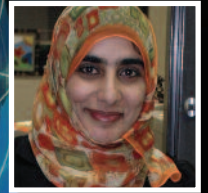


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president's perspective

The recent recession has certainly produced trying times, and like many others, Lewis students and their families have borne a considerable burden. Nonetheless, we can acknowledge that the University has weathered the recessionary turmoil surprisingly well. Thanks to the generosity of numerous alumni and other donors, we have been in a position to assist many of those students to continue their studies and cope with unprecedented financial strain. At the same time, the University's enrollment has grown to a new record high and we are experiencing sustained momentum toward our vision of the University's preferred future development.

Lewis is steadily developing into a regional university of distinction, serving a growing and more diverse population throughout the Chicagoland region and well beyond. Our Mission is clear, our Lasallian and Catholic heritage is vibrant, and the quality of our academic and other programs is demonstrably improving in ways ever more evident. We have nearly 6,000 undergraduate and graduate students, with a record residential population as well. The University's sixth off-campus site, located in Albuquerque, N.M. has been successfully launched, and we are nicely progressing in the provision of courses and entire degree programs online. Accreditation and reaccreditation initiatives are going well. Meanwhile, we continue selectively to develop new and enriched academic programs that are of high quality, are responsive to the needs of the regions we serve, and can attract well-prepared students who will graduate and move onto further studies and into relevant and meaningful careers.

We wish to pursue various campus enhancements in a prudent manner but also with strategic purpose, as we invest in well-qualified personnel, contemporary academic technology, program enrichment and excellent facilities. The planned Science Center will be pivotal in developing further our impressive programs in the natural sciences, mathematics and computer science, psychology, nursing and health care professions. We are already well into a two-phased enhancement and expansion of our College of Nursing building. There are exciting plans in place for a major upgrade of the Oremus Fine Arts Center. Further improvements are under consideration for our College of Education and College of Business facilities. We also will require additional and improved areas for food services, housing, student recreation and intercollegiate athletics during the next several years. All of this will be gradually achieved within the framework of our refined Strategic Plan and Campus Master Plan.

Thank you for investing in the dynamic and impactful future of Lewis University. We are very appreciative for the contributions made by our outstanding alumni. As the University grows and achieves new levels of excellence, the reputation of your degree is further enhanced. More importantly, you will have additional academic programs and resources available in your own ongoing education and for that of your family members. Above all, you can take pride in the contributions that Lewis is making to the continued transformation of our society. These include the promotion of a more informed citizenry; the education of ethical and moral decision-makers; and the preparation of responsible and intellectually capable professionals, who care greatly about the quality of life for all people and who effectually respond with compassion, competence and resourcefulness to the critical needs of the less advantaged.

Sincerely,

Br. James Gaffney, FSC
President, Lewis University

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Lewis Students, Faculty, and Staff Embrace New Initiatives to Strengthen International Experiences

by Kathrynne Skonicki

From Spain to Brazil to Lithuania, faculty, staff, and students have initiated ways of reaching out and creating new linkages around the world. Featured here are innovative ways of teaching and developing new relationships for students and the region.

Fulbright Scholars Use Creativity to Enhance Global Learning

Social media brings U.S.-Mexico students together

Rebeca Rodríguez Minor received a little help from Google in enlightening American students about Latin American culture, history, economics and politics during the fall semester. The Fulbright scholar utilized a Google social media tool that enabled her Lewis University Latin American Issues students to communicate with a dozen students at *Universidad del Caribe* in Cancún, Mexico.

A September 14 video conference between the American class and Mexican class initiated the experience. The students introduced themselves to each other and shared their goals for the semester of communication. Students in both classes then continued the conversation online through a blog as they discussed various topics such as family, immigration, culture and customs.

“Some of the discussions were very heated. There are strong opinions on both sides of the issues,” said Kristin Murray, political science major from Joliet. A conversation about NAFTA was particularly tense which enhanced their understanding of the issue, added Murray. She said the strong beliefs on both sides inspired the students to look deeper into the issue in order to defend their opinions.

Nelida Arellano, an elementary education major from Chicago, said the discussions helped her in understanding the human side of challenges that she might read about in books and news media. She mentioned that one Mexican student touched her heart by discussing how drug trafficking



Rebeca Rodríguez Minor leads her Lewis University Latin American Issues class in an interactive video conference with students in Mexico.

affects her everyday life. The Mexican student had shared with the Lewis students how she can't walk in her own community because she lives in fear of nearby drug traffickers.

Meanwhile, Alexandra Georgious, a criminal/social justice and sociology major from Lockport, was impressed

with how the Mexican students are more aware of the United States than the United States students are aware of Mexico. As an example, she recalled a discussion about the First Amendment. She laughed and said, “They knew more about our American political system than I did.”

The students enjoyed another special video conference in November with elementary students at *Colegio Weston* in Playa del Carmen. Representatives from second through fifth grade explained to the Lewis students the traditions associated with the Day of the Dead. Minor commented, “I thought the Lewis students would enjoy hearing about the tradition from children who are currently celebrating it.”

Minor has a bachelor’s degree in Latin American Studies from UNAM University, Mexico City, and a master’s degree in international relations from *Universiteit van Amsterdam* in the Netherlands. Minor, a Fulbright intern, is currently working on her dissertation for a doctorate degree in Latin American Studies with a focus on regional integration at UNAM University.

Middle Eastern Scholar Translates Love of Learning

Al Zahra Al Hajri, who is from Oman, taught Arabic this fall and shared her perspective on her home country’s language, culture and people as part of the Fulbright Foreign Language Teaching Assistant (FLTA) Program during the 2009-2010 academic year at Lewis University.



Teaching English-speaking students how to speak Arabic is a bit different for Al Hajri, who is used to teaching English to Arabic-speaking students. But Al Hajri said she loves the challenge and is eager to help American students reach a better understanding of her culture. She said the common understanding is essential in today’s world when technologies enable better communications.

FLTA is sponsored by the U.S. Department of State Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs and administered by the Institute of International Education. The program is designed to assist young educators to refine their teaching skills and increase English language proficiency while pursuing non-degree studies at U.S. institutions of higher education.

Before arriving on the Lewis campus, Al Hajri taught English at an elementary school in Oman. Al Hajri earned a bachelor’s degree in teaching English as foreign language in 2005 at Al-Yarmouk University in Jordan.

Although Al Hajri enjoys teaching, she is also determined to continue learning as a student. She is enrolled in French classes at Lewis University while she is working on a master’s degree.



(Left to right) Dr. Frank Rose, Assistant Professor of Finance, Dr. Ian Gladding, Professor of Business Administration and Director of the International Business and Contemporary Global Studies programs, and Lewis alumna Adriana Rundle '02, exchange ideas on opportunities for Lewis University in Brazil.

Business Expands its International Initiatives to Brazil

Dr. Ian V. Gladding, who was awarded a 2002 Fulbright grant to teach international business in China, and current Professor in the College of Business, and Dr. Frank Rose, Associate Professor of Finance, spent some time over the summer in Brazil, seeking new ways to expand learning opportunities for Lewis students and finding new business opportunities for local companies. The trip, funded by a U.S. Department of Education grant, provided the Lewis faculty the opportunity to meet with Brazilian businesses, government agencies, and educational institutions, with a particular priority given to building upon existing relationships with universities in the global Lasallian university network.

“Since Brazil is now the largest economy in South America and sixth largest in the world, it is an increasingly important destination for American businesses for partners, sources of high quality goods, and as competitors. Knowledge and understanding of Brazil will be increasingly important for Will County companies competing in the global marketplace and for students interested in international careers,” commented Dr. Gladding.

The focus on Brazil this year is part of the College of Business initiative to provide international business services to the community and help create local jobs by leveraging faculty expertise and experience through the global Lasallian network. Dr. Rose and Dr. Gladding met with universities, economic development agencies and



(From left to right) Dr. Ian Gladding, Carlos Coelho, Renaldo Curi Giamondi, Vice Director General and Academic Director, Professor Mariana Carpes, Brother Ignacio Weschenfelder, FSC, President of UNILASALLE, Niteroi, and Dr. Frank Rose exchange ideas.

companies in Sao Paulo, Porto Alegre, and Rio de Janeiro to try to find new international business opportunities for companies and new learning opportunities and practical experience for Lewis students in Brazil.

A highlight of the trip was when Dr. Gladding and Dr. Rose were invited to a meeting/luncheon hosted by the U.S. Ambassador to Brazil in Sao Paulo, attended by a number of large American multinationals operating in the country. The meeting was related to the “+Unidos” effort, initiated in 2006 by the Ambassador to Brazil to promote corporate social responsibility programs in Brazil that contributed to sustainable development.

The two Lewis faculty were warmly welcomed by the two Lasallian Universities and found that Lewis and the two Brazilian Universities UNILASALLE-Canoas (located in Porto Alegre in the south of Brazil) and UNILSALLE-Niteroi (located near Rio de Janeiro) had a great deal in common. UNILASALLE Canoas and UNILSALLE Niteroi offers various service learning projects to help solve social and economic problems in poor communities, are dedicated to excellence in teaching by offering unique, practical academic programs, and dedicated to educating the poor. Like Lewis, UNILASALLE Canoas is a leading regional university located in an area of Brazil that is growing economically. The region, similar in size and economic development objectives to Will County, is also seeking partnerships and offers opportunities for Will County companies to do business in Brazil.

College of Business international initiatives planned for 2010 include student travel study trips to Dubai, India and Brazil.

Education Faculty Provide Professional Development to Lithuanian Teachers

Six College of Education faculty members traveled to Vilnius, Lithuania, over the summer as part of a grant from the American Professional Partnership for Lithuanian Education (APPLE) to provide professional development to Lithuanian teachers. Dr. Deborah Augsburger, Chair, Reading and Literacy; Dr. Dorene Huvaere, Chair, Secondary Education/Technology; Dr. Pam Jessee, Director of Undergraduate Combined Special Education/Elementary Education program; Dr. Barbara Mackey, Associate Professor, Director of English as a Second Language Program - Educational Leadership; Dr. Suzanne O'Brien, Assistant Professor of Elementary Education; and Dr. Jeanette M. Mines, Dean of the College of Education, spent two weeks working with teachers and administrators from across Lithuania.

“Social Responsibility in a Changing World” was the theme of this year’s professional development. The classes that the Lewis faculty offered focused on strengthening collaboration for social responsibility in the classroom, the community and the world. A Lithuanian interpreter translated the Lewis faculty’s presentations for the two-week period. The theme is complementary to the College of Education’s goals. Working together with the Lithuanian teachers, the Lewis faculty shared ideas of how to foster a learning community and promote social responsibility first within the classroom and then to the community at large. Drs. Augsburger, Mackey and O’Brien worked with elementary teachers, special educators, social workers and administrators while Drs. Huvaere, Jessee and Mines shared ideas with secondary educators. Using a co-teaching approach, the teams modeled collaboration and offered examples of how they work to foster a sense of community in their classrooms.

Each attendee to the Lewis session received a care package of school supplies. The Lewis faculty traveled with six 40-pound bags of school supplies for the Lithuanian educators. Huvaere added, “We hope the Lithuanian students can utilize these supplies and we hope they can pass along the good deed to someone else in the future.”

Before the trip to Lithuania, the faculty visited the Lithuanian World Center in Lemont and met with a local professional who has been a part of the APPLE work for many years. The faculty plan to continue a relationship with APPLE and the local Lithuanian community.

International Student Services Expands Recruiting Efforts

Several new initiatives were set into motion this summer by the Office of International Student Services. "A significant international student population on campus not only benefits the foreign students obtaining a quality American education, but also broadens the horizons of the locally-based students on campus," commented Michael Fekete, Director of International Student Services.

Over the summer, Lewis elevated its relationship to become a university partner with ELS American Education Center, a recruitment center for students mainly from China, Turkey and Vietnam. It was with this organization that Fekete recently increased awareness about Lewis as he visited several ELS sites in Turkey and China. He also attended educational fairs, visited with governmental officials and met with agents representing Lewis during an October visit. Fekete said, "This relationship with ELS American Education Center has the potential to increase our relationships around the world and facilitate a number of opportunities, such as alumni gatherings, faculty discussions and more."

Lewis also became a charter member of IDP (International Direct Placement) Education. The world's largest student placement firm is set to similarly increase the awareness of Lewis around the globe. Fekete emphasized, "This is just another tool we need to compete in the global economy for students. This company has had much success in Australia and its expansion into America is expected to be beneficial to the few universities that are charter members."



International students at Lewis University represent more than 30 countries.

Lewis is also in the application process to become members of the American International Recruitment Council (AIRC). The newly formed AIRC develops standards for ethical recruitment of international students, develops best practices and training for overseas student recruitment agents and is establishing a framework for certification of agents. "This organization is expected to assist us as we travel the globe in search of students that are a good match for Lewis University. It is expected to make the United States schools more viable in a competitive global marketplace of higher education," added Fekete.

Lewis Welcomes Iraqi Student

Lewis University is among 30 institutions in the United States participating in the Iraqi Student Project this year. Shay is the first student enrolled in this grassroots effort to educate students who will return to their country and become contributing members of Iraqi society.

"We are grateful and privileged that this project has enabled us to extend a helping hand to an Iraqi student," stated Brother James Gaffney, FSC, President of Lewis University. "This is a natural extension of our Lasallian tradition of assisting well-deserving but needy students who otherwise would lack an opportunity for a high quality Catholic and Lasallian education. We feel truly blessed that Shay is now part of our Lewis University Community."

Months before Shay's arrival, a support group formed at Lewis University to plan for his success at the Midwestern Lasallian institution. About 40 faculty, staff members and students rallied efforts behind fundraising and logistical support. The support group extended a helping hand in many ways; donating items for the student's room, scheduling time for hosting Shay during academic breaks, and arranging events on campus to raise funds to assist in meeting the student's expenses.

"The exceptional, stand-out thing about Lewis is that the support for Shay is coming from the school itself. This is most unusual. Usually a support group forms from outside the university. Faculty, administration and staff have gathered with Shay for this support," commented Jane Pitz, U.S. Executive Director of the Iraqi Student Project.

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Rome Provides Attractive Option for Two Students Studying Abroad

Julia Drozd studied this year at John Cabot University in Rome. Although her course schedule was busy, she managed to find a way to assist others while enjoying this valuable experience. She said, “I was able to visit a refugee center to help teach English and to keep the refugees company.”

Drozd also broadened her horizons by attending human rights events at John Cabot University. She said, “Getting outside perspectives on many different issues was very important and beneficial; this knowledge will undoubtedly help me in my future career. The information I got in class was very important, but the knowledge I have gained from everyday life here cannot be taught in school.”

Drozd was fairly comfortable traveling on trains and planes to visits the sites of Europe when she needs a break from studies. She said, “It has been an extremely culturally enriching experience where I have not only seen so many different things but met so many different, interesting people.”

Drozd is a double major in psychology and political science. She said she enjoyed the people the most through her international experience. She commented, “I have met so many different people here; not only Italians, but a lot of

people from all over the world that were just backpacking and ‘stopping by’ in Rome. It was also a good way of networking; many people know people that are working in fields I am interested in and have helped me get in contact with them.”

Jillian Reiher’s wish came true to return to Rome after a previous three-week visit there eight years ago. She studied psychology, philosophy, and Italian in Rome. The junior psychology major had a hard time finding the words to describe her experience. Reiher said, “How could I possibly describe living next door to the Pantheon, or being able to walk to the Coliseum if I’m bored or need a study break? Studying in Italy has been all at once one of the most maddening and rewarding experiences of my life.”

