Provost to take reins of Le Moyne College

Provost Fred Pestello announced March 31 that he has accepted the presidency of Le Moyne College, a Jesuit institution in Syracuse, N.Y.

Pestello, who has been provost and senior vice president for educational affairs since 2001, came to UD in 1984. In his tenure at UD, he also has been chair of the sociology, anthropology and social work department and associate dean of the College of Arts and Sciences.

Graduate tuition frozen for education programs

Tuition for this fall’s incoming graduate education students will be frozen for three years.

After an increase of 6.3 percent to $462 per semester credit hour for the 2008-09 academic year, the tuition will remain flat, assuring a fixed cost, said Thomas J. Lasley II, dean of the School of Education and Allied Professions.

The freeze keeps UD’s pricing competitive with other regional schools. Total tuition for a master’s degree will be $13,860.

“Teachers face many financial challenges with district cutbacks and layoffs,” Lasley said. “At the same time, more and more highly effective teachers are needed to help prepare our young people for success and further education.

Providing a fixed cost for education is one way we can help them be more effective and more marketable,” he said.

The policy applies to students who enroll in teacher education, educational leadership, counselor education and human services, and health and sport science in fall 2008.

Academic excellence grant proposals due April 15

Final proposals are due Tuesday, April 15, for $100,000 in grants to promote academic excellence.

The grants, awarded by the faculty development committee, provide funding for projects that foster innovations that can bring about the learning outcomes in UD’s Habits of Inquiry and Reflection document, developed in 2006 after a campuswide study of the purposes, substance and distinctions of a UD education.

Proposals, which can be submitted by full-time faculty, staff, administrators or teams, are due at noon Tuesday, April 15, to Deb Bickford, associate provost for academic affairs and learning initiatives. They can be turned in to learning initiatives. They can be turned in to Bickford in the Ryan C. Harris Learning Teaching Center or by campus mail, ZIP 1302. For more information, see http://ltc.udayton.edu/faculty/facdev/grants/ and click on “Habits of Inquiry and Reflection.”

The faculty development committee includes University teaching consultants and faculty from various academic units; Bickford is chair. It supports programs that focus on pedagogical, programmatic, curricular, scholarship or campus life issues that foster faculty growth, professional development and quality of work life.

Reception gives glimpse of UD distinctiveness

More than 200 people attended a pre-RISE reception for guidance counselors and accepted students and parents March 26.

The reception, part of an enrollment management initiative to educate guidance counselors across the United States about UD’s distinctive academic programs, featured Bob Froehlich, a UD trustee and 1975 and 1976 graduate who has helped attract top keynote speakers to the RISE Forum since 2000, its first year.

After refreshments, Froehlich gave a talk on “the way Wall Street really works” and what

Software savvy lands student on space shuttle team

In two days, sophomore engineering student Sean Miller went from a helpful, casual observer to a member of a team that launched a project on Space Shuttle Endeavour’s 17-day mission in March.

“I heard that another student was having software problems,” said Miller, a co-op student at the Air Force Institute of Technology at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base. “I went to the lab, observed the errors he was getting and made a few suggestions. They worked, and immediately I was asked to help review all the software code. I looked through approximately 1,500 lines of code from noon to midnight and made multiple improvements.”

Two days later, Miller, who has a double major in computer engineering technology and electronic engineering technology, shipped out to the Johnson Space Center in Houston to help test the Rigidizable Inflatable Get-away-special Experiment program, known to the team as RIGEX. The program, which operates in the space shuttle cargo bay, tests and collects data on inflated and rigid structures in space, according to NASA.

The team includes students from Wright State University, the U.S. Air Force Academy, Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology and The Ohio State University.

Cover photo: The NASDAQ closing bell at UD’s RISE VIII Forum, broadcast worldwide, was the first to occur on a college campus. See stories on Page 5. (Photo by Skip Peterson)
forces drive the stock market in a turbulent economy.

Froehlich said investing globally is smart because the global economy is doing better than the U.S. economy. He also suggested they invest in climate change because more businesses are investing in the environmental sector.

**John E. Riley Award winner announced**

Junior economics major J.W. Terry III was named the recipient of the John E. Riley Award, given by the student development division each year to a junior for leadership and involvement.

The $1,800 award is named in honor of Riley for his commitment to student development and to the University during his more than 30 years at UD.

