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THE TROUBADOUR

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Issue 5

Message from the President

We have concluded 14 input-gathering sessions for our visioning process, and I want to sincerely thank the many people who came together to share their ideas. I am very pleased with the representation we had, which in the end numbered 123 faculty and staff from across the campus and the regions, plus about 30 traditional and non-traditional-aged students.

At the sessions, we focused on four questions regarding what we do best at Stritch, what we should do more, what we should do less and what new things we should do. There was much agreement about the things we do best: we provide a caring community, we promote Franciscan values, we pay attention to our students and give them individual attention, we serve adult and first-generation college students well, and we have a high quality, committed faculty. These themes were repeated in almost every session, and they form the core of who we are and what we must strive never to lose.

A diversity of answers came forth on the other three questions, some of which were primarily operational in nature and some that were quite visionary and intriguing. We asked people to think out of the box, and

some certainly did! A compilation of the responses, as well as all the raw data submitted by the participants, will be provided to the Visioning Committee, which will meet after the first of the year to start crafting a vision statement to guide us over the next three to five years. Compilations also will be made available in the Library and will be sent to each of our two outlying regions, for anyone who wants to peruse the information.

Visions galvanize interest and commitment from everyone, capture our imagination and energize us for change, drawing us into the future. When author and educator Parker Palmer spoke here recently, he quoted Frederick Buechner: "Vocation is where one's deep gladness meets the world's great needs." I believe that each of us finds fulfillment in our own life when our deep gladness meets the world's great needs – even in the workplace. To help us further the visioning process, I ask you to reflect on how being at Stritch has helped



you tap into that inner core that calls you to be of service.

I would like you to consider a Stritch initiative, program or work task that created enthusiasm and energy for you. For example, did you experience joy by helping students serve in a meal program or by engaging in a meaningful classroom discussion? Is there a particular program we have that has really generated your enthusiasm and energy? I want to know about the kinds of things that, when tapped into at a deep level, give us a sense that we are doing what we are called to do in this life.

As we move forward in our visioning process, as an entire community, we need to find the vision for the future that will generate genuine energy and commitment. So, please e-mail me your answers, specific and succinct. You can click on my e-mail address, which is provided below.

I look forward to hearing from you, and I ask God's blessing as we proceed with our visioning for the future.



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Faculty reminded to turn in grades as quickly as possible

With the Christmas break fast approaching, the registrar is reminding faculty members to turn in grades in a timely manner, within 48 hours after final exam, to accommodate the many processes that have to take place before Dec. 23.

"It's wonderful that we have off Dec. 24 through Jan. 4, but it also means we have some important student service issues to deal with," said Rhonda Holland, registrar.

Timely submission of grades affects not only grade reports, but also transcript requests for year-end employer reimbursements. It also affects dismissal procedures that must be initiated before Stritch's shutdown.

Faculty members in non-traditional programs need to be conscious of the need for timely grade turnaround as well.

"This greatly impacts the service to our students, and we need your help to maintain our timeline," Holland said.



Bonaventure Hall construction delayed

Work on Bonaventure Hall, which was expected to begin last week, has been delayed.

The Fox Point Construction Board met Nov. 3 to discuss the Bonaventure project and came up with four outstanding issues for the University and Zimmerman Design Group, Stritch's architecture firm, to address before construction can begin. The issues are height requirements of the proposed new building, verification of green space, water drainage issues and setback requirements, said Jack Glynn, vice president for Facilities.

"We have since submitted information addressing those concerns, and we're not anticipating any serious problems," Glynn said. "But two key village employees, who are integral to the decision, were on vacation last week. We hope upon their return this week that they will act quickly and issue the required building permit.

"Delays can be frustrating, but they are commonplace in a project of this magnitude," he said.

Technology gearing up to keep pace with construction

As construction begins on Bonaventure Hall, the Technology Division will be challenged to maintain network connectivity throughout the University.

The first phase of construction starts at the southeast end of Bonaventure. The technology division must ensure that all services remain up and running to Duns Scotus, which adjoins the construction area, and that new service is provided to two trailers into which about 24 people and one classroom will be relocated.

For this to happen, all utilities will have to be rerouted and run through an underground tunnel, which will be built along the western wall of Bonaventure in the southern courtyard into Duns Scotus. Currently, the heart of the network is in the midst of construction, said Ralph Brown, director of telecommunications.