Reiher has family roots in Italy and she has always enjoyed learning about her heritage. However, she believes this international experience will help her future career. She said, “I plan to pursue a career in either school or child counseling. The study abroad experience will give me a broader view of the world and its cultures and a better understanding of people in general.”



Jillian Reiher



Julia Drozd of Lewis University finds time to tour the Coliseum while studying in Rome.

International Scholarship Brings Lewis Student to Spain

Alejandra Vaca studied in Seville, Spain as a recipient of the Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship. The Gilman Scholarship is funded by Congress and sponsored by the U.S. Department of State to assist undergraduate students in participating in a study abroad program.

While in Seville, Vaca studied Spanish language and culture at the Center for Cross-Cultural Study. Vaca also enrolled in additional coursework at the University of Seville. Her studies are facilitated through a program that is part of the Lasallian International Programs Consortium and coordinated by St. Mary's University of Minnesota. She said, "I would describe my experience as a breathtaking dream! I'm happy to have had the opportunity to learn so much of the Spanish culture while enhancing my native language."

The diverse learning environment of Lewis University prepared Vaca for her international experience. She said, "Since Lewis is a diverse campus, it has allowed me to be open minded about the cultural differences."

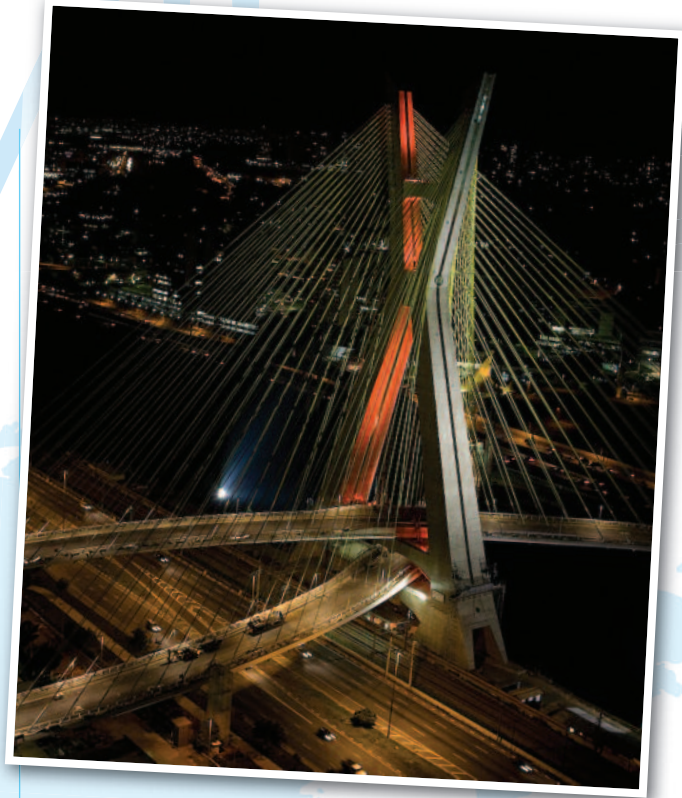
Vaca also noted that her involvement in student leadership prepared her in approaching new people and situations. After being a resident assistant on campus, she looks at the new things in a more positive light.

The 22-year-old resident of Chicago's Little Village plans on becoming a high school guidance counselor after graduating with a degree in psychology. She hopes to use her fluency in Spanish and English to help her future students and families. Vaca said, "It is significant to communicate professionally with

parents about their child; to give parents a full understanding of absences, tardiness, cutting class, and report cards. I believe that many students fall between the cracks because parents are not fully aware of what is occurring at school due to the language barrier."



The Cathedral Bell in Seville, Spain



The Octavio Frias de Oliveira bridge, a cable-stayed bridge in São Paulo, Brazil over the Pinheiros River, opened in May 2008.

Brazil's Hot Market Attracts Lewis Student

Rubi Renovato studied in Sao Paulo, Brazil. The 21-year-old student was raised in Guadalajara, Mexico, for the first 10 years of her life until her family moved to the United States. She said, "The language is very different from English, but with Spanish as my native language it has helped a great deal in learning the language faster. I'm fascinated by the culture; from the food to the music, to their people."

The marketing major has a minor in finance with plans to graduate in May 2010. Hoping to specialize in the Latin American market, she studied international business at *Fundacao Getulio Vargas* in Sao Paulo. She said, "One of the major economic forces in Latin America is Brazil, which is also one of the BRIC economic forces of the Goldman Sachs model. Sao Paulo is the business center of Brazil, so there's no better place to learn about this country's business than Sao Paulo."

She also recognizes how understanding other cultures and customs affects a person's perspective. She commented, "You become more tolerant and mature; you learn another perspective."

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(Above, left) Dr. Stephany Schlachter, Provost, and Dr. Katherine Helm, Associate Professor and Director of Graduate Psychology place a hood on graduate Melissa Esposito. (Left) Dr. Eveann Lovero, Professor of Business Administration, poses with Brother James Gaffney, FSC, Lewis President. (Above) The ROTC Color Guard presents the Papal flag, the Lewis University flag, and the United States flag during the national anthem.

December Commencement Honors

Lewis University awarded honorary degrees to three distinguished professionals at its winter Commencement Ceremonies. Honorees included Illinois Supreme Court Justice, Third Judicial District, the Honorable Thomas Kilbride; Director of Argonne National Laboratory and President of UChicago Argonne, LLC, Eric D. Isaacs, Ph.D.; and, President *Emeritus*, College of Santa Fe, Brother Donald C. Mouton, FSC, STD. The honorary degree recipients were recognized along with the nearly 670 graduates who were awarded degrees throughout the weekend's ceremonies.

Named Judge of the Year in 2009, Illinois Supreme Court Justice Thomas Kilbride became interested in social justice as a young man studying at Bishop McNamara High School. After graduating from high school, he worked with Cesar Chavez's United Farm Workers Union, where he advised people bargaining for fair labor conditions. He saw "firsthand how working within the law could positively impact lives of working families" and focused his interests toward a career in law.

Justice Kilbride's firm commitment to service and social responsibility was furthered at St. Mary's College, now University, and at Antioch School of Law, which was founded to train attorneys for advocacy in the public interest. Justice Kilbride began his career in law in 1981 as a Legal Aid attorney for low-

income clients. While practicing law for 20 years in Rock Island, he remained committed to working on behalf of the marginalized and for those who otherwise did not have a voice.

An active volunteer, he served as a legal advisor for the Community Caring Conference, for Quad-City Harvest, for the Children's Disability Project, and for various other neighborhood associations. Since his election to the Illinois Supreme Court in 2000, Justice Kilbride's work has been recognized with numerous service awards.

A distinguished physicist, educator, and national leader in science research, Eric D. Isaacs, Ph.D., was recently appointed as Director of the U.S. Department of Energy's Argonne National Laboratory. Argonne Laboratory is among the Department of Energy's largest and most diverse national laboratories. Dr. Isaacs previously served as Director of Argonne National Laboratory's Center for Nanoscale Materials and as Argonne's Deputy Laboratory Director for Programs.

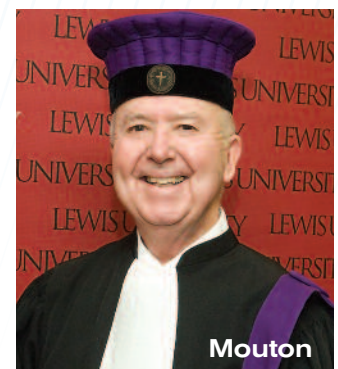
In his new role as Argonne's Director, Dr. Isaacs will help



Kilbride



Isaacs



Mouton

implement the Laboratory's strategic plan, leading Argonne in strengthening science research and development efforts that underlie key national imperatives: energy security, environmental stability, economic competitiveness, and national security. He is also a prominent physicist at the University of Chicago's James Franck Institute, where he continues to conduct research in collaboration with a team of students in other Argonne divisions.

Dr. Isaacs received a doctorate in Physics from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in the field of magnetic semiconductors and was a postdoctoral fellow at Bell Laboratories. He has served on numerous scientific advisory committees and is author or co-author of more than 140 scientific papers and presentations.

During his lifelong journey in Lasallian and Catholic education, Brother Donald Mouton, FSC, has been a student, a teacher, and an administrator. Over many years, he has traveled far from his home state of Louisiana to such places as Canada, France, Italy, and many other global destinations, primarily for advanced degrees and to give scholarly presentations internationally. His Lasallian education began at Cathedral High School in Lafayette, Louisiana, which is sponsored by the De La Salle Christian Brothers. After

entering the Christian Brothers Scholasticate in New Mexico in 1954, Brother Donald received a Bachelor of Arts in Mathematics from the College of Santa Fe in 1956. He then taught high school, first in Louisiana and later in Montreal, Canada. Later, he attended the Catholic University of Paris, where he earned his Doctorate in Sacred Theology.

In 1971, Brother Donald began at the College of Santa Fe as an Assistant Professor of Religious Studies. He went on to serve as Associate Professor, Professor, Department Chair and, from 1982 to 1987, as the College's fourth President. In 1988, he began a new phase of his educational journey, participating in the International Session of Lasallian Studies in Rome.

For decades, Brother Donald has sought to enrich educational and faith-based institutions, as well as society in general. He has served on numerous boards. He has also worked with the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools as a Consultant-Evaluator and as a member of its Accreditation Review Council. He has served as a member of the U.S. Catholic Bishops' Advisory Council, including as its chair, and he has played a role in important initiatives of the Regional Conference of Christian Brothers. Brother Donald's exemplary service has been widely recognized.



O'Connell



Roberts

Undergraduates Honored for Achievements

Kailin O'Connell received the Father Aquinas Colgan Award at the University's undergraduate commencement ceremonies on December 20. She graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Elementary Education. O'Connell earned a 3.3/4.0 cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA). Originally a nursing major, O'Connell switched to education her sophomore year when she discovered that she had a "hidden passion for teaching." Her dislike of public speaking had held her back from a career in education, but she credits her experiences at Lewis with helping her

overcome this obstacle. She stated, "...with the help of my education courses, and the countless campus events I have been a part of, I have been forced out of my shell...while I am still a little shy about public speaking, it does not affect me at all in the classroom."

She also credited the University for helping her grow spiritually. "Some of the most wonderful memories derive from the time when I had the pleasure of being involved with the Koinonia retreats offered at Lewis," recalled O'Connell. "I

found the joy in enriching the spirits of others and giving them hope at Koinonia," she continued.

Cody Roberts was selected to present the student Lasallian address at the undergraduate ceremony. Roberts graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in Human Resource Management and a Business Studies minor with a 3.8 cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA). Roberts was on the Deans' List all semesters. He also was a member of several student organizations while attending the University including serving as president of the Society of Human Resource Management, and a member of STAND for Human Rights.

Roberts spent several months teaching English in Beijing, China, and participated in the travel study abroad program, earning a one-year diploma from the Beijing Language and Culture University. He also held internships during his time at Lewis, working at Harris Private Bank/BMO Enterprises in Chicago and at the Will County Health Department as a human resource intern.

Roberts stated, "It is our responsibility to embrace our Lasallian values to create change and provide solutions, as future leaders of our organizations, institutions and the social systems in which we operate." Further, Roberts believes that we are obligated to be socially responsible to the poor and disadvantaged through the promotion of justice in our lives and vocations.



Alumni who were honored with awards during Homecoming weekend were (from left): Tom Secor '68 of Joliet, retired school teacher [fine arts]. Dolores Pavletic '83, Downers Grove, Assistant Chief Pilot and Flight Operations Duty Officer for FedEx Express [aviation]. Heath Arensen '02, Amman Jordan, President and CEO of Tanasuk Technologies [business]. Lawrence Tucker '93, '98, Tinley Park, Principal of Marist High School [education]. Takiyah Olatunbosun '98, '01, Chicago, teacher at San Miguel School [education]. Kenneth Gabriel '77, (see below). Dan LeFevers '82, '07, Edgewater, Maryland, Executive Director for the Gas Technology Institute [organizational leadership]. Sharon Canariato '07, Palos Hills, Executive Deputy Director at the Illinois Nurses Association [healthcare and leadership].

Alumni Achievement Awards



Kenneth Gabriel '77, a member of the Board of Trustees from 1997-2009, received the Distinguished Alumni Achievement Award at the 2009 Homecoming ceremony for his service to Lewis.

Gabriel graduated from Lewis University in 1977 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Accounting, following four years of impressive collegiate accomplishments. He became a Certified Public Accountant in 1978, and has more than 30 years of

distinguished service and leadership at KPMG LLP, an international audit, tax and management advising firm.

Gabriel also has been a positive influence on young people as a coach of youth baseball, basketball, soccer and softball teams for many years for both his community and St. Michael's Parish in Orland Park.

The College of Business honored Gabriel with the 2003 Adam Smith Honored Alumnus of the Year Award for his tireless dedication to his professional career and to the University, as well as his remarkable business achievements and his commitment to the highest ethical principles.

Black Student Alumni Reunion VIP Awards

Alumni from the National Panhellenic Council and Black Student Union joined forces at 2009 Homecoming in October to thank past and present faculty and staff for their encouragement, guidance and development of minority students.

Receiving VIP awards were (left to right) Charles Jones '66, Andrea Green '05, Karen Calloway '90, '99, Dr. Katherine Helm, Patricia Jones '73, Kenneth Wiggins '80, Betty Byrd '82, Lucius Black, Lita Holmes, Dr. John Greenwood, Dr. Sam Enyia, Don McCord '96, '98, and Yvonne Smith '75.





Brother James Gaffney, FSC, Lewis University President, is pictured with recipients Edward and Sandra Prodehl.



Jon Johnson, General Manager, accepts the award for Empress Casino, presented by James Goodwin, Chair, Lewis University Board of Trustees.

President's Circle Honors Prodehls and Empress Casino

Lewis University hosted its 14th annual President's Circle dinner on December 4. The annual Frank J. Lewis Philanthropist of the Year Awards honored Edward and Sandra Prodehl and the Empress Casino. The awards are named for Frank J. Lewis, Chicago industrialist and major benefactor, who provided significant funding and support for the University from its founding in 1932 until his death in 1960.

Edward and Sandra Prodehl have demonstrated consistent dedication to others throughout their community through business and civic leadership as well as volunteer service. Ed began his career in the beverage industry, and later became owner of Coldwell Banker Honig-Bell, the top producing Coldwell Banker brokerage in Illinois. He has been extensively involved in the community as a member of Lockport Main Street, past President of the Will-Grundy Association of Realtors, and through his involvement in the Lockport –area land development company SIBAKIS. Ed has been a member of the Lewis University Board of Trustees since 2002 and is Co-Chair of the Campaign for Lewis University.

For 20 years Sandra was the owner of a travel agency, supporting Ed in his real estate business and raising four children. She is a former member of the Lockport Women's Club and has provided valued service and leadership for the Lewis University Cultural Advisory Board. Together, Ed and Sandy have made an impact throughout the region, providing philanthropic support for many causes in many of communities where their company offices are located. Their support encourages others to give, and they have funded various projects at St. Dennis Parish Center in Lockport and most recently at Lewis University, including a major renovation of the Student Union Center.

Empress Casino has benefited many local organizations from its philanthropy including Big Brothers/Big Sisters, Easter Seals, Unity Community Development Corporation,

Lewis University and the Will County Center for Economic Development. Empress Casino also supports many national organizations, including the American Cancer Society, Wish Upon a Star Foundation, United Way and the United Negro College Fund. Empress supports organizations that help young people by donating to the Toys on Parade campaign and the Joliet-area U.S. Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots. It also provides funding for annual scholarships for Lewis University students.

