To love, to serve Mary
### FATHER DAVID FLEMING, S.M.

The former superior general of the Society of Mary is visiting UD this semester. Father David Fleming, S.M., current global director and president of UD Global, India, campuswide Maristian, will be teaching and tracking at UD with Mary when he returns to India.

**How did you come to teach at UD?**

I’ve been a Maristian for over 50 years. That’s my first association. I’ve spent more than 30 years organizing efforts to create unity among Maristians around the world. […] For two years now I’ve been working in India at UD’s outreach campus for Maristian brothers, where I teach theology and philosophy courses. UD invited me to teach on campus for a semester. I welcomed the invitation.

**What are you teaching?**

I’m teaching a seminar in the religious studies department on faith and culture. The course is based on my experience working in different cultures around the world. For example, I’ve worked in India for about 12 years and traveled around the world as the superior general of the Maristians for 30 years. … I’m also lecturing faculty and staff who are trying to deepen the Maristian feeling on campus, speaking on interreligious dialogue and meeting with students groups throughout the semester.

**What will you miss about India?**

Well, I already miss the beautiful weather. I’ll miss interacting with different cultures. (UD) has a variety of cultures here on the campus, but I’ll miss the large intercultural setting. It’s the stimulation from learning different views and different ways of thinking or looking at life that I appreciate most from living abroad for more than 50 years.

**Why is intercultural and interreligious communication important?**

We live in a time of globalization. It has produced bad points, affects politics, and a lot of things. We have to see what we can learn from other people through this exchange. How can we change and learn from them, and how can others change and learn from us? In terms of religions, the Church is interested in being a world church, and in order to do this, it must know the different needs of different people.

**What are you most looking forward to at UD?**

I’m looking forward to befriending American students, feeling a sense for what they’re thinking and doing.

**Rafael Boti’r**

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### Sending out SOS

An information session on campus will be held 1 p.m. Monday, Feb. 8, in the Science Center Auditorium to inform faculty, staff, and students about travel abroad and safety services purchased by the University.

International SOS will provide worldwide medical, travel, and security assistance and evacuation services for faculty, staff, and students participating in University-approved programs and University-sponsored travel abroad. Services include up-to-date reports on safety, security, health issues, medical referrals, and vaccination requirements for international travelers. For more information visit the website or call 1-800-387-8701.

Nominations accepted

Nora Duffey, a former director of career services, was the first person to be nominated this year by the University community, a practice the University’s Human Resources office will repeat for all applicants.

*Send news to Dan Ritz at 513/279-5206 or dritz@udayton.edu*.

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### Take a Break with...:

**CONVERSATION PIECE**

*The campusucciomunicated with and prayed for the people of Haiti, at Mass Friday, Jan. 15, and again Sunday, Jan. 17, where more than $2,000 was collected for the earthquake relief effort. Additional funds were collected at Masses throughout January. All donations remaining in through Campus Ministry are being sent to Catholic Relief Services and the Maristans in Haiti.*

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### Where’s Larry?

So, you think you know every rock and crevice of campus? If you can figure out where photog Larry Burgess has been, you’ll be entered in a drawing for a framed photo of your choice. E-mail your answer to campusphotolibrary@udayton.edu. Answers are due by Friday, Feb. 5. The winner will be announced in the March 5 issue of the campus weekly.

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Nora Duffey, a former director of continuing education, was known for personally impressing the point of Mary in all she did. Her legacy continues with the Nora Duffey Award, a $1000 honorarium and trip to a new entity who has overcome a significant obstacle to complete a bachelor’s degree and who possesses personal characteristics that reflect the Maristian tradition. To nominate a student who will graduate the academic year, contact June Mitchell at 513/279-2850. Nominations are due Feb. 24.

Nominations are also being accepted through Feb. 21 for the Alumni Mary Award, which recognizes a priest for leadership, scholarship and service. The award is $1,500 in financial assistance. For nomination forms, contact the office of student development at Carlyl.Matti@notes.udayton.edu.

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### Ceremony to install five endowed chairs

Endowed chairs in the College of Arts and Sciences, School of Business Administration, and School of Engineering will be installed in a ceremony 3:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 19, in Mull Theatre. The ceremony will honor Patricia Jotzmann, Alumni Chair in Humanities; Vincent Miller, Gudorf Chair in Catholic Theology and Culture; David O’Hearn, University Professor of Faith and Culture; Johnn Boggs, Edmund B. Clowery Chair in Economics; and Vaguen Anos, Ohio Research Schools Chair in Worldwide Area Surveillance.

