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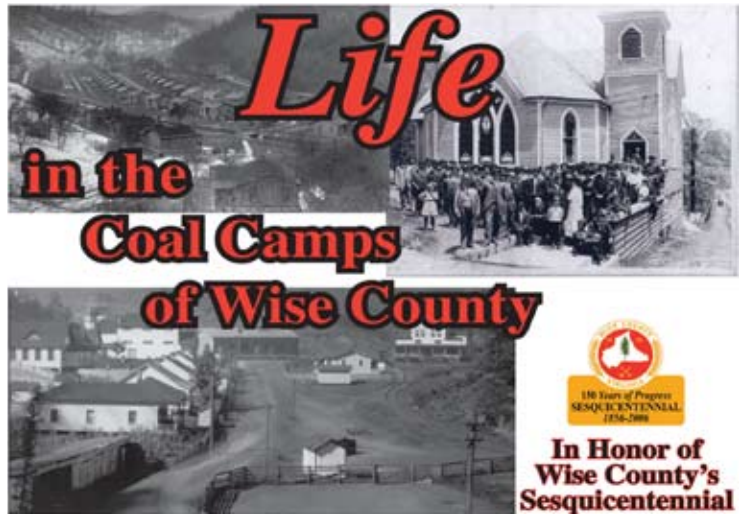
ENGLAND HONORED

Associate Professor of Criminal Justice Robert England was recently awarded the Distinguished Service and Contribution Award from the Wise County Sheriff's Office at their annual awards banquet. Robert has volunteered as a consultant to the WCSO since 1995 assisting them with policy development, accreditation, grant writing, and training. He also serves the WCSO as a fully sworn and state certified law enforcement officer in times of need. The award was presented by Wise County Sheriff Ronnie Oakes.



"LIFE IN THE COAL CAMPS OF WISE COUNTY"

"Life in the Coal Camps of Wise County" is a compilation of pictures, information, and stories of the various coal camps and camp towns of Wise County. The book, which goes on sale February 1, is a project of The Lonesome Pine Office on Youth. MECC Graphic Designer Neka Wilson assisted with scanning the many photos, and MECC's Lana Kennedy did the design and layout of the book.

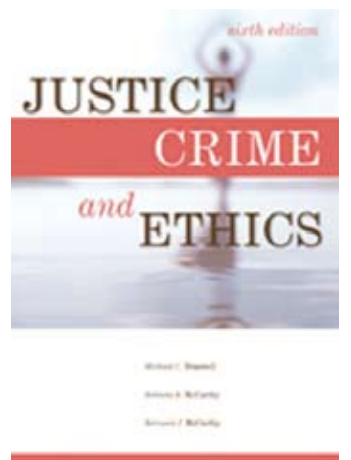


SNOW SCHEDULE REMINDER

When the college is on a snow schedule, faculty and staff are to report at 9:30; the first class will begin at 10:00. Also, the number to call for schedule changes is 523-7495. If you prefer to receive text message alerts, please sign up for those.

ENGLAND PUBLISHED

Associate Professor of Criminal Justice Robert England has recently had a chapter published in the text book, "Justice, Crime and Ethics" 6th edition. Robert's work is in the 21st chapter.



FAST *i*ps



A weekly feature by the Office of
Financial and Administrative Services

Please remember to use the updated Travel Estimate and Travel Voucher forms. These were updated due to mileage rate changes effective January 1, 2008. If you don't have the updated forms, please contact the Business Office.

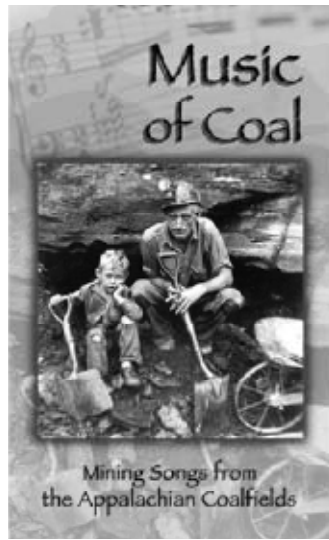
THE MEN OF THE DEEPS February 6 - 7:30 pm Pre-show - 6:30 pm Goodloe Center

The Men of the Deeps is a choir of working and retired coal miners from the island of Cape Breton in Nova Scotia, Canada. Organized in 1966 as part of the Cape Breton's contribution to Canada's Centennial Year (1967), the group's inception was an



effort by the people of Cape Breton to preserve in song some of the rich folklore of that island's coal mining communities.

A pre-show performance beginning at 6:30 pm will feature local artists singing local coal mining songs. These songs have been released on CDs entitled "Music of Coal" and the CDs were recently nominated for Grammy awards.



VALENTINE'S DAY

Don't forget the Bookstore has free delivery on Valentine's Day. Come by and pick out a nice gift, balloon, basket, etc. for that special co-worker, boss, student, or yourself.

SAFETY AT WORK



OSHA Says You Have a Right To Know

The Hazcom Standard

The Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) was created by an act of Congress in 1970 and charged with the mission "to assure the safety and health of America's workers by setting and enforcing standards," among other ways. In other words, OSHA is charged with overseeing worker safety throughout the United States - including safety around chemicals.

The National Institute of Safety and Health (NIOSH) estimate that there are more than 600,000 hazardous chemicals in workplaces today, and OSHA itself calculates that more than 32 million workers are exposed to these chemicals in more than 3 million companies. In the face of these overwhelming numbers, OSHA created the Hazard Communication Standard, or HazCom, to protect workers from chemical hazards. And virtually every worker faces some chemical hazard from ammonia to copier toner to solvents.

OSHA issued separate standards for General Industry, Maritime, and Construction. Furthermore, several states have their own OSHA-approved safety and health plans.

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about temptation
- as you grow
older, it starts
avoiding you.*

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