Message from the Interim President

Recently, a message crossed over my desk with a Chinese Proverb attached to it which read:

“If we do not change our direction, we are likely to end up where we are headed.”

So it follows that periodically we need to stop to take a hard look at where we are heading – perhaps on May Day.

May is the month that everything starts to turn green and flowers bloom with many colors. Appropriately, I also recently came across a couple of poems about May that were written by Kasey Hartz (former Biology Instructor and namesake of the Natural Area).

Celebration

May is a lady in budded bonnet. Carousels of birds round robin on it. May sips wine from rain-washed crystal glass worshipping as novice nun at vernal mass.

What Happened to May Fests

Dances around the Maypoles wrapped with bright colored crepe streamers and May baskets found early morning on May 1 hanging from doorknob gaily decorated filled with candy and spring flowers Who rang that doorbell?

Well, around here we know that “Mayfest” still exists – this year on Saturday May 16.

The poems are taken from the book, Kasey Harts: Poetry and Biography, written by Jim and Jane Kane (former Biology Instructor and Chemistry Paraprofessional and Herb Garden Advocate respectively). After thumbing through the book, Foundation Director, Diane Szewczyk-Smith, discovered that the proceeds for selling the book would go to a “Biology Scholarship.” If interested in purchasing a copy let us know – perhaps we could invite Jim and Jane back for a book signing.

April showers – have certainly brought May flowers – please take some time to smell them!

Diana R. Osborn

P.S. A person also passed through my office recently to say good-bye – and I would like to take this opportunity to say farewell and best personal wishes to her as well. – Linette Issacson (Foreign Language – Spanish) as she retires.
Instructional Design Roadmap

May-Days Cometh
Faculty development seminars designed to enhance your teaching are being provided at no charge and include food and door prizes. Sessions on pedagogical principles AND technology are both included! These sessions have been designed with YOU in mind.

The registration pages for MayDays are now up and running using Blackboard. You can login to Faculty Spot to register or call Sarah Swart (see contact info section of this article).

May 4: Blackboard Basics
May 5: Pedagogy
May 6: Designing Interactivity
May 7: Project Day
Lunch will be provided each day at no charge for all registered participants with door prize drawings each day (you must be present to win!).

Teaching Technology Links
CTL Video Presentations can be found at:
http://www.muskegoncc.edu/pages/2418.asp
PowerPoint 101 from ZNet: http://education.zdnet.com/?p=2427
Technology for Educators Blog: (recommended by Richard Alexander) http://sfrantz.wordpress.com/
Knowledge Works Foundation: Empowering Communities to improve Education: http://www.kwfdn.org/

CTL Sessions Coming Soon
May 14 @ 1pm: Camtasia for Creating video with audio from Screen Shots or PowerPoint [90 mins.]
May 15 @ 10am: Respondus StudyMate Learning Games and Formatted Quizzes [60 mins.]
May 29 @ 10am: Blackboard Startup [90 min.]
Register at Faculty Spot in Blackboard (Seminars2Learn) or contact Sarah Swart.
If you or your department has a need for a session, please let the CTL know!

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I'm available for faculty assistance by appointment or drop-in until 5pm Monday-Friday. Weekday evenings are available by appointment.
Math & Physical Science Department

Introducing: Pauline Keith
New Department Secretary for the Math & Physical Sciences Department

Pauline is originally from Thurso in northern Scotland, where she worked as a secretary & administrative assistant for the UK Atomic Energy Authority. She moved to Muskegon a little over a year ago, and she has been working for the Math/Science Department since the beginning of April. We are happy to welcome Pauline to the MCC family!

“MCC’s The World”

"MCC’s The World," is a new contest for MCC students and you could win a trip to Chicago! It's as easy as 1-2-3!

1. Buy your MCC T-shirt at the bookstore.
2. Have your picture taken outside of West Michigan wearing the T-shirt with a recognizable landmark in the background.
3. Bring the Picture and your T-Shirt receipt to the MCC Bookstore. They will post your picture in their window and give you a 25% reimbursement from your t-shirt purchase.

