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Drive addresses community hunger

BY CAROL C. BRADLEY

Judy Fox, associate clinical professor of law at the Notre Dame Legal Aid Clinic, has worked for years with people in poverty and is aware of the issue of hunger in St. Joseph County.

"But I've never seen it as bad as it is right now. We are seeing a bigger crisis than I've ever seen in my working career," she says. "I have never seen people as stressed, and as scared."

It was a client family with four children that brought the issue home to her, Fox says. "They were homeless because they lost their home when their landlord was foreclosed on. They had no car because they couldn't afford gas. They walked from the west side of South Bend all the way to Little Flower Catholic Church to get food—it was the only pantry operating that day. And then they walked all the way back."

The desperate need for food aid she's seen among clinic clients led

Fox, along with Bruce L. Greenberg, executive director of the Family and Children's Center, to approach the United Way with a proposal to develop a local hunger initiative, separate from the United Way's annual campaign.

The goal of "People Gotta Eat" is to raise awareness, as well as donations of food and money to combat hunger. At a recent "summit meeting" that included United Way officials and representatives from many area social service agencies, "What we came down to—big surprise—was that we need more food and more money," Fox says.

The increase in need is documented by statistics from the Food Bank of Northern Indiana. In 2007, the food bank distributed 2.5 million pounds of food. They expect to distribute 3 million pounds by the end of December, says food bank interim director Lisa Jaworski.

The food bank supports a network of 78 food pantries and meal providers in the region, including the Little Flower Catholic Church food pantry, Catholic Charities, the Center for the

Homeless, the YMCA of St. Joseph County and Hope Ministries in South Bend.

The statistics are stark: Food bank member agencies that distribute USDA commodities served 7,512 families in June of this year, Jaworski says. In August, those sites served 9,950 families.

For Judy Fox, the biggest concern is that the worst time of year has yet to arrive. "The really bad time of year kicks in when the heating bills arrive. Hope Ministries in South Bend is already feeding a thousand more people every month. St. Margaret's House has seen a 30 percent increase in the number of people they're feeding. If people are already having trouble buying food, what's going to happen in December, January and February?"

Those interested in helping meet the need for food in the community can help by donating to a campus-wide food drive to benefit the Food Bank of Northern Indiana, planned for Wednesday and Thursday, Nov. 5 and 6. Trucks will be stationed at

Two years after Forum, Ford program takes off

BY GAIL HINCHION MANCINI

The Sept. 24 Notre Dame Forum on sustainability served as something of a birthday for Rev. Robert Dowd, C.S.C., and the project he directs, the Ford Family Program in Human Development Studies and Solidarity in the Kellogg Institute for International Studies.

It has been a fruitful two years.

During the second Notre Dame Forum in 2006, on global health, President Rev. John I. Jenkins, C.S.C., announced that Notre Dame would initiate a Millennium Village project in cooperation with Columbia University

the effort, Notre Dame became only the second U.S. university to sign on, after Columbia.

Notre Dame and the Holy Cross Order have longtime contacts in Uganda, making the University a terrific partner-candidate. But Father Jenkins and Father Dowd were fairly certain Notre Dame would ultimately broaden the project in ways that would deepen the educational and research opportunities for faculty and students.

Today, the Ford family program aims to address the challenges of human development confronted by those living in extreme poverty, initially in sub-Saharan Africa. Such work is complex, and the program concept statement notes "improvement in a single sector is unlikely to lift a community out of

transnational and interdisciplinary alliance of scholars, researchers, public servants and conscientious citizens who will be devoted to alleviating extreme poverty."

Father Dowd and supporting staff and faculty have outlined a number of ambitious but tangible means to inspire this broad commitment, including an interdisciplinary minor in human development studies, internships for undergraduates and recent graduates, course development grants and travel support for faculty, symposia and speakers. Already, these varied ambitions are being realized.

Last week, the program observed its official inauguration with a lecture by Oxford University economist Paul Collier, titled "The Bottom Billion: Can We Make a Difference?" The event formally celebrated an important developmental step: the receipt of a \$6 million gift from the family of Trustee W. Douglas Ford. In November, the program will sponsor a human development conference titled "Innovation in the Service of Human Dignity" to allow student researchers

various locations on campus to collect donations as employees arrive for work. Donations may also be made by check, to the Food Bank of Northern Indiana, 702 S. Chapin St., South Bend, Ind., 46634-0365; donations via PayPal are accepted any time through the food bank's Web site, feedindiana.org.

Fox would like for people to

consider making a donation of \$20 or \$30, separate from any United Way contribution, the price of a typical basket of food a family receives at a food pantry. The Food Bank can purchase \$8 worth of food for every \$1 donated, she notes.

"We want to build up a reserve of food and money to help people get through the winter. We have a real crisis here in our community that people just aren't aware of. When people are stressed and hungry, they get desperate. This is something that affects all of us."



Carol C. Bradley

Moved by the increasing prevalence of hunger in the local community, Judy Fox is organizing a campus food drive in early November.