In March 2009, a fire destroyed an area of the casino and it was forced to close the pavilion building, effecting the jobs of many workers. In a campaign called "Empress Gives Back," the Casino encouraged its employees to provide volunteer support to the local community while Empress continued to pay their salaries. Empress employees have performed over 5,270 community service hours in 2009 for more than 30 organizations including the Will County Historical Society, Habitat for Humanity, Catholic Charities, the Joliet Park District, Campfire and the Joliet Area Community Hospice.



Pictured from left are Tom Kennedy '62, Board of Trustees' members Kathleen Halloran '74, and Michael Parker '77, Angeliqe Parker, and Richard Nevins.

Protecting the Planet

Environmental Responsibility Encouraged Campus-wide

With more than 370 acres of land, Lewis has always been a good steward of the environment. From 1979 to 1989 the late Brother Ambrose Groble, FSC, planted 198 trees from 36 species. Today there are more than 60 varieties of deciduous trees on the main campus. Recent initiatives have been organized to raise more awareness of our responsibility as a community to conserve and enhance our resources.



Green Up, Clean Up

The University Environment and Energy Conservation Council hosted “Green Up, Clean Up” September 26 on the main campus. More than two dozen students, faculty and staff members removed Common Buckthorn trees from the Burnham Centennial Nature Trail. The Common Buckthorn tree is an invasive species, explained Danielle Cockream, Lewis’ student sustainability coordinator. The non-native tree establishes itself quickly and dominates an area. The coordinator of the event said, “This is a problem because it

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does not allow new native species to establish and can kill off some of the other trees in the area.”

The removal process included techniques to ensure the Buckthorns did not return. The volunteers cut down pre-marked Buckthorn trees and then the Grounds Department applied chemicals to the trunks to prevent them from growing back. Another “Green Up, Clean Up” is scheduled for spring 2010.



Dorothy Day Residence Hall Room

New Residence Hall Incorporates Green Technologies

Dorothy Day Residence Hall opened this fall, the 12th residence hall on campus. Named in honor of the late social activist who founded the Catholic Worker Movement, the four-story residence hall incorporates many of the latest environmentally-friendly technologies.

Donald Castello, Director of Facilities and a designated Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Accredited Professional, said that recycled materials were used in construction of the building; paints and other surface covering made from low emission materials were utilized to reduce indoor air contaminants; and energy consumption reduction features were designed into the building's exterior, windows and primary building heating, ventilation and cooling systems. The hall is connected to a centrally located HVAC Digital Control System that monitors systems around the clock and makes changes in temperature remotely as needed. A bio-swale system located near the parking lot

filters pollutants from storm water runoff. There also is an eco-friendly lighting system that operates with occupancy sensor lighting plus locations on each floor designated for recycling.

Dorothy Day Hall is the third new residence hall constructed on the Lewis main campus in the past four years to meet a burgeoning student population. The building has an additional level compared to the similar structures of Pope John Paul II Hall and Mother Teresa Hall, built in 2005 and 2006 respectively. Dorothy Day Hall can accommodate approximately 130 residents. It includes four floors of apartment-style living space with each floor consisting of single and double occupancy rooms, two study/conference areas, a lounge area, laundry facilities, and a kitchen. The first floor also has a game room and offers an expanded kitchen facility. The lower level of the building is being utilized for additional classrooms, office space and meeting areas.

Dorothy Day Residence Hall Lobby



Recycle, Reduce, Reuse

The Lewis University Recycling and Environment Program tracked the following benefits of the recycling program over a six-month period of time.

- Saved 1,463 tree seedlings grown for 10 years
- Saved 712 million BTUs of energy use
- Saved 123 barrels of oil
- Saved 5,729 gallons of gasoline
- Kept 10 passenger cars off of the road
- Reduced car emissions by 52 tons of CO²/year

Music Department Gains New Instructors

Dr. Lawrence Sisk, Chair of the Music Department, announced the arrival of five new music instructors in cello, low brass, jazz piano, vocal jazz, and ethnomusicology. Students from all majors are welcome to take music lessons and participate in Music Department ensembles.

Cellist Jean Hatmaker is principal cellist of the Civic Orchestra of Chicago. Hatmaker graduated in 2008 from Indiana University, where she received a bachelor's degree and master's degree in cello performance, studying with the distinguished cellist Janos Starker. In addition to her success at IU as a solo and chamber musician, the second place winner of the 2007 Cello Concerto Competition worked for the university as an associate instructor of cello, studied voice and ballet, and worked in the String Instrument Repair workshop as a luthier in training.

Trombonist Brett R. Evans holds a master's degree in trombone performance from the Indiana University Jacobs School of Music and a bachelor's degree in music education from Eastern Illinois University. During his studies at IU, Evans performed as a member of the university's orchestral program, wind ensemble with Stephen Pratt, and in Dr. David N. Baker's jazz ensemble. Evan's principal teachers include Charlie Greening of Lexington, Ky.; Eastern Illinois University retired professor of trombone Allan Horney, and Indiana University Jacobs School of Music professor of trombone M. Dee Stewart. He has also worked extensively with members of the Cincinnati, Chicago and Indianapolis symphony orchestras.

Jazz Pianist Paul Scherer has produced three commercially-available instrumental CDs and is currently completing a new CD of original material with 2008 Polish Artist of the Year, Agnieszka Iwanska. He is also an expert in music technology including MIDI, audio production, recording, mixing and mastering. He holds a master's degree in music technology from Indiana University / Purdue University at Indianapolis, and a bachelor's degree in music theory from the University of Delaware. He performs

regularly with the Joel Moore Quartet and with Iwanska at the Chopin Theater and other Chicago venues. In the past, he has performed in backup bands for artists such as Bobby Rydell, Rita Moreno and Gordon MacRae.

Conductor Jason Hawkins took over direction of the Lewis University Vocal Jazz Ensemble in the fall of 2009. Hawkins holds a master's degree in educational administration from Governors State and a bachelor's degree in music education and trumpet performance from Western Illinois University in Macomb, Ill. He is currently director of choirs at Plainfield North High School. He is also director of the Plainfield Area Community Chorus. Hawkins is past president of the WIU Chapter of the American Choral Directors Association, 1999-2000, and is the webmaster of the American Choral Directors Association, Illinois chapter (www.il-acda.org).

Musicologist Christopher Lowery holds a master's degree in music history and literature from the University of Louisville and a bachelor's degree from Truman State University. He also studied in Tokyo, Japan at Hosei University. A resident of Romeoville, Lowery belongs to the Midwest Chapter of the Society for Ethnomusicology. This fall Lowery is teaching a course on the History of African-American Music. The course will be offered again in the fall of 2010.

Aviation Professor Publishes Research

Dr. Randal DeMik (Aviation) authored an article for the journal *International Journal of Applied Aviation Studies* titled, "Text communications in single-pilot general aviation operations: Evaluating pilot errors and response times." His research examined how the introduction and application of Controller-Pilot Data Link Communications (CPDLC) technology will affect human performance in the single-pilot general aviation work environment. The article appears in Volume 9, Issue 1, pp. 29-42.

Klump Works on National Power Grid Project

Dr. Ray Klump (Computer Science) is currently working as a Visiting Research Scientist at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign on a grant project to provide cybersecurity for power grids across the country. Most experts agree that another terror attack could come through cyberspace, and computer programmers are being asked to make sure that power grids can resist hackers and other attackers.

The \$18.8 million grant, from the U.S. Departments of Energy and Homeland Security, provides funding to the University of Illinois, along with Dartmouth College, the University of California at Davis and Washington State University for a research program called Trustworthy Cyber Infrastructure for the Power Grid.

Athletic Training Students on Medical Staff at Chicago Marathon

Professor Cathy Bohlin, ATC (Sport and Exercise Science) and six students majoring in athletic training were part of the medical staff at the 2009 Bank of America Chicago Marathon. Students were stationed at the finish line to assess/triage runners as they completed the 26.2 mile race. They were able to apply information learned in class regarding emergency assessment, in implementation of an emergency plan for a large event, and immediate treatment of life threatening conditions, as well as network with 1,000 medical volunteers from throughout the Midwest.

Paper Presents Study of *The Wire*

Dr. Kip Kline (Education) presented a paper titled, "Leave No Corner Behind: The Inherent Critique of Community in Season Four of HBO's *The Wire*" at the American Educational Studies Association Annual Conference in November.

Dr. Gamarra Presents Papers at Midwest Academy of Management Conference

Dr. Roberto Gamarra (Business Administration) presented three papers, "International Strategies of Korean Multinationals: 1960-2008," "The Mechanisms of International Technological Learning," and "Sustainability and Location Strategies" at the Midwest Academy of Management Annual Conference. He also participated as a discussant in the Rugman Global Business Seminar at the University of Saint Louis on September 26, 2009.

Dr. Hesselroth Serves as Summer Institute Guest Lecturer

Dr. Alba Hesselroth (Political Science) guest-lectured during the Summer Institute "Latin America and the Cold War," organized by Yale University, Council on Latin American and Iberian Studies (CLAIS), Programs in International and Educational Resources (PIER), and Georgetown University in New Haven, Conn., July 7- 10, 2009. She presented the lecture "The Cold War Impact on U.S. Immigration Policy toward Latin Americans."

English Professor Presents Paper at ACCA Symposium on Writing Pedagogy

Professor Therese Jones (English) presented a paper at the ACCA symposium titled "A Change in Pedagogy for Lewis University SUCCESS Students Studying Writing." It focused on the last two years of the nine years that she has been teaching for Lewis University's Summer Bridge program. She collaborated with Dr. Sheila Kennedy (English) to team-teach the writing program in 2008 and the two co-authored a manual for the two-week course.

Theology Member Serves as Editor of New Journal

Dr. Clare Rothschild (Theology) has been invited to serve as one of four editors (worldwide) of the new scholarly journal *Early Christianity*. The journal is published by Mohr Siebeck, a leading publishing house in the field of New Testament/Early Christian Studies.

Dr. McMahon Co-Authors Book about the St. Croix River

Dr. Eileen McMahon (History) co-authored *North Woods River: The St. Croix River in Upper Midwest History* with her husband, Dr. Ted Karamanski, Professor of History at Loyola University Chicago. The book was published by the University of Wisconsin Press and chronicles the 300-year history of the St. Croix River.

Education Professor Co-Authors Essay on Service Learning

Dr. Brad Porfilio (Education), along with Ron Caro and Alishia Valeri authored an essay titled "Critical-Service Learning Confronts Homelessness" published in Volume 13, Issue 3 of *Academic Exchange Quarterly*. Their essay documents the findings from a critical-service learning project. Through their experiences tutoring urban youths over two academic terms, four future teachers recognized the systemic nature associated with homelessness and poverty. They also recognized the need for educators to bring awareness to what forces cause homelessness.

Theology Professor Participates in Just Peacemaking Conference

Dr. James Burke (Theology/Center for Ministry and Spirituality) is one of 10 Christian ethicists participating in the second Interfaith Just Peacemaking Conference set for Jan. 30 to Feb. 1 in Tarrytown, N.Y. The conference brings together 30 Christian, Jewish and Islamic scholars to develop a joint interfaith just peacemaking statement. Dr. Burke will write the Christian team's paper on the practice norm of nonviolent conflict. As a result of his invited participation in the first Interfaith Just Peacemaking Consultation (2007), Dr. Burke is listed as a contributor in Glen Stassen's, *Just Peacemaking: The New Paradigm for the Ethics of Peace and War* (Pilgrim Press, 2008).

Business Administration Professors Participate in Assessment Conference

Dr. George Klemic and Dr. Eveann Lovero (Business Administration) participated in an assessment for the IUPUI Institute in Indianapolis at the workshop, "Results of Assessment of Student Use of Quantitative and Qualitative Models." In the session they shared the efforts and results in assessing the use of quantitative and qualitative models by undergraduate students at Lewis University, what was learned in the assessment process, and the steps taken to adjust courses and curriculum in light of the findings.

Dr. Tovar Invited to Participate in FBI Project

Dr. Lynn A. Tovar (Justice, Law and Public Safety Studies) was invited by the Federal Bureau of Investigation's Behavior Sciences Unit to present her work on vicarious trauma on law enforcement officers as well as participate in a prestigious "think tank conference" comprised of 30 experts in the field of criminal justice to work on curriculum development for an emerging concept of spirituality in law enforcement.

Paper on Holocaust Poetry of Wisława Szymborska Presented

Dr. Nancy Workman (English) presented a paper at the 23rd Annual Conference on Liberal Arts and the Education of Artists, *Visions of War: The Arts Represent Conflict*. Entitled "Faultlines: Memory and Forgetting in the Holocaust Poetry of Wisława Szymborska," the paper examined select poems of this Polish writer and argues that memory and forgetting are essential aspects in establishing both personal and national identity. Szymborska won the Nobel Prize in 1986, and while her work is not well known in the United States, her reputation is well-established elsewhere. The conference took place in New York City.

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Recent Aircraft Donations Provide New Learning Opportunities

Lewis University's fleet of airplanes recently increased as the University received three donations. Sheldon Bell donated a Cirrus (SR-22) aircraft. Dr. Richard Burns provided a Beechcraft Baron (E-55) plane. Scot Severson offered a Super Sport Trainer.

"We are truly appreciative of the three different aircrafts. They expand the learning opportunities we can provide our students as they prepare for careers in aviation flight, aviation administration, aviation maintenance and air traffic control," commented Bill Brogan '93, Chair of the Department of Aviation and Transportation Studies.

"It's a real good plane," commented Bell about the Cirrus SR-22 that he donated. The former Director of the First National Bank of Joliet said the composite aircraft was "revolutionary" in its design and use of materials. The aviation enthusiast said the aircraft has been the best selling single engine, four-seat plane on the market for several years.



Pictured (below left) Scot Severson's Super Sport Trainer; (above, left) Sheldon Bell's Cirrus SR-22; and (above, right) Dr. Richard Burns' Beechcraft Baron (E-55).

The 310 horsepower engine hummed smoothly as Bell flew the Cirrus to his second home in Florida many times. He laughed and said, "I can be home in six hours."

Although the sun has set on the sunny Florida days for the Cirrus, Bell was glowing with the idea that Lewis University students could benefit from working on and flying a different airplane. He said, "I think they do a good job of teaching their students, and I know they could use the plane."

With an excited tone in his voice, Dr. Burns proudly boasted about his donation already being utilized by Lewis University students. He said, "They're already working on it and taking it apart."

Dr. Burns, a neurosurgeon, piloted the twin-engine piston powered aircraft to many destinations over the years to go scuba diving. He purchased the aircraft in the 1960s from Anheuser-Busch, Inc. He said there were a few occasions when he had been mistaken for one of the

Busch family members, who supposedly had flown in the plane before his ownership of it.

Severson might not have had any celebrities own his donated Super Sport Trainer plane, but he certainly felt the previous owner was a hero. The construction of the single-engine piston powered aircraft was started by Severson's father, Don. Severson recalled a fond memory of his father welding the fuselage in the 1980s. About 25 years later, Severson acquired his parents' property and inherited his father's passion for aviation. Over the next three years, he completed the construction of the plane. He eventually put more than 100 hours of flying time on the aircraft.

Severson donated the family heirloom to Lewis University with hopes that the plane would be valuable to aviation maintenance students. He said, "I had a wonderful experience building the airplane and I hope now people can learn from it."



Community Responds to Need for Mission Fund

As the economic recession continues to impact Lewis students and their families, the Lewis University Community of alumni, friends, parents, faculty and staff have responded generously. Since the establishment late last year of the Lewis Mission Fund for Student Financial Assistance, nearly \$230,000 has been raised in gifts and pledges to assist current students who are facing severe financial challenges.

