

FALL 2007 ISSUE

WHAT'S NEW? MC PEER ADVISORS

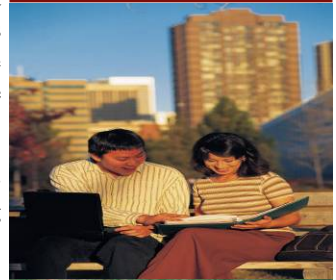
Peers-MC is a project that is designed to help brand new students get used to the MC system and witness the endless possibilities. A group of peer advisors and tutors will primarily be advising, tutoring, encouraging or assisting new or current foreign students to continue to excel in their education. The peers in this way will develop

leadership skills, obtain service credits from the community, and enhance their résumés. Peers is currently active and have been advising and tutoring new students before they take the placement/assessment test, and will be working widely as of the Fall 2007 semester. The stories that students who have taken the LOEP test share with me moved me to start this project. I am

very happy to be working on this new initiative because of the great outcomes that I see. Students are successful because of the program. I don't have the slightest doubt that the other Peers members who have started working with me feel the same way.

Adahu S. Tilahun-Computer Engineering Student-Final Year

Montgomery College, Takoma Park Multicultural Open House —photos by Sarah Kuruswo



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GLOBAL CONNECTIONS





“I didn’t know” & “Nobody told me” are generally unacceptable excuses for not doing what you are supposed to do!
-Harold Barber



Deadline For Withdrawing From A Course

FAILING TO WITHDRAW FROM A COURSE WITHIN THE PUBLISHED DEADLINE COULD COST YOU.

HERE ARE SOME UNACCEPTABLE REASONS FOR NOT DROPPING ON TIME:

1. I didn’t even attend the class
2. Nobody told me I had too.
3. I didn’t think it was important.
4. Somebody-I don’t remem-

- ber who– gave me the wrong information on the phone.
5. I was working.
6. I missed the deadline by only one day.
7. I didn’t know there was a deadline.
8. I assumed the college would automatically drop me.
9. I didn’t even need the course.

10. The office was closed
11. I forgot
- 12 I know someone who said he/she didn’t have to withdraw.

-Dr. Harold E. Barber

Global Connections Newsletter

The publication of the *Global Connections Newsletter* represents another milestone in the history of the International/Multicultural Center, Takoma Park/Silver Spring Campus. Created in 1999, the Center was charged with developing and coordinating programs and services for the increasing international/multicultural student population. The primary purpose of the newslet-

ter is to expand the channels of communication to students on issues related to their educational and social welfare. Among other things, it will provide information on upcoming Global Connections programs. **The creators of this newsletter would like to emphasize that the materials in this and all subsequent issues should not be construed as superseded-**

ing the current policies, procedures, and regulations of the College.

Finally, the Center wishes to express its gratitude to the College for its continuing support of the services to the international/multicultural student population .

-Dr. Harold E. Barber

Greetings From The Editor

Dear Readers,

I am very pleased to present the Fall 2007 issue of Global Connections Newsletter.

I want to give a special thanks to our three student contributors for this issue -Sarah Kuraswo, Adahu Tilahun and Rayon Anthony. Student initiative and involvement with our newsletter is very important. Therefore, I look forward to even more student participation in subsequent issues.

It is my hope, that the entire

campus community will benefit from all that this publication has to offer. I look forward to speaking with you again during the next issue.

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Important Dates To Keep In Mind During Fall 2007 Semester

September

5 Weekday classes begin. Late registration begins the first day a class meets; a \$35 nonrefundable fee charged.

8-9 Weekend classes begin (Sat & Sun).

11 Drop with refund deadline. Last day to register for classes that may be covered by a Pell grant already estimated by Montgomery College.

12 There will be a \$10 nonrefundable fee charge for any

change of schedule beginning on this day.

25 Deadline to add with instructors' permission, drop with no grade, or change to audit or credit.

October

1 Last day to complete applications for I-20 forms for students outside of the United States for spring 2008 semester.

17-23 Midterm exams.

November

1 If you plan to graduate in May 2008, you must apply for graduation by this date.

20 5pm deadline to drop full semester classes in-person with a grade of W. WARNING: late online drops generate an automatic F grade.

