

the Update

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This Week's Events

Tuesday January 29

Facilities Services...
 Retirement Reception:
 George Cleveland and Dennis Kotulek 3 p.m. CSC Kiowa

Thursday January 31

Athletics...
 Women's Basketball
 vs. Incarnate Word 5:30 p.m. Ligon Coliseum

Continuing Education...
 Pastel Drawing Class 6 p.m. WFMA

Artist-Lecture Series...
 Grupo Fantasma 7 p.m. Akin Auditorium

Athletics...
 Men's Basketball vs. Incarnate Word 7:30 p.m. Ligon Coliseum

Friday February 1

Athletics...
 Softball at Grand Canyon 1:30 p.m. Phoenix, Ariz.

Saturday February 2

Athletics...
 Texas Tech Indoor Track & Field Lubbock

Athletics...
 Women's Basketball
 vs. Texas A&M-Kingsville 4 p.m. Ligon Coliseum

Athletics...
 Men's Basketball
 vs. Texas A&M-Kingsville 6 p.m. Ligon Coliseum

Around Campus

Retirement Reception: George Cleveland and Dennis Kotulek

Join Facilities Services for a retirement reception for George Cleveland, auto mechanic foreperson, and Dennis Kotulek, auto mechanic/bus driver, from 3-4:30 p.m. Tuesday, January 29, in CSC Kiowa.

Artist-Lecture Series: Grupo Fantasma

The Artist-Lecture Series will present Grupo Fantasma at 7 p.m. Thursday, January 31, in Akin Auditorium. Listening to Grupo Fantasma, you might recognize some of

their music from television placements in AMC's *Breaking Bad*, Showtime's *Weeds*, ABC's *Ugly Betty*, NBC's *Law and Order*, or John Sayles' film *Casa de los Babys*, however, this 10-piece musical collective from Austin, Texas, has been praised as one of the most important independent acts in the Latin genre and has continually defied expectations to create a unique voice. Tickets are available to students, faculty, and staff and can be obtained at the Clark Student Center Information Desk. For more information, call Student Affairs at ext. 4291.

Pastel Drawing Class

Every level of artist is welcome to attend an evening of drawing while exploring the medium of chalk pastels at 6 p.m. Thursday, January 31, at the Wichita Falls Museum of Art at MSU. Cost is \$40 and includes all materials. For more information, call ext. 4307.

Mark Your Calendar

Faculty Forum Series: Drs. Jeff Blacklock and SuHua Huang

The Faculty Forum Series will present Drs. Jeff Blacklock and SuHua Huang, Assistant Professors in the West College of Education, at 7 p.m. Tuesday, February 5, in CSC Shawnee Theater. They will present their study of "Exploring the Changing Reading Habits of American College Students." This study employed a convergent mixed-method research design to investigate reading habits of American College Students. A total of 1,265 (466 male and 799 female) college students across interdisciplinary areas voluntarily participated in the study by completing a self-reported survey. Twelve of the 1,265 students (eight females and four males) participated in semi-structured interviews and classroom observations. In addition, three education classes were purposively selected to participate in classroom observations over the course of the semester. Descriptive analysis indicated that the average amount of time students spent (M) on academic reading (AR), extracurricular reading (ER), and the Internet (INT) were 7.72 hours, 4.24 hours, and 8.95 hours per week respectively. A multiple linear regression and a zero-order correlation statistical analysis indicated the Internet (INT) and socializing with others (SO) were significant factors in the amount of the

time college students devoted to conventional academic and extracurricular reading. In the qualitative findings, college students' literacy practices and social cultural norms have changed with the advent of the Internet technology and online social networks, which may influence approaches universities take to academic reading. For more information, contact Dr. Jonathan Price at ext. 4288.

Third Annual External Funding Workshop

The Office of Sponsored Programs will present the Third Annual External Funding Workshop for all faculty and staff from 1-3 p.m. Friday, February 8, in Dillard 189. Anyone interested in the grant proposal process at MSU is encouraged to attend. This workshop is especially helpful for new faculty and staff interested in finding external funding for their research or program areas. Dr. Marilyn Fowle, Vice President for Business Affairs and Finance, will be the featured speaker. Additional presenters will include Diane Spiller, Pre-Award Coordinator in the Office of Sponsored Programs, and Hayley Laughlin, Accountant II and who is responsible for grant budgets and Post-Award reporting for the university. An optional session will be presented at 2 p.m. to enroll interested attendees in the Sponsored Programs Information Network (SPIN), which is a funding opportunities database designed to email registered users automatic notification of new funding opportunities that match their interests. Refreshments will be provided. Please RSVP to Diane Spiller, ext. 4714 or diane.spiller@mwsu.edu.

