But why is this so commonplace? Why is it acceptable for co-workers, businesses, professors, or even students not to answer emails or return phone calls?

In college, most students check their facebook every day, or multiple times a day. So, it's safe to assume that they can check their email daily as well. Yet, if they receive an email from a professor about a class, an assignment, or a meeting, oftentimes, they may not even respond. Or if they do, they do so in a very unprofessional way. Students may reply, but use no greetings, or forget to sign their name at the end; they treat it like an IM to a friend, rather than an important message to someone to whom they should show respect.

However, students are not the only ones who do this. It seems that professors ignore emails from students just as frequently - if not more often. Although pro-

fessors may not be on the Internet as often as students, they should still attempt to read and respond to messages from their students in a timely manner.

One example of this lack of response recently happened to a sophomore Marywood student, Eve Collins. She was trying to reach her professor about a project for class. She was scheduled to present a PowerPoint project that was on her computer, however, the week before the presentation, her computer crashed.

She took it to be repaired, but she did not have her project for class. She borrowed a friend's computer to email the teacher and explain the situation. However, after a few days, the professor had not responded. So, she emailed her again, and still, no response.

She then called the professor and left a voicemail which received no response, yet again. Ms. Collins said, "It was an extremely frustrating situation to be in, especially because the night before the class, I still had not heard from her. I wasn't sure how to handle the situation."

When she went to class, her teacher had received her messages and was understanding of the situation. However, the lack of response caused quite a bit of undue stress on the student.

Unfortunately, this type of disrespect extends far beyond college campuses. All sorts of businesses and people in the professional world do not respond to emails or phone calls in a timely manner, or may not even respond. This is probably because it is very easy to ignore someone who is not standing right there.

However, in the business world, it is crucial to respond to professional communications.

According to an article in the September issue of Public Relations Tactics, professionals "have lost a level of professional courtesy regarding timely responses to professional e-mail and voice messages." The author states that respond = respect.

Responding courteously, promptly, and accurately will help a business person to develop a professional image, "that will position you as open, honest and responsive." Doing so will help any professional form, "maintain and solidify professional relationships that will be extremely valuable throughout your career."

However, if a person does not respond to important messages, this may impair their image and their business's image. ("The Death of Common Courtesy? Why responding to all Communications is a Must." September 2010. *Public Relations Tactics*.)

So, is common courtesy dead? Is it really acceptable for people to ignore important or professional messages? In order to be successful in anything, it is crucial to develop good professional relationships, and maintain them.

One way to do this is to respond efficiently and accurately in order to sustain a good image. This, however, should not be put off until entering the professional workplace.

It begins by responding to professors, classmates, or others in a courteous and swift manner, done often enough it will become second nature. This kind of response shows respect and will help develop the image of a professional, before even entering the workplace, which will help with recommendations and put you ahead of the game in the professional world.<

Paperless libraries have potential



*Will shelves of books become a thing of the past?
Photo credit Alison Trautmann.*

Alison Trautmann
Editor-in-Chief

Stacks of books giving off that slightly musty and papery scent that lets you know that you are in a library. But how long will this image of a library last? Some people are predicting that paperless libraries will soon be replacing their analog counterparts.

There are benefits and disadvantages to paperless libraries. Digital items are accessible twenty four hours, seven days a week. It is cheaper and easier to acquire electronic sources for both the user and the library. For example, Marywood library users have the ability to access over 20,000 electronic journals. The electronic copies also enable

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multiple users to use the same item at the same time.

However, there are difficulties in creating paperless libraries. Copyright will affect how materials can be digitized and new books are being printed and written all of the time. It is a daunting task to catch up to the many printed materials that already exist while still digitizing future books.

Digital books have the advantage of taking up less physical space as well as using less paper, however Schappert pointed out that libraries will never be truly paperless because the paper will appear somewhere eventually.

The only question is where the paper will be residing, in the user's printer or in the stacks of the library. As nice as digital copies are, it is nice to have the paper in your hand and it is usually easier to read on paper rather than a computer screen.

"Librarians have always been the guardians of the book" said Cathy Schappert, Director of Library Services but libraries and librarians try to be responsive to their user's needs, Schappert believes that academic libraries have done this very well. They are developing e-book collections to complement book collections and helping their patrons access the materials they need. "Materials or the physical items are no longer the main focus" says Schappert, "the user becomes the center of the library."

