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Wellness Program New for R-MC

The CICV Benefits Consortium has selected Living Well Health Solutions as R-MC's wellness vendor for implementation of the CICV Wellness Program this fall.

Established in 2005, LWHS has more than 65 clients with 28,000 participants enrolled. The mission of LWHS is "to reduce health care costs through positive, lasting health improvement."

Benefits of the CICV Wellness Program include:

- Voluntary and FREE for full-time benefit eligible employees. Spouses enrolled in the health plan are also eligible to participate.

- Annual Health Risk Assessment Events – health screening will take place each fall.

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Andrews Hall Dedication



A dedication to Andrews Hall took place on Saturday, October 1, 2011.

R-MC faculty, staff, students, alumni, and friends of the college attended the public event.

Andrews Hall, located at 420 Henry Street, officially opened in August 2011. The hall is named in honor of Ira Andrews III '59, R-MC professor emeritus of religious studies and retired dean of students.

Click on Andrews Hall for the complete story, as well as a slideshow of photos from the event. •

R-MC's Cultural Arts Calendar Now Online

The R-MC Cultural Arts & Entertainment calendar is now online. Come to campus to experience exceptional music and theatre productions, thought-provoking speakers' series and internationally-recognized artists and filmmakers.

All events are open to the public, and most are free.

A few highlights from the calendar include:

October 27: J. Earl Moreland Lecture

on Asia

Speaker: Raj Patel (lecture)

7:30 p.m., Blackwell Auditorium

Raj Patel is a controversial author, journalist and food policy expert who continuously challenges our presumptions about the global food economy with his work both as a policy analyst and activist.

November 10

"Heroes: What and Who Makes Them Great"

Speakers: Scott Allison and

George Goethals

7:00 p.m., Copley Science Center, Room 100 (lecture)

Explore the different types of heroes, from transitory to transforming, and from true to trivial. Allison and Goethals will explain how people categorize heroes and what great traits different individuals attribute to heroes.

Click on Cultural Arts for a complete listing of upcoming events. •

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YOUR NEWS

Thomas Badey (political science) is the editor of *Annual Editions: Violence and Terrorism* (McGraw-Hill/Dushkin, 2011). This anthology, now in its 13th edition, is designed to provide convenient, inexpensive access to a wide range of current articles from some of the most respected magazines, newspapers, and journals published today.

Michael Fischbach (history) was invited to speak at three international meetings. The first, titled "Trajectories of Partition in South Asia and the Middle East: Comparative Historical Perspectives," was held at the National Archives of India in New Delhi, India, from September 2-4. The second meeting, held on September 12 in Beirut, Lebanon, was part of a major project that involves computerizing 1950s-era United Nations data on Palestinian refugee property losses from the 1948 Arab-Israeli war. In October, Fischbach will speak in

Oxford, England about the Palestinian refugee problem. Fischbach's research on Palestinian refugee and property issues has been supported by grants from the Walter W. Craigie Teaching Endowment and the Rashkind Endowment.

M. Thomas Inge (humanities) was interviewed in July by the Deseret News for a story titled "Newspapers and comics: A historic tie."

Todd Munson (Asian studies) and **Tom Porter** (history) taught a week-long seminar at the National Consortium for Teaching about Asia Seminar on China and Japan. The seminar, held in August at the University of Richmond, was for Virginia secondary teachers of Chinese and Japanese History, geography, language and literature.

Jack Trammell (disability services) was an invited speaker at the Fall for the Book festival, held September 18-23 at George Mason University. •

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Through October 21

Johnston Foster (found object and installation)

Flippo Gallery hours: 10-4, M-F and by appointment. Free and open to the public.

October 19-22

Radium Girls by D. W. Gregory
8:00 p.m. Cobb Theatre (drama presentation).
Box Office: (804) 752-7316.

Sunday, October 23

Richmond Symphony Orchestra:
Metro Collection
Series 2 – Classical Symphony
2:00 p.m. Pre-Concert Lecture,
Thomas Branch Atrium (Free)
3:00 p.m. Blackwell Auditorium
(Ticket required; call RSO at 804-788-1212).

