New Student Arrivals Include 135 Enrolled in MS in Computer Science

As of early September, nearly 300 new students had arrived on campus, including a record 135 enrolled in the MS in computer science.

Enrollment in graduate programs continues to be strong, with 224 new graduate students overall. On the undergraduate side, 65 new and readmitted students arrived this fall.

The University will be making a concerted effort this coming year to boost undergraduate enrollment, with a new marketing team in place and various initiatives in the works.

A total of 1,715 students were enrolled at MUM as of early September, with 1,126 of these graduate students taking the MS in computer science. Over half of the computer science students are in the practicum phase of their program, working at companies around the US and taking courses via distance education.

MUM students come from 77 countries this year. Nepal leads the way, with 366, followed by the US, with 271, and Ethiopia, with 205.

An additional group of computer science students will arrive in October.

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New MUM President John Hagelin Begins Making Changes

R enowned physicist John Hagelin officially became president of Maharishi University of Management on Founder’s Day, September 12, due to the retirement of Bevan Morris, who had been president for 36 years.

Dr. Hagelin has reorganized the University administration, brought in a new team to promote the University, and given attention to the ongoing refurbishing of various areas of campus.

In administrative changes, Craig Pearson, who has served as executive vice-president for 18 years, was named vice president of academic affairs. Scott Herriott was named provost. Brad Mylett is now vice president for development and alumni affairs, and Tom Brooks is vice president of operations. Rod Eason had earlier been named vice president of enrollment management and marketing.
In order to promote MUM more widely and raise enrollment, Dr. Hagelin has also brought in members of his team at the Maharishi Foundation, which is the organization responsible for teaching the Transcendental Meditation® technique in the U.S. They have greatly increased the number of people learning Transcendental Meditation in recent years and are now consulting with MUM.

Dr. Hagelin has also said that a priority will be the physical campus, and he intends to continue upgrading areas such as residence halls and campus grounds.

Dr. Morris said in a broadcast in July that he was pleased that Dr. Hagelin was already starting to mobilize changes at the University. "I'm very happy to hand over the reins," he said.

Dr. Hagelin has been a physics professor at MUM since 1984 and has served as honorary chair of the board of trustees.

He received a PhD in theoretical physics from Harvard University in 1981 and then completed post-doctoral fellowships at European Organization for Nuclear Research (CERN) and the Stanford Linear Accelerator Center. He has made major contributions to grand unified field theory, publishing over 70 papers in journals such as *Physics Letters, Nuclear Physics, and Physical Review*.

In addition to heading MUM and the Maharishi Foundation, Dr. Hagelin is president of the David Lynch Foundation, which teaches Transcendental Meditation to at-risk students, veterans, victims of abuse, the homeless, refugees, inmates, and other highly stressed populations. He will continue in these other roles while serving as president of MUM.

Dr. Morris will continue to be affiliated with the University in his new role as International President of Maharishi Universities of Management.

Speaking of Dr. Hagelin’s qualifications for this new role, Dr. Morris said, “He is tops in knowledge, both in science and Maharishi Vedic Science, a charismatic and inspiring figure, and has proven his administrative and marketing skills by increasing the number of people learning the Transcendental Meditation technique tenfold in just a few years.”

**FROM THE FOUNDER**

“That is the wisdom of life: ‘Avert the danger that has not yet come.’ That is the ideal to be achieved from the point of view of Vedic Science and from common sense, from every logic. If the problem could be stopped from coming, then one is really enjoying freedom, invincibility. That is our target.”

— Maharishi Mahesh Yogi, Feb. 1, 2006 press conference

**Coming Spring 2017: Semester in Hawaii Studying Sustainability**

Students will have the opportunity to spend spring semester 2017 in Hawaii exploring the topic of “deep sustainability” — the continuing regeneration and renewal of the natural and human systems upon which humans depend.

This offering is part of a new program MUM is establishing in Hawaii, hosted at the Kohala Institute on the Big Island. The program is designed as a semester or year abroad, during which MUM students and students from other universities engage in an intensive exploration of sustainability and consciousness.

The intensive, hands-on courses next spring will include learning from native elders, farmers, entrepreneurs, and activists. The program will run February 27–June 22 (comprising blocks 3–6), with the option of also taking the permaculture certification course on campus in the January block.

Why Hawaii? “Hawaii is a living laboratory for the implementation of solutions to the problems of sustainability and equity that confront humanity in the 21st century,” says professor Lonnie Gamble, who will be among the teachers. “Hawaii has a displaced native population with deep cultural values of sustainability, and cultural values that recognize the unity that underlies the surface diversity of the universe.”

Modules offered will include sustainability and the dilemmas of the 21st century; sustainability and Hawaiian studies; technology and design for sustainable living; and team projects.

The Kohala Institute is located on 2,500 acres on the largely rural Big Island, which has just 150,000 residents.

The MUM Hawaii Semester has attracted a stellar team of guest faculty from around the world who have spent their careers rethinking their disciplines in terms of consciousness and holism, Mr. Gamble said. In addition, faculty from MUM will put these innovations in the context of Maharishi’s unique contributions and Consciousness-Based® education.

According to professor Gamble, the partnership with the Kohala Institute is the first step in ultimately establishing an MUM-affiliated campus of several hundred students in Hawaii. While the upcoming semester is focused on sustainability, additional disciplines may be offered in the future.

If you are interested and have questions, please email lgamble@mum.edu.
A low-cost taxi service is available within city limits for $2 each way. Call 1-800-227-6390 to schedule. The service operates 9:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m., Monday–Friday.

Since 2011, every cohort of MBAs from MUM has placed at least one team in the 90th percentile or higher, and three teams have finished #1 in the world during the competition.