Terry has held leadership positions with several campus organizations, including Black Action Through Unity, the Campus Activities Board and Inspiring Dreams. He also is a building manager in Kennedy Union and has been a mentor with the Dayton Early College Academy. He’s been in the chess, wrestling and tae kwon do clubs and served on the Human Rights Week committee. He also has been involved with civil rights rallies and service groups and participated in Student Achievement in Research.

Other finalists included Lauren Hackman, Emily Klein, Brian Misner, Alexander Orlowski and Michelle Wintering.

**Program director earns leadership honor**

Lisa Beutel, program director for UD’s Center for Leadership and Executive Development, will be honored April 24 in the Dayton Business Journal’s 40 Under 40 awards program.

Judges based their selections on nominees’ business leadership, community leadership and career paths. This is the 11th year for the program, which honors 40 emerging business leaders each year.

**‘Campus Report’ returns in September**

This is the last printed issue of Campus Report for the 2007-08 academic year. Monthly publication resumes in September. The Campus News Digest will continue to deliver the latest news every Thursday via e-mail. Send news to campusreport@udayton.edu.

**Forums to gather input for chapel renovation**

At two forums for the UD community April 12-13, the chapel renovation committee will share its vision for the Immaculate Conception Chapel and gather ideas, opinions and priorities for the renovation.

“We are still at the very early stages,” said sociology professor Claire Renzetti, co-chair of the committee with Father Chris Wittmann, S.M., director of campus ministry. “We have nothing on paper at this point, no designs. With these sessions, which are designed to be interactive, we’re letting people know what our vision is, what our guiding principles are and what our liturgical needs are as a community, and we’re seeking input from the community to help us work with the architect and liturgical consultant as we approach the renovation.”

For the renovation, UD has retained liturgical consultant Ken Griesemer of Kenneth J. Griesemer and Associates in Albuquerque, N.M.; at the workshops, Griesemer will introduce attendees to principles of church design and remodeling called for by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops in the document “Built of Living Stones: Art, Architecture, and Worship.”

The architects for the project, Craig Rafferty and Chip Lindeke III of the firm Rafferty Rafferty Tolleson Lindeke Architects of St. Paul, Minn., also will be on hand to learn about UD and to listen to people’s hopes and desires for the renovation of the chapel, UD’s primary communal worship space.

The sessions are set for 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, April 12, and 3 to 8 p.m. Sunday, April 13, on the fourth floor of College Park Center. They have the same agenda, so people need only attend one. Registration is recommended by April 9, as a light meal will be served at each workshop; however, walk-ins are welcome. The chapel renovation committee has produced a vision statement and guiding principles for the renovation, shown above. It’s available from campus ministry, 229-3339, or online at http://ministry.udayton.edu/chapel.

The committee will host additional events to ensure inclusiveness and to keep the community informed, Renzetti said.

**Consultant has personal connection to chapel**

The Immaculate Conception Chapel is a familiar place for the liturgical consultant aiding in its renovation. Kenneth Griesemer of Kenneth J. Griesemer and Associates in Albuquerque, N.M., spent his first two years of college at UD in the early 1970s before enrolling in architecture school at the University of Cincinnati, and he attended Mass regularly in the chapel and in Stuart Hall. Both of his parents and two siblings graduated from UD; a sister was married in the chapel, and her first child was baptized there. Griesemer said the Marianists were a positive influence on his faith life in his first years of college.

**To register for a chapel forum**

Contact Teri Dickison in campus ministry at 229-3369 or via e-mail. Online registration is available at http://ministry.udayton.edu/chapel/.

For more news, see http://campusreport.udayton.edu
UD counselor serves grief-stricken NIU

When UD counseling center director Steve Mueller went to Northern Illinois University Feb. 24-26 to assist with the grieving campus’s mental health needs, his purpose was both professional and personal.

Besides helping the community of about 30,000 students, faculty and staff cope with the Feb. 14 shooting spree that left six people dead, Mueller was helping a friend: Micky Sharma, director of NIU’s counseling center and a UD graduate with bachelor’s and master’s degrees in psychology, was Mueller’s practicum student in the UD counseling center during Sharma’s second year of graduate school.

Mueller and two other friends of Sharma — the counseling center directors from Wright State University and Miami University — were among the approximately 500 mental health professionals Sharma had called upon to volunteer their services in the first days the university had reopened.