Record numbers of alumni gifts were received throughout 2009 in support of the Mission Fund. Generous parents of Lewis students have made more than 370 gifts and pledges totaling more than \$23,000 to help classmates of their sons and daughters. Lewis faculty and staff have also made substantial commitments to helping their students through the Mission Fund, with 153 gifts and pledges totaling more than \$17,000. This is in addition to other very generous gifts to specific scholarships and causes made by faculty throughout the year.

Visit www.alumni.lewisu.edu/give or contact University Advancement at (815) 836-5244 to make a donation or receive more information about the Lewis Mission Fund.

First Midwest Bancorp, Inc. Presents Generous Donations for Lewis Scholarships

A very generous gift of \$80,000 from First Midwest Bancorp, Inc. will provide vital funding for many Lewis University students: \$50,000 will go directly into the Lewis Mission Fund, \$20,000 will fund general scholarships, and \$10,000 will be directed to The Cheryl A. and John M. O'Meara

Charitable Foundation Endowed Scholarship.

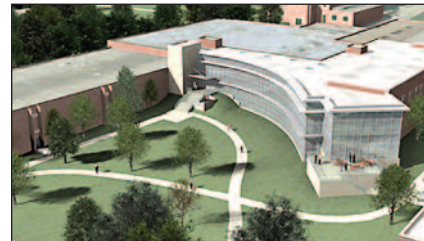
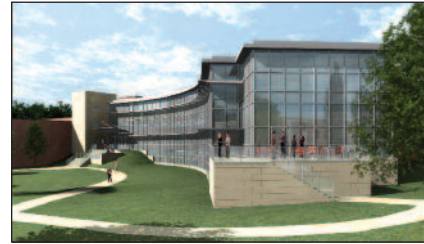
Firmly committed to reinvestment in the communities they serve, First Midwest has long been a loyal partner with Lewis University in helping to ensure that a quality Lewis education is available to deserving students, regardless of economic standing. The First Midwest Bank and Lewis partnership was strengthened under the guidance of former Bank CEO and Chairman, John O'Meara, who together with his wife Cheryl, established the Cheryl & John O'Meara Foundation Endowed Scholarship prior to John's death in 2008.

Federal Funding Aids Nursing Undergraduate Students

Lewis University received a grant of \$43,361 from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) Grant Program Scholarships for Disadvantaged Students (SDS). The scholarships are designated for full-time undergraduate students who are in certain ways educationally disadvantaged as a result of economic background or education/environmental barriers. The funding also will complement Lewis University's ongoing efforts to recruit and retain qualified nursing students from diverse backgrounds.

"The grant for scholarships came at a time when state need-based funding for college students was reduced," stated Brother James Gaffney, FSC, President. Reaching out to needy students is reflective of our Mission, and we continue to seek ways to help our students."

Additional funding through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 made it possible for Lewis to award scholarships to all economically disadvantaged full-time nursing undergraduate students who were at risk of discontinuing their studies for financial reasons.



Proposed Rendering of the Science Center Building

Crown Family Philanthropies Provides \$50,000 to Science Center

Lewis University is extremely grateful for a generous contribution of \$50,000 received from the Crown Family Philanthropies, which will be directed to the Science Center building and expansion project. Lester Crown and the Crown family have had a long-term association with Lewis University, dating back nearly 70 years to the donation of 147 acres of land to the then Lewis School of Aeronautics in 1942, which nearly doubled the size of the campus. The Crown family was recognized at the 8th Annual *Signum Fidei* Gala in 2006 as one of the University's most generous and consistent benefactors.

Physics Department Receives Equipment

A very generous gift of equipment was made to the Lewis University Physics Department by Newport Corporation in Irvine, Calif. This laser and optical equipment will provide Lewis students with new opportunities for learning and experimentation. Dr. Charles Crowder, Associate Professor of Physics, assisted in making this generous gift possible.



The College of Nursing building underwent renovation over the summer to provide additional classrooms and a state-of-the-art nursing simulation lab due to the generosity of an anonymous donor. This will allow Lewis to enroll greater numbers of students in the highly acclaimed program, the largest undergraduate nursing program in the state. Enrollment in the program had been capped previously, and expanded facilities were needed in order to help address the statewide nursing shortage.

IBHE Grant to Improve Nursing Retention Through Simulation

A two-phase strategy designed to provide additional support for students through clinical simulation began this fall in the College of Nursing and Health Professions. The first step is targeted at first semester sophomore students, who have been identified as being at risk of failure or withdrawal. Faculty will conduct weekly lab simulations for sophomores. The second stage includes all nursing students. Faculty have the option to refer any student at risk to the lab for remediation and clinical makeup time.

“Research shows that connecting didactic learning in the classroom to clinical simulation improves student acquisition and retention of knowledge better than the traditional lecture format,” commented Dr. Peggy Rice, Dean of the College of Nursing and Health Professions.

Rita Amerio, Director of Undergraduate Studies, led the initiative to implement more clinical simulation lab opportunities for students attending the state’s largest bachelor’s degree program in nursing. She commented, “We hope to help our students become better professionals by practicing their skills in the safe environment of the clinical simulation lab.”

A \$35,240 Improvement Grant from the Illinois Board of Higher Education’s Nursing School Grant Program energized the “Improving Retention Through Clinical Simulation” project at Lewis. The funding enabled Lewis to purchase National League for Nursing Learning modules and other simulation lab equipment, provide stipends for project management and additional faculty training and attendance at the National Conference on Nursing Skills Labs in St. Louis, Mo.

Johnson and Johnson Grant to Benefit Nursing Students

The Campaign for Nursing’s Future sponsorship support of \$5,500 will assist the University as it addresses critical issues by developing an informative series for BAC-BSN (Bachelor’s to BSN) students.

The series will feature presentations by successful alumni of the BAC-BSN program and other nursing professionals, especially those from underrepresented and/or disadvantaged backgrounds. Workshops on transitioning into a new career in nursing, seeking and benefiting from academic support services as well as addressing financial and other life challenges that may hinder success will be offered. Sponsored activities will include: the development and distribution of recruitment materials including information on financial aid opportunities; a series of informative workshops for potential and enrolled BAC-BSN students; and targeted networking events to develop and foster mentoring relationships and social support between Lewis BAC-BSN alumni, other nursing professionals, and current Lewis BAC-BSN students.

The Campaign for Nursing’s Future is a resource for potential students, current students, and nursing schools. More information is available at the Johnson and Johnson Web site, www.discovernursing.com



Cordanos Give \$50,000 to Increase Business Scholarships, Issue Challenge

Donald '56 (Accounting) and Suellen Cordano have made a generous gift of \$25,000 to establish The F. James Staszak Endowed Scholarship in honor of former Professor and Dean of the College of Business, Dr. Francis James Staszak. Mr. Cordano was also a faculty member in the College of Business in the Department of Accountancy for more than 30 years. The newly created scholarship will be awarded to a Lewis University student enrolled as a College of Business major.

In addition to establishing the Staszak Scholarship, the Cordanos have also provided significant additional funding in the amount of \$25,000 for the The Donald L. Cordano Endowed Scholarship, established in 2005.

The University hopes to raise an additional \$300,000 by way of *The Cordano Challenge* through gifts to the endowed scholarships of Cordano and Staszak, as well as Professor *Emeritus* Roger Ashamy, who taught accountancy at Lewis for 27 years. Board of Trustees Treasurer and former College of Business Professor John Eudes has generously responded with a \$26,000 gift to the Staszak Scholarship. William Rybak, Chair *Emeritus* of the Board of Trustees has also contributed \$25,000 to the Staszak Scholarship.

Italian-American Student Scholarships Funded

A \$25,000 gift was received from the American Scholarship Fund, which has been directed to the Joliet Chapter of UNICO Endowed Scholarship Fund of Lewis University. The UNICO scholarship is provided to a Lewis student of Italian descent who possesses a GPA of 3.0 or greater, shows a record of community involvement and has demonstrated financial need. The American Scholarship Fund was founded by Shorewood resident, Victor Corsetti, an Italian immigrant who benefitted from a UNICO scholarship while attending the University of Illinois. Thanks to the contributions of Mr. Corsetti, other family members, friends, the Italian-American Commercial Club, and administrative assistance provided by Mr. Paul Fazio, the American Scholarship Fund has been able to provide scholarship support to deserving students since it was founded approximately 25 years ago.

1994 Alumna Provides Gift in Will

Dr. Byung-In Seo '94 has made a generous planned gift commitment to Lewis through her estate plans. She strongly believes in the value of a Lasallian education and credits her own difficulty in being able to obtain funds as a graduate student at Lewis as the motivating factor of giving back. "If I can change the life of only one student, I have been true to the Lasallian Mission." Regarding her planned gift to Lewis and her new status as a member of the Harold E. White Legacy Society, Dr. Seo said, "I hope with this gift that I will inspire other younger graduates to provide for Lewis through their wills. The Legacy Society is not just for older alumni, but can be an effective way for alumni of any age to help ensure the future of Lewis University." Dr. Seo is a Professor at Chicago State University and resides in Chicago with her husband Peter.

Remember Lewis in your Estate Plans

Lewis University is deeply grateful to those alumni and friends such as Dr. Byung-In Seo who have included the University in their estate plans, and invites others to consider joining this special group as members of the Harold E. White Legacy Society. Your support through a planned gift will enable the University to continue its tradition of providing a quality, faith-based education to future generations of Lewis students.

There are numerous ways to leave your legacy at Lewis through a planned gift. The following outlines some commonly used planned gift vehicles.

Bequest: The most commonly used and simplest form of a planned gift. Add a short provision to your will stipulating that Lewis is to receive a specified sum of money, specific piece of property, or a stated percentage of your estate.

Charitable Gift Annuity: For individuals 65 or older, gift annuities provide guaranteed, fixed and attractive payout rates for the duration of your life and significant tax benefits.

Retirement Plans: Name Lewis as the beneficiary of an IRA or other qualified retirement plan. A distribution to Lewis passes free of both income and estate tax.

Charitable Trusts: Individuals with greater wealth and more complex financial situations may wish to consider several forms of charitable trusts that provide tremendous tax and wealth transfer benefits, along with guaranteed income.

Contact Len Bertolini, Senior Development Officer for Major and Planned Gifts at (815) 836-5267 or at bertolle@lewisu.edu for notification purposes, or if you have any questions regarding how to include Lewis in your estate plans.

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Mock Trial Team Ties for Fourth Place at Yale Invitational

The Mock Trial team went 5-3 at the 14th Annual Yale Invitational December 3-6 in New Haven, Conn. Lewis University's team efforts resulted in a tie for fourth place out of 44 teams.

According to Coach Dr. James Houlihan, the Yale Invitational is one of the most competitive tournaments in the country. Lewis University was one of the few competing schools that were not law schools. The invitational featured many teams that competed at the American Mock Trial Association Championship as well.

Three Lewis University students received individual awards at the tournament. Both sophomore Michael Park and junior Summer Hallaj won outstanding attorney. Junior Cary Hansing won outstanding witness.

During the same weekend, Lewis University's Mock Trial team finished in eighth place out of 20 teams at the University of St. Francis Midwest Challenge in Joliet.

Three Lewis University students received individual awards at the tournament. Sophomore Jackie Devitt won outstanding attorney. For the first time, freshman Sean Lenckus and freshman Angela Cotta won outstanding witness.

Mock Trial team members include Grant Anderson, Breana Bingham, Chezare Bingham, Ray Catala, Jack Catalano, Angela Cotta, Jackie Devitt, Ashley Ellis, Denise Ferrusquia, Derek Frommel, Daniel Giron, Summer Hallaj, Cary Hansing, Matt Kratky, Sean Lenckus, Anthony Melendez, Cassandra Myers, Michael Park, Venus Wardlow, Mynette Wilson, Maggie Witkowska and Kaitly Worst. Coaches include Dr. James Houlihan, Brandi Sanders, John Senese and Bill Rock '05.

Fire Service Program to Go Online

The Bachelor of Arts program in Fire Service Administration will be offered online this spring in addition to its evening, classroom format. The program is designed for working firefighters and has received a great deal of support for its innovative scheduling. The program is currently offered so that firefighters, who work for three or four days at a time, can miss class on their normally scheduled night, and pick up the same class the following evening because the same class is offered on two consecutive days.

This degree program is part of the ongoing plan to put more of Lewis' degree programs online for working professionals who need the added convenience of the online format. Organizational Leadership (MA) and Information Security (MS) began the online format in August. Prior to that, the Public Safety Administration degree (MS) and Nursing (MS) were also offered online.

Mediation Team Returns from England with a Fourth Place Finish

Two Lewis University students placed in the top 10 in the Liverpool John Moores University Mediation Competition in the United Kingdom. Senior Greg Guest earned fourth place and senior Maggie Witkowska finished in ninth place. The Lewis team finished in fourth place; it was only 20 points behind first-place Chapman University.

"I think it is wonderful that we did as well as we did, especially since this is the first time Lewis University has traveled abroad to compete," commented Dr. James Houlihan, head coach and advisor for the University's Pre-Law Program.

Team members spent a great deal of time and effort fundraising to finance the November 24-30 trip to England, and received generous backing for their trip. Students Maggie Witkowska, Ke'Nesha Williams and Jackie Devitt spearheaded the project, assisted by Dr. James Houlihan and team coaches Angela Henderson and alumnus Joseph Volin.

Lewis University joined Drake University and Chapman University from the United States in this well-regarded international academic competition against teams from England, Scotland, and other countries. Teams from the United Kingdom included Liverpool John Moores University, Manchester Metropolitan University, The College of Law-Bloomsbury, London, Staffordshire University, Strathclyde University, Edinburgh University, BPP Law College- Holborn, London, Kingston University- London, University of Westminster- London and Leeds Metropolitan University.

Lewis University is ranked 11th in the nation for Mediation and 9th for Attorney Advocacy.

Mediation team members include Cody Curin, Jackie Devitt, Ashley Ellis, Mary Gaeke, Daniel Giron, Greg Guest, Cary Hansing, Jennifer Merzlock, Julien Skipper, Shane Rentfrow, Ke'Nesha Williams and Maggie Witkowska. Coaches include Dr. James Houlihan, Angela Henderson and Joe Volin.

Flight Team Finishes in Second at 2009 Region VIII SAFECON

The Lewis University Flight Team took second place at the 2009 Region VIII SAFECON Competition. Lewis' Flight Team earned 70 points in the flight events and 63 points in the ground events, ranking number two in both events. The overall second place rank allows the team to participate in the 2010 National SAFECON Competition.

Held October 20-24 at Lewis University, the multi-event competition included six universities from the region. In addition to Lewis' Flight Team, teams from Southern Illinois University, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Purdue University, Indiana State University and Middle Tennessee State University participated in the contest.

Lewis' Flight Team placed in the top 10 in all but one event. According to Keith McGill, Chief of Pilot Training at Lewis University, due to low clouds, each school only had two pilots compete in power-off landings instead of the normal five pilots from each team. High scorers for the team included Tom Muntzenberger, who placed first in pre-flight inspection and Andrew Wolanik, who took second place in both the aircraft recognition and pre-flight inspection events. Jared Hunt finished fourth in both aircraft recognition and power-off landings, while Thomas "TJ" Fogarty placed fifth in area navigation (RNAV), came in seventh in power-off landings and earned ninth in aircraft recognition.

Also placing in the top 10 in contest events were Aaron Brown, who finished 10th in E6B with Muntzenberger who served as his pilot, Tyler Dean who earned second place with Fogarty that served as his pilot. Chris Nocchi came in 10th in message drop with Jennifer Alicz as his pilot. Nicholas



The Lewis University Flight Team prepares to participate in the 2010 National SAFECON Competition.

