



COLLEGE TO PRESENT SUMMER CONCERT

West Virginia University at Parkersburg will present a special summer concert featuring the Celtic band Boys of the Lough on Wednesday, August 1, at 7 p.m. in the College Theatre.

Celebrating their 40th anniversary tour, the Boys were the first real Celtic folk group, bringing together the various strands of Irish-Scottish dance music, and earning respect on both sides of the Atlantic.

Tickets are available in the college business office for \$10, adults, and \$5, students. The concert opens the college's 2007-2008 Distinguished Performance Series.

The first of the full-time professional Celtic bands to arise on the international scene, Boys of the Lough now occupy a unique position in the world of traditional music. They have completed over 60 tours of the United States and their performances and recordings span over five decades.

Since the first tour in 1967, the ensemble has traveled extensively in its mission to gain respect and a wider audience for traditional music. Their warm and critically-acclaimed performances have won them friends from the village halls of their homelands to international concert and festival stages, establishing a precedent that many others have followed.

True originals, the Boys have earned respect on both sides of the Atlantic and continue to act as role models for countless younger musicians. Their concerts, recordings and compositions were crucial in bringing about the current explosion of interest in all facets of Celtic music.

PRESIDENT SERVING ON NATIONAL CC COMMITTEE

The president of WVU Parkersburg has been elected to a national community college association's executive committee.

WVU Parkersburg President Marie Foster Gnage joins three other regional representatives who were elected by member institutions of the American Association of Community Colleges to serve on the AACC's Presidents Academy Executive Committee.

The elected community college presidents include: Sean Fanelli, president of Nassau Community College, (New York), Northern region; Jana Kooi, president of Pima Community College's Community Campus, (Arizona), Pacific region; and President Gnage, Southern region. Their terms are for three years, effective July 1.

Frances White, president of the College of Marin (California), was elected to chair the Presidents Academy.

The AACC Presidents Academy Executive Committee is a group of 13 elected community college CEOs who monitor and sponsor CEO leadership development opportunities and programs for member CEOs. The committee includes the chair, chair-elect, past chair and two representatives from each of the five regions.

Formed in 1920, the AACC is the primary advocacy organization for the nation's community colleges. The association represents more than 1,100 associate degree-granting institutions and some 10 million students.

COLLEGE'S EMAIL ADDRESS

The institution's general email is changing due to the college's alpha server being relocated to WVNET. Please note that the new college email address is WVUInfo@mail.wvu.edu. The graphics department will begin transitioning publications (brochures, catalog, letterhead, etc.) to reflect the new address. The college web site's numerous pages will be updated in the next few weeks as well.

WVU PARKERSBURG BACCALAUREATE TUITION IS LOWEST IN WEST VIRGINIA, COMMUNITY COLLEGE TUITION IS 2ND LOWEST

WVU Parkersburg's baccalaureate degree tuition is the lowest in West Virginia and its community college tuition is the second lowest in the state.

West Virginia residents enrolling in bachelor's programs this fall at WVU Parkersburg will pay \$1,250.40 a semester. Tuition for in-state community college students will be \$912.48 a semester at the Parkersburg campus.

"We are committed to providing opportunities for area residents to pursue affordable college degrees and programs," said WVU Parkersburg President Marie Foster Gnage.

"It is our mission to deliver opportunity and it's also our vision to be a regional campus of choice," she added. "Affordability and accessibility go hand in hand."

For the fall semester, WVU Parkersburg anticipates that approximately 4,000 students will enroll. Increases in on-line course offerings, additional associate programs and the availability of five baccalaureate degrees are contributing to the expected growth.

"We continue to pursue delivery of quality, demand-indicated programs," President Gnage noted. "Our institutional strategic plan envisions more programs and new facilities in the near future to advance our academic endeavors."

Tuition and fees at the state's public-supported institutions were recently approved for the 2007-2008 academic year by the respective institutional and state governing bodies, including the West Virginia University Board of Governors, the WV Council for Community and Technical College Education and the WV Higher Education Policy Commission.

WVU Parkersburg's in-state 2007-2008 baccalaureate tuition/fees increased by 4.72% or \$113 annually and its community college tuition/fees for WV residents increased by 4.52% or \$79 annually.

The state's second lowest baccalaureate tuition is \$1,992 per semester for in-state residents at Bluefield State College where tuition increased by 9.21% for 2007-08. Tuition at Southern and Eastern Community and Technical Colleges is the state's lowest for community colleges at \$888 a semester for state residents following 4.23% tuition increases at both institutions.

Tuition at West Virginia University increased by 5.50% and Marshall University's increase was 5.06%.

WVU PARKERSBURG HOSTING A VISITING PROFESSOR FROM BULGARIA

WVU Parkersburg will host a visiting professor from Bulgaria this fall thanks to an international project begun five years ago.

But there is more to the story than a faculty exchange. A group of faculty on the Parkersburg campus has embraced "The Bulgaria Project" as an opportunity to extend international relations to a special, caring level.

