

Volume XXX, No. 31 For once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light. **August 14, 2008**

—EPHESIANS 5:8 (NRSV)

Intercom deadline

The deadline for each issue of the **Intercom** is **4 P.M. Tuesday**. To help us ensure the speed and accuracy of production, please use the Intercom e-mail address, intercom@messiah.edu, or the user-friendly submission form on the Intercom website at www.messiah.edu/intercom/submit.html to send in information. If you have questions, please call the office of marketing and public relations at ext. 7342.

Remembering one another

We would like to thank you for your support and help to make our summer conference guests feel welcomed. We had a very successful summer season thanks to you.

— *Conference services staff*

Campus people

Messiah College welcomes the following new employee: **Brandon Hoover**, Coalition for Christian Outreach – S.A.L.T. program director. Welcome to the community!

Damian Savarino, senior lecturer in voice in the department of music, recently performed the role of “Zuniga,” the slimy and antagonistic captain of the guard, in “Carmen” in his debut with the Summer Opera Theatre Company of Washington D.C. This was the 30th anniversary season for SOTC, which produced “Carmen” in its first season in 1978. The performances took place in the brand new, state-of-the-art theater in downtown D.C. – the Harman Center for the Performing Arts, the current home of the Shakespeare company. In a “Washington Post” review, Anne Midgette commented that “Damian Savarino made an appropriately oily Zuniga.”

Plan to attend Community Day on Aug. 26

All employees are encouraged to attend Community Day on Tuesday, Aug. 26. The Community Day morning schedule is:

9:00 to 10:30 a.m **Community Day Gathering (Hostetter Chapel)**

10:45 to 11:45 a.m. **Refreshments (ECC Lawn - rain location is Howe Atrium, Boyer Hall)**

This annual Messiah tradition is the ceremonial launch of the new academic year for employees. President Phipps will be sharing the State of the College Address and the College’s key priorities for the coming year.

All offices and departments (except dispatch and Early Learning Center) will close from 8:45 a.m. to 12 noon so employees may attend the gathering and reception that follows.

Tours of the Orchard Hill public space will be available during the afternoon for campus groups on the following schedule. The groups have been arranged according to size, so please adhere to the time assigned for your department/area. There will be van service from the Eisenhower Campus Center Circle to Orchard Hill and back. Limited parking space will be available at Orchard Hill so it will be helpful if individuals who do not travel in the vans would form car pools with four to six people in a vehicle.

Tours of Orchard Hill Public Space:

1:30 to 2:00 p.m.	Advancement Division
2:15 to 2:45 p.m.	Facility Services, Conference Services, Dining Services
3:00 to 4:00 p.m.	Provost's Area (Schools, Student Affairs, External Programs, Library, General Education, Philadelphia Campus)
4:15 to 4:45 p.m.	Safety, Bookstore, College Press, Business Office, Human Resources, and President's Office

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Updates about Messiah's recycling policies

Americans throw away 25,000,000 plastic beverage bottles every hour! Just think about that for a moment; what an amazing statistic. It's so easy to just simply toss that bottle in the trash rather than take a quick second to look for a recycling container. I wonder how many people even know that plastic bottles can be recycled. Did you know that at Messiah College we have been recycling #1 and #2 plastic bottles for a long time? Well here is some additional news about plastic bottles and recycling. We can now recycle all plastic containers #1 through #7. Yes, those little healthy yogurt cups (well for some of you) can now be recycled here. If you weren't sure in the past, recycle or trash, go ahead and recycle it. God has given us an awesome responsibility to take care of and preserve his creation; don't let him down. For additional information regarding recycling, please contact Wes Bower, waste coordinator.

Reminder to faculty

As you begin a new academic year, please keep the following in mind: If you or one of your students will be conducting research on human subjects that may need **full committee review**, please note that the next IRB meeting will be on Thursday, Oct. 2, and that documents to be considered for that meeting should be submitted to Donna Fink, administrative assistant for the Provost's office, by Thursday, Sept. 18. Please see the IRB Quicklink on MC Square for further information on types of review. **New resources** are available on MC Square including:

- A new informed consent form template
- Helpful guidelines for Internet surveys
- Information about a teaching video and CD-Rom

As a reminder procedures and forms were updated last spring and can be found on MC Square at the IRB Quicklink. Best wishes in your research.

Faculty reminder regarding library orders

Lynn Brown, acquisitions technician for Murray Library, will be out of the office Tuesday, Sept. 9 to Thursday, Sept. 25. Any library materials that need to be purchased for the beginning of the fall semester must be requested before Monday, Sept. 1. Please submit your orders to your liaison librarian.



HUMAN RESOURCES

► **Positions available**

Campus Events Worker I, Hostetter Chapel, Second Shift
Campus Events Worker I, South Complex, Floater, Shift One
The Textbook Express, Temporary Employees

► **Birthdays**

Campus Events Worker I, Hostetter Chapel, Second Shift — The department of campus events has an opening for the position of campus events worker I (custodial) in the Hostetter Chapel. This is a full-time, 12-month, band 7A, second shift, custodial position. Job responsibilities include cleaning and event set up and tear down in Hostetter Chapel as well as the supervision of student employees. Candidates should have a high school diploma or equivalent, have the ability to lift up to 50 lbs., share the enthusiasm of being a part of a college community, and have the ability to interact professionally with students and conference guests. Cleaning experience is preferred, but is not required. Supervisory experience is also preferred. To apply, please submit a résumé and cover letter to Messiah College, Human Resources, Box 3015, Grantham, PA 17027 or e-mail humanres@messiah.edu. (Applications are preferred via e-mail.) A job description is available in human resources or on the College website at www.messiah.edu/offices/hr/job_opportunities/admin. Job-related questions should be directed to Scott Zeigler, campus events manager, at ext. 2940. Application deadline is Friday, Aug. 22.