Terleckyj finished second in flight simulator, fourth in area navigation (RNAV), and eighth in E6B. Peter Allen earned third place in flight simulator and took sixth in E6B. Matt Koldenhoven finished fifth in short field landing.

Other competing members of the Lewis Flight Team included Chris Powell, Steve Gee, Eric Pepich, Sam Patel, Alexandria Andrews, Neil Shuey, Mike Deimert, Nariv Patel, Ken Bucz, George Yacoub, James Vandeventer, Andrew Banieki, Justin Gouty, Jake Luedtke, Anthony Lalor, Daniel Perez, Carl Bruch and Nicole Mott. Lewis University was awarded a safety trophy at the competition. Coaches for the Lewis Flight Team include Head Coach Al Szoldatits, Assistant Head Coaches Megan Montgomery, Robert Delaney, Tiffany Bilski and James Binder.

Regional History Collection Re-dedicated

The Lewis University Canal and Regional History Special Collection was re-dedicated in honor of a husband and wife who contributed much to the preservation of their hometown of Lockport. The Lewis University History Center: Urban, Cultural and Catholic History of the Upper Midwest hosted a celebration unveiling the "The Howard and Lois Adelman Regional History Collection" October 1 on the main campus. "This family has provided local and regional leadership and we hope to use their efforts as a model for us as this collection continues to grow in the future," commented Dr. Dennis H. Cremin, Assistant Professor of History and Director of the Center.

The collection contains more than 10,000 items; including books, manuscripts, photographs, and maps relating to the Illinois and Michigan Canal and the areas,

towns, and activities it influenced in Illinois. The collection also features material about other American canals in the 19th and 20th centuries. This photograph collection is the largest existing pictorial record of the history of the Illinois and Michigan Canal.

Jerry Adelman expressed his gratitude to Lewis University as well as his appreciation for the recognition of his parents' contributions. He also announced that he would begin to donate his Lockport photographic collection, which features many 19th century images, to the collection now named in honor of his parents. The Adelman family members are descendants of the first permanent settlers of Homer Township.

More information on the collection can be found online at www.lewisu.edu/imcanal or in the Lewis University Library.

Lewis Students Get Life Lesson in Democracy

In July 2009, student aid funding for the Illinois Student Assistance Commission was reduced from \$440 million to \$220 million. This would result in approximately 138,000 Monetary Award Program (MAP) grant recipients only receiving 50 percent of their award. (It is estimated that another 130,000 eligible students, who applied after May 15, did not receive funding at all.) At Lewis, more than 1,000 students receive MAP funding.

The Lewis University Student Governing Board organized a MAP rally on October 14 in the Student Recreation and Fitness Center. It was a precursor to the statewide rally held October 15 in Springfield. The rallies were an attempt to raise awareness with legislators on the significant impact the elimination of the MAP grants in Illinois.

Phone lines and computers were available for students to contact their local legislative representatives. Several students, financial aid administrators and governmental leaders addressed the crowd of more than 200 people. Bashir Zayid, president of the Student Governing Board, introduced the speakers in addition to making his own pleas for support. He urged his classmates to attend the Springfield rally. He said, "We need this money for all of us!"

Brother James Gaffney, FSC, President of Lewis University, discussed the impact of taking away the MAP funds. He encouraged the crowd to contact their legislators. Mayor John Noak of Romeoville acknowledged that his college education is invaluable. He said the loss of funding for 138,000 college students in the state would have a devastating economic impact.

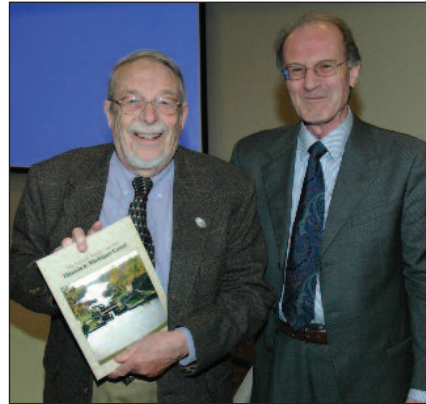
Gov. Patrick Quinn (D-Ill.) and the state legislature have voted to restore the MAP funding for the spring semester.



Students log on to computers to contact their local legislative representatives during a Lewis University rally to save the Illinois Monetary Award Program.

Collection of Essays by Historian John Lamb Published

A collection of essays written by noted historian John Lamb, "Historical Essays on the Illinois & Michigan Canal," was introduced recently at Lewis University in Romeoville. "I hope it can energize further research on the I & M Canal and its impact in the area," Lamb stated.



(Left to right) John Lamb, Professor Emeritus of History at Lewis University proudly displays his new book, edited by Dr. Michael Conzen.

the Illinois and Michigan Canal and the areas, towns, and activities it influenced in Illinois.

Professor Lamb's new book was edited by Dr. Michael Conzen, Professor of Geography and Chairman at the University of Chicago. Dr. Conzen wrote a preface to the 126-page book and presented the first copy to Lamb. His students have used the regional collection for research on projects that have been admitted into the Library of Congress. "My students have been stronger as a result of John Lamb and the collection," he said.

"Professor Lamb has shared his passion for history with students, scholars and the public in more than five decades as an educator, historian, author and champion of the Illinois and Michigan Canal," commented Brother James Gaffney, FSC, President of Lewis University. Regarding the Adelman Regional History Collection, Brother James continued, "Professor Lamb has demonstrated his selfless dedication to this scholarly and unique collection by volunteering his services after his retirement from the faculty of Lewis University in 1994 to continue managing and directing the collection, acquiring new materials, and opening it to the public and scholars worldwide."

Copies of the book are being distributed to many local libraries and are being displayed in the Lewis University Library. For information on how to obtain a copy, contact the Howard and Lois Adelman Regional History Collection at (815) 836-5665.

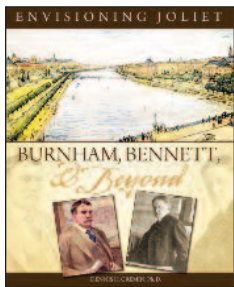
An expert on the I & M Canal, Lamb is Professor *Emeritus* of History at Lewis. He is responsible for building an unparalleled collection of materials on canals that contains more than 10,000 items; including books, manuscripts, photographs, and maps relating to

History Students Participate in Burnham Centennial

Dr. Dennis H. Cremin, Assistant Professor of History and Director of the History Center: Urban, Cultural and Catholic History of the Upper Midwest, and the students of his Public History class conducted research for an exhibit showcasing the impact of Burnham and Bennett in Joliet that commemorated the Centennial of the 1909 Plan of Chicago. The “We Built This City: Burnham and Bennett in Joliet” exhibit opened in July at the Joliet Area Historical Museum.

The planning and growth of Joliet is the focus of the exhibit. A survey of Burnham buildings in Joliet and Bennett’s 1921 Plan of Joliet are included. “Joliet has always had some type of plan, and has prided itself on creating a sense of urbanity,” commented Dr. Cremin. He continued, “Bennett was hired to create this plan and then extend it into the future, and that vision still exists today.” Along with illustrating the history of the Plan of Joliet, the Burnham and Bennett exhibit investigates how the community evolved, and how current city leaders are taking planning into the future.

“This is very exciting,” commented Jason Kinnaman, a student in the Public History class. The Lewis University students conducted research, assembled exhibition notebooks, and drafted some preliminary text. He continued, “We are helping to create something that the community can find value in. We are telling a compelling story that will mean something to people.”



“The students learned a great deal by working with professionals, such as Barbara Newberg, Joliet city planner and Heather Bigeck, Joliet Area Historical Museum collections and exhibits manager. Both provided key insight into the exhibit, but also what it is like to work in the field,” commented Dr. Cremin.

Students involved in the project included: Candace Coop, Emily Custardo, Jason Kinnaman, Brian Tierney, Lauren Rizzo, Joshua Jacobson and Kyle Skager.



Students learn about Lewis University and the college admission process during the Si Se Puede Conference.

Record Number of Students Attend Si Se Puede Conference

On November 12, more than 550 high school students from across the Chicagoland area participated in Lewis University’s *Si Se Puede* conference. This was the largest crowd in the history of the conference. The conference, which began in 2001, provides workshops on choosing a college, navigating the financial aid process and concludes with a motivational speaker and lunch.

In the spirit of Cesar Chavez and Dolores Huerta, who strongly believed in community empowerment, the *Si Se Puede* Conference serves as a beacon of hope for many Latino/a high school students whom would otherwise feel a college degree is not attainable. It delivers the message that “*Si Se Puede*,” yes you can get a college education.

“This year, we had a record number of requests from high schools to attend our largest Si Se Puede Conference ever, which demonstrates the immediate need from the community to provide these type of motivational events for youth. No other university in the area provides such an inspirational conference to motivate Latino youth as the *Si Se Puede* Conference,” said Martha Miranda-Villegas ’98, Coordinator of University Ministry Outreach and Assistant to the Director of Multicultural Student Services.

Lewis University Opens New Site in Albuquerque

A new site was recently opened in Albuquerque at 2440 Louisiana Boulevard. The site will provide classroom space for adult students who are enrolled in Lewis University undergraduate and graduate programs. Lewis University began offering coursework at the Kirtland Air Force Base in Albuquerque in August, and made the decision to continue to offer degree programs to continue the Christian Brothers presence in the region after the College of Santa Fe discontinued their programs there.

Faculty have been hired to teach business, information technology management and criminal/social justice. Additional faculty will be hired as decisions are made to bring various programs to the region.

Boeing Presents the Future of Aviation

More than 200 Lewis University students attended a presentation on the future of aviation during a September 29 aviation luncheon sponsored by Boeing, Chicago Area Business Aviation Association (CABAA) and Lewis University. Hundreds of aviation professionals filled the tables in the Lewis University hangar in Romeoville, offered their experiences and established mentoring relationships with the students.

Boeing representatives presented “The Future of Aviation” and discussed how they earned \$60.9 billion in revenue from doing business in 90 countries in 2008. They also discussed the corporation’s priorities, such as employee satisfaction, addressing environmental concerns and embracing diversity.

Bob Quinn of the National Business Aviation Association offered updates on the Transportation Security Administration’s proposed Large Aircraft Security Program (LASP), Safety Management Systems, user fees and the “No Plane, No Gain” campaign discussed at a recent chief pilot’s roundtable in Washington, D.C.

Also adding to the educational aspect of the event was the landing of the “Black Sparrow” a Douglas C-47. A crew of eight officers from the Great Lakes Wing of the Commemorative Air Force provided tours and insights to interested individuals after the luncheon. The crew flew the aircraft to the Lewis University Airport for the day.



Aviation professionals mentor Lewis students during the annual Chicago Area Business Aviation Association luncheon.

Faculty Member Inspires Students to Fulfill Their Dreams

Dr. Kimberly King-Jupiter, Associate Dean in the College of Education, provided the keynote address to more than 200 Chicago area high school students at the Fulfilling the Dream conference held in the Lewis fieldhouse. She has worked over several years to provide better education opportunities for African-American girls. She also was one of the founders of Sisters of the Academy.

The recipe for success included several pieces of advice. King-Jupiter encouraged her audience to first have a vision so a direction would be clear. She also urged the students to have passion. She said, “Be a beast at everything.” She stressed the importance of a good support network. “Feed the mind with the right diet” is another piece of advice that King-Jupiter



Dr. Kimberly King-Jupiter, Associate Dean in the College of Education, offers inspiration.

offered to her audience. King-Jupiter told the crowd, “The voices that motivated me the most were the ones that said I could not (achieve a particular goal).” She stressed the importance of looking the part and added that it is important to dress for where one is going, not from where he or she has been. King-Jupiter challenged the students to go forward and, “Spend every second of every minute of every hour of every day making choices that will lead down the right path.”

Online-Blended Learning Certification Workshops Held for Faculty

The increase in the number of distance learning courses at Lewis University mirrors a national trend. A recent report from the Sloan Foundation indicated that enrollment in online courses is growing faster than any other delivery mode. At the same time, research reported from the U.S. Dept. of Education indicates that online education is comparable to face-to-face learning in terms of content and quality.

To ensure that Lewis University’s distance education course offerings maintain quality standards, a series of workshops to certify faculty in an online or blended setting were launched in June of 2009. Co-sponsored by the Office of Distance Education and Teaching Learning Technology Services, the summer 2009 workshops included two four-day workshops and an online version. Two more workshops were offered in the fall of 2009: a Monday night series and a blended option. By the end of the calendar year, approximately 100 full-time and adjunct faculty were certified.

Dr. Susan Sheffer, Professor of Psychology, characterized her experience with the workshop. “The Online Blended Teaching Certification Workshop has enhanced the learning experience for the students in my classes. I signed up for the workshop hoping to improve my online technical skills, but I gained so much more. The focus on using technology to enhance pedagogy has been invaluable in helping to maximize learning in my courses.”

Dr. Valerie Hill, Assistant Professor of Psychology reiterated her feelings, “The workshop aided in my understanding of the wide variety of tools available for online/blended courses. I also realized that many of the tools (e.g. Wikis, Blogs) can be applied to enhance traditional face-to-face classes.”

Neil Carey Arena Undergoes Major Renovations

Thanks in part to the success of the 29th Annual Lewis University Varsity Club Golf Outing and the Varsity Club membership drive, Lewis fans may not recognize Neil Carey Arena when they take in their first Flyer basketball or volleyball game of the 2009-10 school year.

Lewis Athletic Director Dan Schumacher said, "This project could not have been completed without the help of our alumni, sponsors and new revenue streams."

The first order of business for Neil Carey Arena was to provide fans with a more intimate atmosphere, so the upstairs seating behind the team benches have been removed. Those seats have been replaced with floor-level bleachers, complete with chairbacks, along with additional media seating.

The new seating arrangement for Neil Carey Arena allows for the Flyer Department of Athletics to open the "Lewis Varsity Club Suite" above the east side bleachers for donors, alumni and friends. A donation of \$1,000 will secure two passes for every basketball game or volleyball match in addition to the regular Varsity Club benefits.

The suite features beverages and appetizers in the Seiler Room, where the game is viewed on a large projection screen and has that big arena suite 'feel'.

The "Lewis Varsity Club Suite" features tables and pub chair seating for a 'Bird's Eye' view of the court while enjoying food and refreshments.

'Press Row' has a new look on the sidelines, as Lewis has purchased three state-of-the-art Daktronics Video Tables. These table displays show



Lewis fans take in the sights and sounds of a Flyer women's volleyball game from atop the 'Lewis Varsity Club Suite'.

high resolution headshots and other quality images. These scorer's tables offer a high level of advertising and display flexibility with graphics and messages and can show real-time statistical information.

Brand new lockers have been installed in Neil Carey Arena, replacing 30+ year-old ones with professional style "open" lockers.

Contact Lewis Assistant Athletic Director Brian Summers at (815) 836-5228 or at summerbn@lewisu.edu for more information on how to enjoy the luxury of the "Lewis Varsity Club Suite", or sponsor a locker for \$250.

Department of Athletics Announces 2009 Hall Of Fame Inductees

On October 3rd, the Lewis University Department of Athletics welcomed former softball player Carolyn Barraca (nee Early), baseball player Rick Ramos and women's volleyball player Connie Reedy as the newest inductees into the Lewis Athletics Hall of Fame as a part of Homecoming Weekend.

The trio was inducted prior to the Lewis/Missouri S&T women's volleyball match.

Early was a member of the Lewis softball team from 1985-88, where she helped the Flyers to three Great Lakes Valley Conference championships. During her career, Early batted .320 with 178 hits, 64 RBI and 112 runs scored. Her 178 base hits currently places her seventh in Lewis career history, while her 112 runs scored is fifth in the Flyer annals.