During the upcoming academic year, Milena Popova from the University of Rouse will teach English and sociology

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courses at the Parkersburg campus. Through the generosity of WVU Parkersburg's faculty, she and her son will have free accommodations during her tenure here.

"Ms. Popova will help our campus to further develop international programs, including English taught as a second language, and help our college representatives and administrators establish a student exchange system between Bulgaria and WVU-P," noted Emily Lamb, professor emerita of English and reading.

WVU Parkersburg faculty members are providing a house and car for Ms. Popova and her teenage son. It is an indication of the commitment that faculty have made to the project.

In 2002 WVU Parkersburg received a Fulbright-Hays Group Study Abroad Project grant which made it possible for a delegation of WVU Parkersburg faculty to visit Rousse and exchange educational methods with the faculty of Rousse University. The WVU Parkersburg group spent four weeks in the country in close connection with Rousse's university, city, and surrounding villages. During this time, the faculty members of Rousse University worked side by side with their American counterparts, sharing ideas and methods. Many of the local university families opened their homes to the Parkersburg campus visitors and escorted them on tours throughout Bulgaria. A formal agreement was signed between the two institutions to continue the sharing and studying of each other's cultures.

"Since that time, representatives of Rousse University have visited WVU-P, staying in host faculty homes and learning about education methods here and American society in general, and educators from WVU-P have traveled to Bulgaria to continue this process," noted Mrs. Lamb.

Funding to continue the international initiative is derived from fund-raising projects and personal financial commitments to the project by a group of dedicated Parkersburg faculty.

JULY EMPLOYEE OF MONTH

Congratulations to **Chuck Murray**, Grounds Maintenance Worker, who has been selected as Employee of the Month for July.

Chuck began working as a Mountaineer Temp in the Maintenance Department in June, 2006. In January, 2007 he began work full-time in Grounds Maintenance at West Virginia University at Parkersburg.

Chuck is a graduate of Penn State University and WVU Extension Service Master Gardening program.

Chuck is a widower and lives in north Parkersburg. He has two grown children – Jarod Eddy, Vienna, a graduate of WVU at Parkersburg, and Lindsay Murray of Wheeling, a graduate of West Liberty State College.

In his spare time Chuck enjoys gardening, fishing, golf, NASCAR series and dirt track racing, as well as country dancing.

Chuck expressed the following, "I thank the members of the Staff Council for this honor. Further, I appreciate all of my fellow staff members and faculty who have gone out of their way to make me feel at home in the West Virginia University at Parkersburg family."

Following is an excerpt from the nominations that served as the basis for Chuck's selection as Employee of the Month:

"We would like to nominate Chuck Murray for employee of the month. Mr. Murray serves as our grounds specialist. Since Chuck has joined us the campus has seemed to blossom with natural beauty and really come alive. Mr. Murray has a great deal of expertise in the field of grounds care and is always willing to answer questions or give advice about grounds, plant or lawn care. Mr. Murray is always willing to lend a hand when and where needed to the rest of the maintenance staff. We believe Chuck embodies the essence of Staff Council's Employee of the Month."

"I would like to nominate Chuck Murray for Employee of the Month. Chuck has only been here for about a year and what a difference he has made. He is responsible for making our campus look so beautiful, and everyone is noticing."

He takes such wonderful care of the flowers and trees that were donated to the college. No matter how early I come to work he is already here working hard to make sure our campus looks beautiful. He certainly deserves to be Employee of the Month, and when you see him please let him know what a great job he is doing.”

JUNE’S EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH

Congratulations to **Garnet Crites**, Administrative Secretary Sr. Garnet was selected as Employee of the Month for June.

Garnet has been a staff member at West Virginia University at Parkersburg for twenty-three years. She came here in March, 1984, as a staff member in the Graphic Department. She moved to the Natural Science and Mathematics Division in 1986 and has been serving in her present capacity since then.

Garnet and her husband, Rodney, live in Parkersburg. They have one daughter, Melanie, who lives in New Jersey, a “baby” (Boston Terrier) Maggie, and a “granddog” Kiwi.

For pastime, Garnet enjoys sewing and pen and ink drawing.

Following are excerpts from the nominations that served as the basis for Garnet’s selection as Employee of the Month:

“I would like to nominate Garnet Crites of the Natural Science and Mathematics Division for Staff Employee of the Month. I am a “rookie” adjunct instructor of Mathematics and have had a lot to learn about running an effective course. Garnet has been very helpful in a variety of ways. She is also very friendly and very efficient. My job this semester would have been a good deal more difficult without Garnet’s help. Thank you for the opportunity to nominate such a valuable staff member.”

NEW CAFETERIA MANAGER

Andrea Stewart is the new AVI general manager of the cafeteria. Luanne Wiseman has been promoted to AVI district manager and is responsible for several AVI sites, including the campus cafeteria, the Verizon cafeteria in Charleston, and two cafeterias at the Buffalo, WV. Toyota plant.

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