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THE TROUBADOUR

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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



Dear colleagues,

Greetings! I would like to take a moment to thank those of you who have offered congratulations to me following last week's Troubadour, in which I mentioned that my husband, Joe, and I celebrated our 40th wedding anniversary on vacation recently. I may not have mentioned that Joe and I

shared a wonderful vow renewal ceremony here on campus in Schroeder Auditorium, presided over by Father Jim. It was a truly wonderful way to recommit ourselves in the presence of loved ones.

Speaking of commitment, I promised last week that I would bring you news of some further structural changes that would enhance the way we work in relationship to one another.

As we continue to maximize the talents of our staff, we have made a change in my office and the University Advancement office which will not result in an increase to our staff level. Mary Graf will be moving from my office to Human Resources in order to provide coordination assistance to HR director Deborah Johnson for various initiatives. Mary's knowledge and experience with University processes and procedures will be instrumental in providing support to some key initiatives as we continue to grow both in size and complexity.

Barb Flynn, who has been working on a full-time basis in Advancement, will now divide her time between Advancement and my office. We are pleased that we have been able to capitalize on Barb and Mary's professional skills and their commitment to the University.

I have listened with care and reflected upon the various questions and comments some of you raised about the position of executive vice president/provost. If you have not yet seen the job description, it can be viewed on MyStritch. Given your need for more information, and also given the financial issues which we all face, I have decided to postpone the search for a provost until next year. I am confident that the search process next year will yield candidates as outstanding as those the current search produced.

In the meantime, I hope that my monthly Coffee and Conversation sessions will provide you the opportunity to ask questions not only about these kinds of issues, but any University matters. I also

appreciate the many expressions of support and prayers which I have received from members of the University community.

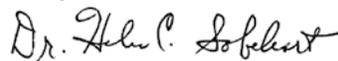
Shifting gears, I want to draw your attention to a couple of significant upcoming dates. I will be hosting the first of my monthly Coffee and Conversation sessions on Feb. 10 from 4-5 p.m. in the Sister Camille Kliebhan Conference Center. All faculty and staff are invited and encouraged to ask any questions they may have about University initiatives. On Tuesday, Feb. 24, the February Birthday Breakfast will be held in my office from 7:30-9:30 a.m. I look forward to celebrating with those who have birthdays in February!

Lastly, I want to share a brief reflection on the recent inauguration which I attended at the request of a generous benefactor who supported the trip. Joe and I were able to attend the swearing in ceremony, where I was so moved to be a part of the sea of humanity that gathered around the Capital. People from all walks of life and from all corners of the world; men, women and children; each of them imbued with a hope that we will, together, renew our nation's promise and work toward a better and more peaceful world.

The day after the inauguration, I had appointments in Washington, D.C. to see several congressman and senators from the state of Wisconsin. While I was in the main lobby of one of the office buildings, I overheard some people who worked there having a conversation. Despite the calls for unity the day before, they were already snickering and planning how to block many proposed initiatives. While differing views are healthy and necessary, it saddened me because the tone of the conversation was so divisive. I could only imagine the amount of energy that such negativity will draw from the positive desire for unity expressed by millions of people on the lawn the day before. It reinforced the need for Franciscan values and our wonderful opportunity to model them and inspire them in others.

It is this hope for peace that I extend to you, the men and women of this great institution, as we celebrate our Franciscan value of peacemaking in 2009. May the peace of St. Francis and the light of St. Clare be with you always.

Blessings,



Dr. Helen Sobehart

STRITCH PARTNERS WITH LOCAL CATHOLIC COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES TO SUPPORT AREA CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

Cardinal Stritch University, Marquette University, Alverno College, Marian University and Mount Mary College have formed the Greater Milwaukee Catholic Education Consortium (GMCEC) to provide academic resources and professional expertise for the 132 Catholic K-12 schools serving more than 33,000 students in the Archdiocese of Milwaukee.