Thursday, October 27

J. Earl Moreland Lecture on Asia

Speaker: Raj Patel
7:30 p.m., Blackwell Auditorium
(lecture). Patel is a controversial author, journalist and food policy expert. Free and open to the public.

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- Participants receive a personalized Health Report Card and Healthy Life Plan mailed to their homes within two weeks of screening.
- All test results are treated as Protected Health Information. R-MC receives aggregate data only.
- Monthly confidential On-site/Telephonic Health Education Services with a Certified Health Practitioner; Lunch and Learn Sessions
- Improved health and quality of life!

Representatives from LWHS will hold Town Hall Meetings on campus the following dates/times:

Wednesday, October 26 – 12:45 to 1:45 p.m.

Thursday, October 27 – 9:00 to 10:00 a.m.; 1:45 to 2:45 p.m.

Personal Health Evaluations/Screenings will take place on campus on November 8, 9 and 10 from 6-11:00 a.m.

More information will follow as the dates draw near. •



The BUZZ on Greg Daugherty, Classics

The son of an Air Force Colonel, Classics Professor Greg Daugherty was born in Dallas, Texas, but never lived there for more than a few months, instead growing up on various Air Force bases. “I am not from anywhere,” says Daugherty, who attended 11 different schools before he graduated from high school.

Daugherty and his wife Cathy own a 100-year-old house on Elmont Road (the Old Elmont Elementary School) with two acres of land just south of Ashland in Hanover County. Though not familiar with the concept of “free time,” Daugherty enjoys historical novels set in ancient Rome (especially those by Stephen Saylor and Simon Scarrow), Thai food, and Harry Potter films.

His taste in music is broad: he lists “Beyonce” as his favorite CD, but then corrects himself. “Actually my favorite album today is Creedence Clearwater Revival’s Greatest Hits – it changes daily,” he says.

Daugherty has a lot going on in the near future. He will be finishing a book chapter on Cleopatra in popular culture as well as writing a paper on the depiction of Aeneas in film. “I’m also reviewing a book on Classics and Comics,” he says. “And finishing an article on Barbara Chase-Riboud’s obsession with—wait for it—Cleopatra.”

He says that much of his time will be taken up with the Governor’s Latin and Japanese Academics (Daugherty serves as program coordinator), which will be held on the R-MC campus next summer. This summer’s Latin Academy was a great success, says Daugherty. “I am especially grateful to Campus Safety, the Physical Plant, Chartwell’s, the Library and the Brock Center, but also to lots of other individuals who helped make it successful.”

He is also teaching a First-Year Experience Course this fall. The course, “Creation: Before and After,” concerns creation myths from around the world. “I



am working with Biology Professor Elsa Falls. She is doing the evolution part of the story and I am doing the myths,” says Daugherty, who is quite excited about being involved in a FYE course for the first time. “It is a novel perspective on something that I have taught for years,” he says. “I get to branch out and talk about a lot of unfamiliar creation myths from all over the world, most of them non-western. We have come up with what I think is a brilliant collaborative project for the two classes.”•

-Matthew Guillen '14

The BUZZ on Alpine Jefferson, History

“I was born on a small farm in the Frog Level section of Caroline County, Virginia near Meadow Farm,” says History Professor Alpine Jefferson, a man with numerous and eclectic interests. “I never tire of learning and reading. I really do enjoy ‘the life of the mind.’”

In his free time Jefferson studies foreign languages (French, Kiswahili, Italian, Portuguese and Spanish). A practitioner of yoga as well as Transcendental Meditation, he says he finds peace in reading



old newspapers.

“Reading the newspaper every day is a time of absolute relaxation,” says Jefferson. “Nothing in any news media can rival, in any way, what has happened in the past. So I am rarely amazed, amused or shocked. As Solomon said, ‘There is nothing new under the sun.’”

Jefferson’s favorite book is Phillip Slater’s *The Pursuit of Loneliness: American Culture at the Breaking Point*. In the music category, World Music is what best suits his taste. “In my DVD player at the moment are Charles Aznavour from France, Fela Kuti from Nigeria, Gilberto Gil from Brazil, Putumayo from Africa, and Pamyua from Alaska.”

