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THE TROUBADOUR

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Issue 23



Message from the President

Dear Colleagues,

I would like to remind everyone that there will be an all-University Assembly on Friday afternoon, Nov. 12, at 3:10 in the Schroeder Auditorium, with refreshments served afterward in the Student Union. At this important assembly, I will present and discuss the Vision Statement and outline the next steps in the Visioning Process. We will also have presentations designed to address some of the misconceptions that have arisen to this point about issues surrounding the Vision, and we'll share information on major trends affecting higher education. I also will touch on what is to take place on the University Planning Day, Saturday, Nov. 20.

Please watch for a letter from my office early next week that will provide greater detail on both the Nov. 12 Assembly and the Nov. 20 Planning Day.

Your input, insight, and dedication in this process have been much appreciated, and I look forward to continuing the dialog we have started on the Vision and the future of this great institution.

With God's blessing,

Wear your Stritch gear on Mondays

The Cardinal Stritch University bookstore is having a 20% off sale on Nov. 17. That might be a good time to stock up on your Stritch T-shirts, polo shirts and sweatshirts, because University President Sister Mary Lea Schneider has approved a second casual day a week, Mondays, for those who wear Stritch items.

As with any casual days, offices that have a lot of direct contact with parents and the public should consider themselves exempt from this. If your job requires you to look professional, please don't show up in a sweatshirt – even if it does say Cardinal Stritch University on the front! Sweatpants, as always, are not allowed. And no cheating: It's casual on Mondays only if you wear Stritch gear!

Rock the Vote bus swings into Stritch

Rock the Vote, a nonpartisan venture aimed at motivating and mobilizing young voters, brought its 50-city bus tour to the Stritch Milwaukee campus on Friday, Oct. 29.

The bus tour sought to evoke the 1960s Freedom riders, which symbolized the struggle for civil rights for many people in America. The bus made pre-election stops at events around the country to register voters and included a "voter village" with sponsor booths, issues tables, games, and giveaways.

According to one volunteer, the unscheduled stop happened because the organization wanted to stay in Wisconsin through Election Day because of its status as a crucial swing state. The group focused on issues surrounding the election using music at college campuses and major political conventions.

Rock the Vote President Jehmu Greene said on the group's Web site that the goal was to mobilize 20 million new-generation voters. The bus tour aimed to spur young people to talk about the issues at stake, such as jobs, health care and the war in Iraq.



"We know it will energize them to fulfill their pivotal role in the political process," he said.

Stritch is first university in Wisconsin to offer new loan program

In mid-October, Stritch unveiled a program that allows graduate and doctoral students a new option in choosing a lender for Stafford Loans. Students may bypass traditional bank loans and select the Cardinal Stritch University Stafford Loan Program, in which the University itself is the lender. This program carries several distinct advantages over the traditional lending format:

First, revenue generated from providing loans to its students allows Stritch to fund need-based programs.

Second, Stritch provides a 0.50% reduction in origination fees, which typically amount to 3% of the total amount borrowed. For example, if a student is awarded the \$18,500 maximum amount available, the origination fee on that loan would be \$555. In the Stritch program, the 0.50% origination fee reduction would cut that figure to \$462.50, a savings of \$92.50 to the student.

Third, an additional 0.25% interest rate reduction takes effect when payments are automatically withdrawn from a checking or savings account. Borrowers who make their first 48 consecutive monthly payments on time will automatically receive a 2.00% interest rate reduction for the remaining term of their loan.

"This is a great way for students to help themselves and each other," said John Mueller, director of Financial Aid. All interest rates and payment schedules remain the same as traditional subsidized and unsubsidized Federal Stafford Loans, and the loan servicer, Great Lakes Higher Education Corporation, also remains the same.

Only 75 to 100 schools in the nation offer such a program, Mueller said, and Stritch is the first and only one in Wisconsin to do so. He expects that 95% of incoming graduate students will select Stritch rather than a traditional bank, because of its obvious advantages.

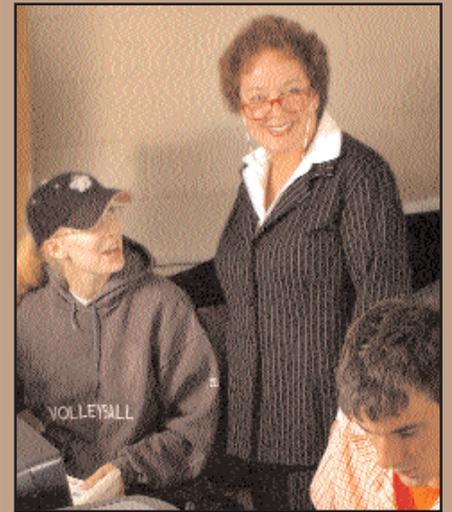
"We really think that this is a great way of investing in the students and giving them the chance to invest a little in each other," Mueller said.

Under federal regulations, the program applies only to graduate and doctoral students, not to undergraduates.

