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MC prepares for 148th commencement

Martin Fletcher, an Emmy Award-winning journalist for NBC News, will deliver the commencement address to approximately 240 graduating seniors during the Monmouth College's 149th annual commencement exercises on Sunday (May 14). The ceremony will begin at noon on Wallace Hall Plaza.

Fletcher, who has been NBC's Tel Aviv bureau chief since 1990, will speak on the recurring lessons that have followed him from his summer as a counselor at an Illinois camp for the blind to his travels to nearly every destination in Europe, Asia and Africa. Following his address, which will also touch on this year's campus theme of civil discourse, Fletcher will be conferred an honorary doctor of humane letters degree.

The commencement ceremony will conclude a weekend of activities honoring the Class of 2006. Saturday's events will include a baccalaureate service at 2 p.m. in the Dahl Chapel and Auditorium, a farewell reception hosted by President **Mauri Ditzler** on Quinby House lawn immediately following the service and the traditional "senior send-off" at 8:30 p.m. at VFW Post 2301, 830 N. G St.

The baccalaureate service will feature traditional religious hymns and scripture readings by Monmouth College faculty, staff and students and a litany led by President Ditzler. The Monmouth College Chorale, conducted by **Sarah Graham**, will sing several hymns, and freshman Matt Karner will play "Amazing Grace" on the bagpipes.

There will be a free concert by the Monmouth College Chorale and Wind Ensemble at 7:30 p.m. Saturday in the Dahl Chapel and Auditorium. The graduating seniors of the popular choral group have chosen to perform selections from the program of their spring concert tour. The Wind Ensemble will

perform pieces from the past year, including selections from Meredith Willson's "The Music Man" and "Mandalen Landscapes" by Philip Sparke. The latter selection will be accompanied by a slide presentation by senior **Alexis Zanis** of her study-abroad experience in Sweden.

Following the concert, MC seniors, their families, faculty, alumni and friends are invited to the "senior send-off" dance with food and refreshments.

Also on Saturday, there will be a dedication ceremony for The Manor, the house at 701 E. Broadway that was recently purchased by MC trustee **Bonnie Bondurant Shaddock** '54 and given to the college for use as a guest house.

On Sunday, seniors will gather for a class photo on the steps of the Huff Athletic Center at 10:30 a.m. At 11:30, participants will line up for the traditional processional from Broadway to the Wallace Hall Plaza. Their march will be accompanied by music from the Monmouth College Pipe Band.

Raj Ambrose, vice president for academic affairs, will announce each graduate, following which President Ditzler will confer a degree. As they leave the stage, graduates will be presented with a college pin, courtesy of the Alumni Association.

Senior **Anthony Welty**, MC's 2005 Lincoln Laureate, will bid farewell to the college on behalf of the graduating class, and President Ditzler will reciprocate on behalf of the college.

For the first time, the commencement exercises will also include the recognition of an exemplary pre-college teacher. Current MC students submitted nominations, and the first winner to receive an honorary degree from the college will be **Ed Lemon**, a high school English and history teacher from Hamilton. He was nominated by senior **Dan Bliss**.

MC community responds to Alfie's needs, raises \$2,500

A local boy who is hoping to continue to live at the Warren Achievement Center's Children's Group Home in Monmouth got a boost recently from the campus community.

Alfie is a 12-year-old boy with autism who needs special services that the state doesn't pay for in order to stay at Warren

Achievement.

"He is affectionate, and he loves to play with dinosaurs and trucks and shoot baskets," said **Kristin Larson**, assistant professor of psychology. "Without these special services, Alfie will be moved away from the home and friends he knows to a facility with few services and little room for toys."

Larson helped oversee a group of MC psychology students who combined with

the college's Social Awareness Coalition and the campus community to collect more than \$2,500 in four weeks for Alfie. The groups collected donations, sold magazine subscriptions and raffled a donated box of Kitchen Cooked snacks. Donations continue to be accepted.

For more information, interested persons may contact Larson at 309-457-2164 or by e-mailing her at klarson@monm.edu.

McMillan to address leadership in Associates talk

Ken McMillan, associate professor of political economy and commerce, will deliver the final Monmouth Associates talk of the academic year on Thursday (May 18) at noon in the Main Dining Room of the college's Stockdale Center.

Entitled "The Greatest Challenges of Leadership ... Are in One's Home Community," McMillan's talk will be especially geared to the graduates of the 2006 West Central Leadership class, which will receive their diplomas at the luncheon. The graduates include Linda Lee Blaine, Adam Carlson, Kara Cozadd, Kelly Kendall, Dawn Reyburn, Judy Roessler, Jan Sprout, Shannon Thompson and Susan Trevor.

