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FORMER MSOE ASSISTANT REGISTRAR IS STRITCH'S NEW REGISTRAR

Richard Straka Jr., who was the assistant registrar at the Milwaukee School of Engineering since 1988, has joined Stritch as the University's new registrar. He started yesterday.

"The registration office is frequently the nerve center of an institution, and it's my job to keep things organized and to continue to improve services and processes," he said. "It's something I look forward to."

At MSOE, Straka's duties included creating class timetables, final exam schedules and assigning rooms. He'll do the same at Stritch and also will serve on the academic and curriculum committees and help ensure that the University stays in compliance with governmental regulations.

He learned of the position through the Web site for Jenzabar EX academic computing system, which he worked with at MSOE and will continue to work with here.

"Stritch's reputation is what appealed to me," he said. "Being a Milwaukee guy and having been to campus numerous times, I was drawn to the idea of being a part of it all."



Straka is a graduate of Milwaukee's Marshall High School and has a B.S. in history from UW-Stevens Point, a bachelor's in industrial management from MSOE, and is working on an MBA degree at Marquette University.

When he's not working, he likes to fish, bowl, play golf, read and be involved in church activities. He and his wife, Margaret, have two daughters: Christine, who is getting married this summer, and Erika, a senior at Miami University (Ohio). The family lives in Wauwatosa.

Straka said he looks forward to the opportunity to "bang on doors" and introduce himself to the campus community.

"I'm excited about the opportunity. Over the years, I've always been impressed by quality of the people at Stritch. It's one of the University's big draws."

Stritch's last permanent registrar was Rhonda Holland, who left the University a year ago to become the registrar at UW-Parkside. Christine Glynn has been the interim registrar since then, but she did not want the permanent position.

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