Marywood's library was built in 1968 and was intended as a storage container but the new goal of the library is to focus on the user. Marywood has been talking about an idea called the "New Learning Commons" for a few years now and no concrete decision has been made, says Schappert. Lots of research has been done as to discovering what people expect out of their library. The library has collaborated with faculty and students in order to improve their services now and in the future.

As for me, I am a lover of the printed page. There is absolutely nothing in the world like a real book and I believe that those will never go out of style. You certainly can't curl up in an armchair with a computer screen in the same way as you can with a book. <

ID card center moves to Madonna Hall lobby

All Identification Card processing and related accesses will now take place in the Madonna Hall Lobby. Hours of operation will be from 7:30am-7:30pm Monday through Friday excluding campus holidays. Be advised that the ID processing center in Madonna Hall will be closed from 11:30am-12:00pm Monday through Friday.

Call Security at 348-6242 with any questions.<



*The ID Card center, located in the small room in the Madonna Hall Lobby.
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THE LAST WORD

Good 50x70, cont.

So my main idea is to play with cosmetics, and fake fashion.”

Another poster was a white background with a sketched bottom half of a Mickey Mouse, with his red shorts pulled down; under it in black writing it said “Child Prostitution”. It was such a simple design, but such a powerful message. The artist David Criado from LaPaz, Bolma, said in the caption under the poster “I believe that child prostitution is another form of child labour. The poster tries to express the problems that many countries have with the abuse of innocent children and the adults that don’t care about these children at all and exploit them.” He took a

recognizable symbol and turned it into something that could make us all aware of the dangers and reality of the world.

Desiree Zielinski, Junior Graphic Design, Marywood University said she first came to the exhibit because she was one of the students to help set up with the graphic design club. She said she was not a member, but might look into it, and think about joining, and if the Society of Design had an exhibit at Marywood again she would definitely come to check it out. “I think it’s a good idea to have artists come together and show issues about the world that need to be addressed.” Zielinski said. <

Shape-Ups, cont.

by Skechers, you could find them starting at twenty five dollars.

Essentially, Shape Ups DO work, but only because that walking bare foot or walking in pretty much any sneaker will burn weight because the exercise itself is what burns weight and tones muscle.

Shape Ups DO NOT work because there is no sneaker available that will burn more calories than any other sneaker. However, without regards to ex-

ercise or burning calories, maybe you just like the shoe. On the Skechers testimonial section of the website, Craig from Illinois claims that Shape Ups are “the most comfortable shoes I have ever put on.”

In terms of comfort, one cannot really argue. But just remember – Crocs are infamous for being comfortable. But, they are also infamous for being a fashion faux pas. <

iPad, cont.

by the iPad myself, there are quite a few drawbacks to it. If you happen to be old fashioned and require a standard Qwerty keyboard opposed to the touch screen keyboard, you will of course be required to purchase it separately. Remember that base price I mentioned? When you add in the all the bells, whistles, and 3g capabilities it raises to roughly a thousand dollars.

Apple also forgot some features completely like multitasking or even a standard camera. Every portable device lately has both a camera and a video recorder. A sad note is that apple

usually doesn’t get their software or hardware correct until the second or third generation. Many iPhone users were forced to buy the second iPhone and so on because they wanted more standard features and upgrades making the previous phones obsolete.

Even Apple is known for technological issues and problems. Speaking from personal experience, Apple’s warranty centers try their hardest to keep money and it could be said they have an answer for everything problem that arises. Like all things Apple it’s always tasty until you get to the pits.<

Aquatics Center, cont.

Dr. Mary Jo Gunning, Director of Athletics and Recreation, said she hopes area schools benefit from the pool. Students may also have an opportunity to experience dive-in movies, a variation on drive-in movies.

The new pool is definitely a necessity. According to Dr. Gunning, the old facility was constructed in or around 1952. “There really is no rhyme or reason to it,” stated Gunning in reaction to the pool located in the School of Architecture. Marywood’s new facility will house an eight-lane Olympic-sized pool. Once completed, it will be a top of the line facility.

Dr. Gunning and Mr. Brown both agree the new Aquatics Center will draw prospective students to Marywood University. “It’s shiny, it’s new, almost like that Christmas present you just opened,” said Brown.