Staff in Undergraduate and Graduate Admissions and Career Services, along with Classroom BH45, will be moved into 24-foot-by-60-foot trailers, which

will be placed in the courtyard just west of the cafeteria hallway. Phone numbers for those offices will not change.

One trailer will house Undergraduate and Graduate Admissions, and the other Career Services and Classroom BH45, said Jack Glynn, vice president for Facilities.

"When Phase 1 is complete, these people will move back to the newly constructed area," he said.

Phase 1 is scheduled to end by August 2004, after which Phase 2 will start. "About 100 people located south of the center stairway at the main entrance of Bonaventure on all floors will be affected then," Glynn said. Those people, some of whom include staff in Financial Aid, the College of Business, Registration and the Switchboard, will be displaced.

"Phase 1 of the addition will be built to completion, and then we will be able to move the Offices of Undergraduate and Graduate Admissions into the new location," Glynn explained. When Phase 2 starts, Financial Aid will not have to go into a trailer,

but rather will be moved from its current location to the new location that was finished in Phase 1. COB, like Financial Aid, will also make one move. Glynn, who said he is in the process of mapping out moves, will notify all others who will be displaced.

Phase 2 is scheduled to be done by August 2005.

During both phases, unavoidable interruptions of service will occur, but Technology staff said they would try to notify people beforehand.

"We are making plans to enhance our reliability to maintain network services," said David Kimmel, vice president for Planning, Technology and Assessment. "This is a major job for us."

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Tree lighting ceremony infused with meaning

Christmas will be kicked off Dec. 5 at Stritch with the annual Christmas Tree Lighting, along with a University Assembly and the President's Christmas Reception.

"We know some members of our campus community are not Christian, but they are welcome to celebrate God's faithfulness," said Father Jim Lobacz, campus minister and head of the Franciscan Mission Office.

The founders of the Sisters of St. Francis came from Bavaria, therefore the Sisters believe the Christmas tree tradition, which originated in Germany, is very meaningful.

It is also an important symbol of God's faithful love, Father Jim said. Lighting the Christmas tree celebrates light in the darkness. And because the Christmas tree is evergreen, which never fades, it symbolizes

God's love, which knows no seasons. "In the 10 years that I've been here, the University has grown and developed in a variety of ways," Father Jim said. "The Christmas tree lighting is one of those anchors that has always been a part of our communal life at Stritch."

The lighting ceremony will be held in the Great Hall at about 4 p.m., after the University Assembly, which starts at 3:15 p.m. in Schroeder Auditorium.

The assembly will include a brief question and answer period, and questions for President Sister Mary Lea Schneider should be submitted in advance to the Franciscan Mission Office, mission@stritch.edu.

The President's Christmas Reception, which will be held in the Student Union, will start after the lighting ceremony.

Reminders

The second payday in December will be Dec. 23.

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The faculty and staff Holiday Party will be held Jan. 16, beginning at 6 p.m., in Serra Hall.

Access to be limited during holiday break

Faculty and staff will be able to get into Bonaventure Hall, Roger Bacon, Duns Scotus, the Campus Center, the Fieldhouse and the Library during Christmas break, which runs from Dec. 24 through Jan. 4, but only through certain doors.

The door adjacent to Lot 7 will be open from 7 a.m.-7 p.m. After 7 p.m., anyone needing access to any of these buildings will have to contact Security at Ext. 4220. Proper ID will be

needed. Because the Library will be open Jan. 3 from noon-4:30 p.m., the Great Hall entrance also will be open that day.

The Education Building and the Center for Communication Studies/Fine Arts building will be closed during the break, but individuals who have keys may work in these buildings. Anyone who needs access and does not have a key should contact Security. Again, proper ID will be needed.

New staff at Stritch



JUDY WENDORF

Assistant director of Outreach



Photo by Amanda Freiberg

Janet Zylstra, director of health services at Stritch, looks over items at the white elephant sale Monday. The sale continues today until 5 p.m. in the hallway leading to the Blue Room. All proceeds benefit Habitat for Humanity and the Tanzania Global Action Project.

What do you think?

We continue to want your feedback. If you have story ideas, send them our way. E-mail us at prdept@stritch.edu.

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