Ramos played a key role in helping the Lewis baseball team to back-to-back NAIA National Championships in 1975 and 1976. He currently sits second in Lewis school history with 39



Connie Reedy



Rick Ramos



Carolyn Barraca

career wins and was drafted by both the Seattle Mariners and Montreal Expos. He played five years in the Expos' minor league system and was named the club's Minor League Pitcher of the Year in 1979.

Reedy was a four-time All-GLVC selection for the Lewis women's volleyball team from 1983-86. In 1983, the Flyers took home the GLVC Championship, while Reedy was named team MVP in 1985 and 1986. During her senior season, Reedy totaled a school-record 107 solo blocks, a mark that still stands today.



The women's volleyball team finished the 2009 season ranked No. 9 in the nation.

Another Record-Setting Year For Women's Volleyball

Another year, another memorable season for the Lewis women's volleyball team.

The Flyers became just the third team since 2000 to go perfect in the Great Lakes Valley Conference, turning in a 14-0 conference mark. The run earned Lewis the regular season GLVC Championship. Lewis won 30 matches for the third year in a row, a first during the Division II era for the Flyers and a No. 2 seed in the Midwest Regional. The Flyers stayed hot in the Regional where they earned their second Sweet 16 appearance in three seasons by sweeping both Ferris State and Saginaw Valley State.

Senior Stephanie Sagat was named the GLVC Player of the Year, Lewis' first since 1989. In conference play, Sagat led the GLVC in kills per set (3.90) and ranked second in hitting percentage (.375) and points per set (4.21). During the season, she became Lewis' all-time career kills leader by finishing with 1,676.

Sagat and junior setter Rachel Ruedi earned All-GLVC First Team honors. Seniors libero Ashlee Lindish and middle hitter Sara deBuhr took home third team accolades. During the season deBuhr became Lewis' career leader in blocks (404) and recorded her 1,000th career kill. Lindish totaled her 1,000th dig.

The Flyers continued their impressive play at Neil Carey Arena, going a perfect 12-0 during the regular season at home. It's the second straight season Lewis has gone undefeated during the regular season at home. Lewis holds 58-3 record in Romeoville since 2006. Only one of three setbacks was a conference match.

The Flyers were guided by Head Coach Lorelee Smith, who took home GLVC Coach of the Year honors in her third year as a Head Coach.



Jessica McNamara

McNamara Earns All-GLVC Women's Soccer Accolades

Lewis senior defender Jessica McNamara became the first Flyer student-athlete to claim All-Great Lakes Valley Conference honors since midfielder Courtney Kettel received third-team accolades in 2007.

McNamara, who was a second-team selection, finished the season second on the team in goals, finding the back of the net three times on nine total shots.

McNamara recorded the game winning goal at Saint Joseph's and tallied scores against Northwood and Saginaw Valley State.



Senior Jason Ament leads a talented senior class for the Lewis swim team.

High Hopes For Men's and Women's Swimming Squads

Success at nationals is the goal for the Flyer men's and women's swimming program and Lewis Head Coach Steve Thompson is optimistic about both team's chances this season.

Last season Kevin Coates and Jason Ament qualified for nationals. Both return this season.

"We've had national success on the men's side and I want to continue that," Thompson said. "It is realistic to think we have the opportunity for all of our men to earn an NCAA A or B standard this season."

"On the women's side, we've brought in a nice freshmen class loaded with talent," Thompson said. "I think our top six to eight women are very balanced, so we're going to be more competitive in GLIAC and duals meets. I think we have the potential for a half-dozen women to earn some type of NCAA cut." Thompson believes it all starts with his seniors, his first recruiting class at Lewis, a group which has come full circle as they enter their final year. This six-member class is made up of Ament, Aaron Olszeski, Adam Olszeski, Ryan Harrison, Bridget Bettenhausen and Nicole Marano.

"Our seniors are the key to our success," Thompson said. "They have all scored at conference and all of the men have earned NCAA cuts. They are the foundation of this era in Lewis swimming and they are the picture of what we want for Lewis swimming. We expect them to step up and guide our team's success."



Kathryn Hague

Hague Earns All-American Cross Country Honors

Lewis junior Kathryn Hague became the first Flyer women's cross country runner to earn All-American honors in 12 years, as she turned in a 40th-place and season-best finish of 21:59.3 at the 6K NCAA Division II Cross Country championships, hosted by Southern Indiana, on November 21.

All individuals placing in the Top 40 receive All-American honors. Hague is the first Flyer since Malgorzata Biela, Magdalena Paszta and Kasia Arient accomplished that feat in 1997, to earn that distinction.



The Lewis men's soccer team celebrates their 'Elite Eight' win over Charleston (W. Va.) and their first trip to the NCAA Final Four since 2000.

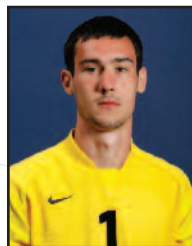
Men's Soccer Earns 'Final Four' Bid For First Time In Nine Years

Despite a 1-2-1 start to begin the 2009 campaign, Lewis Head men's soccer Coach Evan Fiffles and his squad stayed the course, as the Flyers went 15-1-1 over their next 17 matches, including a 4-1 win over No. 14 ranked Charleston (W. Va.) in the 'Elite Eight' to advance to the 'Final Four' for the first time since 2000.



Nestor Hernandez

Spearheading that run for the Flyers was the play of senior forward Nestor Hernandez, who earned All-Great Lakes Valley Conference First Team honors for the third-straight season and All-Midwest Region Second Team honors for the second-straight season. He led the Flyers with a career-best 14 goals. The Berwyn, Ill. native was instrumental in the Flyers' regional championship, as he totaled one goal and one assist on his way to being named the Region's Most Outstanding Offensive Player.



Sebastian Kieruzal

In his first season as the Flyer goalkeeper, Sebastian Kieruzal did not disappoint, as he posted 12 shutouts on his way to being named the GLVC Freshman of the Year. Kieruzal also was selected as the Most Outstanding Defensive Player of the Super 4 Regional Tournament.

Other Flyers receiving postseason accolades include junior defender Zac Bond (All-GLVC First Team, Super Region 4 All-Tournament Team, All-Midwest Region First Team), junior midfielder Mardoche Beya (All-GLVC Second Team, Super Region 4 All-Tournament Team), junior midfielder Jose Ibarra (All-GLVC Second Team) and Alex Koprowski (All-GLVC Second Team).

Youth Movement For Flyer Men's Basketball Team In 2009-10

Lewis University Head men's basketball Coach Scott Trost enjoys a challenge. For the first time in his last nine years as a head coach, his roster lacks a student-athlete that was a returning All-Conference performer.

Trost knows that he has a group of players that may not match the gaudy numbers put up by 2009 All-American Brandon Dagens and Lewis' all-time leading three-point shooter, Jason Genova.

The fourth-year skipper, however, believes that he has assembled a squad that has a bright future ahead of them.

"Our goals don't change. I expect us to come out, compete, and play very hard," Trost continued. "I think we have the makings of a good team."

One person that Trost can look to is junior guard and top returning scorer Dennis Thomas. As a sophomore, the 6-foot-2 guard averaged 10.2 points and a team-best 3.0 assists-per-game.



Dennis Thomas

Trost has the luxury of returning one of the top rebounders and shotblockers in the GLVC, in sophomore center Marty Strus.



Marty Strus

Strus will have to pick up the slack left by the loss of junior forward Lonnie Lawrence. Lawrence will miss the entire season due to a knee injury suffered during preseason practice.

As a freshman, Strus started in all 28 games and averaged 7.2 points and 5.9 rebounds-per-contest. He made his way into the Lewis record books as he set the single-season mark with 50 blocked shots and converted 64.3% (83-for-129) of his field goal attempts, which was the third-best in Flyer history.

Strus was not the only freshman to receive serious minutes in 2008-09, as both forward Matt Toth and guard Chris McClellan saw significant action as rookies.

Toth, who stands 6-foot-8, 245 pounds, averaged 4.0 points-per-game in 11.4 minutes of action and shot a blistering 59.0% (49-for-83) from the field.

McClellan, a 6-foot-1 guard, averaged 4.6 points-per-game and shot a team-best 43.1% (22-for-51) from three-point range in '08-09.

Sophomore forward Justin Jarosz saw limited action as a freshman and averaged 1.6 points-per-game.

With a year of collegiate basketball under their belts, Trost believes the second-year transition is where most players make a significant jump.

"The biggest step people take is between their freshmen and sophomore year," Trost said. "That is when people make the most progress and we're going to need those kids, Strus, Toth, McClellan, Jarosz, to take that next step."



Amy Smith Named Semifinalist for Prestigious Wooden Cup

Senior forward Amy Smith is one of only 20 semifinalists for the 2010 John Wooden Citizen's Cup, an award given for the most outstanding role model among athletes and sponsored by the Athletes for a Better World organization.

The honor is given to a collegiate and professional athlete who has made the greatest positive influence in the lives of others. Founded by Athletes for a Better World (ABW), a non-profit organization committed to changing the culture of American sports, the Wooden Cup is unique in that it is open to athletes in all collegiate and professional sports. Nominations come from every conference in the NCAA.

The five finalists are Division I athletes from the University of South Florida, University of Texas, University of North Carolina, Dartmouth College and Harvard University. Soccer player Mia Hamm is the professional honoree.

Smith, who is one of only four non-Division I student-athletes to make the semifinal cut, is a member of the Lewis women's basketball team. She's been a key reserve for four seasons and helped the Flyers to a conference championship in 2006-07.

She is a peer minister on campus, and started a student-athlete bible study group with sessions focused on applicable lessons for athletes. Through Campus Ministry she has raised donations for Misericordia Heart of Mercy, a local home for

children and adults with developmental disabilities and volunteered at the Morning Star Mission food kitchen. She is also part of NCAA CHOICES, a program designed to decrease alcohol abuse on college campuses.

Smith spent the last two summers volunteering overseas. Following her junior season she worked for five weeks in Kenya. Among several projects, she taught 6-to-8 year old children science and held workshops for the local teachers so they could better teach.

Following her sophomore season Smith spent two weeks in Bolivia. Smith worked with the youth in orphanages and on the streets. They delivered donations of school and medical supplies and toys to the local hospitals, parishes, and communities of Sucre, Bolivia.

Following her graduation in May she will begin a 27-month commitment in the Peace Corps, teaching science and helping those in need in Africa.

Recipients of the Coach Wooden Citizenship Cup are chosen by a committee chaired by Vincent Dooley, former University of Georgia Athletic Director, and other distinguished individuals involved in athletics across the country.



Amy Smith

Women's Basketball Shoots For Postseason Play In 2009-10

After a season in which the Flyers started three sophomores and a freshman, the Lewis 2009-10 women's basketball team now possesses a key element that can only be earned on the court: experience.

The young Flyers lineup continued to mature as last season progressed, highlighted by an 8-1 stretch in Great Lakes Valley Conference play and a berth in the GLVC Tournament.

"I think the experience last year is definitely a motivational factor to get back to that point and not be satisfied," Head Coach Lisa Carlsen said. "However, all of last season was a great learning experience. We faced some challenges and some adversity and we bounced back. I think the team will tell you they learned a lot from last year."

The Flyers now enter the season looking to take the next step and qualify for the NCAA Tournament.

"I think it makes sense for us to be optimistic," Carlsen said. "We'd love to win a conference championship but we really want to make the regional tournament and get back on the national scene. I think we have a realistic shot at that."

A big reason for Carlsen's sunny outlook is junior forward Jenny Turpel. The Johnsburg, Ill. native exploded during her sophomore season, ranking third in the conference with 18.5 per game. For her efforts she earned Daktronics All-Midwest Region Second Team and All-GLVC Second Team accolades. She was also named to the All-GLVC

Tournament Team, thanks to a pair of impressive games in the postseason.

When discussing the Flyers frontcourt, redshirt sophomore Devon Carbaugh needs to come up in the conversation.

Following an injury during her freshman season, Carbaugh came back last year to start every contest and finish

second on the team in scoring and rebounding with 10.8 and 6.4 per game, respectively.

Redshirt senior guard/forward Kelly Dianis missed the majority of the 2008-09 campaign due to injury. Back for one final season, Dianis is regarded around the league as one of the best shooters from the outside.

Redshirt junior Kelly Monaco stepped into a starting role last season following Dianis' injury. Monaco made her own name from long range last season, draining 71 3-pointers, tying for the second most in a single season in Lewis history.

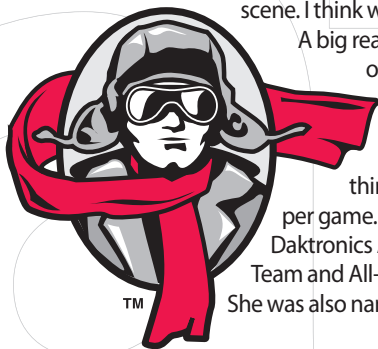
Monaco and Dianis hope to be receiving many passes from junior point guard Kady Currin. The Cincinnati, Ohio native ranked sixth in the conference in assists last season with an average of 3.9 per game. She also took care of the ball, ranking eighth in the conference with a 1.43 assist/turnover ratio.

The hope is the returners will mesh with five new additions to help the Flyers reach their goal of a trip to the regional tournament.

"This group is poised to take the next step," Carlsen said. "We have a core group returning who understands where this program needs to get back to. It should be a fun year."



Jenny Turpel



29th Annual Varsity Club Golf Outing



(Above) Front row: Brother Michael Quirk, FSC '75 and David Gordon: Back row: Mike Lesiak '79, Tom Drez '88, Adam Smith '86, Roger Duffield, John Airola and Bob Brusich '77. (Above right) Robert Filotto '76, Pete Pluth, Bob Pluth '76, and Jim Filotto strike a foursome pose at the golf outing at the beautiful Mistwood Golf Club. (Right center) Sue Milnamow and Tracy Summers '04 enjoy the day at the Prairie Bluff Golf Course.



SAVE THE DATE
**30th Annual
Varsity Club
Golf Outing!**
June 11, 2010



(Above) Jim Van Eck '81, Tom O'Connor '78, Ron Ray, Dave LaBarre '78
(Right) Len Bertolini, Jane Condon '79 and John Cassin '79.



De La Salle Institute/Lewis Alumnus Reflects

The 2009-2010 school year marks 120 years of Lasallian education at De La Salle Institute. The following reflection about De La Salle was sent by one of our joint alumni. While each alumni memory may be different, there is a thread of commonality that a Lasallian education plays an integral role in the future success of its students.

I followed my brother, Clement – who graduated in 1934 – to De La Salle. It was a good choice. My mother and father were sending my brothers and sister to professional schools and money was tight, but the Brothers at De La Salle allowed me to attend De La Salle for half of the tuition.

For that, I helped out after school. I picked up litter, I cleaned the rooms and I learned about the white glove inspection from the Brothers.

Needless to say, I received an education from quality time in the classroom and valuable after school hours that helped me in pre-dental school in Loyola's physics and chemistry classes. I graduated from Loyola's dental school in 1946, practiced dentistry for 62 years and had my three children – Larry, Bob and Marilyn – join me as dentists.

I received the best education during and after school at De La Salle and for that, I am deeply grateful. I am sure that the Christian Brothers of De La Salle are proud of all the graduates.



Dr. Lawrence Michet - 1941 De La Salle Institute graduate and Lewis alumnus. Dr. Michet attended Lewis in addition to dental school at Loyola.

Upcoming Alumni Events

For more information on any events, please visit the alumni Web site calendar of events at www.alumni.lewisu.edu

Regional Alumni and Friends Gatherings

Join fellow alumni in your area at these regional gatherings for re-connecting to Lewis and each other.