After a mass training session on the Sunday they arrived, Mueller and his Dayton-area cohort received their assignments — working directly with Sharma in the counseling center, seeing individual clients and supporting the counseling center staff during the stressful time.

“IT was intense three days,” Mueller said. “As we talked with people around campus, it was clear that there was a lot of grief and insecurity. For some, it rolls right off their back; others were fearful or concerned; for others, there were questions that triggered other issues in their life.”

Though crisis is part of Mueller’s daily work — everyone he sees is in some degree of crisis, he said — its magnitude was startling when he arrived at NIU.

“You really realize the gravity of it when you see 500 volunteers in an auditorium receiving instructions and training and procedures for the next couple of days,” he said. “The organization of it helped to keep it from seeming overwhelming.” That planning — aided by Christopher Flynn, the counseling center director at Virginia Tech — included small details that made a big difference, Mueller said.

Counselors, wearing university-issued name badges, red memorial ribbons and red armbands, were visible, recognizable and accessible, Mueller said. During the campus memorial services that Sunday, the counselors stood at the convocation center and at every broadcast location on campus, available for individual conversations or group dialogue. Stationed in every classroom the next two days — the first classes held since the shootings — they provided what Mueller called “psychological first aid” as well as an opportunity for deeper discussions, sometimes during the class session, sometimes afterward. In the counseling center, where Mueller and his cohorts were working, trained crisis response dogs, brought by a corps of volunteer handlers from across the United States, provided calming, therapeutic comfort in the waiting rooms.

“I saw a campus that was very thankful to us for responding to the call,” Mueller said. “I can’t tell you the number of times people said to us, ‘Thank you. Thank you just for being here.’ I also saw a campus that was beginning to heal. The service itself focused a lot of the conversation on beginning the healing process and beginning to move forward. Then, from what I saw over the next two days, people were starting to do that. … I think that healing was possible because of the support NIU had rallied with the corps of volunteers. The NIU folks laid the groundwork for healing.”

Besides providing a much-needed service to a community in great pain, Mueller gained some knowledge that could aid UD in a crisis.

“I’m confident that if something of a significant magnitude happened, we would be able to use the experience we had at Northern Illinois,” he said, adding that universities and counseling centers have learned much about campus crisis response since the Virginia Tech shootings occurred a year ago.

One of those lessons is how to mobilize a specialized volunteer force. In this case, more than 75 of the volunteer counselors came from centers affiliated with the Association of University and College Counseling Center Directors, Mueller said. Another lesson was flexibility in meeting the rapidly changing needs of a community as its members crossed the emotional landscape.

“As counselors, we have learned the importance of flexibility in a crisis situation,” he said. “You can have a plan, but you have to mold the response as you go because the needs are constantly evolving.”

College crises hasten UD emergency planning

Crisis response planning at UD took on a greater level of urgency after the April 2007 shootings at Virginia Tech, says Bruce Burt, director of UD public safety. Since then, UD has purchased, installed and tested a mass notification system to provide timely emergency information to the campus community through various media. It also has published and distributed an emergency response guide and developed an emergency response plan that complies with the standards of the Federal Emergency Management Agency’s National Incident Management System.
RISE panelists frank about markets, economy

Though it was still too soon March 27 to measure, by definition, whether the U.S. economy is indeed in a recession, the keynote panelists in the economy session at the University of Dayton’s RISE VIII student investment forum didn’t skirt the issue.

“I think people are acknowledging that the economy has slipped into recession,” said David Rosenberg, chief North American economist for Merrill Lynch. “Then everybody goes around trying to figure out what sort of recession this looks like. This is not the manufacturing inventory recession of the late ‘50s and ‘60s. It’s not like the inflation recessions in the ‘70s and ‘80s where the Fed just magically cut interest rates and you had these recoveries. Increasingly what’s happening, and whether this is because of technology or globalization or demographic trends or deregulation or all of the above … these are turning into balance sheet recessions, and they’re turning into asset deflations.”

The full effects of these deflations are yet to be seen, but it doesn’t look good, he said.

“We have an intractable housing deflation in this country,” he said. “Housing is a $23 trillion asset class backed by $10 trillion of debt. … Real estate deflations have never ended well for credit, have never ended well for consumer spending, have always ended up as volatility and recession.”

