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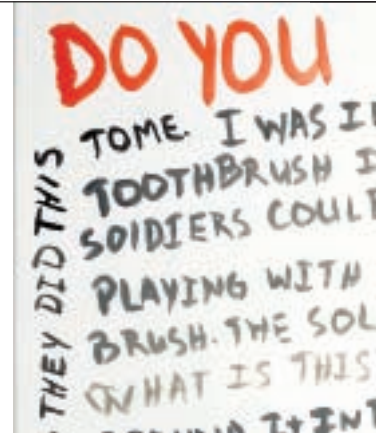
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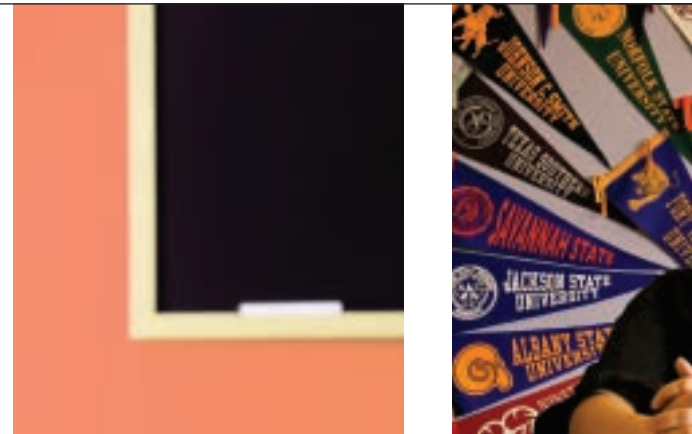
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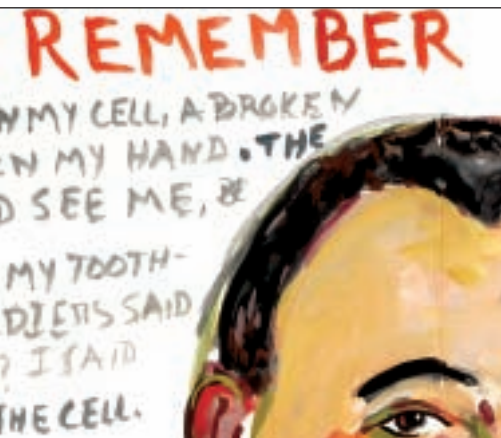
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## Since We Were Last *Together*

*Your university keeps moving onward, upward and outward.*

*There's always a lot going on around campus and in the lives of DePaul alumni that attracts widespread attention.*

*Here are just a few such items since our last issue.*

DePaul hosted a daylong retreat in February for the Chicago Public School's Male Initiative Project (MIP), which fosters success for young men of color through mentoring and leadership building. The university is now an active partner of MIP as part of its efforts to engage more young men in the academic process.

In a move that will strengthen its reputation and ability to recruit both faculty members and prospective students, the School of Computer Science, Telecommunications and Information Systems is restructuring and changing its name. Effective April 15, 2008, it is the College of Computing and Digital Media (CDM), a name that captures the broad and dynamic spectrum of degrees and courses it offers now and will offer in the future.

Management Professor Raman Chadha won a national teaching award inaugurated this year by the Acton Foundation to recognize superior entrepreneurship educators. He was among 27 teachers from across the country presented with the award this February in Austin, Texas.

Four notable professionals are recent additions to the university's Board of Trustees. They are Fay Hartog Levin, senior consultant at Res Publica Group; Carla Michelotti (LAS '72, JD '75), executive vice president/general counsel for Leo Burnett Worldwide; James T. Ryan, (MBA '87) president and chief operating officer of Grainger; and George Ruff (COM '74), founder and senior principal of Trinity Hotel Investors LLC.

While in Japan studying the consequences of atomic warfare, 14 DePaul students led by the Rev. James Halstead, O.S.A., and Yuki Miyamoto of the religious studies department met with Mayor Tadatashi Akiba of Hiroshima. Akiba asked them to deliver a letter to Mayor Richard M. Daley (JD '68) inviting him to join 1,900 other mayors around the world in helping to eliminate nuclear weapons by 2020. Daley signed the letter in March. (See p. 11.)

Representatives from 40 countries, members of the Consular Corps of Chicago, were honored guests of the Rev. Dennis H. Holtschneider, C.M., DePaul University president, at a luncheon Feb. 13. Christopher Kennedy, president of Merchandise Mart Properties Inc., was the featured speaker. (See photos on p. 8.)

Cardinal Francis George, O.M.I., gave the opening address at a conference on peace and violence hosted by DePaul in early February. The event honored the 25th anniversary of the U.S. Catholic Bishops' Pastoral letter on War and Peace. Professor Pat Callahan of the political science department was the keynote speaker.



# university news

## PRESIDENTIAL PRÉCIS

“DePaul’s forte is creating opportunities for students to acquire knowledge and apply it in the world. Our journalism students cover presidential elections and caucuses alongside national reporters; our psychology students provide clinical services in public housing communities; and our business students intern everywhere from small businesses to Fortune 500 companies.”



Rev. Dennis H. Holtschneider, C.M.  
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## DePaul University Launches School of Public Service

**Hundreds of professionals who have made a mark in the non-profit, non-governmental and public sectors have been trained in DePaul's public service program since 1970.** Now, the university expands its commitment to public service management by elevating its distinguished program to the School of Public Service (SPS)—a move that was celebrated at a dinner Feb. 15 at the Chicago Cultural Center.

U.S. Sen. Dick Durbin (D-Ill.), a longtime supporter of DePaul, delivered a keynote speech on the importance of public service.

Durbin called for “a renewed persistent use of America’s greatest resource—its people,” to aid others in need around the globe and improve our nation’s relationships with other countries. “Let this school be the place where those values are taught,” he said.

Presently, DePaul’s SPS educates close to 400 graduate students each quarter to lead community and other service organizations whose work complements the university’s Vincentian mission. Alumni land jobs in association management, fundraising, health care, cultural and arts institutions, city and village management, government agencies and service and political organizations, to name a few.

“It’s an honorable profession to work in government, non-profit or NGOs [non-governmental organizations], literally helping the body politic to function well, always with an eye toward those left on the sidelines by our systems,” says the Rev. Dennis H. Holtschneider, C.M., president of DePaul. “I think Vincent de Paul would be proud that a university under his name is preparing professionals to make this contribution.”

According to the Rev. J. Patrick Murphy, C.M., director of SPS, the post-9/11 years have brought a spike in student enrollment in service-oriented occupations. “The future for our graduates and

alumni is bright in government, the non-profit and the for-profit public service sectors as the worldwide demand for public service professionals increases,” says Murphy. “Here at DePaul, we offer students an opportunity to recognize the merit of each individual as we work in partnership to build a multiracial and international community through leadership of vital organizations.”

International public service, one of the newest master’s degree programs, is designed to educate global managers and leaders working in NGOs, intergovernmental organizations and the nonprofit sector. It was specifically developed for students who have work experience in other countries and transnational organizations. “We offer 15 courses in 10 countries, and we have faculty who hail from China, India, Italy, Russia and Nigeria,” says Murphy.

Though the opportunity to study abroad is the centerpiece of SPS’s programs, some of the most successful study outside the classroom has been conducted here in the United States.



*“The future for our graduates and alumni is bright.”*

— Rev. J. Patrick Murphy, C.M., director, DePaul’s School of Public Service

One such project, under the leadership of Gloria Simo, an associate professor of public service, involves students who have been working since Hurricane Katrina to put in place redevelopment plans and services for the devastated Tulane-Canal area of New Orleans.

**For more information about the School of Public Service, visit its Web site at [www.publicservice.depaul.edu](http://www.publicservice.depaul.edu).**

# Art Museum Features Gripping Portraits of Abu Ghraib Detainees

An exhibition of a compelling collection of portraits, “Abu Ghraib Detainee Interview Project,” opened at DePaul University’s Art Museum in mid-February and will continue through May 4.

Philadelphia artist Daniel Heyman had the rare opportunity to attend the interviews of former Iraqi prisoners held at Abu Ghraib. While the subjects unfolded narratives of humiliation, Heyman drew them and incorporated their testimony into his images. “The effects of the war upon a civilian population are not contained within the years of the war,” Heyman said during a panel discussion just before the opening reception. “This is what the United States is not talking about. This is an entire population we’re not talking about.”

Heyman, who is on the faculty at Rhode Island School of Design, has traveled to Jordan and Turkey repeatedly since 2006 to witness the interviews that were conducted in preparation for a class-action lawsuit filed on the detainees’ behalf. All the plaintiffs were released from prison without being charged. “His initial intent was simply to add a human dimension to their narratives, but over time his images evolved into an alternative form of testimony,” explains Louise Lincoln, director of the museum.

The watercolors are boldly painted, and the use of multiple colors for the text accentuates the narrative. For the drypoints—prints made with steel needles—Heyman cut the metal printing plates directly during the testimonies, writing the texts rapidly in reverse. There are 23 images in the exhibition, including a 34-foot long accordion book of watercolors and a projection on the floor of text in Arabic.

“This is extraordinarily difficult work to look at, but the discomfort the images produce is exceeded by the importance of the subject matter,” says Lincoln. “It’s an appropriate exhibition to show in a university context because it goes beyond news headlines—it takes on a set of issues with profound political and moral dimensions and addresses them in visual form.”

To elaborate upon those issues, Bill O’Neil, partner in Burke O’Neil LLC, which is filing suit against Blackwater USA and CACI, another military contractor, on behalf of the former detainees; and M. Cherif Bassiouni, distinguished research professor, DePaul University College of Law and founding president of DePaul’s International Human Rights Law Institute, joined Heyman in the panel discussion.

Visit [museums.depaul.edu](http://museums.depaul.edu) for information on current and upcoming exhibits at DePaul’s Art Museum.



With images and words, artist Daniel Heyman created an on-the-spot record of interviews with former Iraqi prisoners who had been held at Abu Ghraib—testimonies of torture and humiliation.

## Experts Explore “Green” Real Estate

*“Everywhere I go, I seem to run into discussions or presentations about sustainable building, and it is difficult to sort the marketing hype from the science and technology.”*

— Cannon

**A**S concern about global warming grows, one of the hottest trends in real estate is the development of environmentally sustainable buildings. But in the rush to “go green,” owners, developers, contractors and design professionals may take risks that negatively affect profitability and facility performance.

To explore ways to minimize these risks, the Real Estate Center at DePaul University and the Alberti Group LLC sponsored “Managing Risk in Sustainable Building: Policy, Performance & Pitfalls,” this February.

The program featured nationally recognized speakers on economics and climate-change policy and more than a dozen industry experts who engaged in cross-disciplinary discussions of legal, legislative, insurance, architecture, construction, real estate valuation and forensic analysis issues pertaining to sustainable building, with emphases on performance-based outcomes and decreasing risk.

Susanne Cannon, the Douglas and Cynthia Crocker Endowed Director of the Real Estate Center at DePaul, co-chaired the conference with Ujjval K. Vyas, principal and founder of the Alberti Group, a consultancy that advises clients on emerging real estate issues, including sustainability. Vyas also teaches a course in sustainable building at DePaul’s Kellstadt Graduate School of Business.

“Everywhere I go, I seem to run into discussions or presentations about sustainable building, and it is difficult to sort the marketing hype from the science and technology,” Cannon said. “The increasing pressure to ‘go green’ is causing some people to make decisions without fully evaluating the costs, benefits and risks.”

