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Queens College

Faculty Staff News

February 8, 2001

Donna Lipper Appointed Director of Office of Information Technology

President Russell Hotzler announced that Registrar Donna Lipper has been appointed to the position of acting assistant vice president for information technology. She will be succeeding Russell Merrill, who resigned to become vice president for information technology at St. Lawrence University.

Lipper, who officially assumed her post on February 1, said she hopes to improve on the developments begun by Merrill. She had been registrar since 1995, having joined the College in 1990 as project director for QUASAR. Lipper will report to Jim O'Hara, the executive director of Facilities and Campus Services.

Merrill, who came to the College in January 1998, said that he looks forward to the challenges at St. Lawrence, which is located south of the Canadian border, but will miss Queens College and its people. "I had a great time here," said Merrill.

Ray Rivera has been named acting director of the Registrar's Office. He has been associate director of the Registrar's Office since 1993. Rivera was previously associate university registrar at Polytechnic University and assistant registrar at the Borough of Manhattan Community College.

Technology Training Classes

In other OIT news, the office will again offer a series of classes in technology training for Windows, Word, Mac applications, Excel, Access, Pegasus Mail, and an introduction to the Web

this Spring. To register, contact OIT (3009) and give your name, department, phone, and email address and the classes you are interested in. Classes will be held in I Building 207 except where noted. The schedule for February and March is listed below. (More classes will be offered in April and May. Call OIT for information.)

February 8:

Intro to Windows. Basics of mouse and window manipulation; files and folders; accessories and menus; basic navigation and conceptual and survival skills. This is a prerequisite for most of the other classes.

February 15:

Intro to MS Word. Basics of Micro-

soft's word processing programs (suitable for both Windows and Mac users).

March 1:

Intermediate MS Word-1. Shortcuts to common office needs. Includes tips on labels, envelopes, mail merge, tables, and graphics. You must sign up for both sessions and have basic Word skills.

March 15:

Intermediate MS Word-2.

March 29:

Mac Applications. A quick review of Apple Macintosh basics, including networking, email, and file-sharing services. Meets in Science Building 135.

College Sets Up Program to Train K-12 Teachers in Environmental Science

Queen College will establish a program to train teachers of environmental science for grades K through 12 under a federal program called GLOBE (Global Learning and Observation to Benefit the Environment). The GLOBE program comes in response to the new standards for science education being adopted by New York State and other states throughout the country.

GLOBE's purpose is to improve K-12 science teaching and learning. It also helps teachers align their classroom work with emerging national requirements in math, science, and other subjects, and offers the opportunity for hands-on, inquiry-based learning. Initially, the College will ask

superintendents in Queens to designate trainers for all seven districts in the borough, who will then prepare teachers to involve K-12 pupils in environmental research.

Under the GLOBE approach, teachers will show students how to measure environmental parameters in air, water, and soil using instruments and procedures appropriate for elementary, intermediate, and secondary grade levels. The data will be submitted to GLOBE headquarters in Washington, D.C. via the Internet from schools in all 50 states and almost 100 countries. The worldwide database enables GLOBE scientists to track long-term environ-

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Lee to Speak on Oral Histories

Joann Lee (Journalism) will speak about "Asian American Oral Histories" on Wednesday, February 14 at 12:30 pm in the President's Conference Room 1 in Rosenthal. She will be a guest speaker for the Friends of the Queens College Library.

Get Fit at Aerobics Class

All faculty and staff are invited to take part in an Aerobics Class starting tonight. Classes will be held Tuesdays and Thursdays in FitzGerald Gym, Room 313, from 5:30 to 6:30 pm. The fee is \$50. To enroll, just show up at class; you can join at any time during the semester. For more information, call Stephanie Goldson at 5928.

Two Health Center Events

The Health Service Center will present *Healthy Relationships: Is He (or She) Right for Me?*, a psychodrama followed by a discussion, on Tuesday, February 13 from 12 noon to 1 pm in the Student Union, Room 310. On February 14, the Center will sponsor "Nurturing Yourself, Listening to Yourself: Living from Your Heart," a dialogue with Joan Stenzler, CSW, in FitzGerald Gym, Room 204 from 12 noon to 1 pm and 1 to 2 pm.