Frank Hatheway, chief economist and senior vice president for the NASDAQ Stock Market Inc. acknowledged the strain on the markets, but his statements weren’t quite as dire as Rosenberg’s.

“Volatility is higher than it’s been the past five years, but it’s not historic,” he said. “Investors are uncertain and somewhat negative about the market.” Usually, however, that uncertainty is limited to one sector or another, he said.

“This time around, the uncertainty is about the entire economy,” he said. “It happens a couple of times a decade on a minor scale. It happens on a major scale roughly once a generation. The question is what we just heard: What is this? Is this a minor readjustment or a major one?”

History and his own experience give Hatheway some perspective.

“The markets are under stress,” he said, recalling the year of the Black Monday crash in which U.S. markets dropped almost 23 percent in a single day — Oct. 19, 1987. “There’s concern by investors out there, but by historic standards, I was a floor trader back in ‘87. This is not the worst crisis we have seen … at least, not yet. We hope not ever.”

Will Congress’ economic stimulus package help? Probably not, said Finn Kydland, a 2004 Nobel laureate in economics and professor at University of California at Santa Barbara.

“If households have the feeling that the income will go up permanently, they will spend on consumption readily. … Of all the measures that have been proposed, one is a temporary change in taxes. So this will make consumer household income rise this year. Everything else being equal, will this have much of an effect? The problem is that it’s temporary, and everything we know about economic theory suggests that only a small portion of a temporary increase will be spent.”
Long before Gary Motz came to UD, the Marianist spirit was kindled in the heart of the senior biology and geology major. Having spent four years at a Marianist high school — Archbishop Moeller in Cincinnati — he already had a passion for the Society of Mary’s strong faith identity and commitment to service. Since his first year, he’s taken on the Marianist identity as his own. He lives in a Marianist student community, became a lay Marianist and has taken several service trips to Cameroon, Ecuador and Mississippi. He also has served on the University mission and identity committee of the UD board of trustees.

But perhaps the most lasting contribution he’s made has been a dialogue he launched with UD administration about defining and preserving UD’s Catholic and Marianist mission and identity.

For this dedication to building a strong Marianist foundation on campus, the rector’s council presented Motz one of two 2008 Maureen O’Rourke Marianist Student Awards.

“Gary and his community have created ripples across our campus through emulating the Marianist charism in their lifestyle,” said Maureen O’Rourke, coordinator of Marianist activities and scholarship. “These ripples have resulted in large waves … inviting many to know the charism.”

Motz chose to direct the award’s $500 gift to his Marianist student community.

In his acceptance speech, Motz compared the spreading of the Marianist spirit to embers creating a great light.

“The light of the fire doesn’t necessarily diminish when the individuals of the larger fire leave the gathering of all the individuals, because each and every one of us has the capacity to reach out to someone else and to set their hearts on fire.”

At the end of Dani Kusner’s summer service project on a Marianist mission in Africa, her work with the mission wasn’t finished. When she arrived back on campus, Kusner became an advocate for the African women she met while in Karonga, Malawi, helping to ensure the long-term sustainability of the Marianist mission’s micro-credit loan disbursal program for women entrepreneurs.

Together, Kusner and fellow student Lisa Monnot started Kampaign for Karonga, an educational and fundraising initiative that builds awareness of Marianist missionary work in Karonga.

For this effort and other ways she embodies the Marianist charism, Kusner received one of two 2008 Maureen O’Rourke Marianist Student Awards in March.

Kusner embodies Catholic social teaching in her volunteering with the Dakota Center, the Marianist Environmental Education Center, the Fitz Center for Leadership in Community in Dayton and at the MIRACLE Technical School in Malawi. She chose to have the $500 from her award donated to Kampaign for Karonga.

During her acceptance speech, Kusner described the Marianist commitment to the social teaching of solidarity.

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Carriers of the charism

Students praised for perpetuating Marianist values

Stories by Liz Sidor

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AWE-inspiring

Advocating Women’s Equality wins Miryam Award

When senior Teresa Winland was called to the office of Kelly Bohrer, coordinator of community outreach for the Center for Social Concern, she was prepared to talk about the AWE organization — Advocating Women’s Equality. Instead, Bohrer wanted to personally tell Winland, AWE’s president, that the organization would be receiving the Miryam Award for making a significant contribution to enhancing the climate for women on campus.