At left, James M. Lowenberg DeBoer, head of Purdue University's international agriculture program; his Purdue colleague Joe Pekny, right, director of Purdue's e-Enterprise Center; and Rev. Robert Dowd, C.S.C., at Pekny's left, take the first steps in a new collaboration among Notre Dame, Purdue and Uganda Martyrs University in Nindiyé, Uganda.

alliance of scholars" seems the tallest order of all, last summer, Father Dowd and two faculty members from Purdue University began shaping a three-way partnership with Uganda Martyrs University (UMU). They are organizing a formal community outreach effort that will bring Purdue's

The partnership merges Notre Dame, an institution with many decades and relationships in Uganda and its villages, with a Purdue program that has dedicated some 50 years to affecting world hunger in more than 60 countries. Science and engineering knowledge developed

Fate takes a hand—and brings Dolly Duffy back to Notre Dame



Elizabeth (Dolly) Duffy has returned to Notre Dame to oversee day-to-day operations at the Alumni Association.

BY CAROL C. BRADLEY

The call that changed her life—and brought her back to Notre Dame—came out of the blue.

Elizabeth “Dolly” Duffy joined the University as assistant vice president for university relations and associate executive director of the Alumni Association in August. What brought her back here you could call synchronicity, or fate. “Or maybe the hand of God,” she says.

Duffy, a 1984 Notre Dame graduate, and husband Dan Fangman, a 1984 Notre Dame MBA grad, had owned Atchison Products in Atchison, Kansas for 18 years. Then one day a year or so ago Duffy’s phone rang. And a voice said, “We want to buy your company.”

“My first reaction was, ‘We’re not for sale,’” Duffy says. But the couple decided the sale to BIC Graphic USA made a lot of sense. “We knew they could give the company the opportunity to expand.”

Initially they had planned to stay on, she says. “But we realized that being small and entrepreneurial and being large and corporate was too big a difference for us.”

Before they had a chance to tell anyone about their decision, another call came out of the blue—this one about a job at Notre Dame.

“It’s amazing how many things happened, all for the better, that we really didn’t plan on happening,” Duffy says.

The couple is still settling in to a new life in South Bend, along with their five children, ages 14, 12, 11, 8 and 6—a handful, she notes, “but a fun handful.”

Of the move to South Bend and her new job at the Alumni Association, Duffy says, “One of the driving forces was what would be best for our family, and our kids. We really decided it would be good for all of us.”

The children have already taken advantage of events at the performing arts center, and recently attended a football game. “They loved it,” she says. “It’s only the second game they’ve ever been to.”

Over the years since graduation, Duffy had been active in alumni affairs, serving on the board of directors of Notre Dame clubs in Washington, D.C., St. Louis and Kansas

City. She served on the University Libraries advisory council for 18 years—but “coming back for a court meeting and coming back as an employee are vastly different.”

It’s great to be back at Notre Dame, and the Alumni Association, where, she adds, “You have an icon like Chuck (Alumni Association director Chuck Lennon) who really defines what alumni relations are all about. And we have an incredible staff here.”

Duffy’s new role at the Alumni Association is to provide leadership and ideas, she says, “continuing our great programming and expanding programs to reach more of our alumni.”

She will oversee the day-to-day operations of the Alumni Association, including communications, marketing, technology and finance as well as professional, academic, spiritual and service programs.

The constituencies of the Alumni Association are expanding, she notes, with more and more minorities, women and a greater focus on younger alumni and online technology.

“We as an organization have to find ways to meet their needs,” she adds. “I think we’re really poised to find a lot more unique ways to engage our alumni.”

SHORT TAKES

Final Town Hall meeting is Oct. 6

For those who were unable to attend the Town Hall meeting Wednesday, Sept. 17 or Wednesday, Sept. 24, a third session has been scheduled for 2 p.m. Monday, Oct. 6 in the Washington Hall auditorium. A reception will follow the presentation.

The meeting provides an opportunity to hear President Rev. John I. Jenkins, C.S.C., and Executive Vice President John Arfleck-Graves

discuss progress toward the University’s vision and key initiatives such as Eddy Street Commons, Innovation Park, ND Voice and the Healthy Campus Initiative.

Attendees are welcome to submit questions to townhallmeeting@nd.edu. Those that cannot be answered during the one-hour session will be summarized in an upcoming ND Works.

Educational Benefit meeting scheduled

Every year the University schedules two evening sessions for the parents of college-bound high school and middle school students who want information on using Notre Dame’s Educational Benefit for Children of Employees. This fall’s presentations will review the revised education benefit announced this summer.

Representatives of the Offices of Admissions, Human Resources and Student Financial Services will be on hand for sessions from 7 to 9 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 28 and Thursday, Nov. 13 in the Carey Auditorium of the Hesburgh Library. College-bound children are welcome to attend; middle school-aged children are considered a good age for the

presentation because the information can help them plan their high school studies.