Contest Rules
1. **MCC’s The World** contest runs from May 1, 2009 through June 1, 2010
2. **To qualify for a prize and a 25% discount** from the MCC Bookstore participants must bring in T-shirt receipt and a picture of themselves taken outside of West Michigan with the MCC T-Shirt logo.
3. **Prizes** awarded to registered MCC students.
4. **Winners will be picked** by German students and faculty from MCC’s sister college Kaufmännische Schule Stuttgart Nord, during their visit here in June 2010.
5. **All winners agree** to have their names and likenesses used for future promotion and marketing purposes by MCC
6. **Don’t forget! To qualify for a prize and a 25% discount** from the MCC Bookstore you must bring in the T-shirt receipt and a picture of yourself taken outside of West Michigan with the MCC T-Shirt logo.

For more information contact Kathy Tosa at 777-0376 or Kim Oakes at the MCC Bookstore.
The newly certified nurse educators reflect the spectrum of their academic colleagues in the United States:

- Thirty-three percent hold doctoral degrees; the remainder master’s degree
- Forty-six percent teach in baccalaureate or higher degree programs; 40 percent in associate degree programs; 9 percent in diploma programs; and 5 percent in practical nursing programs
- Sixty percent hold the rank of assistant professor or higher: 17 percent are full professors; 20 percent, associate professors; and 23 percent, assistant professors
- Thirty-six percent have more than 15 years experience as academic nurse educators.

With nearly half (46 percent) of nurse faculty projected to retire within the next decade and nearly three-quarters (72 percent) within 15 years, replacing them is of grave concern, noted NLN president so that our nursing schools can be staffed by academicians of the highest caliber. Only in this way can excellence in nursing education be ensured for another generation.”

In 2008, 662 nurse educators were awarded the CNE credential. Since the unveiling of the program in fall 2005, 1489 nurse educators representing all 50 states and the District of Columbia have become CNEs.

*Dedographic data reflects those who took the examination 9/28/05 through 3/31/08.

Editors and reporters: For interview opportunities, please contact NLN chief communications officer, Karen R. Klestzick, at 212-812-0376, kklestzick@nln.org.

Dedicated to excellence in nursing education, the National League for Nursing is the premier organization for nurse faculty and leaders in nursing education offering faculty development, networking opportunities, testing and assessment, nursing research grants, and public policy initiatives to its 28,000 individual and 1200 institutional members.
Creative & Performing Arts Department

Overbrook Art Gallery

45th Annual Student Fine Art and Graphic Design Exhibition
May 16 – September 16
Gallery Hours – 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. weekdays with special weekend and evening hours during theater productions.
Free public reception: Thursday, June 4, 2009 – 5:00 – 6:30 p.m., Presentation of Awards at 5:15 p.m. Call 231-777-0324 for more information.

Musical Performance

West Michigan Concert Winds
Happy 30th Anniversary Winds!
May 9 – 7:00 p.m.
Reeths-Puffer High School Rocket Centre

Western Michigan University

James W. and Lois I. Richmond Center for Visual Arts
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
Contact: Don Desmett

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Richmond Center for Visual Arts

Summer Exhibition to Focus on Frostic School of Art Alumni
Western Michigan University’s Richmond Center for Visual Arts will host two exhibitions by alumni in the Albertine Monroe-Brown Gallery. The exhibitions, Through a Crack in the Lake: Collaborative Paintings by Patricia Opel and Tim Norris, and Paul Marquardt: Word Play open on Thursday, April 23rd, and run through June 26, 2009.

From tribal shamanism to twentieth-century Surrealism, floating or swimming in water has been used as a symbol of sleep, hallucination, sex, birth, death, and passage to other spiritual realms. Submergence underwater as a metaphor for the subconscious or the dream-state is a common feature found in many artists’ works. For Patricia Opel and Tim Norris, this universal symbolism connects to local history in their collaborative paintings on the subject of Great Lakes shipwrecks and ecology. The show’s title is borrowed from sailor’s lingo describing the sudden and complete disappearance of a ship in a storm. But the title can also suggest a mythic descent into the subconscious.

Paul Marquardt’s works are a cross section of digitally altered images he has been working with over the past few years. But while technology has been used in their creation, Marquardt’s art is filled with content about who we are as humans and how we live on this earth. They are juxtapositions of our actions and our goals, politics and social norms, and the varied signals that stream between us as we live together in small communities, larger urban populations, or in our personal dream states. Word Play will expose layers of meaning, while giving us the means of seeing within ourselves – as well as others.

For further information, please contact the Exhibitions office at the RCVA (269.387.2455). Summer Hours for this exhibition are Monday – Friday, Noon to 5 pm.
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