21 No classes. Offices close at 5pm

22-25 Thanksgiving holiday. College closed.

December

1 Last date to complete I-20 applications for F-1 status students transferring from within the United States for the spring 2008 semester.

15-21 Final exams for the fall semester.

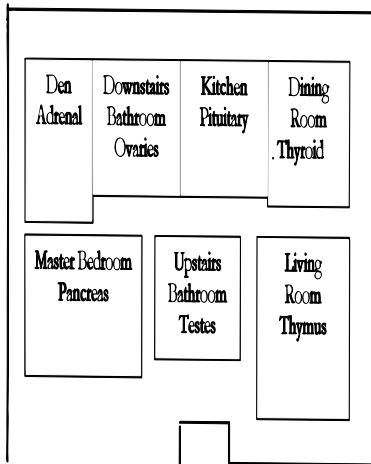
A Memory Technique That Works

A course called Memory Development, DS 108 for one credit hour, is offered every semester for all students who assess into EL101 or EN001 and above. In this course, students will learn how to apply visualization, mind-mapping and test-taking techniques, plus managing stress to improve memory techniques. These techniques can be applied to courses students are taking.

An example of a visualization technique would be: Suppose you were asked in a nursing and/or biology class to learn the major endocrine glands. You would start with the brain and work down through the body. You can learn and remember any new piece of information if it is associated with something you already know or remember. In this case, you could use the

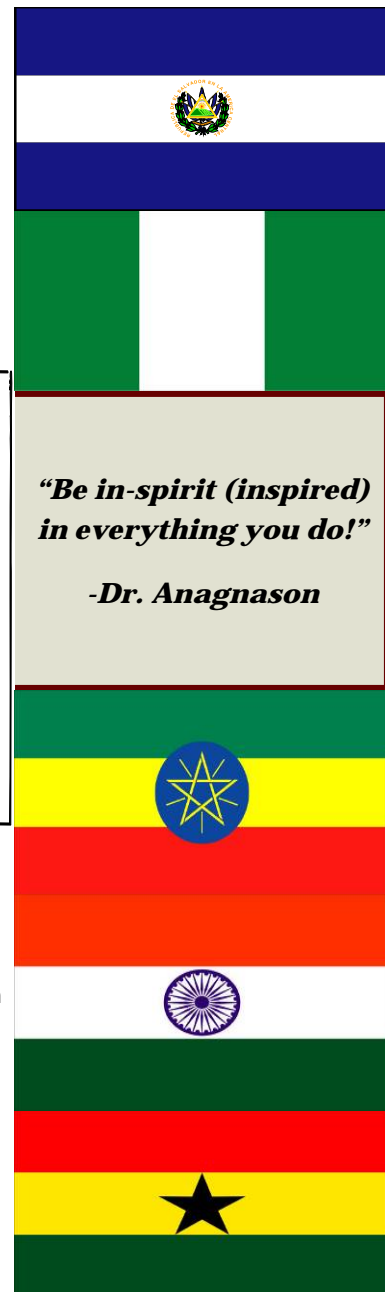
method of loci (place) used by the ancient Greeks to remember their speeches. They would use the interior of their homes. You could do the same thing whether you have a house or an apartment. The pituitary gland could be placed in the kitchen. The thyroid in the dining room, the thymus in the living room, the adrenal in the den, the pancreas in the bedroom, the testes in the upstairs bathroom, and the ovaries in the downstairs bathroom. Picture each of these glands taking up all the space in these rooms.

The following is an example using my own Cape Cod House:



You will learn to use your imagination much more than usual, sharpen your memory, manage stress, achieve academic success and bring balance to your life when you get focused and develop a purpose. You get In-Spirit and become inspired in everything you do.

-Dr. William T. Anagnason
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GLOBAL CONNECTIONS FALL 2007 UPCOMING EVENTS

- * AELP Information Session— **September 12**
- * Conversations—**September 25**
- * Health Insurance Information Session—**October 10**
- * Conversations— **October 24**
- * F1 Student Update— **TBA**
- * Resume Workshop for International Students —**November 12**
- * Conversations—**November 14**
- * Networking & Entrepreneurship Workshops —**December 4**

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