The Miryam Award, established by campus ministry’s Center for Social Concern in 1996, recognizes the efforts of individuals and groups on campus to change the atmosphere and potential for women’s achievements at UD.

“They inspire the ‘Learn. Lead. Serve.’ motto of UD through their events and activities by bringing awareness to women’s issues at the University,” said AWE adviser Pattie Waugh, who nominated the group.

Established on campus three years ago, AWE puts on the annual UD Monologues, in which members of the UD community are invited to write and perform their stories about the climate for women at UD.

AWE also holds an annual women’s advocacy dinner. In its first year, it raised more than $10,000 to send four UD female students to a village in Lubwe, Zambia, for a summer service project. On March 7, AWE’s third advocacy dinner raised funds for the domestic violence work of Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of New Orleans.

As part of the group’s Kampaign for Karonga project, which started in the fall term, AWE also hosted a women’s dodgeball tournament March 10 to raise funds for a Marianist mission in Karonga, Malawi, Africa, that makes business loans to women’s microenterprises.

“Our mission is to bring women’s issues to the forefront by advocating women’s issues on campus and abroad,” Winland said.

The group, whose membership includes 14 women and one man, used the award’s $1,000 stipend toward campus programming for Women’s History Month in March. All of the group’s funds are spent on advocacy, charity and service.

“AWE is a selfless organization,” said Julie Banks, a member of the Miryam selection committee. “Their focus on awareness and service is commendable and inspirational. The lives of women both on campus and far beyond have been positively impacted because of the efforts of this caring group.”

—Rania Shakkour

As scholar-activist-in-residence, Fitz promotes community partnerships

Brother Raymond L. Fitz, S.M., Ferree Professor of Social Justice, spent the week of March 25 as the first scholar-activist-in-residence at Cabrini College in Radnor, Pa. Throughout the week, he talked with faculty, staff, students and service-learning partner organizations of the Catholic college about making campus-community partnerships a centerpiece of Catholic higher education. His opening address was “Advancing Justice and Community: Creating Community Partnerships at Catholic Colleges and Universities.”

Fitz also is the executive director of the Association of Marianist Universities.
take a break with…

Emily Johnson

Barrett baker takes top honors in Chicago pastry competition

Emily Johnson, a bakery assistant in the kitchen of the Barrett Dining Room in Kennedy Union, took first place in a Chicago pastry competition March 1 with an original recipe for Linzer torte and the ingredients contained in a panier du marché (market basket). With the title, she received a $1,500 scholarship to the Cooking and Hospitality Institute of Chicago, where she starts her baking and pastry studies in August.

Contestants had 150 minutes, a kitchen and the contents of a market basket — fruits, dairy items and dry goods — to prepare and present two identical plates.

Johnson, a native of Oakwood, Ohio, graduated from the UD School of Engineering in 2007 with a master’s in management science. She leaves her UD job in mid-May. During a break, she talked about her career ambition.

How did you transition from engineering to baking?

I got my first job working in the bakery of Dorothy Lane Market when I was in high school. Every job I’ve ever had has been working in a bakery, except for one. Growing up, my mom has always taught me stuff in the kitchen. I’ve just always had that love.

What is a Linzer torte?

I used a chiffon yellow cake. It has almond paste on the top with raspberry preserves. The whole thing is encased in apricot glaze and garnished with almond slices.

You had two-and-a-half hours to bake something for the competition. What was going through your mind when they said, “Go?”

I found myself getting … not panicky, but a little off track, feeling like I wasn’t going to be able to get it done. But the executive chef at UD gave me some advice: Just be confident in what you’re doing.

What were you thinking while the judges were trying the desserts?

I was quite nervous. The competition was incredible. My future classmates — they’re great. I cannot wait to be in classes with them to see what they can do.

What is your favorite dessert?

My favorite dessert is my mom’s chocolate chip cookies. Without the nuts.

—Yvonne Teens

Residential staff member’s book provides college transition tips

An area coordinator in residential services has published a book to help ease the transition students make from high school to college.

“We spend a great deal of time pushing students to come to college,” said author Tawan Perry, an area coordinator for Marianist Hall. “When they arrive to campus, they seldom really know the language of college and how to independently negotiate their environment. I wanted to write a practical, easy-to-read book that would help students transition into college life.”

