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CELEBRATING VALENTINE'S DAY, OFFERING THANKS FOR THE MOVE

Amid the newly finished second-floor atrium of Bonaventure Hall, faculty and staff gathered Tuesday to celebrate the expansion project and to recognize those who helped make it a reality.

As part of a three-day open house event that continues through Thursday, the University community is being encouraged to walk around and see where people are now located and to become better familiar with the layout of offices on each floor.



In a brief ceremony Tuesday, President Sister Mary Lea Schneider specifically praised the dedicated and well-coordinated work of Facilities, Physical Plant, Technology, and Telecommunications in transforming the new construction into functioning workspace.

“As the construction fellows were leaving, our team in IT, Physical Plant and Facilities were making plans on how to move people into this new building,” she said. “They took upon themselves

the concept of being a learning organization, and they reflected on what went right and what didn't go quite right in the first move, and the second move just went beautifully. It was a monumental task, and they were doing this at the same time as they were doing their regular jobs.”



Sr. Mary Lea addresses employees gathered in recognition of those involved in the moves.

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Sister Mary Lea also thanked the entire University community for its patience and understanding over the course of the project.

“I want to express my gratitude for putting up with construction for basically two years, and for being such good sports about avoiding construction areas,” she said. “The wait has been well worth it. The space has gotten so many compliments from people. It’s a space that truly welcomes people to Stritch.

Acknowledging Valentine’s Day, Sister Mary Lea said was offering everyone her heart, and she gave boxes of candy to the areas responsible for the move. They also were given ceramic mugs filled with candy.

The idea for the event originated with the Core Coordinating Committee of the visioning process. It was organized by Mary Graf, secretary for Pete Holbrook; Lynn Olcott, assistant director of Advancement programs; Laurie Swartwout, coordinator/instructional materials librarian, and Mary Witte, executive assistant to Holbrook.

As part of the event, each of the three floors of Bonaventure will host a reception. The staff of the second floor hosted Tuesday. The remaining schedule is as follows:

- Wednesday, Feb. 15, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. -- Hosted by the staff of the first floor.
- Thursday, Feb. 16, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. -- Hosted by the staff of the lower level.

Light refreshments will be served each day in each floor’s respective atrium area. At that time, all offices will be open for visitors to explore. A voluntary test will be offered to see if visitors can recall any memorable features about the new offices. First and second place prizes will be awarded.

Witte said the Core Coordinating Committee plans to have a similar gathering next year, to provide more opportunities for various areas to interact.

“We hope to do a University-wide gathering each year around Valentine’s Day to continue this vision,” she said. “We’re working harder on a focus of getting people together. Valentine’s Day is a nice time to celebrate the people here.”

New Stritch staff



Diane Ebbers
Department Manger/Secretary
Reading Center



Beata Pawlikowski
Curator
Franciscan Center Library



Nick Wiberg
Shift Engineer
Physical Plant

UPGRADED TELEPHONE SYSTEM TRAINING BEGINS, NEW IMPLEMENTATION DATE SET

The Technology Services department has begun holding refresher training sessions for Stritch employees on the campus telephone system, in advance of major upgrades that will take effect Feb. 20.



The primary reason for the upgrade is to improve outdated technology by implementing new call center software, which will increase the University's capacity to serve its constituents by linking callers to those best able to help them.

The upgrade will take place on the evening of Friday, Feb. 17. Ralph Brown, director of telecommunications, indicated that the original conversion date had to be moved back slightly due to delays in the arrival of some necessary equipment.

The system will be shut down between 8:30 and 9 p.m. on Feb. 17. Between 8:30 and 10 p.m., calls into the University will receive no answer. After 10 p.m., voice mail will answer and store messages. Phone service will not be restored until 4 a.m.

With the upgraded system, callers will be able to select from a wider variety of options that will put them in touch with who can best assist them. One of the main advantages of the new system is that Stritch employees in various areas will be available to callers based on their areas of expertise. Training on the specifics of this special feature will be available to the departments directly affected: Financial Aid, Registration, Career Services, Advancement, Admissions, Academic Support, and IPD.

All desk phone sets will remain with no changes. Precautions are being taken to ensure that telephone service will not be disrupted during the conversion process. All faculty and staff will be notified of scheduled interruptions prior to such work.