The organization's start-up efforts will be aided by a \$600,000, three-year gift from the Stollenwerk Family Foundation, as well as financial and in-kind support from the five higher education institutions and partnership support from the Archdiocese's Office for Schools.

"For more than a century the archdiocese's Catholic schools have provided a strong, values-based education for the children of southeastern Wisconsin," said John Stollenwerk, chairman of Allen-Edmonds Shoe Corporation. "With fewer religious educators now available to teach in these schools, one of our priorities is to retain the mission and identity of the Catholic schools, which now serve a growing percentage of non-Catholic families."

In addition to helping support operational costs for the next three years, a portion of the Stollenwerk gift was designated to finance the newly created position of GMCEC consortium institutional coordinator, recently filled by Dr. Jennifer Maney, who will have an office in Marquette's College of Education.

Tia Bojar, dean of Stritch's College of Education and Leadership, said the consortium will focus on three areas: professional development for Catholic school teachers and leaders, emphasizing best practices in pedagogy and leadership; Catholic mission and identity; and organizational effectiveness in finance, fundraising, governance, human resources, marketing, planning, public relations, research and technology.

The GMCEC board consists of 10 institutional members (two parties from each institution) and two ex-officio members, Maney and a representative from the Archdiocese. Groundwork for the GMCEC was laid in April 2008 when all five presidents and the education deans of the institutions, key personnel from the Archdiocese of Milwaukee, and Archbishop Timothy Dolan met to discuss the GMCEC and its partnership with the Archdiocese.

STRITCH EMPLOYEES ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND ST. FRANCIS COMMON COUNCIL HEARING MONDAY

University faculty and staff are encouraged to attend an upcoming public hearing on Stritch's request for rezoning the Cousins Center property. The hearing will be held at 6:30 p.m., Monday, Feb. 2, at St. Francis High School, 4225 S. Lake Drive.

The St. Francis Common Council attempted to conduct the hearing Jan. 5 at which they would have formally heard Stritch's request to change the site zoning from mixed use to planned unit development, but the public turnout was so great that the hearing was postponed. A final vote on the rezoning will take place immediately after Monday's hearing.

Stritch has used the additional time to deepen its dialog with the city of St. Francis, holding two "Coffee and Questions" sessions in St. Francis. The second of these took place Wednesday, Jan. 28 at the Carleton Grange restaurant, 3807 S. Packard Ave. Representatives from Stritch fielded questions from the approximately 20 people in attendance and explained the merits of building an undergraduate campus on the combined Cousins Center and WE Energies properties.

FINANCIAL UPDATE/PLAN OF ACTION MEETINGS SCHEDULED FOR FEBRUARY

Tom VanHimbergen, executive vice president for administration and chief financial officer, and Tammy Howard, controller and vice president for finance, will hold financial update/plan of action meetings in the Sister Camille Kliebhan Conference Center on the following dates and times. All faculty and staff are invited to attend a session. There will be a presentation on the University's budget picture and goals, followed by a question and answer session.

General Meetings:
Feb. 6: 2:30-3:30 p.m.
Feb. 9: 3-4 p.m.
Feb. 12: Noon-1 p.m.

Sessions for Faculty Leadership:
Feb 4: 11:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m. and 2:30-3:30 p.m.

LOOK FOR THE TROUBADOUR ON WEDNESDAYS

In an effort to provide timely communication for the University employees, the Troubadour, Stritch's faculty/staff newsletter, will now appear on Wednesdays.

Previously, issues of the Troubadour would be created as needed when information regarding official University business needed to be distributed. This new Wednesday schedule is meant to provide a more concrete schedule by which faculty and staff can expect information, and also to allow other University offices to submit ideas or content for the Troubadour in a more structured fashion.

