

# THE BULLETIN

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## Report from the Planning and Budget Committee



This is the first of what will be monthly *Bulletin* reports from the Planning and Budget Committee (PBC) to the campus community. The reports are intended to reinforce lines of communication by highlighting the issues currently before PBC, reminding faculty and staff of PBC deadlines, and inviting questions and comments.

Since its first meeting of the academic year, PBC has reviewed and endorsed staff changes in the Media Center, Athletics, Facilities Services, Campus Safety, and Personnel. A process has been developed for evaluating requests for the funding of activities in support of the College's strategic initiatives. An inventory of unresolved faculty, administrative, and support staff needs is being updated, and PBC is

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## Teen Empowerment through Advocacy Off to a Great Start

The Teen Empowerment through Advocacy (TEAM) project got off to a great start on Wednesday, September 22. Now in its third year, TEAM brings troubled youths from Lehigh County Juvenile Probation to campus where they interact with Moravian College students. The project has been expanded this year and now includes a homework/tutoring session for about a half hour followed by a friendly sports competition, pizza, sodas and time to talk. The first event involved about a dozen youths from Lehigh County Juvenile Probation and approximately an equal number of College students. Special thanks to the men's basketball team for their strong support. If you or your organization would like to volunteer, please contact Jim Walker at #1532 or Lucy McCammon at #1412.

## Mathematics Department Receives Grant

Two Mathematics Department faculty members have been awarded a grant from the National Science Foundation in the Course, Curriculum and Laboratory Improvement (CCLI) Program. The Development Office was instrumental in securing matching funds for the project from the George I. Alden Trust.

The project, under the direction of Kay Somers and Alicia Sevilla, is entitled "Quantitative Reasoning and Informed Citizenship: Implementing an Activity-based Laboratory Course." The funds provided in the two-year grant, extending from September 1, 1999, to August 31, 2001, will be used to equip an existing classroom with 25 computers. Funding will also allow the two principal investigators to develop and assess classroom activities as well as implement and assess the Quantitative Reasoning and Informed Citizenship course. This course, which will be first offered in fall 2000, is designed to support the Learning in Common curriculum.

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reviewing the present structure of mandatory and program-related student fees.

The relationship between PBC and President's Staff continues to evolve, with the latter playing an increasing role in identifying the strategic issues confronting the College while PBC focuses on the integration of operational planning and budgeting. Meetings of President's Staff include the chair of PBC, and actions taken at PBC meetings are forwarded as recommendations to the president.

PBC has begun discussions with Anne Reid, College treasurer, concerning the process by which the 2000-2001 operating budget will be developed and refined. The Board of Trustees will approve a budget framework in October, set tuition and fees in February, and take final action on the budget in April.

Regular meetings of PBC are generally on Wednesdays at 4:00 p.m. Curt Keim is serving as chair in 1999-2000. Lori Toedter, Alicia Sevilla, Randall Packer, Beverly Kochard, Dennis Domchek, and John McDermott are the other members. A fourth faculty member will be elected this month. As soon as they are approved, minutes of PBC meetings are posted on the campus network in

**P:\plan\Pbc\Fall 99.** Questions and comments should be directed to Curt Keim at extension 1401.

**RE M I N D E R :** **October 15** is the deadline for submitting proposals for the funding of activities in support of strategic initiatives if the activities are to be initiated in the current academic year. For further information, contact Connie Klepper in the Planning and Research Office (extension 1368).

**Moravian Theological Seminary Fills Faculty Vacancy**

The Rev. Deborah A. Appler has accepted an appointment to teach Old Testament at the Seminary. Her appointment began in August. Before coming to the Seminary, Deborah served as assistant to the director of the Carpenter Program on religion, gender, and sexuality at Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Tennessee.

Deborah received her B.A. in chemistry from Western Maryland College and her M.Div. at Perkins School of Theology of Southern Methodist University in Dallas, Texas. She has served in parish ministry for six years in the Baltimore-Washington Conference of the United Methodist Church and was active in various conference ministries.

This appointment brings to a conclusion a five-month search process for the Seminary. The faculty opening was first advertised in the fall of 1998.

