

Friday @ the Center: April 28, 2006

Teaching Moment: May Madness

After reading the article about May Madness in today's *Seattle Times*, my husband said, "The best thing about that article is that it shows education taking place." And it's true. The article captures the way in which students are gaining new information, re-thinking issues, and changing their minds—about humor and fun, about how we view and treat women, about the new world that the internet is forming. I'm heartened by the fact that the site has been taken down—apparently because of the community's response. And I'm impressed by the many ways in which the faculty have transformed this incident into a teachable moment. If you haven't spent some time in class talking about these issues with your students, I encourage you to do so. I suspect that many of our students will never again think in the same way about myspace.com, comments about women and their bodies, and what it means to be community.

Global Leadership Forum

The 2006 Global Leadership Forum on "Evangelism and the Persecuted Church" opens **tonight** with the SPU Gospel Choir at 7 p.m. in Upper Gwinn, followed by a keynote address by Robert A. Seiple, former US Ambassador-at-Large for International Religious Freedom, and former president of World Vision. This talk, which is free and open to the public, is called, "From Bible Bombardment to Incarnational Evangelism: A Reflection on Christian Witness and Persecution." Saturday events include case studies and panel presentations by Lamin Sanneh, Professor of Missions and World Christianity at Yale University; Paul Freston, Professor of Sociology at Calvin College; Jayakumar Christian, National Director for World Vision India; Sam Karmaleson, former Vice-President-at-Large for World Vision; Larry Jones, Asia Area Director for SIL International, and our own Priscilla Pope-Levison, Professor of Theological Studies. Registration for Saturday's events will be available Friday night or Saturday morning, beginning at 8 a.m. A continental breakfast and light lunch on Saturday will be provided as part of the \$25 registration fee.

Opportunity: Learning/Living Grant

The ASSP, in collaboration with the Office of Academic Affairs, is now receiving application for the annual Living/Learning Grant—an award of up to \$3000 to support an undergraduate student working on a project that applies their academic area of study to a service program benefiting the larger community. This grant furthers the Seattle Pacific vision of "engaging the culture, changing the world" by enabling students to actively integrate their academic study with service to the academic community, city and world. The grant will be awarded this spring for a project to be completed by the end of the 2006-07 academic year. If you have students interested in pursuing undergraduate research, planning a senior capstone project, designing a University Scholars honors project, or with a desire to apply their in-class learning to out-of-class service, please encourage them to apply. Applications forms are now available in the ASSP Office, with a submission **deadline of May 12, 2006**.

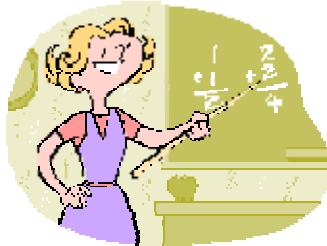
Advising is Coming!

With advising for autumn quarter just around the corner you may already be hearing questions such as, "Can I take a class this summer? How does that work?" or "Why is my registration time so late?" Answers to these and other questions can be found at the Student Academic Services FAQ page: <http://www.spu.edu/depts/sas/SASFAQ/faqhome.htm>. As always, the SAS staff is happy to answer any policy questions (obscure or otherwise) you have: <http://www.spu.edu/depts/sas/uac.html>.

Sorry!

Alert readers (which includes all of you, I presume) may have noticed that last week's *Friday @ the Center* was, shall we say, non-existent. I'm sorry. Life overwhelmed me. You probably know the feeling.

Happy Teaching!



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