Materials on the new program eventually will be included in graduate applications, but the information is currently available in the Financial Aid area of Stritch's website at <http://www.stritch.edu/loans>.

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Technology training coordinator named

As of Nov. 1, Suzy Richards is Cardinal Stritch University's new institutional training coordinator.

In this newly created position, she will facilitate internal, external and out-sourced technology training and development for the University. She can be reached for training design consultation at 410-4024 or by e-mail, sgrichards@stritch.edu

Technology tutorials available on StritchNet

With the holidays looming and schedules tightening, many faculty and staff are finding it more difficult to maintain order in their busy lives. Often, we rely on technology to help us stay on track and in touch. Whether you're off campus, on vacation, or just frazzled by appointments and deadlines, there is help out there.

StritchNet, the internal section of the Stritch Web site, has a number of useful how-to documents that provide users with simple, easy-to-follow instructions on:

- Checking Web-based e-mail
- Forwarding e-mail
- General StritchNet use

These resources can be found at: <http://www.stritch.net/help>

Media Services Department Web site revamped

The Media Services Department has a revamped Web site that offers useful information, including:

- Available equipment (for educational purposes only)
- Technology Cart troubleshooting
- Technology classroom locations and photos
- Online audiovisual equipment requests
- Media Services department survey

To access the site, go to <http://library.stritch.edu/av/av2.html>

Summer-job hiring policy clarified

Members of the campus community are reminded of the policy regarding the hiring of students for summer jobs on campus. First priority for any open positions goes to international students, because the only work option available to them under federal law is on-campus employment. If a department or unit cannot find a qualified international student who wants a summer position, the second priority should be to fill it with a Cardinal Stritch University student.

If an open position is still unfilled after examining the first two priority candidate pools, offices are encouraged to contact the Dean of Students' office. Their staff may know of students looking for or needing jobs for the summer who are not aware of the full range of job opportunities across campus. If that conversation does not result in identifying a qualified or interested student, then a department or unit may look outside the University for a student worker.

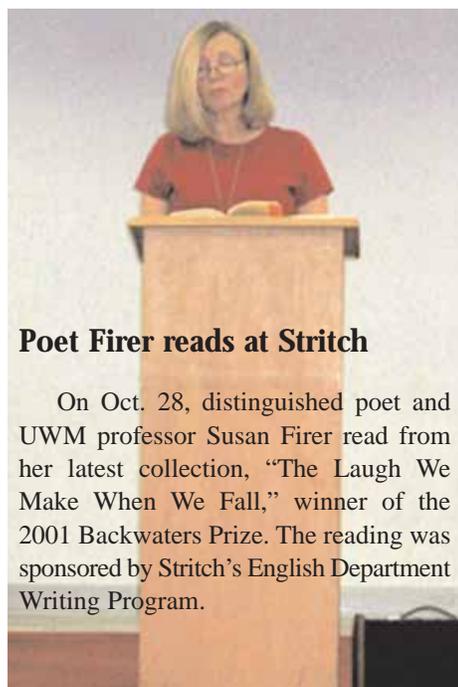
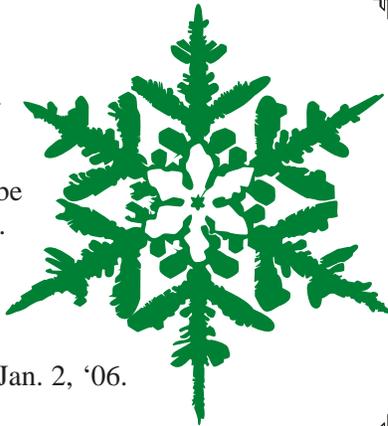
Offices are urged to turn in all paperwork to the Payroll Department BEFORE the person begins to work. And they are reminded that federal work-study money may not be used during the summer months.

The holidays are coming!

For those of you who like to make your holiday plans well in advance:

The official holidays for 2004-'05 will be Friday, Dec. 24, through Sunday Jan. 2, '05. We return to work on Monday Jan. 3, '05.

The official holidays for 2005-06 will be Monday, Dec. 26, through Sunday Jan. 1, '06. We return to work on Monday Jan. 2, '06.



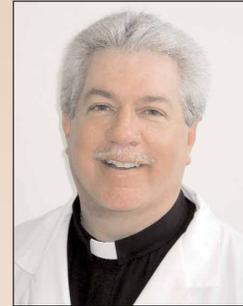
Poet Firer reads at Stritch

On Oct. 28, distinguished poet and UWM professor Susan Firer read from her latest collection, "The Laugh We Make When We Fall," winner of the 2001 Backwaters Prize. The reading was sponsored by Stritch's English Department Writing Program.

Correction

In the Oct. 19 Troubadour, it was incorrectly stated that the stone steppers in the Meditation Garden were each dedicated to a Sister who had passed away. It is actually the rose bushes that are dedicated to the memory of the Sisters.

New Stritch Faculty



Br. James O'Brien
Assistant Professor
College of Nursing



Dan Scholz
Assistant Professor
Religious Studies

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