The book, College Sense: What College and High School Advisors Don’t Tell You About College, which Perry published independently, addresses the academic and social aspects of college life — particularly those aspects that are unpredictable for first-generation college students.

“Being a first-generation, I didn’t have much social capital,” Perry said. “College Sense makes a point to emphasize both the social and academic aspects of college. … One side always affects the other.”

The book includes a glossary of higher education terms, a resource appendix and an account of how Perry overcame adversity in college.

Hoover fellow examines Western military supremacy

Western militaries have proven so lethal that one of the most successful means to challenge a Western military was to “provoke it” into a war with another Western power, said a nationally syndicated newspaper columnist in a speech at UD March 6.

Victor Davis Hanson, a senior fellow at the Hoover Institution at Stanford University, presented “Challenges to Western Military Supremacy” to a full O’Leary Auditorium, said history professor Larry Schweikart, who helped arrange the event with Father John Putka, S.M., a political science lecturer; it was sponsored by 1969 UD alumnus Phil Warth of Chicago and the history and political science departments.

In the speech, Hanson examined the main sources of Western military supremacy from the time of the ancient Greeks, including private property rights, citizen soldiers,
political liberty, civilian oversight and audit, and Enlightenment-based willingness to embrace science and technology. After a question-answer session and book signing, Hanson left Dayton just before the March 7-8 snowstorm.

**UD School of Law hosts National Trial Competition**

A team of UD law students placed fifth of 26 teams in the regional round of the Texas Young Lawyers Association’s National Trial Competition Feb. 15-17.

The regional, hosted by the UD School of Law in Keller Hall, drew teams from 14 law schools in Ohio, Michigan and Kentucky. Two teams from the University of Kentucky advanced to the finals, held in March in Austin, Texas. Kate Bowing, a UD law student, received an award as best individual advocate in the competition. Other UD students in the competition included Scott Finney, Kate Hockman-Hudson and Lauria Lynch-German.

Law professors Thomas Hagel and Dennis Turner oversaw the details of hosting the competition.

**UD adopting new e-learning system**

Starting this summer, UD will begin replacing its Web-based e-learning system with a new package that will add to the University’s online educational capabilities.

The decision in March to convert to the Sakai Virtual Learning Environment from WebCT, which has been in place since 2003, was partly pragmatic; when a competitor acquired WebCT in 2006, it began to phase out technical support for the program. Besides being practical, the conversion will position UD to provide a simpler interface for students and faculty while also providing greater flexibility for growth, said Fernando Smith, senior e-learning specialist and e-learning lab manager.

Sakai contains most of the functionality WebCT provided in the delivery of more than 1,300 Web-assisted or distance-learning courses each year, plus a larger expandable “toolset,” a community-minded design approach and compatibility with UD’s enterprise systems, Smith said. More than 300 faculty routinely use WebCT following training in Web-assisted education methods from UD’s e-learning lab in the Ryan C. Harris Learning Teaching Center.

A panel of UD faculty and administrators from various academic units met during the fall term to evaluate e-learning systems with academic program needs, faculty perspectives and information technology issues in mind.

Implementation, which includes training and the migration of course content from WebCT to Sakai, will take place in phases from this summer to the fall of 2009.

The department of curriculum innovation and e-learning will present an overview of the new system at its Techno Fair Wednesday and Thursday, May 7-8, in the Ryan C. Harris Learning Teaching Center. For more information, see http://learn.udayton.edu/sakai.

**MPA student presents at Merton conference**

Timothy Shaffer, a graduate assistant in the Fitz Center for Leadership in Community, presented a paper at the Thomas Merton Society of Canada’s 2008 conference, Disarming the Heart: Pathways to Peace, held in Vancouver, British Columbia, March 7-8.

Shaffer, who is earning a master’s in public administration at UD and has bachelor’s and master’s degrees in theology, presented “No Child’s Play: The Nuclear Psyche in the Fearful American Mind,” in which he addresses the impact of nuclear weapons on how people define themselves and engage others in a fear-filled and violent world.

Nobel Peace Prize nominee Father John Dear, S.J., was keynote speaker for the conference. Shaffer wrote his master’s thesis on the Franciscans’ influence on Merton.
Horvath honors artistry, creativity, realism

Junior fine arts major Mark O’Brien took best of show honors in the visual arts department’s 33rd annual Horvath Exhibition, which opened March 26 in the Rike Center Gallery. The sculpture “Appendage” is done in shellac, fiberglass, steel and thread. His and 66 other student works will be on view through April 24.