The keynote speakers were Roger H. Bezdek, president, Management Information Services Inc., and Roger A. Pielke Jr., professor, environmental studies program, University of Colorado, who also is a fellow with the Cooperative Institute for Research in Environmental Sciences.

## International Affair



The Rev. Dennis H. Holtschneider, C.M., president of DePaul University, and Christopher Kennedy, president of the Merchandise Mart Properties Inc., enjoy the university’s luncheon for the Consular Corps of Chicago. (See p. 3.)



Filomena Primorac Nikolic, consul general, Bosnia and Herzegovina; Peggy Parfenoff, International Visitors Center of Chicago; and J.D. Bindenagel, DePaul’s vice president of community, government and international affairs, at the Consular Corps luncheon.



## Hot Off the Press

n **“Chicago’s Urban Nature: A Guide to the City’s Architecture + Landscape”** (The University of Chicago Press, 2007) celebrates Chicago’s powerful fusion of architecture and green spaces. **Sally A. Kitt Chappell**, professor emeritus of art and architecture, guides her readers with photos and a conversational informative narrative.

n People recovering from substance abuse find hope in an innovative type of community home. **“Rescued Lives: The Oxford House Approach to Substance Abuse”** (The Haworth Press, May 2008) by **Leonard A. Jason**, DePaul psychology professor, and **Bradley D. Olson**, Northwestern University, explains this innovative model and features residents’ stories.

n **“Women in Business: The Changing Face of Leadership”** (Praeger Publishers, 2007) features interviews with 22 prominent women who became successful business leaders and explores how these trailblazers are revolutionizing traditional male management practices. Authors include College of Commerce Professors **Patricia Werhane, Margaret Posig, Lisa Gundry and Laurel Ofstein** and their colleague Elizabeth Powell of the University of Virginia.

n Divisive racial politics had roots in the urban North between the 1930s and the 1950s, according to **James Wolfinger**, assistant professor of education and history. His **“Philadelphia Divided: Race and Politics in the City of Brotherly Love”** (The University of North Carolina Press, 2007) starts with the city’s neighborhoods and workplaces to tell the story.

n Sor Juana Ines de la Cruz Chair **Achy Obejas** explores love, sex, identity and diaspora in a chapbook of 15 poems titled **“This is What Happened in Our Other Life”** (A Midsummer’s Night Press, 2007). Obejas also is an award-winning novelist and journalist.

n Disease weapons, what groups might have them now, and what can be done to protect humanity against them are urgent topics addressed in **“Bioviolence: Preventing Biological Terror and Crime”** (Cambridge University Press, 2007) by **Barry Kellman**, professor of international law.

n **“Before Stonewall: Histories of Same-Sex Sexuality in Early America”** (The New York University Press, 2007) explores same-sex attraction in colonial America and the early days of the Republic. **Thomas A. Foster**, assistant professor of history, assembles a variety of essays that reveal the underpinnings of modern sexual identities and political movements.

## DePaul and Rush University Medical Center Partner to Offer New Health Care Management M.S./MBA Program

DePaul University and Rush University Medical Center have formed a new educational alliance that will link two of their highly ranked degree programs for the benefit of Chicago professionals who seek to become leaders in the growing health care, biotechnology and pharmaceutical fields.

Beginning in fall 2008, the institutions will collaborate to offer students a master of business administration (MBA) from DePaul’s Kellstadt Graduate School of Business and a master of science in health systems management (M.S.) from Rush’s Department of Health Systems Management.

The program pairing comes at a time when employment for medical and health services managers is expected to grow faster than average—18 to 26 percent—through 2014, as the health care industry continues to expand and diversify, according to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

“As career opportunities increase for health care managers and the industry becomes more business-focused, professionals in this field are realizing that they need to be educated in both health care and business administration,” said Associate Professor of Management Marty Martin, who teaches in DePaul’s program.

“Our two nationally ranked programs complement each other very well. This arrangement will produce future leaders for the health care management field in Chicago and across the nation,” said Rush’s Health Systems Management Program Director Daniel Gentry.

Students in the three-year M.S./MBA program will spend two years completing 28 courses and a master’s project at Rush’s College of Health Sciences, located in the Near West Side medical district. In their final year, they will take nine DePaul courses at the university’s business school.

## Chaddick Study Shows Intercity Bus Industry Rebounding

**According to research conducted by the Chaddick Institute for Metropolitan Development at DePaul University, the number of scheduled runs, or bus departures, across the nation has jumped about 13 percent since February 2006. It is the first rebound in decades for the industry.**

“Since bus travel is more than four times as energy-efficient as private car travel and airline travel, the intercity bus companies have a great marketing opportunity

to reach out to those who are conscientious about the nation’s energy and environmental challenges,” says Joe Schwieterman, executive director of the Chaddick Institute and a professor of public policy at DePaul.

Much of the increase is attributable to new players entering the field—most notably Megabus Inc. in the Midwest. But there also has been an increase in the number of routes and departures offered by other regional lines. At the same

time, Greyhound Lines has just completed a \$60 million equipment and facility overhaul, enhancing the quality of its passenger service. The increase, the study found, comes on the heels of a dramatic and painful period of decline that resulted in the loss of more than two-thirds of all services nationally.

“The Return of the Intercity Bus: The Decline and Recovery of Scheduled Service to American Cities, 1960-2007” assessed the changing status of intercity bus service throughout the United States during the past half-century. Research associates working with Schwieterman examined published bus schedules for the top service providers throughout the nation. There has been an especially notable uptick in service in relatively dense regions of the nation where major metropolitan areas are within 100 to 300 miles of each other.

The biggest beneficiary of this increased traffic is Chicago, in which Megabus operates numerous daily departures to many Midwest cities, including Milwaukee, Indianapolis, St. Louis, Detroit, Cleveland and Cincinnati. This year, Megabus expanded service at its Chicago hub to 42 daily bus operations and added several new cities as well as opened a new hub in Los Angeles that serves 12 cities in Arizona, California and Nevada. A variety of carriers expanded along the nation’s coasts as well.

Established operators, including Peter Pan Bus and Bonanza Bus Lines, also expanded service. “Intercity bus companies, ironically, are big beneficiaries of worsening highway congestion, which is adding to the stress and cost of driving,” notes Schwieterman. **“Furthermore, many travelers have decided that the extra travel time of bus travel is a small price to pay to avoid dealing with overcrowded airports and flight delays.”**



Industry image is another area where a resurgent bus business seems to be improving. “Obviously, the intercity bus industry suffered from a reputation as the travel means of last resort for many years,” says Schwieterman. “But with more upscale coaches being put into service with amenities like larger seats and on-board movies, the companies have started to close the gap on other modes of travel.”

Despite the gains, Schwieterman says that it is questionable whether the intercity bus business would regain its former glory. “This is certainly an encouraging sign for the industry, but obviously it is a long road ahead.”

**The Chaddick Institute study details can be found online at <http://condor.depaul.edu/~chaddick>.**



### Dateline: Hiroshima and Nagasaki

“On this trip to Japan, I’ve learned it’s not book facts that keep the destruction of Hiroshima and Nagasaki alive, rather, it’s the stories of Hibakusha [atomic bomb survivors]. These stories must be kept alive to remember these events and to sensitize ourselves to the harsh reality of nuclear weapons.”

**Hugo Luna, sophomore study-abroad and marketing student  
(See p. 3.)**

### Family and Firm of Deceased IP Lawyer to Fund Award

Allen J. Hoover (JD '65) was well known and highly respected in the legal community before his life was cut short by a bullet. Hoover was a victim of a shooting rampage at his Chicago firm in December 2006. His dedication to patent and intellectual property (IP) law will be honored through the Allen J. Hoover Memorial Award, which will be given to students studying intellectual property law at DePaul.

Funded by the Hoover family and the law firm of Wood, Phillips, Katz, Clark & Mortimer, where Hoover was a partner, the \$5,000 award will be given to a third-year DePaul law student who is expected to make the greatest contribution to the practice of intellectual property law as determined by the school. Awarded near the conclusion of the student’s academic career, the money can be used at the awardee’s discretion. Initial funding will allow one student to earn the award annually for the next five academic years.

“My family thought this was the natural thing to do,” says Hoover’s son, Allen E. Hoover, who also is an intellectual property lawyer practicing in Chicago. “DePaul trained my father and got him started in the field of IP law, and today it continues to train the best and brightest lawyers of tomorrow. The award will help others remember my father and his legacy as an IP lawyer. It is a mark of distinction that will follow its recipients throughout their careers.”





# features

## PERCEPTIVE POINT

“We got great stuff from a group of DePaul journalism students on Super Tuesday. They gathered color-rich quotes and details from voters at polling places across the Chicago area. Their material rounded out our stories on the presidential race, Congress and exit polling, and I’d love to use them again.”

Dave Zelio

Assistant bureau chief in Chicago for The Associated Press

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LEARNING TO

*Do*

Biology student researchers Syed Ahmed (facing camera) and Justin Stamschorr in the lab

**F**rom politics to petri dishes, interactive learning is a defining characteristic of a DePaul education, raised to its highest level in the rich environment that is Chicago. Across the university, students are doing fieldwork, conducting research and partnering with community organizations and government agencies. In every case, students gain valuable skills and experience as they put theories into hands-on practice. Here are just a few examples.

**Dateline: Iowa**

Mike Conklin, a College of Communication faculty member and adviser to The DePaulia, turned Iowa into his classroom when he took six students to the Jan. 3 caucuses. Four students covered two caucuses in Cedar Rapids for The Gazette of Cedar Rapids, one student went to Lisbon for the Mount Vernon-Lisbon Sun and another reported from Marion for the Marion Times. Each paper ran their bylined stories on the front page.

“We didn’t go to Des Moines, the headquarters, and sit there and wait for all the results to come in,” Conklin says. “We went out into the field and reported and did real work that got in the newspapers out there.”

In addition to learning about the caucus system, Conklin wanted his students to experience collaborating, writing on deadline and working with a professional editor.

“Four of us had to collaborate on one article, which I had never done before, and we stayed up all night cramming together different facts and organizing the story,” says junior Scott Bolohan.

“We’re just starting out as journalists and were given a big responsibility,” says junior Charlotte Eriksen. “It was rewarding to see our story on the front page. It was a lot of hard work that paid off for us.”

The event gave students an opportunity to work on a fundamental newsgathering skill: interviewing.

“It was interesting to pick peoples’ brains on whom they were supporting and why,” says Jeff Fuldauer, a first-year graduate journalism student. “They were so passionate and willing to explain why they were there and what issues were important to them.”

“My favorite thing to do in journalism is to go out and talk to people because it gives you a real feel for what’s going on,” says senior Michelle Stoffel. “The experience gave me a lot of confidence in my skills. I definitely want to be a reporter, and this gave me more evidence that this is what I want to do.”

All the students said they gained some real insight into the caucus process. “The most exiting part of the trip for me was to see it all in person,” says senior Matt Monahan. “I’ve taken the American Political Process class, which looks at why our government works. Going to Iowa and watching the caucuses develop put a new perspective on it.”

“Seeing it from the grassroots up—teachers, moms, mechanics, people from all walks of life gathering in a high school gymnasium saying, ‘here’s how I want to vote’ was very impressive,” says junior Laura Bollin.

Conklin continues to use the election as a training ground and takes advantage of all that Chicago has to offer. On Super Tuesday, his graduate students and selected DePaulia staffers worked in or observed newspaper, TV and wire service newsrooms, shadowed candidates and served as election judges.

“DePaul, with the new College of Communication and its location in Chicago, is perfectly positioned to offer more of these experiences because we’re close to everything and at a nerve center,” Conklin says. “There is a lot of opportunity out there.”