Exhibit on Old Technology

The Voices of Old Technology: A Museum in the Making will be presented in the Rosenthal Library Rotunda and the second floor display cases through March 16. The materials offer a glimpse of technological "innovations" over the years, such as IBM punch cards and date stamp machines.

Changes to Library Hours

This Spring the Reserve Reading Services on Level Two will open at 8 am (one hour earlier) until 10 pm, Monday through Thursday, and 8 am to 5 pm on Friday. Weekend hours continue to be 12 noon to 6 pm. The Art Library and Art Center will be open Monday through Thursday, 10 am to 8 pm, and Friday, 12 noon to 5 pm.

Seeking Award Nominations

The Committee on Honors and Awards is still seeking information on student achievements in connection with three dozen College-wide awards given at graduation.

The request is for details about intellectual interests and personal qualities of outstanding students personally known to faculty members. Students need not be seniors. Information is also sought about graduate students, since two \$500 prizes are awarded to graduating master's candidates.

Letters should be sent to the College Committee on Honors and Awards, B Building, Room 310.

Funding for Financial Counseling Center

The Financial Counseling Center (FCC) of the Department of Family, Nutrition, and Exercise Sciences (FNES) is expanding thanks to new funding. The program has received \$1,000 from Great Eastern Bank, \$200 from Amalgamated Bank of New York, \$1,000 from HSBC Bank, and \$3000 from Citibank. The FCC, which addresses financial concerns of college students, local high school students, and community residents, has been conducting one-on-one counseling sessions and workshops free of charge for over five years. Clients are encouraged to develop sound financial management skills, and to use debt as a financial tool to help achieve their goals. The FCC helps clients understand "the new borrowing realities" and stresses debt reduction and consolidation.

Women and Work Program Expands

Financial Counseling Center's joint program with Women's Studies, called Women and Work Program (WWP), is being expanded to meet greater demand. WWP is designed to increase self-sufficiency by preparing women of all ages for the workplace. Topics include goals/career selections, dressing for success, computer readiness, resume writing, interviewing skills, and

mentoring. (WWP has been conducted as a pilot program for the last two years with in-kind contributions and a small number of participants.)

Support in excess of \$60,000 has been received for WWP from the Liz Claiborne Foundation, the Patrina Foundation, Conair, and two QC alumni. Additionally, Liz Claiborne has offered a \$30,000 challenge grant, to be matched by written commitments from new funding sources no later than June 30, 2001. For information on supporting these programs, call 3929 or e-mail to OCFR@QC.Edu.

Three Authors Honor Evening Readings

Norman Mailer, Susan Sontag, and John Updike will take part in a Special Reading on Tuesday, February 27, in honor of the 25th Anniversary of the Queens College Evening Readings Series. The event will take place in the Music Building at 7 pm.

Mailer, one of the most influential American writers, has won the Pulitzer Prize and numerous other awards. His books include *The Naked and the Dead*, *Harlot's Ghost*, *The Armies of the Night*, and *The Executioner's Song*.

Sontag has written several novels and collections of essays and is a winner of the National Book Critics Circle Award. Her titles include *Against Interpretation*, *Illness as Metaphor*, *The Volcano Lover*, and *In America*.

John Updike, another Pulitzer winner, has written *Rabbit Is Rich*, *Rabbit at Rest*, and *In the Beauty of the Lilies*.

Admission for the reading is \$15. For information, call 4646.

Exhibit: Armstrong's Love of Food & Drink

Red Beans and Ricely Yours, Louis Armstrong is the title of an exhibit about Satchmo's fascination with food and drink at the Louis Armstrong Archives in Room 332 of the Rosenthal Library through Wednesday, May 30.

Armstrong had a lifelong interest in food, drink, and weight control, said Peggy Schein, curator of the exhibit. His love of eating might be guessed from such tunes as *Big Butter and Egg*

Man, Cheesecake, Cornet Chop Suey, and Struttin' with Some Barbecue.

The exhibit features photos, letters, manuscripts, menus, and other materials held by the Armstrong archives that illuminate the great jazz pioneer's preoccupation with food and drink. Exhibit hours are Monday through Friday, 10 am to 5 pm. For information, call 3670.