Campus Events Worker I, South Complex, Floater, Shift One — The department of campus events currently has an opening for the position of campus events worker I, South Complex floater, shift one. This is a full-time, 12-month, band 7A custodial position. Job responsibilities include overseeing the cleaning of public areas in the South Complex. Candidates should have a high school diploma or equivalent, have the ability to lift up to 50 lbs., share the enthusiasm of being a part of a college community, and have the ability to interact professionally with students and conference guests. Cleaning experience is preferred, but is not required. To apply, submit a résumé and cover letter or an application to Messiah College, Human Resources, Box 3015, Grantham, PA 17027 or e-mail humanres@messiah.edu. (Applications are preferred via e-mail.) Job related questions should be directed to Scott Zeigler, campus events manager, at ext. 2940. A job description is available in human resources or on the College website at www.messiah.edu/offices/hr/job_opportunities/admin. Application deadline is Friday, Aug. 22.

The Textbook Express, Temporary Employees — The Textbook Express is in need of temporary employees to fill various time slots during Welcome Week. Dates of special urgency are Thursday, Aug. 28 and Monday, Sept. 1 (Labor Day). Interested applicants should contact human resources at (717) 796-1800, ext. 3941 and should ask to speak with Inger Blount. All applicants must complete a Messiah College general application form found on the human resources website at www.messiah.edu/offices/hr/forms/General_Empl_Appl.pdf. Applicants must be 18 years of age or over.

Happy birthday!



08/24: Dale Fogelsanger, Geoff Twigg
08/25: Rasheeda Fussell, Pamela Linstedt
08/28: Nance Grubb
08/31: Therese Heckman, James Myers, Jeff Schwartz

Announcements

Free:

Puppet stage —Made of PVC piping with wooden base supports and three-tiered steps; curtain included. Puppet program tapes, puppet materials/props for Jonah and the Whale. Please call Becky at ext. 3891.

For rent:

Apartment — Available Friday, Aug. 15; no students please. 1501 Main St., Lisburn, second floor, one bedroom, den, dining room, living room, kitchen, garage, laundry facilities. Rent of \$675 includes water and sewer. Contact Florence Detweiler, 766-3246.

Apartment — Large two bedroom Mechanicsburg apartment. Five miles from Messiah, across from Rakestraw's Ice Cream. Over 1,000 sq.ft. on first and second floor. Off-street parking. Water, sewer, and trash included. Rented by Messiah graduates for nine straight years! Very nice. \$600 per month. Call 557-7738

For sale:

Classic 1982 Mercedes-Benz 300 CD — Join the biofuel revolution! Rare two-door coupe, five-cylinder, turbo-diesel sedan. Near pristine condition, almost no rust. Navy blue with tan interior. Sun-roof, new sound system with CD/radio. Meticulously maintained by Witmer Enterprises (ask for Walter at 796-1618). 193,000 miles. Needs A/C repair. Snag it at the buy-it-now-price of \$6,500 before we list on Ebay. Similar vehicles claiming as much as \$12,000 online. Call ext. 3820 or 691-8341.

Reflection

Education's purpose is to replace an empty mind with an open one.

MALCOLM FORBES

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SAKAI (LMS)

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Sakai can be used to supplement your traditional courses by allowing you the opportunity to deliver your course material and collaborate with students. You can “post” your syllabus, course calendar, documents, and handouts. You can create online discussions/forums, and provide links to other web resources. You can also post and collect assignments, quizzes, and tests as well as manage and distribute your grades.

If you are a current Blackboard user, it is highly suggested that you consider conducting at least one of your fall semester courses in Sakai. We recommend utilizing some aspect of Sakai during Spring 2009 to gain familiarity with the program.

If you have no prior Blackboard experience, it is recommended that you start fresh with Sakai for the fall semester.

Accessing Sakai

MCSquare—Home Tab—Educator QuickLinks—Elearning—Sakai (LMS)

Logging In

To log into Sakai, use your Novell User Name and Password. Once you have logged in to Sakai, the “My Workspace” page will open.

Logging Out

To log out of Sakai, simply click “Logout” in the upper left hand corner.

How to Create a NEW Course

Contact Faculty Services at ext. 6023 and relay the following information:

Academic Year, Semester, CRN #, Course Name and Section #

Ex. 200810-2310-PSYC-101-01

Faculty Services will create the course shell and populate the course with the students currently registered in Banner.

How to Copy into an Existing Course

To copy a previous Sakai course or Blackboard course to Sakai for this year please contact a Faculty Services representative for assistance.

Workshops

There are several training opportunities currently scheduled to assist you with Sakai. These workshops will provide you with the needed information on how to navigate throughout Sakai and perform various functions. They are listed below. You can register for a training class at MCSquare—Home Tab—Educator QuickLinks—Faculty Training Classes. Faculty Services will be available to assist you with the necessary training if these dates and times do not suit your schedule.

8/19/2008 Pedagogy in an Online Environment (9am-12)

8/19/2008 Blended Learning (1pm-4pm)

8/20/2008 Sakai - Introduction (9am-12)

8/20/2008 Wikis - within Sakai (1pm-4pm)

8/21/2008 Podcasts (9am-12)

8/21/2008 PowerPoint (1pm-4pm)

If you have any questions regarding Sakai or the transition to Sakai, please feel free to contact Seleena Lindsey (ext 2250) or Susan Shannon (ext. 2496).