The Horvath Exhibition, a juried show that started in 1975, is made possible through a memorial gift to UD from Josephine Horvath in honor of her husband, Bela Horvath, a Hungarian realist painter who came to UD after fleeing his home country. With UD’s sponsorship, he taught private classes in sculpture and painting from his studio.

Works for the show were selected from a variety of media, including drawings, paintings, photography, design, ceramics and sculpture.

Benjamin Norton received the show’s Horvath Award for realism with his “Self Portrait” (acrylic on canvas). Another work by Norton, “Self Portrait vs. Goliath” (oil and acrylic on canvas) took second place. Ellen Schneider took third with “Pairs of Pears” (plaster, wood and wire).

Honorable mentions went to Alex Pico for “Casual Improv. (Untitled #16)” (mixed media); Kathleen Fair for “Untitled” (inkjet print); Kevin Windmiller for “Princes + Queens” (handmade books); and Brandon Holder for “The Water Tower” (clay and acrylic paint).

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For Stander Symposium schedule, see https://stander.udayton.edu

New exhibit depicts Mary’s life in many media

Two Pennsylvania artists say their faith inspired the works in the newest exhibit in the Marian Library Gallery. Past Into Present: Images of Mary’s Life, a collection of religious icons, paintings, textile pieces, carvings and sculptures by Celeste and Jim Lauristen, is on display through June 27. A highlight of the exhibit is “Verum,” a triptych depicting Jesus with the Samaritan woman at the well from John 4:1-42. A triptych is a hinged, three-panel work representing a Biblical passage.

The gallery, on the seventh floor of Roesch Library, is open 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. weekdays or by appointment. Call 229-4214.

Since purchasing a digital camera in 2004, Roesch Library IT specialist Adam Alonzo has posted five photos a day on his Web site. A collection of his work, Persistence of Vision, is on display through April 27 in the Roesch Library Gallery. “I try to see the remarkable in an ordinary scene,” he said. Right: ‘Pedestrians in the Oregon District.’ The gallery is open during regular Roesch Library hours. Or, see his collection online at http://adamalonzo.com/vision/index.html.
RIAA cracks down on illegal music sharing

'A lot of students are perfectly aware of the moral and legal issue. They just don't worry about it unless they're caught.'

'I don’t think suing your customers is a great approach'

16 students told to settle or face lawsuits

In letters from the Recording Industry Association of America, 16 students caught illegally sharing music files on UD’s network were given a choice: Spend a few thousand dollars to settle out of court or face lawsuits that could cost hundreds of times more.

UDit forwarded the RIAA’s pre-settlement litigation letters to the offending users in December along with the recommendation that the users “talk to an attorney or another responsible adult about their options,” said Karen Bull, director of information technology business services in UDit.

From the information students have volunteered to Bull this term, the settlements have been about $3,000. Each user, known only to the RIAA by Internet protocol (IP) address, is reported to have made 92 to 1,900 songs accessible to others via the Internet using peer-to-peer software, which allows users to tap into shared files found on participating computers.

Besides facing legal action for their illegal behavior, the students face disciplinary action from UD.

UDit conveys the University’s technology use policies to all students through various media, Bull said. Students learn about it in their first-year experience curriculum; the policy on fair and acceptable use of technology is in the student handbook; and users receive a reminder about it each term from Tom Skill, associate provost and chief information officer.

If a student is found to be in violation of the policy, UDit usually requires him or her to take a 90-minute computing ethics class as a warning, Bull said.

“We make the assumption that the student either isn’t aware of the sharing or doesn’t understand the computing ethics policy,” Bull said. “A lot of students are perfectly aware of the moral and legal issue. They just don’t worry about it unless they’re caught.”

If the student does not show up for the class, the case goes to the office of community standards and civility in student development, and the violation goes on the student’s record. Disciplinary action can range from an essay and a four-academic-week Internet block on the first reported offense to a fine, a one-year Internet block and referral for a year of disciplinary probation on the third offense.

The RIAA is one of several industry groups — among them the Motion Picture Association of America and the Business Software Alliance — targeting university students, but the RIAA has been most aggressive in pursuing copyright infringement, Bull said.