**Soy: Seeking the optimum level**

If you’re at risk for breast cancer, should you be drinking soy milk? Despite the current belief that soy provides a natural defense, the answer may not always be yes.

Three undergraduate biology students working under the direction of Assistant Professor Talitha Rajah are investigating the impact of genistein, a naturally occurring soy compound, on the proliferation of breast cancer cells. Genistein

is a type of phytoestrogen, which either mimics or counteracts the effects of the hormone estrogen. Reproductive cells use estrogen to multiply—a problem if cells are cancerous. >>>

*“At DePaul, undergraduates have a pretty good chance of actually doing research and getting published, more so than other universities.”*

— Syed Ahmed,  
biology student and  
researcher

But it's not that simple, say the students. "We [and other researchers] found that genistein decreases cell proliferation by about 50 percent at concentrations of 100 micromolars [a microscopic liquid measure]," says sophomore Justin Stamschor. However, "The most that you can get through your diet is about 5 to 18 micromolars. At that concentration, genistein actually helps cell proliferation."

Identifying the concentration of genistein required to stop supporting cell growth and start inhibiting it is information that pharmaceutical companies could use to create a therapeutic dose of the drug.

Now, building on prior student research, Stamschor, senior Syed Ahmed and junior Eveline Yaghmour each spend about 10 hours a week painstakingly documenting the types and quantities of proteins present at different genistein concentrations. Scientists believe that these proteins combine in a certain order, called a pathway, to create cancerous cells. But the published pathways do not match the signaling path the students have found.

"So far, other research articles don't have the exact pathway that we think is probably found with genistein," says Ahmed. "This would be something new to contribute to society."

Rajah says the students will share their findings with researchers and physicians at national cancer conferences and will submit an article for consideration by peer-reviewed journals. Their volunteer efforts both make such research possible and furnish their own careers.

"I cannot be in the lab all the time," says Rajah, who credits students with keeping projects moving along. "Once I train them in the techniques, my goal is for them to work independently. They can take these skills with them wherever they go."

All three of the genistein researchers plan to attend medical school. In addition to strengthening their applications, their research experiences have opened their eyes to new career possibilities. Ahmed's long-term plan is to become a clinical researcher.

Adds Yaghmour, "I want to work with patients, but I like to do research, too. Now I know I want to find a balance."

### Greening the DePaul Campus

It all started with a liberal studies course, Cities and the Environment, taught by James Montgomery, associate professor and director of the environmental science program. Students conducted an environmental audit of University and Monroe residence halls, collecting data on water consumption, energy, traffic, noise, air quality, recycling and more.

Energized by the experience, several students persuaded Montgomery to offer a special topics course, Greening the DePaul Campus, in the fall quarter. A dozen students from a variety of majors tore into the subject, investigating efforts at other universities, interviewing DePaul executives and service providers, and conducting further research on residence

hall consumption patterns. Not content to just study the issue, they quickly began crafting plans to reduce DePaul's ecological footprint.

"We realized that we as students could have an impact on how our school runs things and that we could make the school more 'green,'" says Liz Tracy, a senior majoring in political science and vice president of the Student Government Association (SGA).

The students convinced Facility Operations to investigate biodegradable cups, dishes and cutlery for the cafeterias; cups were introduced in the

winter quarter. Housing Services is ordering recycling bags for individual residence hall rooms to make it easier for students to separate trash. The SGA is distributing cloth tote bags that students can use to carry groceries. But that's just the start.

"I knew if we were going to do this, we'd need some more funding for Facility Operations," says Kurt Gonska, a junior majoring in political science and SGA president. Gonska partnered with Bob Janis, vice president of Facility Operations, and Jim Doyle, vice president of Student Affairs, to propose \$250,000 in green initiatives to the university budgeting committee. The committee, DePaul's president and the board of trustees all approved the proposal; planning now has begun on implementing the initiatives.

"Half this battle is just getting people into the habit of being green and turning that into a lifestyle," says Gonska. "If you are in a classroom that is energy-efficient, that uses compact fluorescent light bulbs, that has recycling bins that you see when you walk in, I think you are more likely to do those things when you leave DePaul."

The students also wanted to change students' on-campus behavior. "The capstone experience for the students was a residence hall environmental awareness campaign that they called 'greening the demon,'" says Montgomery. The students created posters, table tents and a mock bill intended to shock residence hall students with their energy usage.

Zach Howard, a senior majoring in environmental science, is taking the campaign a step further. For his senior thesis, he surveyed students in every residence hall about their energy usage. A test group will receive the survey results and actual usage data. He'll then survey the test group and a control group again to see if behaviors and opinions have changed.



**Environmental science students collected all the trash from the second floor of Monroe Hall for three days, sorted and weighed it, and found that about one-third was potentially recyclable.**

“My theory is that, if kids are using more than they thought, they’ll be more prone to change their ways. This generation wants to be more sustainable,” Howard says.

“When students can see the dollar amount saved by recycling per year, it really shocks them,” agrees Gonska.

The students began work on additional initiatives—a draft environmental policy impact statement for DePaul, a job description for a sustainability coordinator, and ways to incorporate sustainability into the first-year curriculum—that they weren’t able to finish by the end of the quarter. Both Montgomery and the SGA officers are looking at ways to maintain the momentum.

“We realized that it’s more than just changing to energy-efficient light bulbs, it’s getting people in the mindset of doing things green,” Gonska says.

### Diagnostic help for radiologists

Every day, radiologists across the country review hundreds of digital images—mammograms, CT and MRI scans and more. Their trained eyes spot the shadings and imperfections, called nodules, which are telltale signs of disease. The process is labor-intensive and time-consuming, with radiologists spending much of their time reviewing normal images.

That could change based on the work of faculty and students in the College of Computing and Digital Media (CDM). They’re developing computer programs to help radiologists sort, prioritize, analyze and describe images more rapidly and consistently. The work has resulted in open source software and numerous papers and presentations at scientific and medical conferences.

Guided by CDM Assistant Professor Daniela Raicu and Associate Professor Jacob Furst, students have developed algorithms to quickly compare a patient’s CT lung scan with scans stored in a database maintained by the National Institutes of Health (NIH). Instead of searching by keyword, the programs compare the features of the image to find similar images, a process called content-based image retrieval.

The results can be used in several ways. At the most basic level, the system can sort out potentially abnormal scans, allowing radiologists to focus immediately on at-risk patients.

Second, radiologists could use the system to provide a computer-generated diagnosis. Although there are other computer-aided diagnosis programs available, the CDM system goes into far greater detail. It can identify a number of characteristics of a suspect lung nodule, rank them in severity from 1 to 5, and display the probability of each, says Ekarin Varutbankul, a doctoral student.

“This makes it different from other computer-aided diagnosis systems, which tend to just provide the probability of cancer, but do not give the radiologist information about the characteristics and levels that led to that evaluation,” he says. “Our system provides the predictive levels and characteristics so that radiologists can make the diagnosis themselves based on their knowledge and experience.”

Alternatively, radiologists could submit questionable lung nodules to CDM’s content-based image retrieval system. The system scours the database for other nodules with similar characteristics and presents the radiologist with all relevant scans and their respective diagnoses. The comparative data would help the radiologist make a correct diagnosis.

Either way, the system helps radiologists make more accurate diagnoses faster, says Furst. “A number of studies have shown that man and machine generally can perform better than man alone or machine alone,” he says.

The project is complicated by the well-known fact that radiologists differ in both the language they use to describe abnormalities and their evaluation of any given nodule, says Bill Horsthemke, a doctoral student working on the project.



*“By being part of a research lab, students learn to identify problems, brainstorm situations and disseminate their results through publications and presentations.”*

— Raicu

“Ideally, if we had just one radiologist, we could use semantic mapping to fairly closely predict what that radiologist would diagnose,” he says. “In the database we have, scans have been reviewed by up to four radiologists. They often disagree by almost 40 percent.”

Master’s student Vesna Mitrovic is identifying the most representative sample for each of the 149 variations of lung cancer in the database, while Horsthemke is working to reconcile the varying terminology that radiologists use to describe each. In addition to refining the computer system, they hope to help the field of radiology extend and standardize its terminology.

“We’ve been having meetings with people at the NIH, at German, Swiss and Israeli universities and have been invited to write a book chapter,” says Horsthemke. “It’s been a real treat to be part of international content-based image retrieval development in the medical world.”

*Maria-Romina Hench and Ruhan Memishi contributed to this article.*

## Psychology & Community

### Doctoral Students Learn at the Margins

**when** she was a doctoral student, psychologist Trina Davis (LAS MA '98, PHD '02) saw one of her clients, an 8-year-old boy, crawling on a window ledge, desperately trying to break into his inner-city school. "He had been suspended because he was part of a group that had been terrorizing others. But he had nowhere else to go, and the school had no one to call. I decided then that I would do whatever I could think of to help him," she says.

To make a long story short, she did, and today he's doing "fairly well," says Davis, who supervises training in the clinical psychology program.

DePaul offers two doctoral programs for students who share Davis' passion for supporting people on the margins of society: the clinical psychology program and the community psychology program. These two programs frequently are recognized with awards from prestigious organizations such as the American Psychological Association (APA) and the National Institutes of Health (NIH). But, as students and alumni of these programs will tell you, the bottom line is not recognition, but how they have learned to create positive change in their communities.

#### Inner-city therapy

Though most clinical programs train with college students as clients, the DePaul University Community Mental Health Center (CMHC) is a unique in-house training ground, as it provides mental health services to low-income children, adolescents and their families who live near the Lincoln Park Campus. "We're really training people for the public sector," says Sheila Ribordy, CMHC director and psychology professor, who engineered a partnership with the Illinois Department of Human Services in the late 1990s that tripled the center's services to economically disadvantaged families.



Some of the CMHC team pose at Cabrini Green, where CMHC has a satellite office. (Standing, l to r) Kristin Carothers, Tyrone Randolph, Sara Malinowski, Gail Wells, Ruby Mann, Lakisha Moore and (kneeling) Donald Tyler

Practitioners are trained to practice in the community rather than just in their offices. "It's very unusual for a psychologist to be trained like this," says Ribordy. "We currently conduct about half of our sessions either in the schools or in our two community satellite offices at Cabrini Green and Lathrop Homes [public housing developments]."

The highly selective and rigorous clinical program, which draws hundreds of applicants per year and accepts six, offers unique specialty areas: child clinical and community clinical. Though most clinical programs focus on adults, students concentrate on children and families. The community piece comes in because, as Ribordy says, "we are philosophically saying that mental health issues and our work with families have to consider environmental or contextual issues."

Students are drawn to the program for its diversity in "not just the clients, but the student body, faculty and staff," says third-year student Rachel Gershenson.

by Carol Sadtler

Affectionately dubbed “The Velvet Hammer” by her staff and students, Ribordy motivates this diverse group to work hard together with a mixture of rigor and love. “This is a family,” says Ruby Mann, one of several public housing residents who work as case managers and caseworkers to bring community members and CMHC services together—another one of the innovations in the clinical program. “Our worlds are very different,” adds Jackie Brown. “We taught them [student therapists] stuff and they taught us stuff.”

Students are prepared to relate to community members and are often accompanied by caseworkers, who give them credibility and introductions to neighborhood people. The work is difficult. “These aren’t the easiest cases. Our families have gotten much more complicated and much more complex,” says Ribordy.