**Task, temptation Feb. 18**

Vincent Miller, Gudorf Chair in Catholic Theology and Culture, will present “The Church and Culture: Theology, Task and Temptation” at 4:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 18, in Sains Recital Hall. Miller is the author of Consuming Religion: Christian Faith and Practice in a Consumer Culture and is working on a book about how globalization is affecting religious belief and communities.

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### On one in three campus visitors enroll at UD

Approximately 2,000 more prospective students have visited campus than this time last year. Both part of a strategic initiative to highly competitive recruitment year, Sundar Kumanarayanan, vice president for enrollment management, repeated to the President’s Ground Jan. 20.

“Our strategy is proven to present,” he said. “If prospective students visit campus, our payroll is in as a percent.”

Although the University of Dayton remains in solid financial shape, the economic downturn has made it “a tight budget year,” said Tom Burkhardt, vice president for finance and administrative services. “Families are looking for additional student aid. That’s putting the squeeze on the budget for next fiscal year.”

Deborah Nash, vice president for University advancement, projects an upswing in giving. “We ended the calendar year close to $500 million in campaign commitments.” We have some large gifts pending and if we can clear this gift agree, we’ll have a robust year. The plan for the University’s resources advisory council will be revised and the group expanded “because of the faculty’s desire to have more input in human resources policies,” reported Joyce Carter, vice president for human resources.

Carter also gave a preliminary analysis of the campus climate survey actions plans. “I couldn’t be happier with the level of commitment and engagement. The plans are very strong,” she said.

Strategies ranged from improvements in family friendly policies in the College of Arts and Sciences to greater efforts to retain women faculty and staff in the School of Engineering. A number of divisions pledged more informal dialogues between supervisors and staff.

As part of a seven-year plan, new department chairs will attend leadership development workshops addressing such issues as supervisory skills training and hiring for diversity, inclusion and excellence. Deborah Blacklock, associate provost for academic affairs and learning initiatives, shared a white paper describing UD’s philosophy of leadership and desired characteristics for faculty and staff.

Starting in March, students will be able to register for Fall 2010 courses starting mid-April. The University’s new internal portal that launches this month.

President Daniel J. Curran thanked Father Paul Marshall, S.M., for his leadership since arrival in 2005. He has been named assistant for temperature in Iowa State University in St. Louis. The post begins in July.

Sundar, who worked for six years as director of community relations for The TV and currently serves as the board president of the Miami Valley Career Center and a board member of the Dayton Visual Arts Center.

Both have 15 previously vacant positions.

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Rossier installed as Marian Library director

The story of Christianity begins with Mary, who, when she said "yes" in the message of the angel, agreed to become the mother of Jesus and thus became his first disciple. That was the message of Father Francesco Rossoi, S.M., during his talk Jan. 31 at the ceremony installing him as execu- tive-director of the Marian Library at the International Marian Research Institute at the University of Dayton.

"There is a renewal of interest in Mary around the world," Rossoi said. "She's the most written about woman in the entire human history, and she's an emblem of Catholic tradition and identity."

Archbishop of Cincinnati Dennis Schnurr and Father Jim Fitz, S.M., assistant provincial of the Society of Mary, attended the installation. This position is the only one at UD that requires approval by the Vatican. Father Paul Marshall, S.M., University rector, said the institute is a unique resource for the study of Mary in Christianity and Mary as a disciple of Jesus, which is the foun- dation of the Marianist order.

"We look at how Mary was involved in Jesus' early life and how she became open to God's spirit," Marshall said.

Why study Mary?

Below is an excerpt of the talk by Father François Rossoi, S.M., at his installation ceremony. The entire speech can be do- ned on the Marian Library website, www.marianlibrary.org.

"The institute explores how Mary appears in scripture, how she appears in the history of the church and how she appears in people's lives. It's a really rich resource for people who want to have an intellectual as well as a spiritual understanding of Mary."

Rossier succeeds Father Johann Roten, S.M., who headed the institute for more than 30 years, leading its expansive growth and taking it into the digital age. Under Roten's leader- ship, a significant number of graduate students in theology now come from around the world to study at the institute, which grants pontifical degrees through its affiliate on with Pontifical University Marianist in Rome.

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Rossier's installation as Marian Library director marks the inauguration of the Marianist order.

Each year, UD's Rector's Council honors two full-time lay faculty or staff members who have, over time, made noteworthy contributions to the Catholic, Marianist character of the University. Named for Brother Elmer Lackner, S.M., these honors are among the highest awards given at UD.