Continuing Education Classes in February

The following continuing education classes will begin in February:

Ballroom Dancing

Learn the waltz, foxtrot, and tango. Classes will meet from 6:30-7:30 p.m. February 4, February 6, and February 8 at the Sikes Lake Center. Cost is \$40.

Digital Photography

The Digital Photography course is designed to take beginners by the hand and show, with step-by-step instruction, how to maximize their images. Students are recommended to bring their own digital camera, but it is not a requirement. The class will meet at 6 p.m. Mondays February 4-25 in Moffett Library 212A. Cost is \$70.

Middle Eastern Dancing

This class will explore folkloric, classical, and contemporary dance. Cost is \$40 and class will be at 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays February 5-26 at the Sikes Lake Center.

Spanish/Beginning

This class is designed for beginning conversational Spanish and will meet at 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays February 6-March 3 at a location to be determined. Cost is \$70.

For more information about these classes, contact Continuing Education at ext. 4307. To view the complete schedule of events for spring, visit www.mwsu.edu/conted.

Campus News

Parking Lot Construction

Beginning Monday, January 28, the Old Band Hall parking lot will be closed for approximately one month. Faculty and staff from McCullough, McCoy, and Facilities may use the lot to the west of McCullough. Please utilize the new parking lot adjacent to the Police Department as a secondary location.

Pre-Law Scholarship Applications

The MSU pre-law committee is accepting applications for the Merkle Pre-Law Scholarship. This scholarship is the result of a gift given by Wichita Falls attorney Greg Merkle. The committee will recommend one or more applicants for a scholarship up to \$600. Students should send an email to kris.tilker@mwsu requesting an application and faculty recommendation forms if interested in applying. The deadline for application is Friday, February 15.

In the Spotlight

Star Awards recognize Facilities Services employees who take pride in their work and give outstanding service to the campus. These employees are being recognized with a certificate posted in their work space as well as a unique, copper mustangs cutout that can be displayed on desks and/or in the Daniel Building front office. Recipients on January 24, 2013, were:

Doug Collins, Electronic Technician II

Doug is always available and always helpful with the campus card system. He is never too busy to help and troubleshoot a problem when it arises. Amanda Snodgrass and her staff are grateful for his work and willingness to assist at any time.

Dennis Kotulek, Auto Mechanic/Bus Driver

On November 17, 2012, Dennis was driving one of the MSU buses back from Indianapolis when the water pump began to fail. He immediately pulled the bus over north of St. Louis onto the only available narrow shoulder. He contacted the sheriff's department who sent a trooper to assist in the situation. A wrecker service was contacted to haul the bus from the middle of nowhere to a repair shop. The wrecker service shuttled passengers to a hotel from the broken down bus. The bus was towed to a shop and repaired late in the evening, so the bus could get back on the road early Sunday for its long drive back to Wichita Falls. Dennis' cool head in the middle of this potentially dangerous situation, his awareness and knowledge of bus mechanics, which saved MSU from

having to replace the bus' engine, his willingness to do whatever it takes to get his passengers safely back to Wichita Falls in a timely manner, and minimizing costs to MSU easily warrant the awarding of the Star Award to Dennis for his efforts over this long weekend.

Alan Black, Assistant Professor of Music, recently returned from a 12-day visit to Ghana in West Africa, where he was able to study West African Ewe drumming, dance, and culture. The group traveled from Accra to Koepeiya, a small village in Southeast Ghana, and studied at the Dagbe Cultural Centre. The centre was established and is staffed by Ewe people who teach their culture, drumming, dance, and lifestyle.

Cammie Dean, Director of Student Development and Orientation, spoke to attendees at the Grand River Center as the featured speaker at the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday Breakfast in Dubuque, Iowa, on January 20. Link to her full speech:

www.thonline.com/home/article_3465daa0-6461-11e2-99fc-0019bb30f31a.html.

Kirk Harlow, Associate Professor in the College of Health Sciences and Human Services, has been appointed to the Wichita County Board of Health for a two-year term.