The search committee received sixty-one applications for the position.

**Second Session of Fall Financial Series Scheduled**

The second session in the fall financial investment series, "Avoiding the Pitfalls in Investing," will be held October 13 at 7 p.m., in Collier Hall of Science, room 204. The series focuses on the theme, "Construct and Preserve Your Portfolio." It is designed to help individuals of any age plan an intelligent investment strategy.

Richard Brown, financial advisor with Robinson and Robinson, will lead a discussion that focuses on three main points: differences between time and timing and how they relate to a successful investment strategy; the importance of knowing market history; how to know when to hold and when to fold your investment. A question and answer period will follow the presentation.

To register, call the Office of the Division of Continuing Studies at extension 1400. Cost is \$5 at the door. Students with ID are admitted free of charge.

**Student Services Update**

*Withdrawals*

Elizabeth Cutler

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**Bulletin**

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## Faculty Activities

**Michele August-Brady of the nursing faculty** will present a paper, "A Critical Review of the Journal of Nursing Education Research Articles: 1988-1997" at the Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society in nursing in San Diego, November 8.

**Morris Bader, professor emeritus of chemistry, had an article published in the September issue of the American Laboratory.** The article, "A Tool for the Numeric Solution of Linear or Nonlinear Ordinary Differential Equations," describes a computer program which appears to be the most advanced Runge-Kutta program available for the solution of these difficult equations.

The program, MIDAS, incorporates a number of new mathematical discoveries and new programming logic and algorithms, raising the performance of this code way beyond its competitors.

The editors of this journal have asked Morris to be their reviewer for submissions of articles that are mathematical in nature. The journal is an industrial publication that is free and reaches chemists and other scientists in North America as well as Europe.

**Dana S. Dunn, associate professor of psychology and chair of the department of psychology, has been appointed associate chair of the awards committee of**

**division 2 (Society for the Teaching of Psychology) of the American Psychological Association.** As a member of this committee, Dana will oversee and participate in the review process of nominees. The awards committee gives yearly awards for outstanding teaching in the following categories: college/university professor, two-year college faculty, high school teacher, and early career award (graduate student). Recipients receive a monetary award, a plaque from the Society, and recognition during a ceremony at the annual convention of the American Psychological Association and in the journal *Teaching of Psychology*.

**Curt Keim has been working with the Brooklyn Children's Museum to annotate pieces in their collection.** Founded in the 1890s, the Brooklyn Children's Museum is the oldest children's museum in the country, and one of the few to have significant ethnographic and natural history collections. The museum asked Curt to consult on its Africa collection in general, but more specifically on objects donated by the family of Patrick Putnam (1904-1953), an American who spent many years operating a free clinic and a guest house at Epulu, deep in the Ituri forest of northeastern Congo. Most of this collection is from the Mbuti (pygmy) and Bira peoples.

**Janet A. Sipple, professor of nursing and chair of the department of nursing, presented a paper** on "Professional Collaboration Across the Pacific: The Australian-American Nurses Exchange Program" at the centennial meeting of the International Council of Nursing in London, July 25-29. Janet then traveled on

to Croatia to consult with the University of Zagreb about implementation of its first baccalaureate nursing program.

## Friday Get-Together on October 1 a Huge Success

"Thanks to the Business Office for sponsoring the Friday Get-together on October 1," said Clarke Chapman. "Wonderful conversations filled the room, a variety of foods and drinks were offered, and it was great to have so many people mingle and talk together who often lack the opportunity to do so." The next Friday Get-together will be on November 5, sponsored by the Commission on the Future. Mark your calendars! If your office or department is willing to take a turn in sponsoring one of these events next semester, please contact Clarke Chapman at extension 1410.

## Note of Thanks

I extend my heartfelt thanks and appreciation to each and every one in the College community for your prayers and support during some very difficult times this past year. I was just overwhelmed and touched by the amount of cards and telephone calls expressing concern and encouragement while I faced the surgeries and recuperation for those seven long months. It meant a lot to me to know that you cared, and helped to keep my positive outlook. My heart is full of gratitude for the affection and fellowship of my "Moravian family." Thank you and may God bless you always.

Louis Mirra

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