On the road again

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Stepping onto a new front porch

Front porches are a well-known symbol of community at the University of Dayton. By starting in March with student registration, UD faculty, staff and students will be welcomed into a new digital gathering place called, appropriately, Porches.

"Porches features an attractive new look that fits the University’s branding guidelines and complements our Web presence with internal communication," said Jay Jackson, Porches project manager and assistant CIO. "It offers current and reliable campus information in one organized location and delivers targeted messages to the user, leading to lower bounce rates to the campus community."

Porches has been designed as a robust intranet, allowing the University to use its public Web site at www.udayton.edu as primarily an external marketing tool. During Porches’ beta phase, information will be delivered to users based on their roles at the University, she said. For example, students may see different messaging than either faculty or staff.

"Porches will continue to grow and evolve — all with the support of the Woodrow Wilson Foundation for an initiative to prepare math and science teachers for tomorrow. He’s also been involved in Purdue’s P-21 STEM initiative. As interim dean, Kelly took on the strategic challenge of improving the College of Education’s U.S. News & World Report ranking, which jumped 30 points in one year. He will succeed Thomas J. Lasley II, who has served as dean since 2007. Lasley will remain at UD as executive director of Division of Business and continues to do work with a corporate education partner.

Kelly named dean of School of Education and Allied Professions

Kevin R. Kelly, who recently served as interim dean of the College of Education at Purdue University, will join UD May 1 as dean of the School of Education and Allied Professions.

"Dr. Kelly impressed the campus community with his range of experience, strategic planning skills, strong record of scholarship and his commitment to advancing the University’s leadership in urban and Catholic education," said Provost Joseph Hallia. The search committee, chaired by Katie Kimnau-Welch and Lloyd Lasluch, brought four finalists to campus for interviews this fall.

Kelly, who attended Catholic schools throughout his primary education, said joining a Catholic university will be a homecoming of sorts. "On a personal level, the Marianist community and mission of the University — and the focus on social justice in a learning environment — is very attractive to me," he said.

Kelly holds a bachelor’s in psychology from Boston University and a doctorate in counseling psychology from the University of Iowa. During his nearly 10 years tenure at Purdue, he taught graduate-level courses in counseling and career theories and served as adviser on two doctoral dissertations. He helped bring the National Rural Educational Association to campus, an effort that helped to get support from the Woodrow Wilson Foundation for an initiative to prepare math and science teachers for tomorrow. He’s also been involved in Purdue’s P-21 STEM initiative.

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For millions, to know Mary, to love Mary, to serve Mary has become easier thanks to Father Johann Roten, S.M.

For more than 40 years, he has headed the International Marian Research Institute and Marian Library at UD, growing its collection of printed material, art, popular culture and research on the Mother of God and making it available to the world. This month, Roten will step down from the position. ‘In and through Mary, you reach people at a level that is a very personal one,’ he said.

He is an individual, a person who is a great connector between herself and her son but also between herself and the apostles. She is in the Catholic church in personal way to talk about how Mary is portrayed in different social and cultural contexts.

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We have many different means to make Mary better known, more loved, better served. Our academic program, research and the library are the basis for what we do. Based on these wonderful tools, we transfer that information about Mary into an electronic means. That electronic means is the Marian Page, established in 1996, which is a very early for a religious studies program to be on the Internet.

The Marian Page now attracts around 95,000 visitors a year from all over the world and offers services in English, French, Spanish, Korean and Chinese. With more than 41,000 files on the Web site and up to 4,000 more added each year, Roten says this site is certainly the largest online repository of information on Mary in the world.

He also grew the institute’s academic program, from three male students in 1998 to 50 scholars this year, men and women from all over the world who will earn degrees that will enable them to teach in religious studies and theology departments, and many of whom will rise in the administrative ranks of the Catholic church.

Although Roten is stepping down from leadership of the institute and library — Father Francois Rossier, S.M., will be installed as director in January — Roten will stay involved in the art collection, have time for more research, and, of course, continue to collect items in his new role as professor emeritus.