MUM Hosts First Annual Job Fair
BY EVA SAINT DENIS

MUM hosted its first annual job fair in June, with 14 local companies sending representatives.

The event, held in the Argiro Student Center, drew students, community members, alumni, and business owners.

Students were able to network and explore job, volunteer, and internship opportunities with the Fairfield businesses.

In order to appeal to the students’ array of interests, the job fair included restaurants, magazines, schools, energy companies, investment research advisors, and more.

Four of the companies that participated in the job fair are owned by alumni: Cider House, Heavenly Organics, iPhone Life magazine, and Ideal Energy.

Many graduates opt to stay in Fairfield or elsewhere in Iowa. In 2015, 58% of the undergraduates decided to stay in Iowa after graduating.

Students Win Medals in International Yogic Flying Competition
BY PETER FREUND

Three MUM students earned medals in the international Yogic Flying® competition that took place in July in Vlodrop, the Netherlands.

Dimitrios Karasis earned the gold medal in the 25-meter hurdles and in the 25-meter race, as well as the silver medal in the high jump competition.

In the long jump, alumnus and former admissions counselor Luke Hillis took the silver medal, and Vivek Vaidyana-than, a PhD student in Maharishi Vedic ScienceSM, got the bronze.

Gregory Lyons, who has been an Invincible America Assembly participant on campus, also won a medal.

The competition was held as part of the Guru Purnima celebrations in Vlodrop. It was organized by Enlightened Leadership International.

MUM president Bevan Morris gave out the medals in the presence of the leaders of Maharishi’s worldwide organizations.

The purpose of the competition was to promote the power of Yogic Flying to transform societal trends.

New Edition of Book by David Lynch Now Available

A new edition of filmmaker David Lynch’s book Catching the Big Fish, released earlier this month, includes his interviews with Paul McCartney and Ringo Starr.

The famed musicians talk about first meeting Maharishi in 1967, their musicianship, songwriting, shared history, and the benefits they have experienced from their decades-long practice of the Transcendental Meditation technique.

Subtitle Meditation, Consciousness, and Creativity, the book is a compelling account of Mr. Lynch’s 40-year practice of Transcendental Meditation — along with his unique insights into his creative process that have yielded some of the most celebrated films in modern history.

Proceeds from the sale of Catching the Big Fish go to support David Lynch Foundation programs for children, veterans, and abused women.

The book is available on Amazon.

Professor Bargerstock and Student Ye Shi Win National Awards

Professor Andy Bargerstock and PhD student Ye Shi both received national awards last month from the Lean Enterprise Institute for excellence in developing and researching the field of lean accounting.

The awards were presented at the Lean Accounting Summit in San Antonio in late August.

Dr. Bargerstock received the Excellence in Lean Accounting Professor of the Year for 2016 award, which is his second recognition by LEI, with the first coming in 2009. Ye Shi also received her second award as Lean Accounting Student of the Year, with the first coming in 2013.

MUM doctoral students have received Lean Student awards three times since 2011.

In addition to receiving awards, Dr. Bargerstock and Ye Shi were also invited to present at the summit. The invitation came as a result of their article titled “Leaning Away from Standard Costing” that was published in the June 2016 issue of the peer-reviewed journal Strategic Finance.

Dr. Bargerstock led a session to explore why mature lean manufacturing companies continue to hold onto standard costing and variance analysis despite the prediction by lean accounting literature that it would be discarded as a wasteful practice.

In addition to this success, in July accounting students Bigyan Shrestha and Jagadish Pandey, both from Nepal, finished in the 93rd percentile worldwide in the CAPSIM business simulation.
Drs. Wallace and Travis Publish Book on Parenting

Keith Wallace and Fred Travis have published a how-to book on parenting that combines ancient Ayurvedic principles with a modern understanding of child brain development, giving practical tools to nurture a child’s brain.

Titled Dharma Parenting: Understand your Child's Brilliant Brain for Greater Happiness, Success, and Fulfillment, the book was published by TarcherPerigee and is available on Amazon.

The Sanskrit word dharma refers to living in a way that upholds the path of evolution, maintains balance, and supports prosperity and spiritual freedom.

“Keith and I feel that the purpose of parenting is to recognize the unique strengths of your children and help them to grow in alignment with their dharma,” Dr. Travis said.

The book examines parents and children from the perspective of the three Ayurvedic mind/body types — vata, pitta, and kapha — and offers various tools that can be customized depending on the child’s body type. The book also describes how brain development will influence how the child’s body type is expressed.

Some of the advice in the book includes honoring individual differences between family members, following routines to improve family dynamics, cultivating better behavior, and anticipating and adapting to children’s needs.

Dharma Parenting also recommends the Transcendental Meditation technique for decreasing stress in the physiology and soothing the family dynamic.

Residents Invited to Participate in Walk for Health

Iowa’s Healthiest State Initiative aims to have walks in all 99 counties, with MUM’s walk scheduled for Wednesday, October 5, at noon, from the east entry steps of the Arigio Student Center.

Participants may walk the 1K route (about 15 minutes) or continue on for a full 30-minute walk. The goal is to have at least 50 participants.

Pre-registration is not required but those interested can commit to the walk by emailing Deb Arnold at ddewitz@mum.edu.

For more information on the walk or the Healthiest State Initiative, see the website at www.iowahealthieststate.com/events/annual-walk.

Annapurna Menu

Find the dining hall menu online at mum.edu/menu

Birthdays

The Review will be publishing birthdays again this year so that everyone can be honored on his or her birthday. To omit your birthday, e-mail jkarpen@mum.edu, or call 472-0778.