This doesn’t daunt third-year student Kristin Carothers. “Even though we have a more intense kind of client, ... I feel competent coming from here because of the level of training we’ve had and because of the support we’ve received,” she says.

Associate Professor Kathy Grant, director of the clinical training program, says CMHC is an ideal training ground because research, clinical work and teaching are integrated. Her research on depression in low-income urban youth led her to an interest in changing the systems that affect them, and she will work with the APA to develop a program for its policy division. “If we could change some of the policies that make our world such an unequal place for the kids that we deal with, that would make a huge difference in terms of their mental health,” Grant says.

### The power of prevention—community research

It is this larger preventive picture that occupies community psychologists. “A clinical psychologist is in some ways like a lifeguard at the beach who tries to save one person after another who experiences difficulties in deep water without adequate swimming skills,” says Leonard Jason, a professor in the community psychology program and director of DePaul’s Center for Community Research. Jason adds, “A very different approach would involve setting up swimming classes prior to entering the water in order to prevent people from drowning.”

Research in the DePaul program is action-oriented and primarily focused on creating support for marginalized and disenfranchised people. As Jason says, “We work only on policy issues where we think we have a chance to make a difference.”

Like many community psychologists, Jason started out in the clinical area. His projects and those of his colleagues in DePaul’s internationally known community program offer students research experience that opens doors to graduate school and professional opportunities.

For example, Jason, who recently was ranked among the top five producers of scholarly publications in clinical psychology, secured a \$3.3 million NIH grant with co-principal investigator Bradley D. Olson this past summer. The award enables him and his team to continue his studies on Oxford House, a group of 1,200 successful self-governed substance abuse recovery homes that operate in 16 states. Oxford House is “a revolution in the health care system,” Jason points out.

Once people get the community “bug,” they don’t get over it. Olya Belyaev-Glantsman, for example, fell in love with the field when she worked for Jason as a researcher in 2001. As a doctoral student, she volunteered to start an undergraduate community psychology program last year because she wanted to ensure that undergraduates were acquainted with the field.

Josefina Alvarez (LAS MA ’82, PHD ’92), who teaches community psychology as a faculty member of The Adler School in Chicago, worked



**Community Psychology Professor Leonard Jason, director of DePaul’s Center for Community Research, with team members (l to r) Mary Gloria Njoku (SNL BA ’01, LAS MA ’05, LAS PHD ’07), Nicole Porter (LAS BA ’00, MA ’03, PHD ’05) project director, and Monica Adams, doctoral student.**

with Jason first as a student and then returned to do a piece of the Oxford House research a few years ago. “I thought I would be there three years. I was there five—and I’m still working on it,” she says.

With Jason as his mentor, John M. Majer (LAS MA ’82, PHD ’92) learned to analyze data, write grants, create survey instruments and write research reports. Now a faculty member at Daley College in Chicago, his hands are full with a five-course load and the research he does at Daley, yet he still feels compelled to work with Jason on funding housing for women leaving the criminal justice system. As Majer says, “The missing link is stable and safe housing. How can you just not want to get involved in trying to do something?”

**For details on faculty, research and honors awarded to these programs, visit:**

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<http://condor.depaul.edu/~psych/clwebsite/>

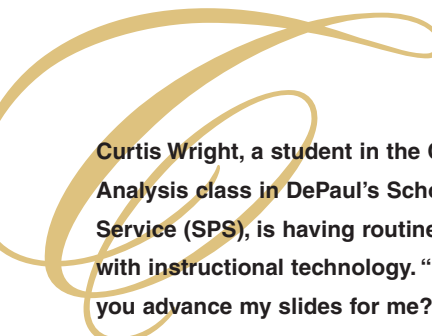
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# Click! It's a Classroom: Online Learning at DePaul



**Curtis Wright, a student in the Cross-Sector Analysis class in DePaul's School of Public Service (SPS), is having routine problems with instructional technology. "Ron, could you advance my slides for me?" Wright asks Professor Ron Fernandes. "No problem," he replies. Wright then goes on to present some issues in the complex interplay of government, for-profit and not-for-profit organizations.**

Nothing unusual there—except that Wright is in Chicago and Fernandes is in India. The class uses software called Wimba, which allows students and their instructor to meet in an Internet classroom from their sometimes far-flung locations. Headsets and webcams let them interact with each other—not quite as smoothly as in a physical classroom, but with some key advantages. They can attend classes at home and save and review all of the proceedings as needed. A chat window lets them carry on short text conversations during class without interrupting the flow of the presentation.

## **Online learning is one of higher education's hottest trends.**

About 3.5 million U.S. higher education students—nearly one in five—took at least one online course during the 2006 fall term, according to the Sloan Consortium, which supports online learning through a grant from the Sloan Foundation. (DePaul is a premier member of the consortium, which includes hundreds of colleges and universities.) The number of online students in the U.S. is growing by almost 10 percent per year.

About 5 percent of DePaul students take an online course during any given academic year, though that number varies dramatically among the colleges, says Gian Mario Besana, associate vice president for online learning. Overall, DePaul is offering 246 online courses in the 2008 spring quarter. Of those, 141 are in the School for New Learning (SNL), and 81 are in the College of Computing and Digital Media (CDM) (formerly the School of Computer Science, Telecommunications and Information Systems). The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences offers 10 (about half in SPS), the College of Commerce offers eight, and the



School of Education offers six. CDM and SNL both see upward of 30 percent of their students use online learning during a given year.

SPS launched a full online degree program in fall 2007 after experimenting with online courses for several years. Ten students are enrolled, and other SPS students also can enroll in online courses as space allows. The school currently offers five online courses per quarter.

Though Fernandes is conducting research in India, he keeps up his teaching with the aid of both Wimba, which enables his classes to meet “face-to-face” about once a week, and Blackboard, a password-protected platform that acts as a repository for lectures, assignments, presentations, online discussions, e-mail and readings.

The new degree program grew out of experimentation with online classes that started several years ago, says SPS Director the Rev. J. Patrick Murphy, C.M. Studies among its own students showed that overall, they learned equally well in traditional classes or online, and that online teaching might even have a slight advantage. But students who

by Elizabeth Gardner

floundered with online teaching techniques would fall behind more quickly, and with fewer warning signs, than those in traditional classes.

“Our advice to ourselves was to help students determine whether they could do it online,” Murphy says. Prospective online students had to attend an extended orientation on campus where they learned how to use the software and equipment and met face-to-face with their advisers, whom they might not see otherwise for months or even years. “Of course, online students also can attend on-campus

Accounting Professor Don Shannon has embraced the online way of life. He developed notes, teaching aids and lecture videos for every topic and stored them on Blackboard for students to access at their convenience. The teaching aids—ingeniously programmed Excel workbooks—have several purposes. At the advanced level, the aids are used to illustrate many of the subtleties of accounting measurement. At the introductory level, the aids are designed to motivate students to master the more mechanical side of accounting by giving them lots of opportunity to “practice with praise,” he says. When an exercise is correctly completed, the student receives instantaneous feedback—such as a pop-up smiley face. “I try to inject a little humor so that the experience is not completely dry,” Shannon says. He also encourages his students to call and e-mail him any time.

**From his spot in the Loop Campus library, Curtis Wright attends a class led by a DePaul professor who is teaching from India.**



courses, including any of SPS' 15 one-week, executive-style courses

in any of the 10 countries the school offers them,” says Murphy.

**Most online classes are taught asynchronously—that is, the professor and all the students are never in the same place at the same time, even virtually. That characteristic leads to some interesting pedagogical techniques and technology.**

“A lot of commerce students are very busy, buried in their careers and with young families,” says James Moore, director for distance learning at the College of Commerce. “We want to create blended courses that will help them. We don't want them just to be trapped in front of their computer—we want to create stuff they can play on their cell phones or iPods that will let them use stolen moments for learning.” To give prospective students a preview of their teaching styles, several of the college's faculty have video podcasts of themselves available on DePaul's iTunes U offering.

Eric Thompson, a busy IT administrator for the Elgin schools, has been studying exclusively online through CDM since fall 2006. “Going into it, I was nervous about how it would work, but I've performed better academically now than I ever have,” he says. “I can pace myself. If a topic's hard, I can walk away from it for a while.”

Thompson took accounting with Shannon last fall. “The disadvantage to online courses is that it's really hard to establish a relationship with your professor,” Thompson says. “But Dr. Shannon wanted you to call him, so I talked to him on the phone quite a bit. It wasn't unusual for him to call me and talk for an hour.”

**Fernandes finds the face-to-face interaction of Wimba a welcome addition to his online toolkit.** “A lot of education isn't just the content—it's a wink, a nod, an intonation,” he says. “I like to be able to see and hear people.”

With Blackboard and the Internet, he's able to do things like provide his students with a link to a freshly published New York Times story about two organizations that fraudulently collected money for soldiers in Iraq. “It was the work of five minutes to pull out the link and say, ‘Look, this is how corruption happens in the not-for-profit sector.’”

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# AIMING *for* EXCELLENCE:

## TEACHING AND LEARNING ON CHICAGO'S WEST SIDE

**On the West Side of Chicago, in neighborhoods known more for their high crime rates than educational achievement, DePaul students and graduates are making it their mission to change the status quo. The experience is changing them as well.**

arrest for selling drugs: “My mother went to the police car and I had wanted to cry, but I told my friend ‘That what she get.’” To avoid foster care, she and her younger siblings move in with their grandmother, who then suffers a stroke. The grandchildren become the caregivers. (To read this and other stories, visit [exceljourneys.com](http://exceljourneys.com), a Web site created by DePaul students in the master of arts in new media studies program.)

Sharing stories about life-altering experiences didn't come easily to the students, many of whom had never been asked before to describe their lives in such detail.

“In a regular school day, when you have 30 kids in a classroom, you're sometimes lucky to spend a minute or two with a kid,” says Jeanne Walker, an EXCEL art specialist and service-learning coach who spearheaded the heroic journey project and is known to provide pizza for Saturday tutoring sessions.

“When you start adding all that up in a school day, a kid is lucky to get seven minutes of one-on-one instruction. To have extended time with a tutor who asks questions for the story—it ultimately turns into someone caring about you and caring about what happens in your life. The kids were transformed by the experience.”

The same could be said for the tutors.

Kristin Thomas, a second-year graduate student

pursuing a master's degree in international studies, worked with EXCEL students as part of a service-learning class and is now a faculty project coordinator at the Steans Center for Community-based Service Learning—a position she says she was drawn to in part because it enables her to stay connected with EXCEL.

As a liaison between faculty who teach service-learning courses, their students and the partner sites, Thomas says she tries to get students to understand that the relationship is reciprocal.

“They are being welcomed into the community, and they are learning as much as they are assisting,” says Thomas.

The big take away for DePaul students, she notes, is “humility.” “The tutors are typically surrounded by their own expectations for literacy and communication and writing in ways that don't really allow them to engage with difference,” adds Peter Vandenberg, director of UCWbL and chair of the Department of Writing, Rhetoric and Discourse.



Dozens of them have become involved with EXCEL Academy High School in West Garfield Park, where, according to the Chicago Public Schools (CPS), 97 percent of the approximately 450 students are considered low-income. More than 86 percent are African-American, and 13.5 percent are Hispanic.

DePaul students at EXCEL work as tutors and classroom observers, either through formal partnerships or by applying to the school on their own. One dynamic connection has been through the University Center for Writing-based Learning (UCWbL), with undergraduate and graduate students working one-on-one with EXCEL students on an art and essay project built around themes of resiliency and courage.

