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THE TROUBADOUR

Sept. 30, 2003

Issue 1

Message from the President



I am delighted to introduce the first issue of The Troubadour. This newsletter will enable us to share information across the many areas of the University, with all its diverse activities, programs and offices. Having access to and sharing relevant information is a key goal of our quality initiative. We have much taking place this year, and The Troubadour will help us to stay abreast of events, gain much needed information and promote, through a spillover effect, further communication between and among ourselves. I encourage everyone to contact Linda Steiner or Amanda Freiberg in the Public Relations Office with ideas for future issues.

I see this newsletter as being the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel and other newsletters now circulating around campus as being the community newspapers of our University world. The Troubadour is not meant to supplant other newsletters, and other editors are invited to share news of campus-wide interest with the Public Relations Office for inclusion in it. Together the local and university-wide news coverage will keep us better informed and in touch. Best wishes to The Troubadour.

L. Mary Lee

The Troubadour: A source of information

Welcome to The Troubadour, Stritch's new faculty/staff newsletter, produced by the Public Relations Office. In an effort to keep everyone better informed about campus-wide news, we hope to publish at least once a month, perhaps as often as every two weeks. We welcome your story ideas.

We chose the name Troubadour because it reflects Stritch's Franciscan roots. Troubadours were entertainers and messengers who roamed the cities of northern Italy and in Provence during the 12th and 13th centuries. Carrying flutes or lutes, they composed rhyming lyrics and songs, typically about chivalry but also about



A troubadour, by Italian artist Giotto di Bondone, was an entertainer and also a messenger of news.

current events. Because there were no media outlets at that time, troubadours spread information and were considered the carriers of news.

"And St. Francis calls himself the 'Troubadour

of the Great King,' who is Jesus Christ," said Father Jim Lobacz, campus minister and head of the Franciscan Mission Office. "So what Francis did when roaming from place to place was bring the news of God for people to hear. He would, in his own way, be a troubadour for God."

We hope to be Troubadours for Stritch goes-on, so please keep us informed so that we can get the word out and hopefully, in a very Franciscan way, bring all of us closer together.

*—Linda Steiner
VP, Public Relations/
Communications*

*—Amanda Freiberg
Assistant Director
of Public Relations*

Happy holidays!

Anticipating time off for the Christmas and New Year's holidays? Well, courtesy of Stritch President Sister Mary Lea Schneider, all staff and faculty will be getting an extra special holiday gift this year.

Before she left for her Assisi pilgrimage, Sister Mary Lea decided that everyone will have off from Wednesday, Dec. 24, through Sunday, Jan. 4, returning to work Monday, Jan. 5 – a total of 12 days.

"Sister usually gives us additional

time off if the holidays fall mid-week," said Karen Walrath, vice president for Business and Finance. "And this year she just decided it would be nice to not require people to return to work in drips and drabs for the few days before and after the Christmas and New Year's holidays.

"And she said the official announcement in this newsletter would be a great way to send off The Troubadour – and she wants people to enjoy the holidays!"

Bonaventure construction starting soon

Bids on the Bonaventure renovation are due back to Stritch on Oct. 9, and construction will start within the next few weeks.

As with any construction project, disruptions – some scheduled and some unplanned – are to be expected, said Jack Glynn, vice president for Facilities.

“All water, electric, voice and data service will be affected during construction, and everything in Bonaventure south of the switchboard ultimately will be demolished,” he said. “So shutdowns will occur, with most only in Bonaventure. We will do our best to reschedule classes as much as we can and to alleviate inconveniences.”

Generally, other buildings not deprived of electricity and water will continue to operate normally, Glynn said. And offices that deal regularly with those in Bonaventure will, nonetheless, remain open if Bonaventure is closed because of construction. Noting the confusion that occurred with a recent shutdown of the main campus due to a Fox Point water main break – which actually did not affect offices in the Coventry building – Glynn said every effort would be made in the future to be more clear and specific regarding closures.

Trailers, which will house the offices of Undergraduate Admissions, Career Services and the BH45 classroom for about 11 months, will be installed soon in the north courtyard adjacent to the Campus Center.

Stritch will lose all the parking spots in Lot 2 and 35 spots in Lot 3 south of Duns Scotus, but will gain 45 spots overall by a northward and westward expansion of Lot 3. Parking losses will coincide with the start of construction, Glynn said, and the additional spots will be created as soon as possible. In the meantime, people are urged to park in Lots 5 and 8.

The construction staging area will be around Lot 2, at the southeast end of campus. The driveway that angles to the northwest from Yates Road and runs beside Lot 2 probably will be blocked from Yates to the flagpole, Glynn said. The roadway from Yates that runs westward and leads to Lot 3 will remain open.



Photos by Troy Freund

From left, Suzy Richards and Monica Steele, of SDC; Tony Middlebrooks, of Faculty Council; Stephanie Grohall, of SGA; Joan Steele Stein, Campaign chair; Sr. Mary Lea Schneider, and John Bremmer, Board chair, break ground.