Any offices with special concerns or questions are encouraged to contact Brown at Ext. 4501 or rhbrown@stritch.edu.

CATHOLIC-SCHOOL TEACHERS OFFERED 50% TUITION DISCOUNT

In an exciting partnership with the Archdiocese of Milwaukee, Stritch is offering a 50% tuition discount on master's degree programs for educators employed at Archdiocese of Milwaukee schools.

Stritch offers a variety of master's programs for teachers who want to become administrators or specialists in areas such as reading, special education, urban education and instructional technology.

It is hoped that the University's reputation for academic excellence combined with the accelerated evening format of many programs in Education will attract Catholic-school teachers.

Upcoming offerings in the spring of 2006 include a Master of Arts degree in Reading/Language Arts and a Master's of Education degree in Instructional Technology. Offerings in the summer of 2006 include Master of Arts degrees in Reading/Learning Disability and in Special



Education. In the fall of 2006, programs to be offered will be a Master's of Education degrees in Instructional Technology and in Education, Master of Arts degrees in Reading/Language Arts, Special Education and Teaching (initial certification), and Master of Science degrees in Instructional Technology and in Educational Leadership.

Interested educators should visit www.stritch.edu/upcomingcohorts for additional information about the 2006-'07 programs, including their Milwaukee-area locations. Information requests for a specific program can be made at [www/stritch.edu/contact](http://www.stritch.edu/contact) or by calling (414) 410-4042.

"We sincerely hope that anyone who knows an educator in an area Catholic school will encourage that person to take advantage of this offer, which will increase their professional capabilities and ultimately benefit their students," said Executive Vice President Peter J. Holbrook.

SPONSORED PROGRAMS UPDATE

Sponsored programs and grant activity on campus continues to increase. Here is a quick snapshot of proposals submitted by faculty and staff at Cardinal Stritch University starting with Fiscal Year 2001-02:

Fiscal Year	# of Proposals	\$ Value of Proposals
2001-02	5	\$1,570,603
2002-03	6	\$2,337,506
2003-04	3	\$ 177,889
2004-05	23	\$1,793,599
2005-06 (6.5 months)	18	\$1,606,445



According to Jim Casey, executive director of Sponsored Programs, the significant number in this chart is the number of grant requests going out the door to external sponsors. Fiscal Year 2005-06 should exceed 04-05 in terms of number of proposals and will definitely surpass in the dollar value category, and award activity should ultimately rise along with proposal activity, Casey said.

“Award volume is ultimately dependent upon panel or peer review of proposals, where intellectual merit of the project is paramount and key to funding,” he said.

Award activity so far this year totals \$321,162, roughly on par with last year at the same time. Casey noted that sometimes an in-depth look at the statistics is necessary to determine sponsored programs growth and development. For instance, the 2002-03 figures include a \$1.8 million grant awarded to the Office of Vocation Development from the Lilly Endowment.

Casey said the significant increase in proposals is the result of “the energy and inventiveness of the faculty and staff.” In the past few weeks the following grant proposals went out the door, totaling \$564,707:

1. Dr. JoAnne Caldwell, “Early Childhood Baccalaureate Completion.” UW System, \$29,800.
2. Chrishirella Warthen, Residential Summer Camp Conference.” Greater Milwaukee Foundation, \$17,500.
3. Chrishirella Warthen, Residential Summer Camp Teen Conference.” Elizabeth A. Brinn Foundation, \$17,500.
4. Sr. Barbara Reynolds, Dr. Mahmood Doroodchi, Dr. Andrius Tamulis, Catherine Kiaie, “Increasing Student Participation in Mathematics and Computer Science.” The National Science Foundation (NSF), \$499,907. This grant proposal appears to be the largest ever sent to the NSF.

In other news from the Office of Sponsored Programs:

- About 55 faculty and staff attended a Jan. 18 grants seminar, conducted by grant-writing consultant Dr. Lynn Miner.
- Templates for how to present a budget when submitting a grant proposal were disseminated to faculty and staff in December.
- A detailed Budget Development Guide for Grant Proposals was disseminated this week.
- Staff and faculty are encouraged to visit the Office of Sponsored Programs Web site, which contains useful information regarding grants and sponsored programs: www.stritch.edu/sponsoredprograms

For more information on sponsored programs and grants, contact Casey at Ext. 4208 or jjcasey@stritch.edu.

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