Encouraged to write about their own heroic journeys, some teens shared moments such as scoring a winning touchdown or overcoming nerves before a pompom competition. More common, however, are stories reflective of their socioeconomic circumstances, like “The Day When My Mom Went to Jail,” in which the author describes her mother's

“I thought it would be great for the tutors in that sense and, of course, for the EXCEL students. Everybody would like to see them achieve the academic goals they have set out for themselves and that their teachers and parents want for them.”

Part of that involves encouraging the teenagers to see themselves as future college students, says Mary Kay Richardson, EXCEL director of external partnerships. Visits to DePaul are scheduled during which students can work with tutors in the computer classroom, tour the campus and meet with members of the Black Student Union. A separate weeklong enrichment program has been held at DePaul for honors and Advanced Placement students.

EXCEL Academy was created four years ago, when Orr High School was divided into three smaller schools as part of Chicago’s small schools initiative. As a DePaul undergrad, Heather Moorehouse (EDU ’01) observed

That led to her being asked to stay on as a paid tutor in the Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID) program, a national initiative that prepares middle-level students for four-year college eligibility. Now she works at EXCEL 10 hours a week.

“I’m really glad that when I was observing, I also did the tutoring,” says Smith. “I had one-on-one relationships with the students, and it gave me a good grasp of how it will be to have my own classroom someday.”

“The most important thing about teaching in this environment is building relationships with the students,” she adds.

EXCEL administrators and faculty say they hope the small school benefits aren’t lost when the Orr campus is reorganized again this year as a teacher training academy run by the Academy for Urban School Leadership. Under the current CPS proposal, faculty will have to reapply for their jobs.

**(left)**  
**Jaclyn Smith (EDU ’08) tutors**  
**EXCEL student Leonard Johnson**  
**in a program that prepares**  
**students for four-year college**  
**eligibility.**

**(right)**  
**History teacher Heather**  
**Moorehouse (EDU ’01) works**  
**with EXCEL students Brittii**  
**Wilson (back to camera),**  
**Eric Stevenson (left) and**  
**Reginald Beavers.**



classes and completed an internship at the old Orr High School before joining the faculty as a history teacher.

She says the small school environment has encouraged a more intimate trust between students and teachers. Her counsel has been sought on everything from problems at home to how to accurately measure a bra size.

“As many troubles as they have outside that building, when they’re in the classroom and once they get used to you as a teacher, they count on you for everything,” says Moorehouse, who has twice taken EXCEL students on a weeklong trip to Washington, D.C., through the Close-Up Foundation—an opportunity, she says, that was as valuable for the experience of visiting new places and meeting other students as it was for learning about U.S. government.

Jaclyn Smith hopes to follow in Moorehouse’s footsteps. The secondary education/English major (EDU ’08) discovered EXCEL Academy when she was searching for an inner-city school to complete 30 hours of observation. In addition to observing English and history classes, Smith tutored groups of juniors and seniors.

Brian Spittle, DePaul’s assistant vice president of Enrollment Management and Marketing, says the university would be keen to continue the relationships that have flourished at EXCEL.

“Once you have the need on the one hand, but then also the willingness of teachers or administrators there to work with us, to see what we could do in a small way, then you have great conditions for a partnership,” says Spittle. “We certainly hope that would continue.”

Moorehouse says her seniors intend to use skills learned in the classroom to argue on behalf of keeping the current school structure. In her humanities class on the philosophy of education, students have to plan and teach a lesson to their fellow students—an adaptation of an activity Moorehouse says she learned at DePaul.

“It works perfectly for teaching them leadership.”

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# alumni news

## PERSONALLY PUT

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Editor and publisher of the Gazette

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# A Quarter Century of Standing Up *for the* Little Guy



Mark Valentino and his wife, Carmen, at Notre Dame de Chicago

**A**s a kid growing up in early 1960s, **Mark Valentino (LAS '80)** had one of the best seats in the house for hearing the latest news, gossip and goings-on in Chicago's Near West Side neighborhood.

"Every day my mom would take me and my brother by the hand and go shopping on Taylor Street," he says. "Along the way she would stop and talk to all the neighbors and shop owners—she knew everybody—and I would just sit back and listen. I heard all the stories, the good and the bad."

And that—listening to neighbors' stories—is a large part of what he's done his whole career. However, as owner, editor and publisher of the Gazette, a monthly newspaper that covers the Near West Side and nine other Chicago neighborhoods, he never has contented himself with just listening.

Since its founding 25 years ago, the Gazette has provided a voice for the "little guy" and has played an influential role in education, taxation and urban renewal decisions affecting some of the city's poorest and least powerful citizens.

Since 1993, the paper has won 55 local, national and international awards for its public-interest news coverage, including several much-coveted Lisagor Awards (the most prestigious prize in Chicago journalism) and high praise from community leaders, politicians and even a few of the paper's fiercest opponents.

In 1997, Valentino received the Bernadine C. Washington Award from the Chicago Commission on Human Relations for his work in building bridges among the communities his paper serves—recognition that he says defines his and his paper's mission.

## **The pen becomes a sword**

Valentino's career in community journalism seems to have been almost inevitable. His father, Ralph, drove a delivery truck for the Chicago Tribune and the now-defunct Chicago Today and Chicago American, introducing the young Valentino to a world much wider than just Taylor Street.

"Every night my dad would bring home all the papers," he says. "And every night I would read all of them. I probably spent more time

by Paul Baker

reading the newspapers than doing my homework, but I loved reading about Chicago, about the politics, the neighborhoods, the people.”

Later he became a die-hard fan of WIND-AM’s Eddie Schwartz, a legendary force in local late-night talk radio during the 70s and 80s known for his provocative call-in discussions about health care, race and Chicago politics.

So enamored was Valentino with Schwartz, in fact, that upon enrolling at DePaul in 1976 the first thing he did was join the student radio station. When the station lost its funding (since restored), he walked across the hall and signed up with The DePaulia, the student newspaper. His debut in print—a first-person account of his attempt to make the men’s basketball team as a walk-on—came shortly afterward. He didn’t make the team, but later that spring he did lead The DePaulia staff covering the Blue Demons’ Final Four appearance in Salt Lake City. The following year, he was elected editor of the paper.

“The DePaulia exposed me to every aspect of newspaper production,” Valentino says. “I didn’t know it at the time, but the experience also made me think that maybe I could make a difference in my community and that maybe I could do it through a newspaper.”

After graduation, Valentino worked a short stint with a community weekly in Oak Park, Ill., and then joined a Chicago truck-parts company as a salesman. With money saved from that job and with help from former DePaulia colleague Bill Bike (LAS ’79)—still the Gazette’s associate editor—Valentino put out the first issue of the paper in May 1983.

With its four 8.5 x 11, black-and-white pages and one paid advertisement, that first Gazette was a far cry from the full-color 80-page tabloid it would become, but already it had established its editorial voice.

“A developer wanted the city to condemn an elderly couple’s house so that he could tear it down and build a mini-mall in its place,” Valentino says. “For me, that was the last straw. I had to do something to represent the people in the community, so right there at the beginning we took the city on.”

And won. The house still stands.

During the next two and half decades, the Gazette would continue to fight—and win—numerous battles with developers, city hall and others in representing community interests. A notable example is the Gazette’s 10-year crusade on behalf of the tenants of the Abbott, Brooks, Loomis and Addams (ABLA) public housing developments during urban renewal efforts in the city’s Near

West Side. Gazette news stories and editorials also played a decisive role in the federal government’s decision not to close the West Side Veterans Affairs Medical Center and in the defeat of a law that would have stripped Cook County property owners of their right to appeal property tax assessments.

Producing the Gazette every month has never been easy—or lucrative. The paper never has been Valentino’s sole means of support. For the past 17 years, in fact, his “day job” has been assistant dean of development for the University of Illinois at Chicago’s College of Dentistry.

The paper employs no salaried staff, relying on a stable of some 35 to 40 freelance writers and photographers, and rents office space from Notre Dame de Chicago, where Valentino served as an altar boy in his youth and now serves on its finance committee. Most recently he spearheaded a \$2.4 million fundraising drive to refurbish the church.

Carmen, his wife of 18 years, grew up with Valentino on the Near West Side. Now she handles ad sales and the business side of the paper from the family’s home in Bridgeport. She joined the paper full time in 2001 after a career in advertising and marketing, first with ad agency Ogilvy and Mather and later as in-house special promotions marketer with Jewel-Osco. They have three children, 13-year-old Gabriella (who has expressed an interest in becoming a photographer at the paper), Rachel, 11, and Christopher, 5.

### Relevance to the community

At a time when traditional newspapers are finding it hard to compete with the Internet, the Gazette continues to thrive. In recent years it has expanded its coverage to include the South Loop, West Haven, Bridgeport, Chinatown, Bronzeville and Heart of Chicago, among others.

Valentino attributes his paper’s wide appeal among these culturally diverse communities to the Gazette’s focus on community issues, particularly community politics. This year’s January election issue, for example, dedicated 55 pages to local races, giving some grassroots candidates their only exposure in print.

“People pick up the Gazette because they know that they will find something in it that they need to know about,” he says. “They know that they will find something that will not be in the Sun-Times or the Tribune, something that could affect their lives or their neighbors’ lives.”

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## Bringing High-Tech Teaching Tools into Chicago's Public Schools

**As any parent who has ever said, "Honey, will you program my cell phone for me?" knows, today's children inhabit a cyberuniverse not even imaginable a generation ago. From electronic games to virtual pets, from text messages to videophones, from on-demand TV to YouTube, advances in digital technology are transforming the way children interact with the world.**

According to Martin McGuire (SNL '94), digital media systems manager for the Chicago Public Schools, it also has changed the way young people learn—and created a need for educators to keep current with emerging technologies. "We expect kids to sit in a classroom and learn the way we did 20 years ago, but that is not realistic," he says. "We need to address this generation's highly visual and interactive learning styles, and we need to utilize technology tools they use every day to engage them."

Four years ago, McGuire, then an audio/visual engineer at a Chicago high school, was tapped by the district's central office to help design and implement a centralized video distribution system for the entire district. The resulting system is now available in every public high school and more than 200 elementary schools in Chicago.

The system gives teachers immediate access to thousands of videos from respected educational publishers such as PBS, Scholastic and National Geographic, as well as digital maps, still images and historic footage to help bring lessons alive. These are stored on a central server and easily accessed from each classroom.

McGuire stresses that the video content is not meant to replace traditional classroom instruction but to support, enhance and make

it more immediate for today's video-centric students. "Actually watching Martin Luther King's 'I Have a Dream' speech is much more powerful than simply reading it," he says.

The system's new teleconferencing capabilities provide endless opportunities to bring the world into the classroom—live. These include virtual "field trips" to participating zoos, museums and universities; real-time discussions with students in other countries; and Latin classes "beamed" to classrooms around Chicago.

Now that the system is up and running, McGuire's focus has turned to training thousands of Chicago public school teachers on its use. As a trainer, he draws inspiration from DePaul's School for New Learning (SNL) where, as an adult undergraduate, he experi-



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*"Actually watching Martin Luther King's 'I Have a Dream' speech is much more powerful than simply reading it."*

— McGuire

enced the value of lifelong learning. To strengthen his skills as a teacher of adults, McGuire currently is completing a master's degree in adult education at SNL, and he hopes to start on a second master's degree in technology at DePaul later this year.

## A Career on Capitol Hill



Whitener

Photo: Bill Clark, Roll Call

**Jeanette Forcash Whitener (LAS '94) says she was the only student in her eighth-grade class who knew what she wanted to be when she grew up.**

After returning from a class trip to

Washington, D.C., she announced to her parents that she was going to work on Capitol Hill and make a difference.