Campus Career Fair Set For February 21

All members of the student body as well as recent graduates are invited to participate in a Career Fair to be conducted by the Office of Career Development on Wednesday, February 21 on the fourth floor of the Student Union, from 12:30 to 3 pm. Over 1,000 students are expected to attend as well as more than 50 employers. Student Association is a co-sponsor of the event.

Tesfaye Asfaw, Director of the Career Center, said that "This is a great event to interact with employers, acquaint yourself with career opportunities, and secure placements." Both permanent positions and internships will be offered.

Participating firms will include Bear Stearns, Bloomberg, Ernst & Young, Federal Express, Paine Webber, Sony, PricewaterhouseCoopers, Time Warner, and many others. Career opportunities will include accounting, data analyst, marketing, teaching, auditor, business acquisition, computer science associate, police officer, health and human services, industrial engineering, and retail management.

Off-Campus Access to Electronic Resources

A number of library electronic resources are now available to faculty and staff from off campus thanks to proxy server software installed by OIT. The QC server can be used to reach QC-specific and CUNY-wide resources, such as Current Contents, Sociological Abstracts, Psychological Abstracts, and ACS publications. Titles now available from off campus include the Oxford English Dictionary, NetLibrary; MLA Abstracts; America: His-

tory and Life; Historical Abstracts; American Institute of Physics publications; and about 600 electronic journal subscriptions.

Also accessible to students from off-campus (via CUNY+WEBPAC) are Lexis Nexis, Infotrak databases, and Ethnic Newswatch.

USSC Website

The Undergraduate Scholastic Standards Committee (USSC) now has a website, reports Executive Officer Charles Lloyd. It can be reached via <http://forbin.qc.edu/USSC>. From the College home page, click "Academics" or "Resources" and scroll down to Undergraduate Scholastic Standards Committee.

IN MEMORIAM

Frank Merli, 71

Associate Professor Frank Merli (History), a specialist in 19th-century American diplomatic and naval history, died on December 22 at his home in Northport, Long Island. The cause of death was a heart attack. He was 71.

Merli was the author of *Great Britain and the Confederate Navy, 1861-1865*, published in 1970, and co-editor of *Makers of American Diplomacy: From Benjamin Franklin to Henry Kissinger*. He was guest editor of the *Journal of Confederate History Special Commemorative Naval Issue* on the CSS Alabama in 1990. Merli also authored entries in *The Encyclopedia of the Confederacy*.

Merli joined the College's History Department as assistant professor in 1968 and was promoted to associate professor in 1972. He also taught at Indiana University, the University of Birmingham in England, and Kent State University. He traveled to the United Kingdom in 1963-64 under a Fulbright Award.

Merli received his AB from the State University of New York, Albany, in 1957 and his MA in 1959 and PhD in 1964 from Indiana University. Those wishing to give donations in his memory should make contributions either to the Queens College Foundation or to the North Shore Civil War Roundtable.

People

Frances Curcio (Education) said that "It is about time that the New York State school-financing formula was declared illegal" in a letter published in the *New York Times* on January 16. Curcio recently returned from leading a delegation of math educators from 17 different states to South Africa. They visited schools and met with math educators and researchers in Cape Town and Johannesburg. A book of the proceedings is due to be published this year. Curcio will co-chair a delegation to Russia in May to participate in the Third U.S.-Russia Joint Conference on Mathematics Education . . . **Michael Mossman** (Music), featured in a tribute to Jerome Kern by the Carnegie Hall Jazz Band, opened the concert with "a transfiguration of 'Yesterdays' into a brass and woodwind psalm, the melody arrayed in choirlike layers, no rhythm section, no solos" said the *Village Voice* . . . **David Cohen** (GSLIS) will issue the 75th edition of the *Ethnic Materials Information Exchange Bulletin* in Spring 2001. It is published by the American Library Association; Cohen chairs the EMIE Round Table . . . **Ravi Kulkarni** (Math) is a founding faculty member of the new Graduate Center Ph.D. in Urban Education, which has been approved by the Board of Trustees and the New York State Education Department. First students are expected this fall . . .