His love of learning began at a young age. “A high school history teacher mentioned Salem Poor and Peter Salem in the same sentence,” explains Jefferson. “I had never heard of them before, and that began my quest to fill in the ‘missing pages’ in

American history. Studying Southern History with John Hope Franklin at the University of Chicago confirmed the value of my life’s work.”

Jefferson is a member of the Board of Directors of the Hanover County Black Heritage Society, the Hanover Tavern Foundation and Ten Thousand Villages in Richmond. He will be serving on the Editorial Board of *The Public Historian* and also will give papers at the Oral History Association, the Association for the Study of African American Life and History, the National Council of Black Studies and the Organization of American Historians.

In January, he will lead a study abroad course to Ghana. “I have also been invited to give a paper at a conference on “Interculturality in the Construction and Deconstruction on the Color Black,” in Sousse, Tunisia in February,” he says. “So I need to get busy and improve my spoken French.”•

-Matthew Guillen '14

Office Dedication to Honor Bruce Unger

In recognition of his lasting influence on the college and his many students, R-MC will name the late Bruce Unger's former office, Fox Hall 105, in his honor. A formal dedication, open to the public, will take place on Saturday, October 15 at 10:00 a.m. on the lawn between the Library and Fox Hall.

In addition, a fund has been established to honor Unger, who taught political science at R-MC from 1968-2008. The fund was created by Lauren Bell, James Doering, Adrian Rice and Deonna Woolard. For more information, or to make a gift, click here.



Bruce Unger

The BUZZ on this month's department: History

-- Submitted by Thomas Porter, Chair of the History Department

History is the study of humanity's recorded past and is a synthesis of all aspects of human activity and behavior. In analyzing the transformations and continuities of past societies, students acquire an understanding of the interrelatedness of knowledge and the tools for better comprehension of our present society. The Department trains students to think critically, research effectively and write lucidly. In addition, the study of history provides examples of human activity, which brings greater awareness to the study of other disciplines. We offer collegiate requirements plus a major and minor, and we are proud of a tradition of high standards and demanding courses.

The history faculty are busy with many projects and interdisciplinary activities. Professors Munson and Porter participated in a summer workshop for Richmond-area teachers of Asian Studies, and they are applying for a major grant memorializing a recent R-MC graduate. The Moreland lecturer will be Raj Patel, whose lecture on October 27 is entitled "The Global Footprint of Asia's Hunger." Professors Bergmann, Malvasi, Fischbach, Jefferson and Scanlon are each working on books

for publication, while Professors Watkinson, Jefferson, Munson and Malvasi have written several professional articles or book chapters. Professor Throckmorton not only finished her doctoral dissertation last spring, but she has worked closely with Women's Studies on a spring 2012 lecture series entitled "Survivors," and made a research visit to the Huntington Library in California.

The history faculty have received honors for teaching; published books; chaired college committees and professional organizations; received prestigious grants and national awards; and been invited to speak nationally and internationally at conferences and universities such as Oxford and Columbia. Because many people think of the humanities as "ivory tower" studies, I suspect that few would imagine the wide range of employment the history faculty have experienced: managing a drive-in movie theater, driving a milk truck, teaching high school, professional musician, research librarian, TV producer, marathon runner, restaurants & catering, working in a steel mill, digging graves, etc. History is about real people and the real world, and we have lived in it. •

Welcome

THE R-MC COMMUNITY
WELCOMES:

Brent Kintzer, Graham Prather, Christopher Herron, Matthew McQuire, Katie Roberts, Leighann Albaugh (athletics), Robert Ellithorpe (fine arts), Jason McComb, Michael Goldberg, Anna Marie Bollino and Jason Scott (music), Alyse Harlan, Kara Daniel, and Barbara Baynard (health center), Terri Lumpkin (bookstore), Katy Borr (advancement), William Perkins and Joyce Dorris (physical plant), Marion Nelson, Caroline Morris and Heather Weidner (history), Timothy Bergeron (chemistry), Maria Sicurella (modern languages), Allison Hess and Rhett Bonner (physical education), Katy Rugg (international education), Eli Hosen (student life), John McTague (political science), Caroline Nichols (English), Ryan Woodcock and Arthur Evans (biology), Kenneth Malloy (economics), Timothy Merrill (institutional research), Mary Currie (library), Tommy Proffitt and Michael Woodson (admissions)•



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