Groundbreaking kicks off \$35 million Stritch Campaign

A number of staff and faculty attended the groundbreaking for the \$14 million expansion of Bonaventure Hall that was held Sept. 9. In addition to heralding the beginning of construction on Bonaventure, the event formally kicked off the \$35 million Campaign for Cardinal Stritch University. Bonaventure is one part of the multi-year, overall campaign.

“The weather cooperated, the bees stayed away, and the groundbreaking was a complete success,” said Betty



Sr. Mary Lea Schneider, Stritch president, visits with Sr. Ann Ferschel, OSF, during the groundbreaking.

Heinig, vice president of the Office for University Advancement. “It was a pleasure to have so many faculty and staff members present at the event. We are thankful for your support.”

To better keep people informed as the campaign proceeds, Advancement has launched a newsletter, Campaign Notes, which will be published two to three times a year. The newsletter and complete details about

the campaign are accessible from the Stritch Web site’s home page, www.stritch.edu.

Annual Fund pledges sought

The Office for University Advancement is reminding people that it’s not too late to make a pledge to the 2003-04 Annual Stritch Employee Giving Campaign.

Cash contributions or pledges through payroll deduction are appreciated. To obtain a pledge form or more information, call Becky Piasecki, senior advancement associate, at Ext. 4209.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Next year's pilgrims to be announced

A University assembly is scheduled for Friday, Oct. 3, at 4 p.m., to announce the pilgrims for next year's Franciscan Leadership Pilgrimage to Assisi.

The event, which will include prayers for this year's pilgrims, will be held in the Chapel.

Critter blessing set for Oct. 4

In celebration of the Feast of St. Francis, Stritch will hold its second-annual Blessing of the Animals on Saturday, Oct. 4, at noon. Father Jim Lobacz, campus minister and head of the Franciscan Mission Office, will officiate.

The event will be held on the south quad, between Duns Scotus and the Campus Center, and the adjacent covered walkway will be used if it rains. Dogs should be leashed and other small animals brought in crates or pet carriers.

Author Parker Palmer helps kick off OVD

Helping to kick off the opening of the Office of Vocation Development, writer, teacher and activist Dr. Parker J. Palmer will speak on campus Wednesday, Oct. 22. The author of "The Courage to Teach: Exploring the Inner Landscape of a Teacher's Life," and other works,



Palmer

Palmer focuses on issues in education, community, leadership, spirituality and social change.

The day of the kickoff, Palmer will sign his latest book in Schroeder Auditorium at 9:40 a.m., and faculty and staff are invited to talk with him in the auditorium at 2:30 p.m. and to attend an Open House in Cardinal Lounge at 5 p.m. A public presentation is set for 7 p.m. in the Fieldhouse. For details, call Ext. 4750.

88 percent opt into new health plan; free health advice on the way

Human Resources reports that enrollment for the new Wisconsin Association of Independent Colleges and Universities (WAICU) Consortium health benefits plan has been very successful, with 88 percent of those eligible opting to be a part of the plan.

Ten people chose the bronze level of coverage, 99 chose silver, and 47 chose gold. Individuals who have not turned in an application form and still want to be in the plan must do so by day's end today.

New insurance and prescription cards for Wausau Benefits, which administers the plan, are being mailed to homes and should be received by Wednesday, Oct. 1. Those who do not receive a card by Friday, Oct. 3, should contact Wausau Benefits at (800) 826-9781. The consortium's group number is 76-010659.

Plan members will also soon receive information on the CareLink2Health Disease Management Program, a free, confidential service that provides the latest

information on health care and disease management. A health assessment survey will be sent to enrollees' homes during the first two weeks of October. Those who fall into one of several disease-management categories will get a call from a Wausau Benefits nurse, who will discuss health and prevention issues, diet, exercise and nutrition, etc. Those who do not want to be called may opt out.

Categories on which information is available are heart disease, diabetes, asthma, chronic obstructive lung disease, hypertension, congestive heart failure and depression. Enrollees can also call (800) 808-4424 with general questions on other health care topics.

"As costs continued to skyrocket, we really needed to take a long-term approach and start being proactive on health care benefits," said Melissa Halaska, Human Resources director. "I truly believe that, long term, this program is the best solution for Cardinal Stritch University and the WAICU Consortium."

OVD focuses on pursuing your call

Stritch's newly created Office of Vocation Development (OVD) wants to help individuals pursue their call to service.

Established with a \$1.8 million grant from Lilly Endowment, Inc., the office hopes to accomplish this goal through several endeavors. They include helping direct students to faith-based field placements or internships, cooperating with Campus Ministry to provide volunteer opportunities, and then working with participants to reflect on their experiences. The office also administers assessments, often in collaboration with Career Services, to help individuals discover who they really are and what kind of life work or involvements might make the best use of their potential and bring them joy.