And she's met that goal. She realized it earlier this year when the computer program she was using to prepare her taxes asked whether she had made any energy-saving improvements to her home. It turns out that Whitener, who has worked as chief of staff for two U.S. representatives, helped craft the legislation giving taxpayers a credit for increasing their homes' energy efficiency.

Whitener currently is chief of staff for U.S. Rep. Randy Neugebauer of Texas. She works on legislative policy, manages the staff and budget and oversees all administrative functions. "It's as if Mr. Neugebauer is the CEO, and I am the COO," she explains. "I make sure things are working, everything is happening as it should, and everyone is doing their jobs."

Her early political aspirations were solidified during Whitener's years at DePaul, where she was challenged to develop her own views and ideas, even by professors with opinions quite different from her own. "He might cringe to hear this, but [political science Professor] Harry Wray really helped me solidify my Republican leanings," she says. "I can still remember our great debates in class."

After graduation, she moved to Washington to pursue a master's in public policy at Georgetown University. While in graduate school, she worked as the "front desk person" for U.S. Rep. Jerry Weller of Illinois; four years later, she became his chief of staff—quite an accomplishment for a 28-year-old.

What captured her heart as an eighth-grader still inspires Whitener today. "It is amazing to be in Washington, where so much happens, and to be involved in things that are influencing not only the country but the world."

## Antarctic Island Named for DePaul Biology Grad

**The U.S. Board on Geographic Names has named an island in Antarctica after 1979 biology graduate Margaret "Maggie" Amsler and her husband, Chuck, in recognition of their career contributions to Antarctic marine biology.** Maggie is a research assistant at the University of Alabama–Birmingham (UAB). Chuck is a biology professor at the university; he specializes in the study of Antarctic seaweeds.

The 1.3-mile-long Amsler Island is less than a mile northwest of Palmer Research Station, one of three permanent U.S. Antarctic Program (USAP) research bases. The island is a research site for a number of USAP research teams, including the Amslers' UAB group.



**Chuck and Maggie Amsler boating near an ice bridge on Amsler Island, Antarctica. The United States named the island in their honor.** Photo: Bill Baker

Since 1979 Maggie has completed 16 expeditions to Antarctica. She is an invertebrate zoologist by training and specializes in crustaceans. She received her master's degree in marine biology from the University of North Carolina–Wilmington in 1983.

Maggie, a native of Arlington Heights, Ill., told the Daily Herald last spring that her advisor at DePaul, the late Mary Alice McWhinnie (LAS '46), inspired her choice of careers. "She was one of the first females to work in the originally male-dominated polar bastion," Maggie told the paper. "I can't help but think of her—and thank her—on a daily basis."

She also noted that a lab at the Palmer Research Station is named for the DePaul biology professor in honor of her contributions to Antarctic science. Check out the UAB expedition's Web site at [antarctica.uab.edu](http://antarctica.uab.edu).



## Giving Update

The following alumni gave their generous support to DePaul University between October 2007 and January 2008.

### \$100,000-\$499,999

- n Robert A. Clifford (COM '73, JD '76) and Joan E. Clifford (EDU '72), Robert A. Clifford Symposium on Tort Law and Social Policy
- n Bobby Simmons (Blue Demons Basketball 1998 to 2001), The Bobby Simmons Rising Stars Foundation Endowed Scholarship
- n Curtis J. Crawford (MBA '78), Dr. Curtis J. Crawford & XCEO Personal Leadership Endowed Scholarship
- n Frank Clark (LAS '72, JD '76) and Vera Clark, The Campaign for Excellence in Science

### \$50,000-\$99,999

- n Estate of Evelyn N. Russell (MUS '56), Coleman Entrepreneurship Center Endowment
- n Helen C. Pekny (COM '72), Helen & Frank Pekny Endowed Success Through Scholarship Fund
- n Jeffrey J. Kroll (COM '87, JD '90), Fund for Men's Basketball

### \$25,000 to \$49,999

- n Sunny A. Chico (MED '88) and Gery J. Chico (Trustee), The Campaign for Excellence in Science
- n James A. Scolaro (COM '79, JD '92) and Diane C. Scolaro (LAS '80, JD '84), Gene Sullivan-Frank McGrath Capital Campaign Fund
- n Rev. Charles F. Shelby, C.M. (LAS MS '71), Fund for DePaul, Fund for Physics, Fund for Music, Vincent & Louise House Textbook Gift Fund
- n Gerald A. Beeson (COM '94), Gerald A. Beeson "Success Through Scholarship" Endowment



### Alumnus Hosts Fundraiser for University Art Museum

(l to r) Alumnus Richard Driehaus (COM '65, MBA '70); Louise Lincoln, director of DePaul's Art Museum; Sally Chappell, professor emeritus of art history; and the Rev. Dennis H. Holtschneider, C.M., president, gathered at the Driehaus residence with about 160 friends of DePaul, raising \$33,500.



### Strengthening the Chicago Alumni Community

About 100 alumni gathered at 17/west at the Berghoff on March 6 to learn more about the new Chicagoland Alumni Chapter and Young Alumni Committee. Among those attending were (left to right) Jennifer Brinson (LAS '07), Carlos Amador (COM '94, MS '05) and Ashley Richardson (MA '06). For information on Chicagoland Alumni Chapter events, go to [alumni.depaul.edu/groups/index.asp](http://alumni.depaul.edu/groups/index.asp).

### Operation Read and Restore Brightens Holidays for U.S. Troops

Members of the U.S. Army's 82nd Airborne Division and other service men and women overseas received a much appreciated gift from the DePaul community during the



Lt. Johnny Desmedt sends thanks and a "thumbs up" for his gifts.

2007 holiday season: some 130 boxes of books, CDs and DVDs.

The university adopted these military men and women as part of Operation Read and Restore, an effort to collect reading and audiovisual materials for troops with ties to DePaul. Because of the large number of donations, additional boxes were given to Operation Support Our Troops Illinois, which sends materials to deployed troops.

Several soldiers expressed their gratitude for the materials, including Pfc. Alex Raske, who is stationed with the 82nd Airborne near Tikrit, Iraq, and is the son of DePaul Public Safety Officer Gil Raske. Alex wrote in an e-mail, "Thanks to the staff and friends of DePaul ... you guys are awesome!"

DePaul also thanks all those who submitted names of service men and women, donated items for the troops or helped pack boxes.

Operation Read and Restore was sponsored by the DePaul University Libraries, the Office of Alumni Relations and the Office of Mission and Values.



*Dear Alumni,*

**As president of DePaul's Alumni Board, I continue to be impressed not only by the number of DePaul graduates out in the world today but also by the sheer variety of professions they represent. At 130,000 strong, we Blue Demons cover the occupational spectrum. We are lawyers, nurses, educators and entertainers. We are bankers, scientists, writers and entrepreneurs. A few of us are even professional athletes or movie stars.**

The knowledge and experience we embody is astounding, and the value of that knowledge and experience—your knowledge and experience—is huge. One of my main objectives since becoming president of the Alumni Board a year ago has been to encourage and create opportunities to become involved with our alma mater. That goal will continue to be paramount as I enter my second year in the position.

Your continued support of DePaul not only creates a strong university but it also creates strong and influential networks of people from all walks of life.

The latest part of the network-building effort is our presence on three popular online networking sites—Facebook, LinkedIn and Flickr (*see sidebar*). I hope you will take full advantage of these new online ways to connect with your fellow Blue Demons.

These networking sites are just the newest ways DePaul graduates have to get involved with and stay in touch with each other, but there are many more. For those who appreciate face-to-face encounters, DePaul has established regional alumni chapters throughout the country. Our latest addition to the lineup is the Chicagoland chapter, serving the city and the surrounding suburbs. Each regional group has regular outings and stays in touch through periodic e-mails.

“As alumni, we share a common bond as a result of our experience at DePaul,” alumni board member David Cagigal (COM '76, MBA '78) told me recently. “We can use these connections to serve each other as we continue on our journey through life.”

I would like to invite you to participate in some of these opportunities, online or in person. And I also would love to hear some of your ideas as to how we can continue to strengthen the DePaul community. We have a lot to offer—every one of us.

**Thanks,  
Jack Cummins (LAS '88, JD '92)  
Alumni Board President**

**Join Other Alumni  
on Facebook, LinkedIn  
and Flickr**

The DePaul Alumni Facebook page features the latest alumni news, updates and event announcements. It also allows you to chat with alumni and upload photos and videos. **To sign up, go to [facebook.com/pages/Chicago-IL/DePaul-University-Alumni/8229495913?ref=s](https://facebook.com/pages/Chicago-IL/DePaul-University-Alumni/8229495913?ref=s)**. If you already are a Facebook member, just go to Facebook.com and search for “DePaul Alumni” under the “Pages” tab.

The DePaul Alumni Association LinkedIn group allows DePaul alumni to post résumés and work summaries and communicate with each other directly for professional networking. **To sign up for the DePaul LinkedIn group, e-mail Keidra Chaney at [kchaney1@depaul.edu](mailto:kchaney1@depaul.edu). She will set up your membership.**

The DePaul Spirit Flickr group allows members of the DePaul community to share and discuss DePaul-related photos. **E-mail Keidra Chaney, [kchaney1@depaul.edu](mailto:kchaney1@depaul.edu), for information on how to share photos with the group. Join Flickr at [www.flickr.com/groups/depaul\\_spirit/](http://www.flickr.com/groups/depaul_spirit/).**

*Note: A Flickr account is required to join the group.*

Visit [alumni.depaul.edu](http://alumni.depaul.edu) to read additional class notes and discover the many ways to connect with the DePaul community.



## '40s

**Benjamin L. Hooks (JD '48)** was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the nation's highest civilian honor, on Nov. 5, 2007. Benjamin is the former national executive director of the NAACP and remains an attorney and an adjunct faculty member at the University of Memphis.

## '50s

**William J. Yacullo (COM '59)**, president of Lauer, Sbarbaro Associates and partner of Trinity Executive Partnership, both headquartered in the Chicago area, was elected chairman of executive search firm EMA Partners International at its recent global partners meeting in Barcelona, Spain.

## '60s

**Joel M. Carlins (JD '60)** was inducted into the Chicago Association of Realtors Hall of Fame. He is the founder and president of Magellan Development Group.

**Terence F. MacCarthy (JD '60)**, executive director of the Federal Defender Program in Chicago since its inception in 1966, has released a new book, "MacCarthy on Cross-Examination."

**Hon. John J. Conway (LAS '61)** retired on Nov. 2, 2007, after serving 16 years as judge of the Superior Court of California, County of San Francisco.

**Thomas M. Flavin (COM MA '62)** recently received Lewis University's 2007 De La Salle Medallion for extraordinary community service and leadership. He served for 37 years as general manager for Inland Steel Co. and is now a consultant with a biotechnology venture capital firm. A trustee for the University of St. Francis for more than 30 years, Thomas and his wife, Lois, have nine children.

**John E. Owens (JD '62)** received an Excellence Award from the Northwest Suburban Bar Association in December 2007. He is a past president of the organization.

**Brian P. Campbell (COM '63, MS '73)** has been appointed to the board of directors for TriMas Corp. Brian is the president and chief executive officer of Campbell Industries Inc., a private investment company based in Ann Arbor, Mich.

## '70s

**Arnold T. Grisham (COM '70, MBA '73)** recently joined the board of directors of the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco.