2010 Lackner Awards

Teaching as service

Culture creates, cultivates professor’s Marianist spirit

K athryn Kimmcan-Welsh knew little about the Marianist charism, which she now supports as an assistant professor of teacher education in 2007.

Since then, the Marianist charism has become her own, and she's worked to sustain it in the University’s academic onwership and in her own, said Joan McGuinness Wagner, director of Marianist strategies.

"She’s very thoughtful about the way she presents ideas, and she quite naturally includes people in conversation and integrates ideas so that and result is a composite of all the contributions," Wagner said.

Being honored with one of UD’s highest awards caught Kimmcan-Welsh by surprise, for she had never even intended to stay at UD longer than the initial one year. It was, she confessed, to build the foun- dation of her academic career and then return to Michigan, her aging par- ents, her green children, her home.

"What happened was, UD became a home, a fam- ily, my support, my com- munity," said Kimmcan- Welsh, now the chair of teacher education.

Community, one of the characteristics of the Marianist charism, felt natural from her first week, when she began gathering with a handful of junior faculty mem- bers for scholarship support on the road to tenure. The group soon became more than that.

"We discussed our program and our scholarship," she said, "but we were also figuring out what it means to be a faculty member in teacher education."

When she was invited to participate in a Marianist Universities Meeting at St. Mary’s University in San Antonio, she thought, ‘That’s how I want to be.’”

Burkhardt recalled a time he and Ploeger had to deliver some bad news to a profes- sor. For Burkhardt, though, the biggest lessons haven't been from the boldest moves. But the University can credit many of its bold advances to people who were almost always on Friday initiatives.

"Some decisions have been more than that. In Burkhardt’s meetings with Ploeger, his predecessor and now president of Chaminade University, they discussed more than budgets, investments, compensation and capital."

In good care

Commitment strong in fourth-generation Flyer

T he University’s vice president for finance and administrative services came to work at UD in 1984 with a strong accounting degree, as you are at top firm. Four generations of family history and a com- mitment to teach his alma mater into the 21st century.

First from his family and later from his colleagues, Tom Burkhardt learned to be a wise and careful financial steward, and he has successfully upheld the practices that have helped the University grow in times of revenue and weather the bad news, said longtime col- league and 2004 Marianist Service Award honoree Ken Soucy.

Burkhardt humbly shifts credit to his mentors and colleagues. "I had the unique opportunity of working for and with Brother Fritz Fitz and Brother Bernie Plager at the same time," he said. "But not many people can say that. They are both incredibly smart people and both taught me a lot about social justice as it applies to the finances of a university."

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"In those meetings, which were weekly, we spoke of the big picture every afternoon and almost always concluded in a lot more work, we sometimes digressed from the practical to the philosophical and back," said Burkhardt, who has experimented the challenge and the responsibility that come with overseeing the University’s present and future financial well-being. Most important, he said, was learning to consider carefully the effects of his decisions on all parties.

That’s something he’s been, harder than others, and the answer is ‘always clear,’ he said.

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Through the Marian Library and Institute, we can help make her acces- sible to people around the world. There is a great desire to be better acquainted with her by many people of faith," he said.

Gila Weerd
Darrow named Honors director

Opportunities for community outreach, leadership training among priorities

They are curious students who ask tough questions. They encourage other students to think and professors to teach in different ways. Sometimes, they even influence professors’ research. These are some of the best experiences that Daniel Darrow has had teaching honors students. As of July 1, the history professor will have more opportunities as director of the University Honors Program.

The program developed — since it was under the leadership of Patricia Hart — to offer two different options: the honors credit hours or the thesis, and the honors with distinction diploma, which requires a honors credit hours and a thesis, and the honors with distinction diploma, which requires a thesis.

Honors students are called to be campus leaders.

In the past, the University had a rolling admissions system. The new program allows for a presentation by Provost Joe Sancious at the Jan. 22 faculty meeting.

The University has focused on improving and recruiting students: academic quality, ethnic diversity, geographic diversity. Since 2000, the average ACT score of incoming students has improved from approximately 36 percent to 77 percent.

According to faculty, Darrow hopes to continue developing and strengthening the program. “One of the great strengths of UD’s Academic Program has always been the thesis option and the faculty’s desire to allow students to conduct sustained research. In doing so, they really participate in the University’s advancement and new knowledge,” said Darrow. “I am interested in expanding the honors program’s support for these activities.”

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Alumni accolades

At a Feb. 12 ceremony, four alumni will receive 2009 National Alumni Association awards for their achievements.

