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International Update

Sister Francilene is welcomed by Chen-Ching Li, Director General, and Ching-Ji Wu, Vice Minister, of the Ministry of Education in Taiwan.

Madonna University Reaffirms its Commitment to Serving Taiwanese Students

On Thursday, July 23, 1999, Sister Francilene, President, Dr. Ernest Nolan, Vice President for Academic Administration, and Grace Philson, International Student Coordinator, met with representatives from the Ministry of Education in Taiwan to reaffirm the University's commitment to addressing the educational needs of Taiwanese students. Dr. Chen-Ching Li, Director General of the Bureau of International Cultural and Educational Relations of the Taiwanese Ministry of Education praised the significant contributions made by the University to the education of adult learners in Taiwan and detailed the recent changes in the guidelines that govern master's degree preparation for university instructors. Sister Francilene attested to the University's willingness to comply with the new guidelines. The meeting concluded with confirmation of the Ministry's continued approval of all of the University programs, particularly the master's degree programs in educational leadership and business leadership.

South Korean Linkages Expand to Include Two Higher Education Institutions

Madonna University established cooperative agreements with two higher education institutions in Seoul, South Korea: Dankook University, a private university that enrolls approximately 25,000 students on two campuses, and Yong-In Songdam College, a state-supported two-year college that enrolls approximately 4,500 students. Initially, the exchange program will focus on Madonna University's hospice, gerontology, and commercial art programs. TOBA Center will continue to serve as the University's primary liaison for

developing 2+2 and exchange programs with South Korean colleges and universities.

Signing the agreement with Yong-In Songdam College in South Korea: (l. to r.) Jong-Jin Moon, Senior President, TOBA Center; Dr. Yong-Hee Kim, President, Yong-In Songdam College; Sister Francilene and Dr. Nolan.

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AAC&U Takes Faculty to Japan

Madonna University was chosen by the Association of American Colleges and Universities to participate in its Faculty and Curriculum Development Seminar on Japan. This allowed four Madonna University faculty members to take part in a five-month-long seminar on Japan, which included readings, lectures, and online discussions led by nationally recognized experts on Japanese history, culture, and contemporary life. July 6-26, 1999, three members of the Madonna University team--Dr. Kathleen O'Dowd, Dennis Bozyk, and Dr. Denise St. Arnault--joined representatives from eight other colleges on a 21-day trip to Japan. The group visited Tokyo, Kyoto, and Hiroshima and had the opportunity to pursue a particular topic that interested them. Dr. Betty Jean Hebel served as the alternate for the trip.

"The AAC&U project represents a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for faculty members to gain first-hand insight into Japanese culture," stated Dr. Ernest Nolan, Vice President for Academic Administration. "The faculty participants will serve as resources for the whole campus as we continue to internationalize our curriculum."

As a follow-up to the summer trip to Japan, the participants will be involved in guided curriculum development during fall 1999, which will result in an interdisciplinary course to be offered in either winter or spring 2000.

The faculty participants will teach an interdisciplinary course on Japan and serve as resources to students and colleagues.

NEH Project Continues to Focus on Detroit

A grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities has supported year-long activities designed to motivate middle and high school teachers to develop teaching materials about Detroit. Entitled "Our Urban Identity: Interpreting Detroit through the Humanities," the project will conclude with a series of fall activities, including a colloquium on Joyce Carol Oates' novel, them, on Friday, October 1, 1999, 4:00-5:30 p.m., in the Executive Classroom. Dr. Cecilia Donohue, Associate Professor English, will serve as discussion moderator. The panoramic novel describes the experiences of a cast of characters who pursue their destinies during the Detroit riots of 1967. All are welcome to attend.

In addition, the project will conclude with a cultural performance in November and a presentation of the finalized modules or units by the participating teachers in December. The project is directed by Dr. Marjorie Checkoway, Professor of Education, and Dr. Richard Sax, Professor of English and Dean of the College of Arts and Humanities.

Bauervic Foundation Supports Dietetics Program

The Charles M. Bauervic Foundation awarded an additional \$2,000 to the Dietetics/ Nutrition and Food Science program, a total of \$12,000 in two years, for Madonna University to continue the process of updating and re-equipping its food labs. Under the direction of Dr. Karen Schmitz, the curriculum will expand its content on natural foods and food supplements as means of promoting good health and treating health problems.

New Guidelines Implemented for Faculty Excellence Awards

Winners Announced

The ad hoc Selection Committee for the Faculty Excellence Awards, chaired by Maria Kuhn of the Department of Biological Sciences, submitted the names of three faculty colleagues to be recognized for their outstanding contributions to the teaching-learning environment at Madonna University. Under the new guidelines for the awards, faculty members were nominated by at least two of their peers. The committee then developed a dossier on each faculty member, which included documentation and testimonials to support the nomination. The committee then voted on the recipients of the award.