- Fort Lauderdale – February 5
- Naples – February 19
- Sarasota – February 20
- California – March 8, 9, 10
- Arizona – March 19
- Colorado – April 9
- Washington D.C. – May 21

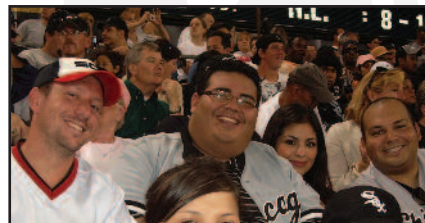
Other Alumni Gatherings

- Men & Women's Volleyball Reunion – March 13, 2010
- Women's Alumni Soccer Reunion – April 10, 2010
- Alumni Swimming Reunion – May 1, 2010
- Young Alumni Gathering – May 21, 2010

White Sox Outing: August 17



Bill Hartmann '78, Vito Abbate '77, Bob Brusich '77 enjoy the atmosphere at U.S. Cellular Field during the Chicago White Sox vs. Kansas City Royals game.



Jerome Jasper '08, Chris Alvarez '08, Myra Chavez '08 and Eduardo Chavez attended the August event.

Legacy Reception



Victoria Lopez '98, Marsella Lopez and Brother James Gaffney, FSC, enjoy great food and conversation at the first annual Lewis University Legacy Dinner.

Young Alumni



Shannon Mashek '06, Jovana Torres '09, and Heather Warthen '03 catch up during a young alumni gathering at McBrody's Bar and Restaurant in Joliet, Ill.

Homecoming 2009

More than 800 alumni and Lewis family members attended the 2009 Alumni Homecoming & Family Day festivities held October 3 on the Lewis main campus in Romeoville. Activities ranged from Family Flyer Fun to Alumni Achievement Awards to an evening Oktoberfest and beer garden, with reunions for many campus interest groups. Alumni athletic events included a softball and baseball game along with the first annual alumni cross country and track fun run. About 200 people also participated in the 14th Annual Regional CARE AIDS Walk & Fun Run, which raised funds for the Regional CARE Association in Joliet.



Brother James Gaffney, FSC with (left to right) Concitta Cavin '02, Debra Perkins '03, Claudia Walters '02, and Miracle Moss '03 and her daughter Blessen.



Golden Flyers, Class of 1959: (standing): Max Grupenhagen, Eugene Mele, David Forster, Ron Sala, Robert McAuley, Russell Brandt, Michael Howard, Rich Incandela. (seated): Michael McCormick, Phil Balsamo, Donald Videtich



Members of Sigma Phi Epsilon and Nu Phi Epsilon



Jeff Ritzema '09, Andrew Northrup '08 and Emory Burdette '08 at Oktoberfest.

Alumni vs. Current Team



On November 7, volleyball alumni battled the current team. Pictured are (left to right): Kevin Miller '03, Chris Haworth '98, Tom Garvey '09, Alex Vigansky '09, Nicky '09, Billy Sahagian '09, Drew Pickering '09, Bryan Johnwick '00, David Kelnhofer '09, and Assistant Coach Gerard Weik.

Cookies with Santa



National Alumni Association Board members Shawn Altman, Jennifer Skvarla '03, '05 MBA (staff), Nick Guiffre '93, Deb Stava '78, Alison Chandler '04, and Gary Altman '94, helped plan the event.

Where Are They Now?

1950s

Russell Grundy '53 (Business Administration) attended Lewis in 1951, 1952, and 1953 after attending St. Ambrose University. Russell served as Vice-President of the student government and was a member of the Lewis football team. He married Elaine Crespi (deceased) of Joliet and they had seven children. Russell received his master's in Education from Indiana State University in Terre Haute, Ind. His first teaching and coaching position was with Gordie Gillespie at Joliet Catholic High. He was Gordie's line coach for seven years. Russ moved to Wausau, Wis. in 1970 and taught at Newman Catholic High School for 20 years. At Newman, he was the head coach for football, baseball, and wrestling and served as the Athletic Director. Since retiring, he has written five books.

Gordon Nelson '50 (Aviation Airframe & Powerplant-2 yr Certificate) is recovering from an illness and doing well. He wishes everyone the best!



James, J. O'Connell '58 (Business Administration) and Phyllis Ann (Berard) O'Connell, both of Joliet, celebrated their 56th wedding anniversary in August

2009. Jim was a member of the Lewis Vets Club after serving in Korea 1953-1954. He returned to earn a B.S. in Business Administration under the G.I. Bill. They have three daughters, Lynn (Tim) Spodi; Kathryn Malone; and Julia A. (Scott) Yerigan. Mr. O'Connell was instrumental in the purchase of the Lewis University Airport in 1983.

1960s

Thomas Dedin '62 (English) was acknowledged by Providence Catholic at their Tom Dedin Alumni Baseball Reunion held at the newly renovated Tom Dedin Field on the school's campus. Tom coached for Providence from 1965-1976.

Joseph A. Delgado '65 (History) was inducted in to the 2009 Hall of Fame by the University of St. Francis for baseball.

Anthony Lux '69 (Mathematics and Physics) received the 2010 District I Superintendent of the Year award by members of the Indiana Association of Public School Superintendents.



William (Bill) McManaman '69 (Accounting) is Chief Executive Officer of Amcore Financial, Inc. since February 2008 and Chairman of the Board since May 2008.

Lawrence J. Blecka, Ph.D. '66 (Biology), a senior executive with 30 years experience in medical device, diagnostics and biotechnology companies, was appointed as Vice President, Research and Development of IRIS International, Inc., a leading manufacturer of automated in-vitro diagnostics systems and consumables for use in hospitals and commercial laboratories worldwide. Dr. Blecka will be responsible for overseeing all research and development of the Iris Diagnostics division, in support of the advancement of the company's existing and emerging product pipeline. He earned a Bachelor of Arts in Biology from Lewis University in 1966, a Master of Arts in Biology (with an emphasis in molecular biology) from Northern Illinois University in 1967, and earned his doctorate in microbiology/zoology, from Southern Illinois University in 1972.

Thomas Sedor '68 (English) retired in June of 2009 from his position as Principal of Infant Jesus of Prague School in Flossmoor. Prior to Tom's 29 years there, he was with St. Jude School in South Holland for 13 years of teaching and working as an Assistant Principal.

1970s

Terrence Benewich '71 (History) facilitated and moderated the U.S. Department of Labor Registered Apprenticeship Action Clinic on June 17, 2009, at the Fiesta Resort and Spa Saipan's Hibiscus Hall.

James Booras '79 (Law) has been elected for a second year as Chief Judge of the 19th Judicial Circuit.



Walter Harris '75 (Elementary Education) has enjoyed a decorated career with the Illinois State Police and is a noted inspirational speaker around the country. Walter recently spoke at the Black Student Alumni reunion at Lewis Homecoming.

Dr. Kenneth C. Hendriksen '72 (Biology) retired as Superintendent of Mt. Zion schools after 25 years, is now the Principal of St. Teresa High School in Decatur, Ill.

Lynn (Stuber) Hennessy '79 (Nursing) accepted the position of Vice President of Nursing Services at Advocate Christ Medical Center in Oak Lawn, Ill.



Anita Kasmar '76 (Art) has been an Editor at Panache Partners for three years. Panache is a boutique publishing firm located in a suburb of Dallas, Texas. She specializes in

writing luxury lifestyle topics presented in upscale coffee-table books: *Architecture, Interior Design, Wine, Fine Art and Travel*. Through her position with Panache, Anita recently completed ghostwriting and editing a textile and fiber artist's monograph entitled *Cloth and Culture: Couture Creations of Ruth E. Funk*.

Patrick Kerr '79 (Criminal/ Social Justice) retired July 17, 2009, after 33 years on the Joliet Police Department. Kerr's immediate plans are to further reduce his golf handicap and spend more time with his wife Kathy, and their grand-nephews Nate, 6, and Jonah, 5.

Frank Palmasani '75 (Psychology), '85 (Graduate Education) created the *Managing-CollegeCost.com* Web site to help families manage college expenses.

C. Richard Panico '73 (Aviation Maintenance Management), President and CEO of Integrated Project Management Company, Inc., announced that IPM has been named to the Inc. 5000, *Inc. Magazine's* annual list of the nation's 5,000 fastest-growing private companies for the third consecutive year.

Lewis University does not endorse any candidate for office.

James J. Schiltz `71 (Accounting) was ordained a deacon for the Diocese of Grand Rapids, Mich.

Shawn (O'Connor) Tyrrell `78 (Nursing) accepted the position of Regional Vice President/Chief Nursing Officer for Adventist Midwest Health and Adventist Hinsdale Hospital.

David Wakely `70 (Theatre) recently retired after more than 30 years as a psychologist with the Veterans Association Hospital System. He currently works in southern Wisconsin as a rehabilitation psychologist for Mercy Health System and lives with his wife and two children just outside of Madison. His nephew, Adam Wakely, is currently a sophomore at Lewis.

1980s

Benjamin Billups `84 (Criminal/Social Justice) was selected as the new Vice President for the Forest Park Community Center in Joliet.

Richard Black `83 (Business Administration) is a candidate for the new circuit judge position in Grundy County.

Emao Eassa `83 (Graduate Criminal/ Social Justice) is currently working as the Chief of Police for Elgin Community College.

Thomas A. Hernandez `88 (Journalism) published his first book *Chocolate Cows and Purple Cheese and Other Tales from the Homefront*.

Thomas Hurlburt `88 (Psychology) was hired as Superintendent by the Frankfort School District Board of Education.

David Kalal, who attended `87-`89, recently accepted the position of Varsity Baseball Head Coach at York High School in Elmhurst, Ill.

Christopher Madsen `81 (Speech), along with his colleagues at KNX 1070-News Radio, were presented with the Southern California Sports Broadcast of the Year Award by the Southern California Broadcasters Association as the Best Radio Sports Anchor Team in 2007.

Rosemary (Smith) McGinnis `82 (Nursing) received the National Association of Emergency Medical Services Educators Unsung Hero Award at the organization's annual symposium at Walt Disney World in Orlando, Fla.

Mark Olson `80 (Accounting and Spanish), Lewis Board of Trustees' member, was named Senior Vice President, Controller and Principal Accounting Officer of CommScope, Inc.

Barbara (Bobbi) (Naretto) Petrunaro `88 (Political Science) is seeking a seat in the fifth subcircuit, an area of Will County including New Lenox, Homer Township, and Frankfort Township. The Honorable Barbara Petrunaro is currently an Associate Judge for Will County.



Jeanette (Marvic) Rossetti Ed.D., MS, BSN `84 (Nursing) was recently awarded

tenure and promoted to Associate Professor at Northern Illinois University's School of Nursing and Health Studies. In addition, she was honored with Northern Illinois University's Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching Award, 2009.

Mitchell Tomaszewicz `85 (Journalism) was selected as the 2009 Men's Cross Country Coach of the Year and the 2009 Women's Cross Country Coach of the Year by the North Eastern Athletic Conference (NEAC). Coach Tomaszewicz works at Cobleskill in New York as the Head Cross Country Coach.

1990s

Joshua Barron `98 (History) was named Principal of Shepard High School in Palos Heights by the Community High School District 218.

Mary Burgess `99 (Graduate Business Administration) was the recipient of the Chicago Department of Public Health's "Golden Toothbrush Award" for creation of the school-based oral health program.

William Caron `94 (Graduate Education) was appointed Principal of Old Quarry Middle School in Lemont.

Rachel (Hearity) Corrogh `97 (Graduate Education) was appointed Assistant Principal of McClure Junior High School.

Jennifer (Swinton) Dylk `93 (Marketing) was appointed Executive Director of the Shorewood Area Chamber of Commerce.



Charles Hogue `92 (Elementary Education) is the new Principal for Niles Central High School.

Julie Hughes `93 (Nursing), `98 (Graduate Business

Administration) is the Director of Information Services at Morris Hospital and Healthcare Centers. Julie recently achieved professional certification from the prestigious Healthcare Information and Management Systems Society.

Fadi Kattan `92 (Graduate Business Administration) received the Teaching Excellence Award on July 2, 2009, during a conference at *An-Najah* University in Nablus. This award is part of USAID, AMIDEAST, and the OSI's Palestinian Faculty Development Program.

Ryan Krietsch `96 (Physics) served 6 months in Iraq with the U.S. Air Force.

Dr. Amy (Hansen) Kwilose `99 (Biology) has joined Absolute Vision Care in Manhattan, Ill. She specializes in the areas of glaucoma, anterior segment disease and binocular vision disorders.

Christopher LaKumb `98 (Finance) was a panelist for the UIC Liautaud Graduate School of Business and the Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA) Society of Chicago. Christopher is responsible for Fiduciary Risk Management and Investment Selection/Monitoring for the Retirement Plan Services Division of River North Capital.

Laura Lynn MacDonald `91 (Theatre) had a monologue in her new play *The Representative* in The Big Shoulders Festival at The American Theatre Company. In August, Laura presented her adaption of Ibsen's "Peer Gynt" for ten actors, produced by Gorilla Rep in Central Park.

Timothy Neubauer `90 (Graduate Business Administration) was hired by District 308 Board of Education to oversee the school district's business operations as the Executive Director of Finance Services.

Christi (Kelly) Ott `92 (Aviation Maintenance Management) is Chief Client Services Officer at Johnson Bank.

Laura Patterson `94 (Graduate Education) retired from her position as Collections Development Librarian at Lewis University after 38 years of service. She also served as Director of the Library.

Debra Peterson `98 (Graduate Nursing) graduated with a Ph.D. in Education from Capella University in September 2008. She was promoted to Associate Professor of Nursing with Tenure at the University of St. Francis, College of Nursing and Allied Health in May 2009.

Ernest W. Ray `93 (Theatre) is directing the University of St. Francis' production of *The Importance of Being Earnest*. Assisting him on the production staff are **Amanda-Claire Lowe `09** (Theatre), costume design, and **Andrew Nelsen `04** (Theatre) set design. Ray was also cast to perform the title role in the Philip Lynch Theatre production of *The Life of Galileo*.

Ellen (McSwiney) Renna `99 (Graduate Nursing) joined The March of Dimes Board of Trustees. Ellen is also a faculty member for Lewis University College of Nursing and Health Professions.

Maureen (Kosieniak/Holliday) Romeo '94 (Graduate Nursing) was granted Nurse Executive-Board Certified by the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC).



Allyson Voller-Wollner '95 (Theatre) is continuing to work in the acting world. Most recently, Allyson is heard on multiple radio commercials for "Cincinnati Bell." Her

other radio commercials are for "Fertility Centers of Illinois", "Bio-Life Plasma", "Kessler Credit Union", "DiGiorno Pizza", and "May Homes." Allyson also appeared in a commercial for Titleist during the recent PGA tournament at Cog Hill. Online you can hear her voice on www.chemotherapy.com

Denise Winfrey '95 (Elected Studies) has been appointed as a new Will County Board member for District 8.

John Zaruba '91 (Graduate Criminal/Social Justice) is currently serving as DuPage County Sheriff and was elected president of the National Sheriff's Association. John has been a member of the DuPage County Sheriff's Office for 35 years.

2000s

Jason Aguirre '08 (Theatre) has moved to New York and received an internship with the Public Theater, one of the nation's preeminent cultural institutions in American theater. The internship program aims to bridge the gap between academic education and practice. Jason will be working in the marketing department. He will also continue to audition and take classes in acting and dance.

Ross Ament '05 (Graduate Organizational Leadership) was the keynote speaker during Chamber Week (September 14-18) for the Savanna Chamber of Commerce and the Lanark Chamber of Commerce.

Kelly Carevic '07 (Theatre) is currently working as a Youth Activities Counselor for Disney Cruise Lines the Disney Magic. She was also the Lead Production Assistant for SIGSALY's Web series, "The Green Hornet."