**Bobby L. Siller (COM '70)** has been named to WMS Industries' board of directors. WMS, based in Waukegan, Ill., designs, manufactures and markets gaming equipment.

**John T. Carr (JD '72)** was appointed associate judge of the Cook County (Ill.) Circuit Court in April 2007, where he presides over domestic relations cases.

**Sandra A. Burkhardt (LAS '73, MA '86, PHD '91)** recently received the Venerable Mary Potter Humanitarian Award from the Little Company of Mary Hospital Foundation in Evergreen Park, Ill. She is a professor at St. Xavier University and a clinical psychologist who has provided professional and volunteer services to children and families, especially those dealing with autism.

**Michael V. La Rocco (COM '73, MBA '78)** was elected president of Delta Mu Delta International Business Honor Society in November 2007. He is the dean of the University of St. Francis Colleges of Business and Professional Studies in Joliet, Ill.

**Kenneth J. Setlak (COM '73)** was appointed chief financial officer of the CCIM Institute, a national commercial real estate association.

**J. D. Thorne (JD '73)** was elected president of the Wisconsin chapter of the Labor and Employment Research Association.

**Dr. Nancy L. Jones (LAS '74)** was named chief medical examiner for Cook County (Ill.). She joined the medical examiner's office in 1986.

**John C. Chandler (JD '75)** has joined the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago as senior assistant attorney in the real estate division and focuses on commercial real estate law.

**Brian H. Davis (JD '75)** recently founded Environmental Advantage Law LLC. As an adjunct professor, he has taught business/environmental law at the University of Minnesota Law School since 1997.

**Madeleine L. Van Hecke (LAS MA '75)** published "Blind Spots: Why Smart People Do Dumb Things" in April 2007. She is a licensed clinical psychologist and currently teaches creative and critical thinking for North Central College in Naperville, Ill.

**Nora M. Cole (THE CER '76, THE '78)** recently performed her solo show, "Voices of Spirits in My Soul," at the National Black Theatre Festival.

**Laurel R. Slezak (COM '76)** is the director of the University of North Texas Health Science Center's Department of Internal Audit.

**Peter K. Dunn (MBA '77)** recently launched a Web site for mid-career executives and professionals. The site, [career-hunter.info](http://career-hunter.info), provides career information and counseling.

**Theresa R. Kapetanovic (LAS '77)**, president and CEO of Professional Services Network in Silver Spring, Md., received the Top 100 Minority Business Enterprise Award from The University of Maryland University College, the Maryland Governor's Office of Minority Affairs and the Maryland Chamber of Commerce.

**Robert J. Callahan (LAS MA '78)** received news that President Bush intends to nominate him to be U.S. Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary to the Republic of Nicaragua.

**Judith L. Lansky (MBA '79)** recently celebrated the 25th anniversary of Lansky Career Consultants. She is founder and president of the firm, which specializes in career transition and career change.

## '80s

**Mark S. Ernst (JD '80)** recently launched a new business, Ernst Enterprises LLC, a consultancy for owners of small and mid-sized businesses.

**Robert J. Milligan (JD '80)** joined the advisory board for the Center for the Study of Law, Science and Technology at the Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law at Arizona State University.

**Frank N. Muschetto (MBA '80)** has joined Topco Associates LLC as executive vice president and chief procurement officer.

**Janet E. Mann (MBA '81)** is the general manager of industrial chemicals for Archer Daniels Midland Co. in Decatur, Ill.



**Robert V. Scalise (JD '81)** recently started his own law firm in Glastonbury, Conn. Rob also provides pro bono representation as a volunteer with Lawyers for Children America.

**William C. Bayer (LAS '82)**, a specialist in endocrinology, diabetes and metabolism with DuPage Internal Medicine, was named one of 355 "Top Docs" in Chicagoland in the January 2008 issue of Chicago Magazine.

**Vanita M. Banks (LLM '83)** recently was installed as the 65th president of the National Bar Association. She is an attorney in the Allstate Insurance Corporate Litigation Division.



**Jill S. Gilbert (JD '84, COM MS '84, LLM '90)** is an attorney in Milwaukee practicing patent, trademark, licensing, corporate, nonprofit and entrepreneurial business law. She recently published her fifth book, "Nonprofit Law and Governance for Dummies," and currently is an advisor for the syndicated television show "Everyday Edisons," which is carried by some 490 public television stations nationwide.

**Randy D. Olver (MBA '84)** recently was named managing director of The PrivateBank-Wisconsin, a unit of PrivateBancor Inc. He and his family live in Whitefish Bay, Wis.

**Joseph W. Lill (MM '85)** was awarded a doctorate in trumpet performance from Northwestern University. He is the director of bands at North Park University in Chicago.



**Ann Marie Murphy (JD '85)** currently is in Beijing, China, as a Fulbright Lecturer. She teaches tax law at the Central University of Finance and Economics and at the Chinese University of Political Science and Law.

**Susan L. Ottenfeld (LAS '85)** was inducted into the nursing honor society Sigma Theta Tau, Zeta Beta Chapter, in 2007 and later that year received a master of science in nursing with a concentration in clinical nurse leadership from Elmhurst College. She is employed as an electrophysiology nurse in private practice.

**Robert W. Shaffern (LAS '85)** has been promoted to full professor of medieval history at the University of Scranton. He also has published his first book, "The Penitents' Treasury." He and his wife, Elizabeth, have four children.

**Mark E. Bush (MBA '86)** recently was named president and CEO of Gratiot Medical Center, an affiliate of MidMichigan Health.

**Thomas J. Filarski (JD '86)** has been named to the 2008 board of directors for Brinks Hofer Gilson & Lione, a law firm specializing in intellectual property.

**Richard A. Hoker (COM '86)** has been elected vice president and corporate controller of CF Industries Holdings Inc., a producer and distributor of nitrogen and phosphate fertilizer products headquartered in Deerfield, Ill.

**Myles P. Campbell (MBA '87)** has been named one of the "100 Most Influential Sports Educators in America" by the Institute for International Sport.

**Gary S. Collins (COM '87)** was named to the new position of executive managing director and president, PrivateBank-Chicago. He previously was vice chairman and a managing director of The PrivateBank-Chicago.

**Paul R. Murray (MBA '87)** has been named vice president of network services and telecommunications for Gannett Healthcare Group, publishers of Nursing Spectrum, NurseWeek and Today in PT.

**George S. Pabis (COM '87)**, an associate professor of history at Georgia Perimeter College, published a book, "Daily Life Along the Mississippi."



**Lars P. Anderson (MBA '88)** has been named senior vice president and national sales manager for U.S. Bank Corporate Trust Services' corporate and municipal group in Detroit.

**Kathleen S. Dvorak (MBA '88)** was elected executive vice president, chief financial officer and chief strategy officer of Richardson Electronics Ltd.



**John T. Bannen (LLM '89)**, a partner with Quarles & Brady LLP's estate planning team, has been appointed Wisconsin state chair for the American College of Trust and Estate Council.

**Duane E. Lee (MBA '89)** was named president and chief financial officer of the Cannon Financial Institute in Athens, Ga.



**Gillian L. Anderson (THE '90)** hosted the first miniseason of the revitalized "Masterpiece Theatre" on PBS. She made her debut Jan. 13 as host of "Masterpiece Classic."

**Gregory J. Perry (JD '90)** recently was named executive director of the Allentown (Pa.) Art Museum. Previously he was an official with the Art Institute of Chicago and director of the Jane Voorhees Zimmerli Art Museum on the New Brunswick, N.J., campus of Rutgers University.

**Todd A. Krause (MBA '91, COM MS '95)** has joined Ziegler Capital Management LLC of Chicago as the firm's chief financial officer.

**Dennis J. Strand (MBA '91)** was appointed chief financial officer of Brightstar Corp. in Miami.

**Todd M. Hacker (MBA '92)** has joined Conseco Inc. as senior vice president and treasurer.

**Adam K. Hollander (JD '92)** joined the Chicago office of Barnes & Thornburg as a partner in the policyholder insurance coverage group.

**Christopher A. LaMorte (LAS '92)** has been promoted to senior producer of Metromix.

**Thomas S. Sharpe (MUS '92, MM '01)** last fall joined former Styx singer Dennis DeYoung for Stars Guitars, a benefit concert for the Charles Main Pediatric Cancer Survivor Scholarship Fund at Beaumont Hospitals of Romeo, Mich.

**Todd A. Spartz (COM '92)** was appointed vice president and chief financial officer of Nomis Solutions.

**Jeffrey S. Aronin (MBA '93)** is CEO of Ovation Pharmaceuticals, which won a 2007 Chicago Innovation Award for its successful strategy of acquiring medicines that are no longer priorities for their original manufacturers but that meet the needs of small populations of patients.

**Lance Baker (THE '93)** won a 2007 Jefferson Award for solo performance in "Thom Pain (based on nothing)" at Chicago's Theater Wit.



**Stephen Clingen (MBA '93)** recently was named senior vice president, commercial banking, at MB Financial Bank.

**Tina L. Harris (LAS '93)** was named as the first diversity officer for the Kansas City, Mo.-based law firm Bryan Cave.



**Nina K. Holden (LAS '93)** has joined the College for Creative Studies in Detroit as vice president for institutional advancement.

**Owen J. Hurd (LAS MA '93)** is the author of a new book, "Chicago History for Kids: Triumphs and Tragedies of the Windy City."

**Timothy F. Zavadil (MUS '93)** won the audition for bass clarinet with the Minnesota Orchestra.

**Vladimir G. Peric (JD '94)** was elected partner of Crowe Group LLP, the parent company of Crowe Chizek and Co. LLC.

**Paul G. Westbrook (LLM '94)** has joined the board of directors of the Young Emerging Leaders of the Mid-Ohio Valley. Paul is the director of legal affairs at Marietta Memorial Hospital in Marietta, Ohio.



**Kristen A. Zukley (EDU '94)** was awarded a master's degree in educational technology from Pepperdine University in July 2007. She and Brent Morgan were married on Aug. 18,

2007, at DePaul's Cortelyou Commons, one of Kristen's favorite places to study while at the university.

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**Courtenay Danielle-Nicole Dundy (LAS '95)** recently was promoted to director of sales and marketing at the Park Hyatt Washington, D.C.

**Darren S. Guccione (COM MS '95)** is president and chief executive of Callpod Inc., which produces mobile conference devices, long-range Bluetooth headsets and other products related to cell phones. The mobile conference device won an innovation award from the 2008 Consumer Electronics Show.

**Judy A. Whitcomb (SNL '95)** has been appointed to the governing board of Rainbows, a grief- and crisis-support charity for youth. She is the director of learning and organizational development at Chicago-based Classic Residence by Hyatt.

**John E. Durburg (MBA '96)** has been named executive managing director for real estate firm CB Richard Ellis' Chicago region.

**Adam B. Mathias (THE '96)** won the 2007 Jerry Bock Award for Excellence in Musical Theatre for his show "See Rock City & Other Destinations."

**Thomas J. Clark (MBA '97)** has been promoted to regional vice president of sales for GATX Corp. in Chicago.

**Marla J. Commons (LAS MA '97, PHD '99, CER '99)** has been appointed to the U.S. board of directors for Research International, a market research company.



**Brandon A. Kanagy (COM '97, MBA '07)** and his wife, **Erin (Gallen) Kanagy (EDU '98)**, are pleased to announce the birth of their first child, Emma Grace, on Nov. 6, 2007.

**Dana M. Lewenthal (THE MFA '97)** was profiled in the 35th anniversary issue of *Lifestyles Magazine*. She continues to work as an actor, singer, director and acting coach in the New York area. She and her husband, Adam, have two children, Maxwell and Melody.



