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Third Party Comments

An important step in the Accreditation Process

As faculty and staff are aware, Stritch is preparing to host a team from the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools April 19-21 for a reaccreditation visit.

The Commission has had a longstanding commitment to making the accreditation process more visible to the public and to broaden public participation in the process. In 1992 Congress passed a federal mandate requiring that accreditation agencies make it a priority to provide an "opportunity for third party comment, either in writing or at a public hearing... concerning the institution's qualifications for accreditation."

"Stritch was asked to identify its constituencies and to make a concerted effort to notify each group of the opportunity for third party comments," said Academic Vice President Marna Boyle. "As soon as we determined who we needed to reach, we put together an advertisement soliciting comments and began placing the ad in a variety of newspapers and magazines."

The ad, at right, has been or will be included in the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel, Catholic Herald, CNI - Community Newspapers, Inc., Wisconsin State Journal and the Minneapolis Star-Tribune. In addition to today's issue of The Troubadour, it will also be published in WolfPrint, the Campus Bulletin and Stritch Magazine.

"We have made every effort to involve all of our various publics," said Boyle. "Accreditation is a very time-consuming and all-encompassing process, but we know that all of our hard work will reap positive results."

Comments invited...

Cardinal Stritch University is seeking comments about the University in preparation for its periodic evaluation by the North Central Association.

Comments regarding the University are welcome and should be submitted to the Association at this address:

Public Comments about Cardinal Stritch University
Higher Learning Commission
North Central Association of Colleges & Schools
30 North LaSalle Street, Suite 2400
Chicago, IL 60602

All comments must be received by **March 19, 2004**

Cardinal Stritch University will undergo a comprehensive evaluation visit from April 19-21, 2004, by a team representing the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges & Schools. The University has been accredited by the North Central Association since 1953. The team will review the institution's ongoing ability to meet the Commission's Criteria for Accreditation and General Institutional Requirements.

Comments must address substantive matters related to the quality of the institution or its academic programs. Comments must be in writing and signed; comments cannot be treated as confidential.



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Peer Educators Add New Dimension to Health Fair

Wednesday, February 11 marks the 10th year the Stritch Health Fair has been under the direction of Janet Zylstra and this year's event will be bigger, better and more diverse than ever.

One highlight of the Fair is the first-time collaboration between the Stritch Peer Educators and similar groups from Marquette University and the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. The Peer Educators, a group of 10 Stritch students who serve as a resource for other students on health and societal issues, have been pooling resources and training with their counterparts from the other two universities for the past six months. All three groups will host booths at the Health Fair.

The Stritch Peer Educators will premiere their booth on skin care and sun protection at the Stritch

Health Fair. In March, they will take their efforts on the road, as they reciprocate by taking part in the Marquette University Spring Break Blitz Health Fair.

"This is a great opportunity to participate in health screenings and access up-to-date health information," said Zylstra, Stritch's director of Health Services and Peer Educator advisor. "Faculty, staff and students can stop in for a few minutes or more and take their time gathering materials on a wide range of topics." The various booths, displays and screenings will span much of the first level in Serra and Bonaventure halls including the Serra Hall walkway, the Board Room and Cardinal Lounge between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m.

A New Face in Human Resources

She's a familiar face to students, but now employees will get to know her as well. Dianna Cocroft has moved from the Financial Aid



Office to Human Resources, filling the position of Human Resources Generalist. The position has been vacant since November when Danae McCormac left the University after the birth of her twins. Danae and her family have moved back to Iowa, her home state.

Dianna, who has worked at Stritch for five years, will be available to assist with benefit concerns, new employee orientations and other general human resources questions. Dianna's extension is 4227.

The First Dig For Bonaventure Hall Jan. 21, 2004



Photo by Rob Wick, AV/Media Services

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New staff at Stritch

KIMBERLY KOCHANSKI

Customer Service/
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