In 2006, Marywood University’s Center for Athletics and Wellness opened its doors. This marked the beginning to Marywood’s twenty-five million dollar Athletics and Recreations expansion. With the construction for the Aquatics Center underway, this indicates the third and final phase of the Athletics and Recreations expansion on the campus. <

Like a playoff, cont.

with a legitimate shot at being picked to play in the final bowl game a week later. To say the least, this would elevate the fans interest in the New Years Day games. Fans would then have a reason to be interested in at least three of the major bowl games maybe more.

Under the current system the two teams chosen to play in the B.C.S. title game are known weeks ahead of time. This has often resulted in a lack of enthusiasm on the part of the fans and the teams have tended to play flat due to the long layoff. The current system just does not bring the same level of anticipation that would come with the rush of seeing critical bowl games followed by an even bigger final game just one week later.

Those against this plan will not like that the national championships are still determined by way of a vote, rather than on the field. Such critics likely would favor an eight or sixteen team playoff to determine the national champions. They will also be against the final two teams being voted on and the last poll after the final game.

The problem with an eight or sixteen team playoff is that it will do harm to the tradition of the bowl games. There are those who contend that the bowl games could be used as part of a playoff and actually benefit. They claim for example, that an eight team playoff tournament would use the major bowls as the games to complete the tournament. This might in a given year mean using the Cotton, Gator, Outback, and Fiesta bowls for the first round; the Rose and Sugar bowls for the semifinals; and the Orange bowl for the championship. Under this scenario the bowls would likely alternate the championship game. This sounds good but the bowls other than the final game would end up being not much more than elimination games of a tournament. If this occurs, great bowl games in the first and second rounds will be remembered

mainly as just quarterfinal or semifinal games not much more. The identity of the individual bowls will be lost and this will hurt their tradition. By contrast, the plan I propose will still preserve the tradition of the bowls, but help solve the problems that go with the current B.C.S. system. The tradition of the bowls will be intact because they will be a directly link to the final game. This is the case because the traditional bowl games unlike a playoff tournament with a couple of rounds are the equivalent of only one round. With only one round the individual bowls would be much less likely to be simply forgotten about. The real interest among the fans will be on watching these holiday season bowls and speculating about which schools might get into the final game. In this way the fans will still be thinking of the individual bowl games, rather than looking at such games as merely semifinals or quarterfinals. This will preserve the identity of the bowls. Having the final bowl game about one week later will improve the current system which too often does not give all deserving teams a fair shot at the national championship.

Some critics might ask, if we are really going to give all deserving teams a fair shot at the championship; shouldn’t we add more than just one extra bowl game? What tends to get overlooked is that in most years the controversy about who’s number one under the current system usually comes down to no more than two teams. It is very rare after all the bowl games to find say four or more schools that are still unbeaten. Anyone who checks the final rankings over the last twenty-five years will find this to be true. In most years just one more game will pretty much end any controversy about which team deserves to be number one.

Some critics of this plan might not like the idea of one more final vote after the last bowl game. They would likely

say that the final bowl game should simply be a national championship game with no more votes in the polls. My idea of still having a final vote is to accommodate a controversial decision in regards to the two teams invited to play in the final game. If a bad decision was made regarding the teams chosen, a more deserving team which was overlooked would still have a chance to claim a piece of the national championship. Officials are not perfect and this is bound to happen at some time. This is why one more final vote should be taken. This could result in a split national championship or on rare occasions a team which was not even invited to play in the final game might claim the number one spot in both major polls. The latter would likely only occur if officials made really bad selections for the final game. This final vote would cause fans to want to tune in and see it. This is still one more example how this would keep the fans interest.

In recent years a plan similar to this called the “plus one” format has received serious consideration from the NCAA. The big difference between the “plus one” format and my proposal is that under my plan know one will know the participants in the final game until all the other bowls are played. Under the “plus one” plan the winners of two particular bowl games are predetermined to automatically play in the final game. Not knowing the final two teams creates many more possibilities and adds to the interest of the fans. The bowl games and the selections of the final two teams will be looked upon with great anticipation by the fans. The very last vote after the final bowl a week later can only add to the fans interest. It could keep them interested right until the very end. Isn’t that what sports or any other entertainment is really all about; keeping people interested? <

Holiday movies, cont.

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Green, cont.

will happen.

“If you really dream it in the most detail you can, you can create it,” said Powers. <

PA Grant, cont.