Alison Chandler '04 (Elected Studies) was elected as a new member to the National Alumni Association Board at the June 2009 meeting.

Katherine (Schaefer) Choudhary '03 (History), '08 (Graduate Education Leadership) was elected to the National Alumni Association Board at the June 2009 meeting.

Air Force 1st Lt. Bradley Clemmons '06 (Aviation Administration) has deployed overseas in support of Operations Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom. Clemmons, a C-17 aircraft pilot with three years of military service, is normally assigned to the 437th Airlift Wing at Charleston Air Force Base, S.C.

Janelle Coats '05 (Theatre) was recently in the Highland Park Players production of *The Wizard of Oz* at the Northbrook Theatre. She also just completed an intense acting course with Nick Bowling at Act One Studios in Chicago, the Midwest's largest professional acting school

John Courtney '08 (Graduate Business Administration) was elected to the National Alumni Association Board at the June 2009 meeting.

James Griffin '01 (Business Administration) was promoted to Vice President of Operations Administration at Nicor Gas.

Kirstin Hearn '08 (Graduate Special Education) started teaching at Richards High School in Oak Lawn, Ill. in August 2009.

Meghan Howes '08 (Marketing) was elected to the National Alumni Association Board at the June 2009 meeting.

Kareem Jackson '02 (Liberal Arts) was named interim Head Coach of Men's and Women's Track and Field teams at Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville.

Rhonda Jones '07 (Nursing) was one of 92 nurses to attend an End-of-Life Nursing Education Consortium (ELNEC) Core training course in Oklahoma City, Okla. The principal goal for this training program was to provide information on end-of-life and palliative care and resources to integrate end-of-life and palliative care content into their in-service programs or courses.

Jillian Kelm '07 (Theatre) recorded an audio book entitled *Flowers for Beth*. Jill was also busy this fall producing with Zombie Army Productions at Navy Pier in Chicago and at Stateville Haunted Prison located at Joliet's Siegel Farm.

Denise Krusenoski '03 (Graduate Nursing) was named a Visiting Instructor in the School of Nursing for Aurora University.

Chase Lotfi '05 (Business Administration) is currently attending Nova Southeastern University where he is pursuing an MBA in Entrepreneurship. Chase was acknowledged as a contributor in the second edition of the textbook, *Spreadsheet Modeling for Business Decisions* which released on August 3, 2009. The text is used in the Huizenga School's Business Modeling course.

Mario Martin '04 (Aviation Flight Management) is currently serving in the military in Iraq.

Jason Midlock '06 (History) was appointed Social Studies teacher at Joliet Catholic Academy and is also Head Coach for the JCA sophomore football team. Jason earned a M.A. in Educational Leadership from the University of St. Francis in May 2009.

Stacy Moss '03 (Liberal Arts), '08 (Graduate Organizational Leadership) was part of the team that placed 6th in the USA Adult Open Volleyball Championships in Minneapolis, Minn.

Katherine (Stanley) Moudry '05 (Biology and Chemistry) earned the Doctor of Physical Therapy (D.P.T.) degree in the College of Health Sciences at Midwestern University (MWU). She graduated in May 2009. Katherine was this year's recipient of the Dean's Achievement Award for academic excellence at Midwestern. A native of Plainfield, she will practice at Newsome Physical Therapy in Romeoville, Ill.

Robert Ortiz '03 (Criminal/Social Justice), '04 (Public Safety Administration) left in September of 2009 to serve a minimum of 400 days of active duty in Afghanistan as a medical officer with his U.S. Army Reserve Unit.

Tim Pajak '00 (Print Journalism) is currently working for MOL (America) Inc. as a Corporate Communications Specialist and is based out of their new U.S. corporate headquarters in Lombard, Ill.

Lynette Perez '08 (Nursing) received the 2009 Nurse of the Year award from Provena Saint Joseph Medical Center.

Matthew Petrizzo '04 (Economics) is currently a financial consultant at RBC Wealth Management in Orland Park. Matt has recently joined the Palos Orland Swim Association Team as an assistant coach.

Tina Postel '07 (Graduate Organizational Leadership) received the 2009 Young Professional of the Year from the Joliet Region Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

Eileen (King) Ramsay `05 (Elementary Education) was appointed Principal of St. Joseph Catholic School. She began work on July 1, 2009.

Bruce Rapp `06 (Secondary Education) was hired in August 2009 at Shepard High School in Palos Heights, Ill.

Joshua Rogers `05 (Sports Management), `07 (Graduate Business Administration) has joined the Palos Orland Swim Association as Head Coach.

Berscott Ruiz `02 (Graduate Criminal/Social Justice) was recently appointed as Commander of the 10th Chicago Police District. A former tactical lieutenant in the district, Ruiz is looking to address burglaries and gang violence that have occurred in the district.

Michael Shields `00 (Criminal/Social Justice), `05 (Graduate Criminal/ Social Justice) will be serving as the new Acting Safety and Security Officer for the Chicago Public Schools Executive Team.

Susan Slaviero `07 (English) will be publishing her first book, *Cyborgia*, in 2010. In October, Susan's poem, "Plot Device: Haunted House: Where a Window is a Scar" appeared in *Pedestal Magazine*.

Serena Stahr `02 (Special Education) was hired in August 2009 at Shepard High School in Palos Heights, Ill.

Elizabeth Weber `08 (English, Radio/TV Broadcasting) had two pieces published in the *Arsenic Lobster*. In November, Liz was joined by **Paul Gaszak, `04** (English) for a reading at Lewis University.



Elizabeth Wiesolek `07 (Aviation Flight Management) is serving as a Lieutenant in the U. S. Air Force.

Jill (Huebner) Zelko `04 (Special Education) joined the

Coal City School District Unit #1 as a fourth grade teacher.



Randell Yi `07 (Aviation Flight Management) is serving as a Lieutenant in the U. S. Air Force.

Weddings



Trisha Meyerchick `07 (Combined Elementary/ Special Education) married **Kyle Cahill, `07** (Aviation

Maintenance and Management) on August 2, 2008. She is currently a Special Ed teacher (grades 4-6) at Sandridge Elementary School in Lynwood, Ill. Kyle has been an airplane mechanic for SkyWest Airlines at O'Hare Airport since May 31, 2007. They currently are living in Highland, Ind. with their two goldendoodle puppies.



Craig Czerkies `01 (Graduate Business Administration) married **Bonny Burke** on October 3, 2009, at Walter Payton's Roundhouse in Aurora, Ill. The couple

met while working at Platinum Technology in 1999. Currently, Bonny is an Inside Sales Supervisor at Molex Corporation in Lisle. Craig is a Broker Associate at Caton Commercial Real Estate Group in Plainfield.

Rebecca Brooks-Revisky `06 (Nursing) married **Jonathon Rodriguez** on October 17, 2009 at the Bird Haven Greenhouse in Joliet, Ill.

Jill Gruenwald `02 (Psychology), `06 (Graduate Counseling Psychology) married **Donatas Garbaliuskas `02** (Management Information Systems), `06 (Graduate Business Administration) in October 2009 at St. Dennis Catholic Church in Lockport, Ill.

Mark Johnson `06 (Print Journalism) married **Amber Koetz** on November 28, 2009 at Stavanger Lutheran Church.

Jennifer Myers `08 (Graduate Counseling Psychology) married **Aaron Rios** on October 3, 2009 at St. Patrick's Church.

Steven Stiso `01 (History) married **Jennifer Dyke** on October 31, 2009 in the Sancta Alberta Chapel at Lewis University. Steven's family also attended Lewis University:

Michael Stiso `95 (Human Communications), **Malgorzata (Lorens) Stizo `95** (Aviation Administration), **Maureen (Stizo) Nugent `00** (Elementary Education), and **Maria (Stiso) Cullum `98** Marketing.

Future Flyers

Jamiee (Balskus) Czaja `01 (Biology) and **Jeffrey Czaja, `00** (Biology) welcomed their first son, Logan Jeffrey. Logan was born in June 2009 at Palos Community Hospital.



Jennifer (Sosnowski) Husum `02 (Organizational Leadership) and **Brian Husum `03** (Criminal/Social Justice) celebrated the birth of their daughter, **Katherine Jean** in July 2009. The couple resides in Denver, Colo. where Brian serves as a Denver policeman.

Naomi (Fernandez) Karrels `06 (Psychology) and her husband, Michael, celebrated the birth of their son, **John Michael** in October 2007.



Roberto Suarez `02 (Political Science), `06 (Graduate Business Administration) and his wife **DeAnne (Druszkowski) Suarez `02** (Marketing), `04 (Graduate Education)

celebrated the birth of their first baby daughter, **Anabella Marie** in August 2009. Robert is currently working as a College and Academic Counselor at the Illinois Mathematics and Science Academy in Aurora and DeAnne is a Resource Teacher at Liberty Junior High School.

Allyson Voller-Wollner `95 (Theatre) and her husband, Michael, proudly welcomed their second daughter, **Kiley Marjorie Michaila** in June 2009. She joins her big sister **Caitlin** and all are doing great!



Martha Villegas Miranda `98 (Social Work and Human Services) and **Edwin Miranda** are proud parents of their first daughter **K'rina Miranda Villegas**,

born on Nov. 14, 2008.

Christine (Colboth) Cliff `91 (Liberal Arts) and her husband, Rob, along with sons **Jacob** and **Brendan** welcomed another son, **Ryan Thomas Lee Cliff** in November 2006. Christine is a letter carrier with the Linthicum Heights Post Office and resides with her family in Crofton, Md.

In Memoriam

Robert Thomas Bergeron `70 (Business Administration) on September 19, 2009.

Edwin Brown `53 on April 9, 2009.

Arthur Commare 42 (Pre-Veterinary) on February 2009.

David De Geus `85 (Economics) on November 28, 2009.

Kenneth Drabicki `90 (Graduate Business Administration) on October 2009.

Ronald Feldner `65 (Accounting) on October 12, 2009.

John T. O'Brien `69 (English) member of Tau Kappa Epsilon on October 6, 2009.

Nicholas Ratkovich `55 (Accounting) on May 4, 2009.

Thaddeus J. Szott `39 on January 11, 2009.

Bruce Szymczak `78 (Business Administration) on July 17, 2009.

Zachary Reeves, student, (Sports Management) passed away suddenly on November 8, 2009 at Provena St. Joseph Medical Center. Born June 27, 1985 in Berwyn, he was a graduate of Plainfield High School. He received his bachelor's degree posthumously with honors in December, 2009. His mother, **Laurel Jill (Stevens) Reeves** is a 2005 M.Ed. graduate of Lewis University and his brother, **Ethan**, graduated from Lewis in 2006 with a degree in Special Education and is currently enrolled at Lewis in a master of education program.



Brother Maurice (Leonorian Maurice) Anglim, 84, Trustee *Emeritus*, died on December 29, 2009. A De La Salle Christian Brother for 66 years, he was born John Vincent in Kansas City, Mo, the son of Francis and Rose (Purcell) Anglim. He graduated from De La Salle High School in Minneapolis in 1942 and the same year entered the novitiate

of the Brothers in Glencoe, Mo. He pronounced his first vows in 1943 and his final vows in 1949. Brother Maurice earned his bachelor of arts from Saint Mary's College in Winona, Minn. in 1946. In later years he obtained a master's from St. Louis University, and an M.P.S. and an M.A. from Loyola University Chicago. During his years as an educator he taught at St. Mel High School, at St. Patrick High School and at De La Salle High School in Chicago, at St. George High School in Evanston, and St. Joseph High School in Westchester. He served directly for the Christian Brothers as Provincial and Auxiliary Provincial from 1966 to 1972. He was also a member of the Brothers' formation team, community director, health care coordinator, and associate director of the Lasallian Volunteers at different times. From 1987 to 1990 he served again as Auxiliary Provincial. Since 2001 he lived with the Christian Brothers at their Chicago residence on Indiana Avenue. Survivors include his brother Joseph Anglim of Roanoke, Texas, his sister, Sister Eileen Anglim, BVM, of Chicago, and his religious family, the Brothers of the Christian Schools. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated with interment at Resurrection Cemetery in Romeoville.



Elmer R. Sims `59 (Accounting) passed away on August 23, 2009 at age 75. He was born and raised in Joliet, Ill. and was a graduate of Joliet Central Township High School and attended Joliet Junior College prior to enrolling at Lewis. Elmer was the first African American to graduate from Lewis

University in 1959. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army and retired from the United States Department of Labor Veterans Re-employment Rights Division after 35 years of service. During his tenure in the Department of Labor, Elmer held many positions that dealt with labor affairs, and worked with migrant workers to uncover unacceptable use of underage children in the workforce and other inappropriate labor practices. His labor expertise and passion for social justice and community service enabled him to mentor and advise many fellow Joliet area community members that were facing union, labor and employment dilemmas. As a civil rights advocate, he served on the Police Board of Commissioners for the City of Joliet, held the office of President of the NAACP of Joliet and sang in the Freedom Choir.

Elmer's family states that he was very pleased to live to witness the election of Barack Obama as the first black President of the United States. Elmer is survived by his devoted wife of 51 years **Johnni (Ellis) Sims `79** (Social Work), daughter Sara Brookins and son Leslie Sims, three grandchildren and numerous beloved extended family members.

ARTS&IDEAS SPRING '10

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TSUKASA TAIKO

February 4, 2010

Sancta Alberta, 7:30 PM

Tsukasa Taiko is the leading Japanese percussion group in the Midwest. Known for its thunderous drumming and distinctive choreography, the

group endeavors to pass on the traditional concepts of taiko as a legacy within the Japanese-American community and to build bridges between cultural groups. Contemporary Art.



UMOJA PEOPLE

March 12, 2010

Philip Lynch Theatre, 7:30 PM

The company provides performances that excite the audience's sense of rhythm in a gumbo of jazz, African drums and percussion instruments, blended with the creative movement of dance, and topped off with spoken word and song.



THE DORIANS

April 14, 2010

Sancta Alberta, 7:30 PM

Based in Carbondale, Illinois, this dynamic three-member band specializes in dance music from the Celtic traditions of Ireland and Scotland and England.

NEO-FUTURISTS

February 24, 2010

Philip Lynch Theatre, 7:30 PM

A madcap show where six comedians race to squeeze 30 short skits into a 60 minute show. The order of the skits - some topical and some absurd - is determined by the audience members who are occasionally called upon to join in on the fun.



PHILIP LYNCH THEATRE

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February 12-13, 18-19 at 8 PM

February 20 at 4 PM and 8 PM

February 14, 21 at 2:30 PM



April 16-17, 22-23 at 8 PM

April 24 at 4 PM and 8 PM

April 18, 25 at 2:30 PM

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in your life that you would like to share with your fellow alumni? It may not seem like news to you, but your former classmates at Lewis would like to hear about you. Take a little time to let us know - we'll see that your news gets into the Class Notes section of *The Magazine of Lewis University* as space permits. Photos are welcome, but due to space limitations, **we cannot guarantee publication.** Please fill in the information below, or logon to www.alumni.lewisu.edu and submit your class notes online.

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Phone (____) _____ Gender _____

Class Year(s) _____ Major/Program _____ Birth Date _____

Business Name _____ Job Title _____

Business Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Business Phone (____) _____ E-Mail Address _____

Career/Family News (Attach additional sheets if necessary.) _____

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Save the Dates

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www.alumni.lewisu.edu/calendar

Arts Gala 2010
A Night at the Louvre
March 6



**30th Annual
Varsity Club
Golf Outing**
June 11



**Signum Fidei
Celebration**
Palmer House Hilton
in Chicago
September 11



**Homecoming
and Family Day**
October 2

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