“When one of these groups sends what we call a cease-and-desist notice to us, they named in lawsuits of public record. With a pre-settlement litigation letter, an alleged violator can go to a Web site, enter the claim number and pay the settlement. If one chooses not to settle, the letter warns that he or she faces a lawsuit seeking up to $750 per shared file. For the UD students, it’s $3,000 now or, for some, more than $1 million later.

For anyone who didn’t settle, if UD receives a valid subpoena, the University is legally obligated to provide information about the user, Bull said.

‘If they elected not to settle, it’s just a matter of risk,’ Bull said. ‘How much risk do you want to take on? Some students have different comfort levels.’

RIAA cracks down on illegal music sharing

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The Recording Industry Association of America’s tactics to reduce illegal music trafficking may be having some minimal effect on illegal file sharing, but it’s probably not good business, said Karen Bull, director of information technology business services in UDit.

“The industry is working on an old, dying business model,” she said. “I don’t think suing your customers is a great approach. They should find other alternatives.”

For example, in October 2007, the band Radiohead opted to distribute its In Rainbows album online, without a record company’s promotion or traditional distribution channels, for whatever a listener wanted to pay for it. Though Radiohead won’t release its sales information, the online digital measuring service comScore reported that about 40 percent of people who downloaded the Radiohead music paid for it.

An easy and safe option for students, Bull said, is to subscribe free to Ruckus Network, a multimedia provider of free and legal music downloads for college students.

‘Of course, they could always buy the song from services such as iTunes, Amazon.com or Rhapsody,’ she said.
**Saturday, April 5**

**M-Fest**
1-9 p.m. at ArtStreet; an all-day concert sponsored by Reach, a campus group promoting awareness and understanding of mental health issues.

**Tuesday-Wednesday, April 8-9**

**Stander Symposium**
Annual celebration of student research and collaboration, named for Brother Joseph W. Stander, S.M. Evening at the Stander, 5 to 9 p.m. Tuesday, April 8, is a celebration of the symposium’s visual and performing arts. It’s free, but tickets are required from the Kennedy Union box office, 229-2545. Wednesday, April 9, is an alternate day of learning for undergraduates, so classes do not meet. Graduate and doctoral classes meet as scheduled. For a full schedule of symposium events, see https://stander.udayton.edu.

**Thursday, April 17**

**UD World Rhythms Series:**
**Juanito Pascual Quartet**
8 p.m., Boll Theatre; guitarist Juanito Pascual performs with a percussionist, a singer and a flamenco dancer. Tickets $9 for students; $16 for faculty, staff and alumni; $18 for the public. Call 229-2543.

**Friday, April 18**

**Faculty meeting**
3 p.m., Kennedy Union east ballroom

**Thursday, April 24**

**Last day of classes for winter term**

**Friday, April 25**

**Academic Senate meeting**
3 p.m., Kennedy Union west ballroom

**Saturday, May 3**

**Doctoral and graduate commencement**
UD Arena; procession 9:45 a.m.; ceremony 10 a.m.

**Baccalaureate Mass**
4:30 p.m., UD Arena

**Sunday, May 4**

**Undergraduate commencement**
UD Arena; procession 9:45 a.m.; ceremony 10 a.m.

**Wednesday-Thursday, May 7-8**

**Techno Fair**
Ryan C. Harris Learning Teaching Center; see http://technofair.udayton.edu

**Monday, May 12**

**First summer session begins**

**Monday, June 23**

**Second summer session begins**

**Friday, July 4**

**Independence Day**
University closed.

**Thursday, Aug. 14**

**New faculty orientation**

**Friday, Aug. 15**

**Feast of the Assumption of Mary**
Celebration commemorates the passing of the Blessed Virgin Mother’s body and soul into heaven; University closed.

**Tuesday, Aug. 19**

**New student convocation**
8:30 a.m., Frericks Center

**Wednesday, Aug. 20**

**Fall term begins**

**Monday, Sept. 1**

**Labor Day**
University closed.

**Friday, Sept. 5**

**Faculty meeting**
3 p.m., Boll Theatre

Members of the student organization Reach promoted the April 5 M-Fest music and art event with a Frisbee giveaway March 26 on the Humanities Plaza. From left, Laura Burgess, Melissa Hoelzle, Brendan Fitzpatrick and Molly Williams.