Though Troubadour content is primarily generated by the Public Relations office, those departments wishing to include a University news item in the Troubadour are asked to submit copy via e-mail to Brett Kell, director of publications, in an unformatted Word document no later than 5 p.m. on Fridays. This allows publications and creative services staff members an appropriate amount of time to write, edit or seek approval of content, in addition to completing photography, layout and final review.

The following are examples of content appropriate for the Troubadour:

- Messages from the president
- Official news, such as the recent Cousins Center and City Center updates, as well as budget-related items, etc.
- Human resources information, such as benefits, health and dental care, etc.
- Notice of all-University events and assemblies, such as Matriculation, Commencement, or some special events to which the University community is invited
- Profiles and/or photos of new hires
- Announcements from the four colleges, such as accreditation, new programs, partnerships, etc.

The Troubadour is received by faculty and staff only, and does not go to students except in the case of an occasional special edition that contains information pertinent to the entire campus community. Wolfprint, the monthly student-created newspaper, is the appropriate venue for student news and information.

If a news item is urgent, the Public Relations staff may decide, in consultation with the appropriate parties, to send an e-mail notification instead. Some content may also be held for inclusion in Stritch Magazine, published twice annually. If you have feedback or ideas, please contact Brett Kell at bakell@stritch.edu or ext. 4479.

Back issues of The Troubadour can be found in MyStritch. After logging in, click the "Employee Info" tab and select "Troubadour" in the left-hand column. Issues are posted in descending order by date and have brief descriptions of content. Click on the link you wish to access.

For complete information on University public relations, media relations and publications, please see the PR brochure, which is available in My Stritch by clicking on "Public Relations Information" in the "Other Employee Info Pages" folder under the "Employee Info" tab.



OPEN PHOTO SESSIONS SCHEDULED FOR STRITCH FACULTY/STAFF

The Public Relations office is offering several open sessions for Stritch faculty and staff to be photographed. The photos will be placed on file in the PR office and used for the Web site, Stritch publications, and other official university communication vehicles.

The sessions are voluntary, but faculty members who have signed up to participate in Stritch's experts directory for the media MUST be photographed in order to be included.

The sessions will take place in the Stein Center, room 044 (basement level). The dates and times are as follows:

Monday, Feb. 9 - 8 a.m.-noon

Wednesday, Feb. 11 - Noon - 1:30 p.m.

Thursday, Feb. 12 - 9 a.m. -4 p.m.

Friday, Feb. 13 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

Please note that these will be the only faculty/staff photo sessions scheduled for this year. As a result, deans or department heads who wish to add faculty photos to the Stritch Web site are encouraged to facilitate photo scheduling within their colleges/departments.

Each session will take approximately 15 minute. Please dress professionally, and wear solid color clothing (no patterns).

To schedule a session, please e-mail Charleen Engberg at cengberg@stritch.edu.



NEW STRITCH STAFF



REBECCA ANGELES

Administrative Research Assistant
Institutional Research

PAYROLL OFFICE RELOCATED

The Payroll office has been moved to the second floor of Bonaventure Hall, rooms BH 2019 and 2020.

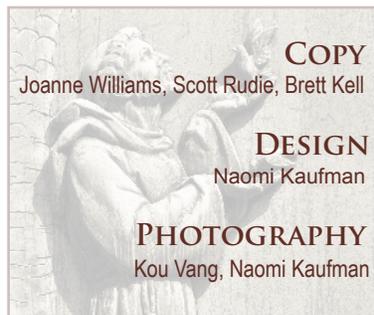
Payroll Manager Melissa Stauber, ext. 4008, and Payroll Assistant Janet Jeter, ext. 4228 will retain their phone numbers as well as their fax number, ext. 4231, and their internal mailbox number, 522.

The time card box will remain in its current location on the first floor of Bonaventure Hall for the convenience of students and staff.

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The Troubadour supports the overall mission, goals and objectives of Cardinal Stritch University, and is meant to serve as a communications tool for the campus community. If you have feedback or story ideas, please contact Public Relations at prdept@stritch.edu.

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