Relay for Life raises more than \$21,000 for cancer research

Monmouth College's Relay for Life event last month was a big success, raising more than \$21,000 for cancer research and development programs.

Relay for Life is a fun-filled overnight event designed to celebrate survivorship and raise money for the American Cancer Society. During the event, teams of people gather at schools, fairgrounds or parks and take turns walking or running laps. Each team tries to keep at least one team member on the track at all times. MC's event, which was held from 6 p.m. on April 21 to 6 a.m. on April 22, was held in the Huff Athletic Center.

"Twenty-one student teams participated, and we had 16 cancer survivors attend,"

said sophomore **Beth Brennan**, who served as one of the co-chairs of the event. "Some of the survivors were from the community, and a few are Monmouth students."

One of those MC cancer survivors, **Michelle Girten**, gave the survivor speech at the opening ceremonies.

Several fundraising activities were held during the 12-hour event, including a jukebox and the sale of pizza and Whitey's ice cream. Brennan estimated that more than 200 students were on teams, and another 200 people were on hand from the campus and local community.

After co-chairing the 2006 event with senior **Lori Larcombe**, Brennan said she will remain a co-chair for the 2007 Relay for Life event, which will again be held in April. Also chairing the Relay for Life committee will be freshman **Kaitlyn Dane**.

Relay for Life began as a one-man effort by Dr. Gordy Klatt in 1985 in Tacoma, Wash. It has grown into a major national and international fundraiser in the fight against cancer.

Fighting Scots to host MWC baseball playoffs

The Fighting Scots baseball team clinched the Midwest Conference South Division title last weekend and earned the right to host the MWC playoffs this Friday and Saturday at Glasgow Field.

St. Norbert will be Monmouth's semi-final foe in a game that will be played Friday at 10 a.m. While Monmouth and St. Norbert battle at Glasgow Field, Ripon, the North Division champion with a 16-0

record, plays Grinnell at Blodgett Field on the Knox College campus in Galesburg.

Following Friday morning's action, the double-elimination tournament will continue in the afternoon, with the winners meeting at Glasgow Field at approximately 1 p.m., and the losers playing at Knox at the same time.

All of Saturday's action will be played at Glasgow Field, starting with an elimination game at 9:30 a.m. The championship is scheduled for approximately 12:30 p.m. If necessary, a second championship game in the double-elimination event will be played around 3:30 p.m.

The winner receives an automatic berth in the NCAA tournament and will be assigned to a four-team regional.

Briefly

- Parade Magazine and the National Trust for Historic Preservation has selected a story submitted by college communications director **Jeff Rankin** as one of 50 honorable mention winners in its "Tell America's Story" contest. More than 2,500 readers nominated sites around the country, with Rankin's nomination featuring the Wyatt Earp Birthplace Museum.

- Well-known novelist and retired Knox College professor **Robert Hellenga** will be the featured speaker at Old Friends Talk Art on Wednesday at 10 a.m. at the Buchanan Center for the Arts on the square in downtown Monmouth. Hellenga, who has just published his fourth novel, "Philosophy Made Simple," will do some readings from that work and answer questions about the art and nature of writing.

CALENDAR

THURSDAY, May 11

Final Exams

Library Open 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

FRIDAY, May 12

Spring Trustee Meeting

Library Open 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Track at MWC Championships, Grinnell, Iowa

10 a.m. MWC Baseball Championships, Glasgow Field

10 a.m. Senior Grades Due

2:30 p.m. Library Coffee, Lounge, Hewes Library

SATURDAY, May 13

Spring Trustee Meeting

Library Open 9 a.m. to 1 a.m.

Track at MWC Championships, Grinnell, Iowa

9:30 a.m. MWC Baseball Championships, Glasgow Field

12:30 p.m. MWC Baseball Championship Game, Glasgow Field

2 p.m. Baccalaureate, Dahl Chapel and Auditorium

5 p.m. Manor Dedication, 701 E. Broadway

7 p.m. Commencement Concert, Dahl Chapel and Auditorium

8:30 p.m. Senior Send-Off, VFW Post 2301 Hall

SUNDAY, May 14

12 noon Commencement, Wallace Hall Plaza

TUESDAY, May 16

Track at Central Qualifier, Pella, Iowa

WEDNESDAY, May 17

10 a.m. Final Grades Due

THURSDAY, May 18

12 noon Monmouth Associates: "The Greatest Challenges of Leadership ... Are in One's Home Community," Ken McMillan, Main Dining Room, Stockdale Center