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Stritch to get \$400,000 from federal government

Stritch recently received word from the office of U.S. Sen. Herb Kohl that the University is slated to receive \$400,000 in federal funding toward the Bonaventure Hall expansion project. The funding, which is part of the FY04 Budget agreement reached by House and Senate negotiators late last month, specifically targets Stritch's efforts to provide updated facilities to help address the nursing shortage. The Bonaventure project will serve nursing students with its new "smart" classrooms, which will include the latest in computer and digital technology;

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– Sr. Mary Lea Schneider

computer labs and study rooms for team projects. The project's newly designed student services area will greatly streamline all student services, and the new conference facility will allow the University to host local, state, even national workshops and seminars on topics such as the critical shortage of nurses.

Kohl, a member of the Senate Appropriations Committee and its Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services and Education, identified the project as a priority for funding.

"We are extremely grateful to Sen. Kohl for his efforts on our behalf," said Sister Mary Lea Schneider, Stritch president. "We are excited about this project, which will allow us to be of greater service not only to our students but also to the community at large. As we provide the resources and opportunities our students need to better their lives, they, in turn, can better our world."

Payroll calendar available soon on StritchNet

Instead of receiving a paper copy of Stritch's payroll calendar and an accompanying memo, faculty and staff will be able to access them on StritchNet beginning next week.

Sheila Jacque, payroll clerk, said providing an online version of these documents will not only reduce the use of paper but also help promote StritchNet.

"We want people to utilize StritchNet, and it's an easier format," she said.

Specific directions on how to access the calendar on StritchNet will be e-mailed soon to all faculty and staff, Jacque said.

"The reason we make the calendar and memo is to inform people of the deadlines of the various payrolls," she said. "The larger we grow as a university, the more important it is for the individuals to adhere to the deadlines, and we hope the online calendar makes that easier."

Path won't be built to Coventry

After months of discussion with the management and owners of the Coventry Office Building, it has been determined that Stritch will not be allowed to build stairs or a pathway over the hill adjacent to campus.

"Stritch does not own the land in question, and the Coventry owners have voiced several legitimate concerns regarding building a pathway, and they've decided not to allow it," said Jack Glynn, vice president of Facilities.

"I have received several phone calls, memos and e-mails from across campus asking about the status of the project from people concerned about safety, especially with the winter months fast approaching. I, too, am concerned with everyone's safety. That is precisely why I am asking that, from this point forward, the highly trafficked area over the hill between the two properties – which we all have used in the past – be avoided."

Glynn noted that, based on the messages he has received, people seem to be aware of the potential hazard the route poses.

"It's really important that people use an alternate route when walking between the properties," Glynn said, "so as to maintain a safe work environment and avoid any injuries or possible legal/liability issues with Coventry management."

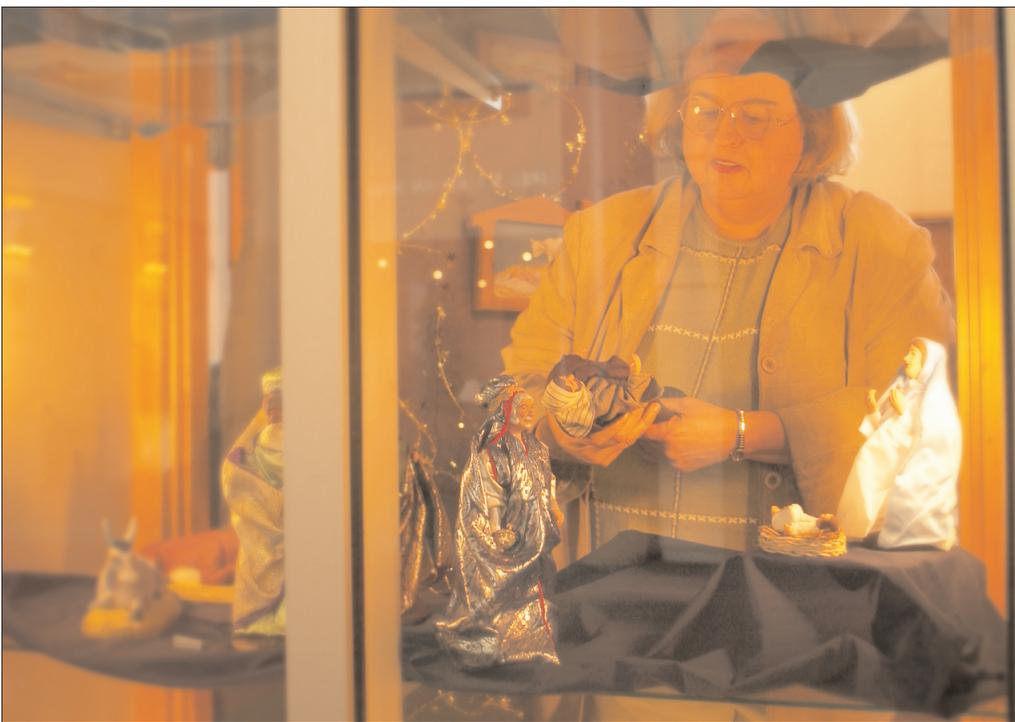


Photo by Kou Vang

Reference librarian Linda Madlung sets up a nativity scene in front of the Library. The collection is on display through Dec. 23.

Librarian displays nativity collection

Reference librarian Linda Madlung is sharing her nativity collection with Stritch.

About 40 nativities from her extensive personal collection can be seen in a window display case in front of the Library and in a floor case inside.

Madlung, who has been collecting nativity sets from around the world for 35 years, said her hobby began when she bought one at Boston Store. She soon found herself buying them as souvenirs while on vacation and receiving them as gifts from family and friends.

"The last time I counted, which was about three Christmases ago, I had about 210," she said.

And to pick out a favorite would be very difficult, she said. "That's like asking, 'Who's your favorite child?'"

But Madlung points to some that are

a bit out of the ordinary, such as the one made out of ash from Mount St. Helens. She also has a sand-cast nativity from Ireland and another from Uganda that is made out of banana skins.

"I have one from Germany given to me by a former landlady who is now dead," she said. "So when I pull it out, I remember her."

Each nativity has its own story. Madlung can point out the ones her sister brought her back from Haiti, the bowling alley nativity sign she bought at a local garage sale and the set she plans to take from her collection to give as a graduation gift to her niece.

She has hundreds more nativities in her Wauwatosa home, but she said she wanted to bring a sampling of Christmas to share at work. Madlung's collection will be on display through Dec. 23.

New staff at Stritch



**CINDY
BYRON-
LAUWASSER**

Academic counselor
for COB Region 1



**MICHAEL
OWENS**

Academic counselor
for COB Region 1



**NICK
STOLZ**

Office support
specialist
for Accelerated
Outreach

Correction

The Library will be closed over the holiday break except for Sunday, Jan. 4, when it will be open from noon to 4:30 p.m., not Saturday, Jan. 3, as stated in the last issue of the Troubadour.

Locate previous issues

All copy in The Troubadour is written by Linda Steiner and Amanda Freiberg of Public Relations. If you have story ideas or feedback, e-mail us at prdept@stritch.edu. Previous issues of The Troubadour can be found in StritchNet. Log in, then click on the public documents pull-down menu at the bottom right of the page.