Cautious optimism is the theme of administration at UD this year. A major five-hour tour from his Rosemont, Ill., residence to campus and faculty meeting Nov. 13. After President Daniel J. Cronin gave an overview of the higher education environment, Thomas M. Columbus, vice president for finance and administrative services, detailed some of the factors Raleigh, who is a very tough.
Through Jan. 24
Elisabeth’s Nativity House: The van Mullekom Collection

Through Jan. 28
Darel Sparling: When Purple Meets All Other Colors
8:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m. Monday–Friday, Saturday and Sunday by appointment. Marian Library Gallery. Sparling’s paintings present Christmas themes — the dusk and dawn of new birth, mystic stars and trumpeting angels. Free. Call 229-5101.

Friday, Dec. 4
Academic Senate Meeting
3 p.m., Kennedy Union ballroom.

Friday Film Series: Sunshine Cleaning
9 p.m., ArtStreet Studio B. A single mom and her slacker sister find an unexpected way to turn their lives around. Directed by Christine Jeffs. Free. Call 229-5101.

Friday-Saturday, Dec. 4-5
Faculty Opera: Amahl and the Night Visitors
1 p.m. Friday, 2 p.m. Saturday, Boll Theatre. The music department presents a faculty production of the one-act Christmas opera by Gian Carlo Menotti. The faculty cast includes Linda June Snyder, Robert Jones and David Sievers and guest William Henry Caldwell (Centra State University), along with the UD Opera Workshop. Ten-year-old Sam Burt of Kettering, Ohio, plays Amahl. Musical Director is John Benjamin, musical director for the opera, said the opera’s music runs from sadness to joy. He added that the opera also contains humorous moments. “The oldest king, Kaspar, is hard of hearing — there’s an exchange between Amahl and Kaspar that guarantees lots of laughs,” he said.

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Sunday, Dec. 6
Gamelan Ensemble Concert

Combined Jazz Ensembles

Advent Vespers
9 p.m., Chapel of the Marianist Martyrs, Marianist Hall. Sponsored by Campus Ministry and Catholic Life. Contact Jeremy Helmes at Jeremy.Helmes@udayton.edu

Tuesday, Dec. 8
Feast of the Immaculate Conception
University closed. The Catholic feast day honors the conception of the Blessed Virgin Mother without original sin.

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Christmas on Campus
46th annual event begins with opening ceremonies and tree lighting at 5:30 p.m. in Humanities Plaza. Music ensembles concert begins at 7 p.m. in Immaculate Conception Chapel. Masses held at 9 a.m., 12:05 p.m., 4:30 p.m. and 9 p.m. in Immaculate Conception Chapel. Four Masses are offered to provide more options and an environmentally and economically sustainable alternative to a single mass at an alternate site. Call 229-3483.

Monday-Friday, Dec. 14-18
Exams
First term ends after final exams.

Saturday, Dec. 19
Diploma Exercises
9:45 a.m., UD Arena.

Thursday-Friday, Dec. 24-25
Christmas break
University closed.

Thursday-Friday, Dec. 31-Jan. 1
New Year’s
University closed.

Monday, Jan. 4
Classes resume

Friday, Jan. 15
Academic Senate Meeting
3 p.m., Kennedy Union ballroom.

COMING ATTRACTIONS

The Opera of first Christmas a faculty first
Amahl and the Night Visitors, a one-act opera about the first Christmas, is also a first for the UD community.

“This is the first faculty opera we’ve produced,” said Linda Snyder, coordinator of voice studies. It is also the first time this opera will be performed at UD.

“We’re happy and grateful to have the opportunity to share this wonderful music with colleagues, students, family and friends,” she said. In addition to faculty, UD students and members of the Dayton community make up the cast.

Amahl and the Night Visitors tells the story of a shepherd boy and his encounter with the Wise Men who stop by his home for shelter. Inspired by the Wise Men’s tale of a kingdom based on love, Amahl is inspired to bring a gift to Baby Jesus and receives a special gift in return.

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