Another service is Faith-to-Faith Mentoring, which connects students with faculty or staff who can help them explore vocation and faith



issues. The program, which the office expects to start at the end of October or in early November, encourages faculty and staff to share with students in mentoring relationships. The Rev. Dr. Trinetta McCray, executive director

of the office, said the experience could re-ignite in faculty and staff the spark for their own lives by fanning the flame in the life of a student.

"We recognize that decision-making about our direction in life is enhanced when we look at life through the lens of faith," she said.

The office also aims to encourage students to pursue ministry, either as ordained or lay leaders; oversees scholarships; and provides a number of other services, including spirituality groups and faith-sharing discussions. Faculty, staff, alumni and students are all a part of the office's work and are welcome to participate. For details, call Ext. 4750, or e-mail ovd@stritch.edu.

Enrollment holding steady

Undergraduate enrollment in the Colleges of Arts and Sciences, Education and Nursing is up 4 percent this fall, and overall University enrollment is expected to hold steady for the entire year.

The three colleges' undergraduate enrollment is at a seven-year high, at 1,115 full- and part-time students, compared to 1,068 last fall, according to Peter J. Holbrook, vice president of Enrollment Management. The college with the most growth is Nursing, which has 391 students, 85 more than last year, or a 28 percent increase. Most gains are in the ADN program.

No major increase is expected in overall University enrollment, which numbers about 7,600 students. Since 1999, Stritch has grown by about 1,100 students, with almost 900 at the graduate level. Most of that growth has been in the College of Education and in other new graduate programs such as the master's degrees in clinical psychology, history, nursing and isual studies.

"The overall objective for 2003-04 is to sustain enrollments at current levels," Holbrook said. "It will allow us to meet our budget, and it's no small feat given the remarkable growth in recent years."

To sustain enrollment, Stritch will need to reverse declines in the College of Business at both the undergraduate and graduate levels, he said. That objective can be achieved by increasing the number of class starts and lowering the percentage of new students who drop, he said.

"Overall, I'm pleased with where Cardinal Stritch University's enrollment is at this point," Holbrook said. "We now have an opportunity to regroup, refocus and prepare for the next growth cycle at the University. These kinds of growth cycles are normal occurrences."

Welcome, new full-time faculty for Fall 2003

- **Jason Bourgeois**, assistant professor, Religious Studies
- **Patrick Clemens**, instructor, Business/Economics
- **Gerardo Cruz-Tanahara**, instructor, Languages
- **Debra Heiss**, assistant professor, Special Education
- **Mary Ann Kathrein**, associate professor, Nursing
- **Patricia Kaufman**, assistant professor, Nursing
- **Nihat Kokan**, assistant professor, Natural Sciences/Biology
- **Julie Noel**, instructor, Nursing
- **Kim Paxton**, assistant professor, Nursing
- **Kathleen Radionoff**, assistant professor, associate dean, COB, Region I
- **David Riordan**, assistant professor, English
- **Molly Shiffler**, assistant professor, Reading/Language Arts
- **Paul Weber**, assistant professor, Masters of Education

What do you think?

We want your feedback. Please tell us what you think of The Troubadour. What do you like? What would you change? Story ideas? E-mail us at prdept@stritch.edu.

Technology policies on tap

A new set of policies regarding technology at Stritch are available for campuswide review. All faculty, staff and students will receive an e-mail message soon from David Kimmel, vice president of Planning, Technology and Assessment, after which there will be a 10-day period to provide feedback on the policies.

"Everyone is requested to review the policies, because they affect everyone," Kimmel said. "We're trying to establish realistic expectations of the Technology Division and to tell people what we expect of them."

The policies, which were created over a number of months with input from the entire Technology Division, cover an array of topics, from guarding your password to how-tos on requesting technology service and purchases.

The document is available on StritchNet, which is on the University's homepage (www.stritch.edu). From the Web, viewers can read the policies online or download them and print a copy. To access the policies, click on StritchNet, sign in with the same login and password you use daily, and click on "Policy Browser" under the "Tools" section on the left side of the StritchNet home page. Policy1020 outlines how to contact Kimmel to comment on the policies.

Worm/virus alert: Bring in your laptops

People with University-owned laptops need to contact PC Support (Ext. 4600) as soon as possible to schedule a time to bring in their computers for virus-protection and system updates.

"This is really important," said David Kimmel, vice president of Planning, Technology and Assessment. "If you hook your laptop up to the Stritch system and are carrying a worm or a virus, you could infect other computers at the

University. Conversely, if you're using a laptop without the most up-to-date virus protection, you could easily pick up a virus from University computers or the Internet and could lose your own data. In an environment such as academe, that is so dependent on computers, the risks are quite high."

These maintenance procedures apply only to University-owned laptops, not personal equipment. Direct any questions to PC Support.

Techno tips

- ◆ **Shut your computer down every night. Don't just log off.**
- ◆ **Clean out your e-mail frequently and empty your trash. This can help improve computer performance.**
- ◆ **If you work with sensitive material, lock your computer when you step away from your desk, by pressing control+alt+delete. "Lock your computer" comes up. Unlock by simply resubmitting your password.**