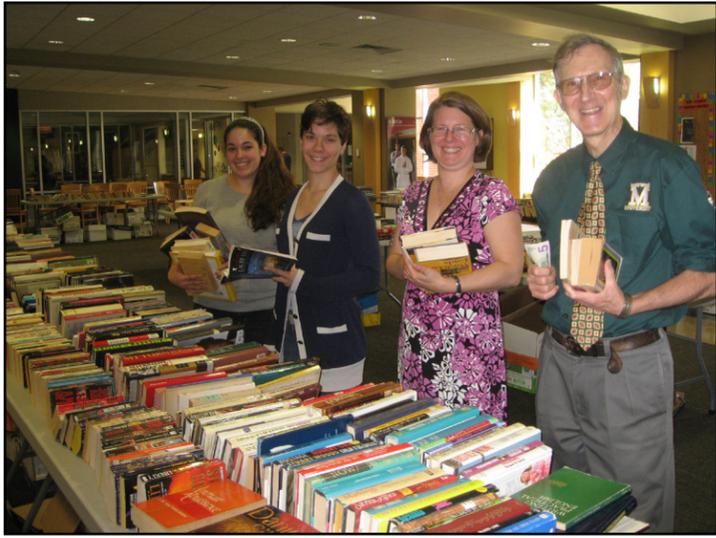
Primary care physicians are needed because they are a “very overworked specialty in medicine and underpaid for the amount of hours they work” said Dr. Arscott. The grant received by Marywood will encourage more students to take up primary care and ease the load on physicians. <

IHM Tradition, cont.

The spirit and charism of St. Alphonsus, Theresa Maxis and Fr. Gillet continue to further the mission of the Sisters of IHM and Marywood University. You don’t need to go to a foreign place to minister to the poor and abandoned in the spirit of St. Alphonsus. Come to Campus Ministry and learn about many service opportunities on campus and in Scranton to honor the founders of the Sisters of IHM. <

THE LAST WORD

Lambda Iota Tau sponsors Book Swap and Sale



Students and faculty support the Book Swap and Sale left to right, Kendra Rafferty, junior, English major, Peri Blomquist, senior, English major, Dr. Helen Bittel, chair, English department, and Dr. Charles DeCelles, chair, religious studies program. Photo credit Ann L. Williams.

Students, faculty and neighbors of Marywood University supported the Book Swap and Sale sponsored by Lambda Iota Tau, the international honor society for students of literature, and the library staff. According to English professor, Dr. Ann Bush, the sale netted over \$325 dollars. A

portion of the profits supports the campus ministry Thanksgiving food basket program. Other proceeds will be used to purchase tassels for honor society graduates. The next Book Swap and Sale will be held in the spring semester. <



Students look at the books on display at Lambda Iota Tau's Book Swap and Sale. The sale was well attended. Photo credit Alison Trautmann.

Turkish Students Association sponsors panel discussion

The Turkish Students Association of Marywood University sponsored the panel discussion, *Dialog of Civilizations: Islam's Perspective*. The panel of diverse religious leaders focused on opportunities for mutual understanding and collaboration among the world's religions.

The discussion was in response to Samuel Huntington's essay "The Clash of Civilizations."

Attending dignitaries were, from left to right. Erkan Acar, President of Turkish Students Association, Dr. Walter Wagner, Ph.D, Moravian Theological Seminary,



Sister Ann Munley, President of Marywood University, Bekir Aksoy, Executive Director of Golden Generation Retreat Center, and Sister Margaret Gannon,

Chair of Social Sciences Department, Marywood University. Photo credit Morgan Strasser.

International week events planned for November 15-21



The logo for the Marywood University International Club. Photo courtesy of Marywood University International Club.

The Marywood University International Club is hosting several events in recognition of International Week. All are invited to attend.

Jesus in Islam, Monday, November 15, 4:30 p.m., Latour Room, Nazareth Student Center. Organized by the Turkish Student Association.

International Dinner, Wednesday, November 17, 5:00 p.m., Latour Room. Fulbright Scholar, Amir Alakaam, from Iraq, will be the guest speaker.

Cultural Exposition, Thursday, November 18, Liberal Arts Center, Rotunda. Display of artifacts from various countries.

International Mass, Sunday, November 21, 7:30 p.m., Marian Chapel.

The trip to the Turkish Cultural Centers has been postponed to December. For more information contact the Marywood University International Club. <

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