The winners of the 1999-2000 Faculty Excellence Awards are as follows:

Faculty Excellence Award for Teaching Effectiveness and Innovation

- Douglas Semivan, Associate Professor of Art and Chair of the Art Department

Faculty Excellence Award for Community/University Service

- Dr. Maureen Leen, Professor of Nursing

Faculty Excellence Award for Adjunct Faculty

- Lucy Stern, Adjunct Assistant Professor of Hospice

The awardees will be recognized at the Fall 1999 Faculty Conference and given a plaque and monetary award. The recipient of the Faculty Excellence Award in Teaching will serve on the selection committee for the coming year.

The members of the selection committee included representatives recommended by each school and college: Maria Kuhn, Chair (CNS&M), Lawrence Rudnicki (CA&H), Dr. Anita Herman (CSS), Dr. Sandra Wahtera (CN&H), Dr. Dwight Lang (CC&PS), and Kathleen Richard (SB).

The new guidelines for the awards call for the exercise of faculty judgment as the selection committee weighs the relative merits of each nominee's contribution to the University.



Michigan Department of Education Initiates Morris Hood, Jr. Educator Development Program

In memory of Morris Hood, Jr., Michigan legislator who championed the cause of education, the Michigan Department of Education has awarded three competitive grants of \$50,000 to promote the recruitment and retention of minority males in preparation for K-12 teaching. MU's project, under the direction of Dr. Robert Kimball, Dean of the College of Education, focused on developing the technology skills of the target students to prepare them to be successful in their academic work as well as in their future teaching assignments. The project entailed workshops on such skill areas as the use of library technologies, development of a World Wide Web page, teaching via live interactive video, computers in writing, and the application of various software packages to teaching and learning. An additional feature of the project was the involvement of minority in-service teachers as mentors.

The Michigan Department of Education has invited the three grant recipients in the first round to submit proposals for continuation projects designed to keep the momentum going and bring the target cohort closer to graduation and, ultimately, teacher certification.

The Morris Hood, Jr., project recruited 19 new minority students into the teacher preparation program and will continue to provide support services so that they can be successful.

Summer 1999 FPD Research Awards

The Faculty Professional Development Committee awarded the following faculty members \$500 research grants for summer 1999:

<i>Faculty Member</i>	<i>Project</i>
Dr. Phyllis Brenner	Nursing Personnel's Knowledge and Ability to Use Inhaling Devices
Dr. Marjorie Checkoway and Dr. Stuart Wood	Perceptions of Education Program Goals: Examining the Rhetoric
Dr. Jon Huegli	Leading Change in the Local Church: Nehemiah as Transformational Leader
Dr. Lorraine Jakubielski	American Champions of the Twentieth Century who Made a Difference in Women's Tennis
Dr. Afif Jawad	Technology in Teaching and Learning
Dr. Bess Kypros	The Long-Term Effects of Conducting Action Research for a University Class Assignment
Dr. Mary Minock	Toward Completion of My Second Book of Poetry: Proposal to Participate in the Second Aran Island International Prose and Poetry Festival
Dr. Stanley Ngeyi	Thermodynamics of K6C
Dr. Edythe Woods	Developing a Virtual Lab Component for an Upper-Level Psychology Course

Faculty Members Study, Attend Conferences, Teach, and Travel Abroad

Summer 1999 found MU faculty traversing the globe, whether presenting papers at conferences in Europe (Dr. Leon Levitt and Dr. Jon Huegli) or enjoying the art and culture of Italy (Dr. Edith Raleigh and Douglas Semivan). Dr. Phyllis Brenner continued her consulting work in Thailand, while Dr. Bess Kypros and Dr. Afif Jawad prepared for their sabbaticals by visiting Greece and Lebanon respectively. Members of the School of Business, including Charles Stahl, Dr. Bill McMillan, and others completed teaching sessions in Shanghai. Dr. Jonathan Swift, Director of the Center for International Studies, lead a tour to Great Britain visiting sites where recent movies such as *Braveheart* were filmed. This is merely a partial list of faculty travels as our colleagues continue to gain international experience related to their teaching and research interests.

Important Dates

Fall 1999 Faculty Conference

- Monday, August 30, 1999
8:30 am - Continental Breakfast
9:00 am - Meet in Kresge Hall

University Community Gathering

- Wednesday, September 1, 1999
Choose 10:30 am or 12:15 pm
Meet in Kresge Hall.

New Faculty Orientation

- Thursday, September 2, 1999
9:00 am - Meet in Board Room
Mentors arrive at 1:00 pm

Classes Begin

- Tuesday, September 7, 1999

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