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UNIVERSITY GETS CHALLENGE GIFT OF \$500,000 TOWARD BONAVENTURE HALL PROJECT

Stritch recently received an anonymous challenge gift of \$500,000 toward the Bonaventure Hall expansion portion of the Campaign for Cardinal Stritch University.

With nearly \$2 million left to raise for the building, the donors have stipulated that if the University raises \$1.5 million by the end of July, they will complete the campaign with their \$500,000 gift.

Additionally, in response to the challenge, another anonymous donor has agreed to donate \$100,000.

“We are extremely excited and very grateful for these gifts,” said Mike Brauer, vice president for University Advancement. “We know that most of the funds will come from major gifts, and we will continue to concentrate our energies on cultivating people who are capable of assisting us in this challenge.”

Brauer said the Advancement staff would continue to have conversations with individuals, including former trustees and alumni, as well as corporations and foundations.

“We’re looking for cash and pledges that people can stretch over a period of years,” he said.

Another fundraising effort is the Builders’ Wall, which will go in the hallway outside of the Sister Camille Kliebhan Conference Center. For a gift of at least \$1,000, the donor’s name will be placed on the wall. These funds will count toward meeting the Bonaventure challenge.

“These donors’ generosity is remarkable and deeply appreciated,” said Stritch President Sister Mary Lea Schneider. “They understand that the expanded Bonaventure serves students wonderfully, and they realize that this type of service not only makes things easier for our students but, in the long run, helps us achieve our mission to transform lives.”



MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

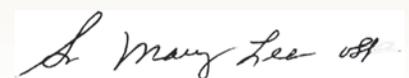
Dear Colleagues,

Father Bob Lotz recently resigned as director of the Franciscan Mission Office. His full-time position is being reconfigured into a half-time position, and he chose to seek a post elsewhere in the Archdiocese, at the service of the Archbishop.

Campus Ministry will get the other half-time position, and candidates will be interviewed in the near future for both jobs.

Father Bob brought many gifts to the institution, and we wish him well in the future.

Sincerely,



COB ENROLLMENT AT A RECORD HIGH

The College of Business has reached a milestone in its history. Its enrollment on the Milwaukee campus has surpassed 800 students, more than the college has ever had. The total enrollment for the Wisconsin region, which includes Appleton, Brookfield, Kenosha and Milwaukee, was 1,500 students as of February 2006, also a high for the college.



“We’re very excited,” said Carol Drury, associate dean of the college’s Wisconsin region. “This record-setting enrollment is due to the dedication and hard work of all the COB staff — academic counseling, accounting, AQA, enrollment, and faculty services.”

The enrollment increase can be attributed to the success of several programs, said Jeff Christensen, contract manager for the college. “Our Bachelors of Science in Management increased by 93 students, or 39% over last year, to 333 students. The MBA program has 322 students. The total undergraduate programs have 998 students and our graduate programs (MBA and MSM) have 502 students. The enrollment in the MSM program increased by 34 students, or 23% over last year.”

These are the programs the college expected to become more popular, Christensen said. “The MBA program is one of the best in the state of Wisconsin. In addition, our undergraduate programs, especially our associate’s program, with 406 students, continue to be strong.

Christensen added that the college is currently recruiting for a new Bachelor of Science in Public Safety Management-online program, which will start in July.

The Kenosha site is the location within the Wisconsin Region that has had the largest increase in enrollment over last year. The college, with the help of Jennifer Lembrich, director of enrollment, and Nancy DeRubertis, director of finance and operations, has worked for the last 10 years to build up the Kenosha location, and to secure a permanent site there with access to the main highway, to help increase Stritch’s visibility to walk-in students.

The College of Business also has assigned site managers to the Kenosha and Brookfield locations within the last year in an attempt to better meet students’ needs. Cindy Byron-Lauwasser is the site manager for Kenosha, and Andrew Goodman is the site manager for Brookfield.

COB, IPD GET A “WORKDAY WAKEUP” WITH LOCAL DEEJAYS

On Wednesday, March 29, Business, called in to the station since Bonaventure Hall’s second floor and entered his floor in the contest. College of Business and IPD employees were treated to coffee and doughnuts by WMYX morning deejays Kidd O’Shea and Jane Matenaer as part of the station’s “Workday Wakeup” contest. After finishing their morning show on the air, the deejays personally delivered the goods and visited with the group and were presented with College of Business T-shirts by Dean Kathleen Radionoff.



He got a call a week ago informing him that Stritch had won.

Greg Jagodzinski, materials control coordinator for the College of

The excitement had been building

Jagodzinski informed his fellow employees of the visit. “People really take their morning caffeine and sugar fix seriously,” he said. But the Stritch people weren’t the only ones who were grateful.

“We’ve been to companies of 700 people, and two people show up for coffee and doughnuts, so this is a really great turnout,” said Matenaer of the crowd, which swelled to more than 20 before the deejays left.

“We’re glad to see so many people – it makes it worthwhile.”

BONAVENTURE CONFERENCE DRAWS 208 PARTICIPANTS; SPEAKER SHEDS LIGHT ON MYSTERY OF STATUE

A total of 208 people attended a daylong seminar on St. Bonaventure last Saturday at which, among other things, the mystery of the identity of the child beside the saint in the recently acquired statue that stands in Bonaventure Hall may have been solved.

Seminar presenter Sister Ilia Delio, a member of the Franciscan Servants of the Holy Child Jesus who has written extensively on Franciscan theology, said the boy probably is Jesus as a child. The Bonaventure scholar noted that the saint wrote five vignettes on the child Jesus focusing on God coming to earth and exhibiting humility through Christ.

At the conference, Sister Ilia discussed Bonaventure as a person, a theologian and a mystic to attendees who came to Stritch from a number of states and one from India.

A prolific writer, Bonaventure is known for the idea that a person gets to God through desire and love, not just theology, said Sister Margaret Klotz, director of Stritch's Franciscan Center, which sponsored the seminar.

"He was a teacher and an intellectual," she said, "but he believed we get to God through love." His teachings contrast to those of St. Thomas Aquinas, who stressed reaching God through study and the intellect, "the head versus the heart," she said.

Born in 1217 in a small town in Italy, Bonaventure attended the University of Paris and later taught philosophy and theology there. The origin of his name, which means "good journey," is unknown, but it may have been given to him when he became

a Franciscan friar, Sister Margaret said.

In 1257, Bonaventure was elected minister general of the order of Friars Minor, which was founded by St. Francis and had by then grown to 30,000 members. He sought to unify the order, which was split over literal adherence to Francis' rule, which included absolute poverty, and a less rigid way of life that also included practical-based education.

In 1259, Bonaventure wrote "The Journey of the Soul Into God," one of his 30 major works. It says that although we learn through our senses, we move toward God only through the crucified Christ.

Although St. Francis died when Bonaventure was a child, in 1263 he wrote what was to become the standard, approved biography of Francis. It replaced all other works, which the 13th-century church ordered destroyed.

Bonaventure led the Franciscans until May of 1274

and died in July that year, possibly of poisoning. He was canonized in 1482. During the French Revolution, his body was dug up, burned and thrown into the river by those opposed to religious life and its effect on society.

"So if you have any relics of Bonaventure, forget it, they're not real," Sister Ilia joked at the seminar.

Many people do not know a lot about Bonaventure, Sister Margaret said, and by attending the seminar, they were introduced, through humor as well as scholarly explanations, to the many aspects of his life.



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