Rinaldina Russell (ELL) is the author of two articles on Vittoria Colonna (1492-1547). One has been published in *La parola del testo*, a Roman academic journal, and the other in *Maria Vergine nella letteratura Italiana*, the proceedings of a congress held at Fordham University . . . **Ray Romano**, star of *Everybody Loves Raymond*, was interviewed by NBC's *Dateline* on January 19. He noted that he studied accounting at Queens College for about seven years before giving it up, putting himself in a good position to keep an eye on his own accountants these days. Romano was nominated for a Golden Globe award . . . **Ellen Frank**, a participant in the College's Economic Education and Taft Institute Programs, was selected as a regional semi-finalist in the National Council on Economic Education's Teaching Awards. She was cited for her ability to teach effectively and creatively. "Your program exemplifies the teaching of basic education concepts and principles to high school students" that they "can use in their lives as consumers, investors, members of the workforce, and responsible citizens."

Remembering Anti-Fascist Carlo Tresca

A conference in commemoration of Carlo Tresca, foe of Mussolini and the Italian Fascist movement who was murdered in 1943, will be presented tomorrow by the John D. Calandra Italian-American Institute at the CUNY Graduate Center.

Called *Fascism, Anti-Fascism, and The Italian American Community*, the conference will present talks on a variety of topics. Speakers include Philip Cannistraro (QC), Nunzio Pernicone (Drexel University), John P. Diggins (CUNY Grad Center), Fraser Ottanelli (University of South Florida), Charles L. Killinger (Valencia Community College), and Gerald Meyer (Hostos Community College).

A dinner will be held after the conference at 6:30 pm at John's Restaurant at 302 East 12th Street, a meeting place for radicals and where Tresca ate regularly. For more information, call (212) 642-2094.

Radio Information on College Closings

The following radio stations carry information regarding snow closings and other emergency closings of the College:

WADO: 1280 AM
WCBS: 880 AM
WFAS: 1230 AM
WINS: 1010 AM
WLIB: 1190 AM
WBLS: 107.5 FM
WCBS: 101.1 FM
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From the Provost

Fellowship Leaves

As you know, the College is operating under a City University policy restricting half-year fellowship leaves at full pay. The College will continue to recommend some such leaves under the following guidelines established by the College Personnel and Budget Committee at its May 1993 meeting. Eligibility will be based on:

■ Service to the College in a capacity that requires the applicant to have taken substantial time and effort away from her or his field of scholarship or artistic endeavor. Such service shall be equivalent in time and effort to that required of a departmental chairperson, the holder of the Chair of the Academic Senate, or Dean. Normally, such service should be for a period of at least four consecutive years. *Or:*

■ Receipt of grants or other honors that the applicant would not be able to accept because of an inadequate level of funding. It is understood that an honor may include no funding but be based on outside recognition of outstanding scholarship or creativity.

Each applicant must submit a well-defined project plan in accordance with the criteria stipulated in the PSC/CUNY contract (article 25.3). Applicants for a half-year/full-pay fellowship leave should submit a fellowship leave application with detailed answers to Questions D and E of that application and a current curriculum vitae.

As in the past, the department will initiate recommendations for such leaves that fall under these guidelines. If the application is approved by the department, it will be forwarded to the appropriate Dean. The Dean will transmit the application to an Ad Hoc Committee of the Personnel and Budget Committee.

In consultation with the President or the President's designee, the Ad Hoc Committee will review the applications and submit its recommendations to the College Personnel and Budget Committee for its action.

The Ad Hoc Committee on Half-Year/Full-Pay Fellowships consists of one senior faculty member and one alternate from each division who is neither a chairperson nor a member of the administration. The Committee is elected by the Personnel and Budget Committee of the College.

The deadline for submission of applications for Half-Year/Full-Pay Fellowship Leaves for the Fall 2001 semester is Friday, February 16.

Faculty Vacancies on the Academic Senate

The Academic Senate Elections Committee has asked me to remind you that nominations for Senate delegate and alternate positions are being accepted beginning February 20. The self-nomination petitions will be mailed to you shortly. The deadline for nominations is Friday, March 2.

We are all aware of the important issues that come before the Academic Senate. For more information, please contact the Academic Senate Elections Committee in B Building, Room 114, or call 5390.

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