**Shannon M. McNulty (LAS MS '97, JD '03)**, an attorney at Clifford Law Offices, was selected as one of the Law Bulletin Publishing Company's 40 Under 40 Attorneys to Watch in 2007.

**Ellen C. Mills (THE '97)** is the associate producer of the Travel Channel series "Bizarre Foods with Andrew Zimmern." She lives in Minneapolis.

**Matthew O. O'Brien (COM '97)** is the new head of the Metropolis Performing Arts Centre in Arlington Heights, Ill. He oversees operations of the theatre and the Metropolis School of Performing Arts.

**Tait Smith (THE '97)** married Liz Korda on Oct. 6, 2007, in LeMars, Iowa. The couple live in Los Angeles.

**Wendy C. Carter (MFA '98)** recently finished filming the movie "Prehistoric" with co-stars Christopher Atkins and Michael Gross.

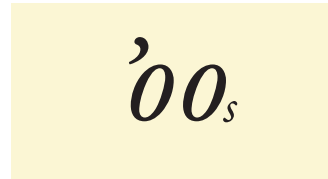
**Douglas B. Grane (MBA '98)** is the president of Central States Trucking Co., which Inc. Magazine recently ranked as one of the top 5,000 fastest-growing private businesses in the country.

**Raj Marwah (CDM MS '98)** has been named chief information officer of Concord, Calif.-based Paradigm Management Services, a medical management services company.

**Michael A. Wollner's (THE MFA '98)** book, "Who Ever Stole Our X-MAS Decorations May You Rot in H'!!," reached No. 6 on the Barnes & Noble bestseller list after its release Nov. 9, 2007. The book was a finalist in the humor category of the National Best Books 2007 Awards. Mike continues to act in TV shows and commercials. He is known as the "Raisin Guy" for his work in the Raisin Bran Crunch commercial.

**P. J. Byrne (THE MFA '99)** is Jim Van Wageningen in the feature film "Charlie Wilson's War." Mike Nichols directed the film, which stars Tom Hanks, Julia Roberts and Philip Seymour Hoffman.

**Merilee Hornung (THE '99)** recently received her master's degree in psychology and is working toward her licensure.



**Rebecca N. Lindsay-Ryan (LAS '00, MS '03)** joined Big Shoulders Fund as the director of external affairs in May 2007.

**Lisa Montgomery (SNL '00)** was promoted to managing director of community development in the Office of Community Affairs at the Illinois Institute of Technology.



**Jerimi Ullom (JD '00)** has been elected partner of Barnes & Thornburg LLP in its Indianapolis office. A member of the firm's Governmental Services Department, Jerimi concentrates his practice in the areas of municipal finance, government services and business.

**Jennifer R. Hagan-Dier (JD '01)** recently was appointed assistant commissioner of the Tennessee Department of Revenue.

**Mamta Kapoor (MBA '01)** has been appointed senior vice president of acquisition marketing at Credit One Bank.

**Craig S. Zomchek (COM '02, MBA '05)** has been named partner at Colley Elevator Co.

**Mary E. Devona (JD '03)** married Anthony John Stark on Sept. 29, 2007, at St. John of the Cross Church in Western Springs, Ill. She is associate general counsel at DePaul.

**Tricia B. Fitzgerald (MED '03)** has opened a new company, Gentle Beginning Inc., in Orland Park, Ill.

**Robert M. Foster (MBA '03)** is assistant vice president of community development real estate with JPMorgan Chase.

**Amanda M. Friedberg (THE '03)** is the director of sales and events at the Lincoln Park Chamber of Commerce.

**Arthur Vasquez Jr. (COM '03)** recently was appointed controller at St. Mary Medical Center and is continuing his studies at Purdue University.

**Anthony J. Zolla (CDM MS '03)** has accepted the position of director of information systems development at Ulta.

**Mirna Garcia (LAS '04)** has been the outreach coordinator for DePaul's Financial Aid office since April 2007.

**Albert L. Stonitsch (LAS MS '04)**, wife Keli and daughter Claire welcomed the birth of Natalie Helen-Rose on Nov. 2, 2007.

**Janna L. Watson (MED '04)** received the Team Shakespeare MVP Award from the Chicago Shakespeare Theater in 2007 for her work teaching the Bard. She teaches sophomore composition at Rauner College Prep charter school in Chicago's Loop.

**LeShai A. Brown (MBA '05)** has been hired as a payroll professional for Aramark Corp., a management services company in Downers Grove, Ill.

**Janai E. Brugger (MUS '05)** was one of four singers invited to sing in the Marilyn Horne master class at Carnegie Hall in January.

**Timothy J. Reardon (MBA '05)** joined Chicago-based Potbelly Sandwich Works in 2007 as the company's director of marketing.

**Carol L. Roberts (SNL MA '05)** has accepted the position of managing director of examination and education for the Certified Financial Planner Board of Standards in Washington, D.C.



**Stephanie Vaughn (LAS '05)**, former DePaulia reporter and Radio DePaul personality, is the coordinator for the media relations department at DePaul.

**Isabelle Fields (THE '06)** won the Best Costume Design Award for "Sons of Molly Maguire" at the 2007 Midtown International Theatre Festival in New York. She works at Barbara Matera's costume shop there.



**Jackie Grzymala (EDU '06)** teaches eighth grade social studies at Field Middle School in Northbrook, Ill.

**Aaron Kubey (THE '06)** was appointed executive director/president of The National Theatre of the Deaf in November 2007.

**Leanne K. Kuchar (LAS '06)** recently completed an internship with the Illinois State Senate and has accepted a job with AmeriCorps in Lake Tahoe, Nev., working as a community education coordinator with the hunger relief agency Project MANA.



**Jeffrey W. Lindsay (JD '06)** joined DePaul University's Office of Advancement in September 2007 as an assistant director of planned giving.

**Nathaniel Maher (THE MFA '06)** recently completed filming the movie "Borders" in Cabo San Lucas, Mexico, with co-stars Dominique Swain and Jesse Ventura.

**Richard J. Malcolm (SNL '06)** was appointed vice president and chief technology officer of Integrated Parking Solutions in Bannockburn, Ill.

**Katherine L. Mazeika (LAS '06)** was appointed editor at Insure.com in Darien, Ill.

**Tanya N. Montgomery (CMN '06, MA '07)** accepted a position at the U.S. Department of Energy as a public affairs specialist. She lives in Las Vegas.

**Michael C. Crawford (MBA '07)** is a senior consultant for Kalypso LP and lives in Fort Worth, Texas. He also announced his engagement to Lindsey Magdanz.

**Mark D. Fleischer (THE MFA '07)** is the director of the Adirondack Theatre Festival in Glen Falls, N.Y.

**Hiroyuki Takami (MUS '07)**, a jazz trumpeter, released "From This Avenue," a CD collection of jazz standards scored for trumpet, guitar and upright bass, on The Thin Town Bounce label of KS International (Osaka, Japan).

## In Memoriam

*Lord, we commend to you the souls of our dearly departed. In your mercy and love, grant them eternal peace.*

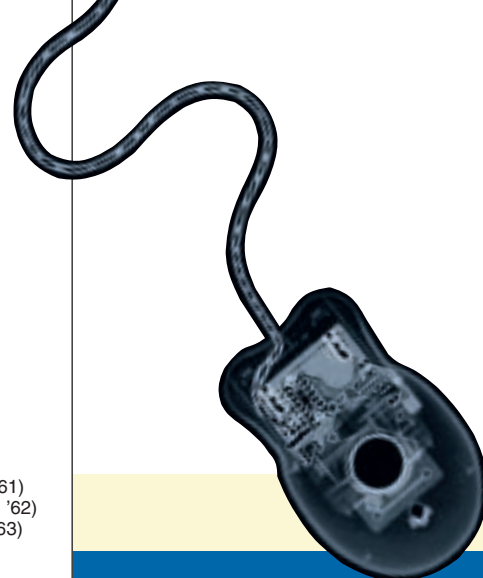
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### Correction:

Jessica B. Rufa (JD '06) was misidentified as Jennifer B. Rufa in the fall 2007 In Memoriam listing. We regret the error.



## Event Calendar

Visit [alumni.depaul.edu](http://alumni.depaul.edu) or call 800.437.1898 for further information and to register. Fees and registration deadlines apply to certain events.

### May

#### May 3

Vincetian Service Day  
Various locations nationwide

#### May 7

Renaissance Circle Seminar:  
"Ellis Island Portraits"  
DePaul University Museum  
Chicago

#### May 15

Career Changers Forum  
DePaul Center  
Chicago

#### May 21

School of Music Spring Concert  
Featuring works by Debussy,  
Hummel and Stravinsky  
Symphony Center  
Chicago

### June

#### June 4

Renaissance Circle Seminar:  
"All That Jazz"  
DePaul Center  
Chicago

#### June 21

Day at the Races  
Arlington Park Race Track  
Arlington Heights, Ill.

### July

#### July 24

Chicago Cubs vs. Florida Marlins  
Pregame Party at Goose Island Brew Pub  
Game at Wrigley Field  
Chicago

#### July 30

Summer Send-off  
Cerny Park, Warrenville, Ill.  
Casual gathering for alumni to welcome  
first-year students and their families

### August

#### Aug. 6

Summer Send-Off  
Flick Park, Glenview, Ill.  
Casual gathering for alumni to welcome  
first-year students and their families

#### Aug. 8

Chicago White Sox vs. Boston Red Sox  
U.S. Cellular Field  
Chicago

## Save the Date!

### Alumni and Family Weekend 2008

Celebrating the reunion for the classes  
of 1958, 1963, 1968, 1973, 1978,  
1983, 1988, 1993, 1998 and 2003  
Oct. 16 to 19, 2008

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## Recent Alumni Events

### First Ever Nationwide Game Watch

Blue Demons fans gathered in locations around the country on Jan. 26, 2008, to cheer on the men's basketball team as it faced the Marquette Golden Eagles in Milwaukee.

In Chicago, more than 80 alumni and guests gathered at Halligan Bar in Lincoln Park to cheer on the Blue Demons.

Game watches also were held in Austin, Texas; Charlotte, N.C.; Dallas; Denver; Houston; New York; San Francisco; Scottsdale, Ariz.; Seattle and Washington, D.C.



(l to r) Vice Chancellor the Rev. Charles F. Shelby, C.M. (LAS MS '71), Milwaukee Bucks forward Bobby Simmons and Alumni Board President Jack Cummins (LAS '88, JD '92) joined 85 alumni and friends at the game in Milwaukee. Simmons, a standout DePaul basketball player from 1998 to 2001, recently pledged \$250,000 to create five endowed scholarships for DePaul students who demonstrate a history of community service and have financial need.



(Front row, l to r) Lillian Peterson, Ivette Martinez (COM '05), Miral Patel (COM '07), Art Chaisiriwatanasai (CDM '05) and Kuo Lun Tye (CDM '07). (Back row, l to r) Mike Saia (CDM '06), Christina Kobernat (COM '07) and Matt Eubank (CDM '05) at Game Watch 2008 in Chicago.

### 14th Annual Orange County Dinner

In January, alumni in Southern California and their guests dined at The Orange Hill Restaurant, overlooking the Pacific coastline. Hosted by the Southern California Alumni Chapter, the 14th annual event featured remarks by Deborah Evans, assistant vice president for alumni relations.

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Bill Horsthemke, doctoral student, College of Computing and Digital Media  
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