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Nursing dean named to National Advisory Council

Tommy Thompson, secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services, has appointed Dr. Nancy Cervenansky, dean of the Ruth S. Coleman College of Nursing, to serve on the National Advisory Council on Nurse Education and Practice of the Health Resources and Services Administration.

The council makes recommendations to the secretary and Congress on policy matters regarding the administration of Title VIII of the Public Health Service Act. Those include a range of issues relating to the nursing workforce, education and improvements in the practice of nursing.

Cervenansky will serve a four-year term beginning immediately and ending Jan. 31, 2007. The council, which Thompson chairs, is made up of 21 participants, selected from around the country. It includes representatives from a variety of nursing constituencies, including students, practicing professional nurses, members of the general public, and authorities in the various fields of nursing, including higher and secondary education, associate-degree schools of nursing, and representatives of advanced education nursing groups (such as nurse practitioners, nurse midwives and nurse anesthetists). The group also includes representatives of hospitals and other organizations that provide nursing services.

"This is a great honor," Cervenansky said about the appointment. "I am grateful to be a member of a profession that empowers its members to be leaders in planning and setting the agenda for nursing education and practice and the health and well-being of the people it serves. It's wonderful for me personally, for the Ruth S. Coleman College of Nursing, and Cardinal Stritch University to be given this opportunity to advance the nursing profession in the political arena."

Cervenansky said there are many issues in nursing that need to be addressed and are at the forefront of discussion on a national level. For example, the shortage of nurse educators with advanced degrees in nursing has been and remains a key area of focus for her and nursing education deans across the country. Another is workforce redesign and change in models of nursing clinical education. Cervenansky has been a part of the Wisconsin Nursing Redesign Consortium, which has been taking the leadership role in charting the future for nursing education and practice in the state. She will bring insight from this group to her role on the National Advisory Council.

Cervenansky added that, "We need collaboration between education and practice, so we can provide not only the best education to students but also design systems that

enhance the practice of nursing and, ultimately, improve public health. It will be a challenge, but an exciting one, working on these questions within the context of this Council."

Message from the President



Dear Colleagues,

There will be a brief but very important University assembly for faculty and staff starting at 3:10 p.m. on Friday, March 26, in Schroeder Auditorium. The meeting will be videotaped for our regional offices.

In the spirit of sharing information, I'm calling this gathering to discuss the upcoming budget with all of you and to review some issues that face the University in the coming year. I will be taking questions after my presentation.

I hope you can join me.

With God's Blessing,

Mary Lee

MPS chief to speak at Honors Convocation

Honors Convocation will be held at 2:45 p.m. on April 28 in the Fieldhouse, followed by a reception in the Union.

This year's speaker will be William Andrekopoulos, superintendent of the Milwaukee Public Schools, who is a Stritch graduate and a quarter-time instructor at the University. He teaches a course in School Business, which deals with the logistics of school operations and finances, in the Master of Educational Leadership program in the College of Education. Andrekopoulos graduated from Stritch with a master of education degree in learning disabilities.

Sister Thomasita Fessler, former chair of the Art Department, will be named professor emerita of art, recognizing her contributions to the University.

The Honors Convocation celebrates the University motto and the words of St. Paul, "Ut Probetis Potiora," which means, "to value the better things." At the gathering, the special achievements of students and faculty will be noted.

Hot water halted by buildout

Due to the Bonaventure expansion project, hot water will be unavailable in the washrooms in Duns Scotus until next fall.

To ensure proper hygiene, Facilities will provide anti-bacterial gel in the washrooms, starting this week.

Any questions should be directed to Jack Glynn, vice president for Facilities.

Life in the trailers – a moving experience

We watched as they were skillfully moved into place. It was December 2003

when three large trailers moved through the parking lots and onto the grass just outside the Campus Center. But they were much more than just trailers;

they would soon become a temporary classroom for students and the offices for Undergraduate and Graduate Admissions and Career Services.

Workers carefully built up supports to keep the floors of the new accommodations level and sturdy for those who were soon to move into these unlikely quarters. All sorts of questions began circulating. Will they be large enough? What about the temperatures? What will the students think? Will they be dark and drafty? The campus community watched, waited and wondered.

In true Wisconsin style, furniture, computers and people moved into the new accommodations in January during some of the coldest and snowiest weather Wisconsin has seen in the past several years.

"The move to the trailers went very smoothly," said Jack Glynn, vice president for Facilities. "Despite

the extremely cold temperatures on the days of the move, everyone was cooperative and really made an effort to keep things moving efficiently."

The trailers have now acted as "home base" for about two months, and to

hear from the inhabitants, the new quarters have become pretty comfortable.

"We were pleasantly surprised," said Kirk Messer, associate director of Graduate Admissions. "We worried that these new offices (in the trailers) might be dark and dingy, but they are actually very bright and pretty spacious."

"We haven't heard any complaints from students or visitors, and that's one of the most important factors," he said. "We just try to have fun with it."

"People are really surprised when they come in," said Michelle Niedermair, of Career Services. "They don't expect the trailers to be this nice."

Chuck La Marche, admissions programs coordinator in Undergraduate Admissions agreed. "I think we actually have more space than we did in our old offices," he said.

While just about everyone in the trailers admits that there are a few inconveniences, they agree that the outcome will be well worth the time spent outside a traditional brick-and-mortar office setting.

"We are told that when Phase one of the construction is completed we will be moving into our new, permanent offices," Messer said. "While the interim has been relatively easy, we are really looking forward to our new home."

According to Glynn, both Graduate and Undergraduate Admissions are expected to move into their new quarters in fall 2004, at which time other

departments will be moved into the trailers for the duration of the construction project. Career Services will most likely remain in the trailers until late summer or early fall 2005, when the entire Bonaventure Hall expansion is completed.