Coll. Gordon Roberts ’84 will receive the Distinguished Alumni Award. A Medal of Honor recipient for his service in the Vietnam War, Roberts became medical center director/battle command officer at Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington, D.C.

Timothy Hicks ’89 will receive the Distinguished Undergraduate Award. Harris is a founder and pastor at Turning Point Family Worship Center in Indianapolis and founder of youth programs that provide life skills, counseling and tutoring for children and young adults.

Wayne D. Lancaster ’69 will receive the Special Achievement Award. Lancaster has made significant contributions to his career, and his recent service to education and prevention efforts and the development of a vaccination that prevents HPV viruses.

Walter V. Simmons ’54 will receive the Lifetime Achievement Award. Simmons is currently soliciting nominations for the 2010 Alumni Awards. The 2009 awards were announced last month.

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Friday, Feb. 5
Works by Joseph Daun. Noon - 4 p.m. Tuesday-Wednesday. 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Thursday, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Friday, Rike Center Gallery. Artist reception 5-7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 9.
Through April 9
And Mary All in Postmodernity: Small Marian Sculptures by Melanie Weaver. 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday; Saturday and Sunday by appointment. Marian Library. Featuring art by Melanie Weaver, professor at Azusa Pacific University. Call 229-4214.
Friday, Feb. 5
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Saturday, Feb. 6
Sunday, Feb. 7
Tuesday, Feb. 9
Men’s tennis vs. Kennesaw State. 3 p.m., Old River Courts.
Evening of French Poetry and Song. 8 p.m., Sears Recital Hall. Music and languages students in concert featuring music by Debussy, Faure, Hahn and Poulenc. Free. Call 229-3936.
Wednesday, Feb. 10
Men’s basketball vs. Charlotte. 7 p.m., UD Arena. Call 229-4433.
World Rhythms Series: Chen Zimbalista — 40 Sticks, 4 Hands. 8 p.m., Boll Theatre. The Israeli percussionist is joined by legendary jazz percussionist Lewis Nash. Presented by UD Arts Series and Cityfolk. General admission $18, $16 for seniors, military, University faculty, staff and alumni; $9 for students. Call 229-2945.
Thursday, Feb. 11
17th Annual Humanities Symposium. 7:30 p.m., Sears Recital Hall. Interfaith dialogue discussion with Father David Fleming, S.M., formation director and professor of the University’s India program. Call 229-3490.
Friday, Feb. 12
Feb. 15-26
Muñecas Quitapenas (No Worries) ArtStreet Studio D Gallery. Leesa Haapapuro’s recent art is inspired by Guatemalan worry dolls and investigates magical thinking. Participants are invited to make a figure. Closing reception Thursday, Feb. 25. Call 229-5101.
Saturday, Feb. 13
Women’s basketball vs. Xavier. 7 p.m., UD Arena. Pack the house challenge. Call 229-4433.
Thursday, Feb. 18
Men’s basketball vs. La Salle. 7 p.m., UD Arena. Call 229-4433.
Saturday, Feb. 27
Catholic Relief Services Fourth Annual Global Solidarity Conference. 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m., Kennedy Union. Sponsored by the Catholic Relief Services and UD, the conferences theme is “Holding the Earth lightly: A call to care and open to the public. Call 229-3936.
Friday, Feb. 19
Friday Film Series: Hoop Dreams. 9 p.m., ArtStreet Studio B. This acclaimed documentary uses high school basketball to explore issues of race, class and education in modern America. Directed by Steve James, 1994. Call 229-5101.
Jan-Michel Basquiat (pictured). “I had help from my friends,” she said. “We formed an assembly line.” Taped the sharp sides, and sewed them together before adding them to the dress. Perkowitz created a dress covered with squares made into fashion — she also writes fashion pieces for SingleMindedWomen.com.
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Feb. 19-20
Winter Dance Ensemble Concert 8 p.m., Kennedy Union Ball Theatre. General admission $10, faculty, staff and students, $6. Call 229-2545.
Saturday, Feb. 20
University Orchestra featuring Kevin Sylvester, Flute Soloist. 8 p.m., Kennedy Union ballroom. Conducted by Jiang Liu. “Adagio” and “Finale” from Concerto for Flute and Orchestra by Gordon Jacob featuring sophomore Kevin Sylvester. Free. Call 229-3936.
Women’s basketball vs. Temple. 2 p.m., UD Arena. Call 229-4433.
Wednesday, Feb. 24
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