The presentation will review both the current benefit and the revised version that will take effect July 1, 2009. The new benefit does not change for the children of current employees who attend Notre Dame or Saint Mary’s College. It will substantially improve the “portable” benefit, or tuition support for faculty and staff children who attend other colleges or universities.

The discussion will also include information about academic preparation for Notre Dame, additional information about financial aid and Notre Dame’s admission requirements.

Flu shot program set for Oct. 7-9 in Joyce

Free flu shots will be administered from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday, Oct. 7-9 in the Joyce Center.

Enter Gate 1 or 2; signs will direct you to the shot center. To participate, you must bring a current Notre Dame

identification card. Please wear short sleeves. You will be asked to sign an informed consent form.

Questions about Notre Dame’s flu shot program may be addressed to uhsn@nd.edu.



Color him pink....Daniel Myers takes on a breast cancer fundraiser.

Join Upward Bound

High school students who will be the first in their family to attend college, and those from low-income households who are college-bound, may qualify for Notre Dame’s 42-year-old college prep program Upward Bound.

Potential members of the program have until Friday, Oct. 10 to begin the application process for enrollment in Upward Bound, which provides tutoring by Notre Dame students, enrichment programs in English and math, cultural activities and college visits, and advisors who walk students through the college application process.

The program is free to participants and offers a stipend

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employing technology.

Purdue’s International Programs in Agriculture (IPIA) long-term partnerships, often with international universities, include one with the Institute for Agricultural Research in Cameroon. The two institutions worked together to address nonchemical storage of cowpeas, a major crop susceptible to damage

for full participation. All members of the Upward Bound class of 2008 were accepted into post-secondary institutions.

To start the application process, download the application form in English or Spanish at nd.edu/~upbound, or pick one up at the Upward Bound office. Applications are also available from guidance counselors at local high schools. The application must be returned by Friday, Oct. 10 with a copy of the parent’s 2007 federal income tax return (not a W-2 form).

Once eligibility is established, you will be contacted by mail or phone for further steps in the application process. Downloaded forms should be returned to P.O. Box 458, Notre Dame, Ind 46556. For more information, call 631-3127, fax 631-3127, or email upbound@nd.edu.

in storage. Some 3.4 million farm families in 10 West and Central African countries stand to benefit from this collaboration, according to IPIA director James M. Lowenberg-DeBoer.

Both Father Dowd and Lowenberg-DeBoer share the conviction that that developing a robust agricultural economy is an essential first step to resolving poverty, even if the long-term goal involves manufacturing or other industries. “Helping people increase

A colorful way to fight cancer

The College of Arts and Letters has long raised money to support breast cancer research. This year, though, with a new administrative team at the helm, the fundraiser is getting a fresh—and colorful—look

Dan Myers, associate dean, will raise pledge money in October by wearing an article of pink clothing every day. He is documenting his efforts on a blog, indelliblepink.blogspot.com/. The blog reports that Dean John McGreevy is working on a scheme to auction his parking plac

Myers sweetened the pot of his pink plan by adding, “If I can gather up more than \$1,000 in pledges, I’ll wear an outfit on the last day of the month completely composed of pink items: pants, shirt, tie, belt, socks, a even shoes!” Reports are that Myers already has raised some \$1,600, so there will be an all-pink day.

“It didn’t take long for people to start dreaming up additions to my scheme,” Myers reports on indelliblepink. “I’ve already agreed to add pink underwear for a premium. And pink sunglasses for \$25 extra! Others have suggested I wear pink nail polish—but I haven’t heard a dollar figure on that yet. And I’ve gotten a \$100 commitment for a mystery item.”

Myers is collecting pledges at dmyers@nd.edu.

income from agriculture is usually the easiest and least socially disruptive way to improve their lives,” says Lowenberg-DeBoer.

What IPIA anticipates with the Notre Dame collaboration is the opportunity to work with local communities on a wider range of problems. “With ND and UMU involvement in the partnership, we can also tackle health and community issues, as well as agricultural ones,” Lowenberg-DeBoer says.

'Hwanyoung' to Korean studies

BY SHANNON CHAPLA

A warm "Hwanyoung" (welcome) to Korean studies, which, this fall, became the 14th language program offered at the University.

Considering that more students come here from South Korea than from any other country in the world, many on campus are cheering the program's arrival.

The number of undergraduates from South Korea has increased from nine in 2002 to 86 this year. The pressing need for Korean instruction became apparent last year when Korean American Janet Han, now a senior, organized on her own initiative two levels of independent Korean language instruction on Saturday mornings. Of some 50 students who expressed interest, 25 actually "enrolled" and studied online during the week and were taught on the weekends by native Korean speakers recruited by Han.

"Most Korean Americans know how to speak and understand Korean because of our parents," Han said. "We are all taught the alphabet, but we rarely learn how to write it, so our grammar structure and spelling are somewhat of a mess. I am ecstatic that the Korean studies program has begun at Notre Dame."

Jung-Hyuck Lee, most recently acting director of Korean studies at the University of Chicago, has joined the East Asian Languages & Cultures

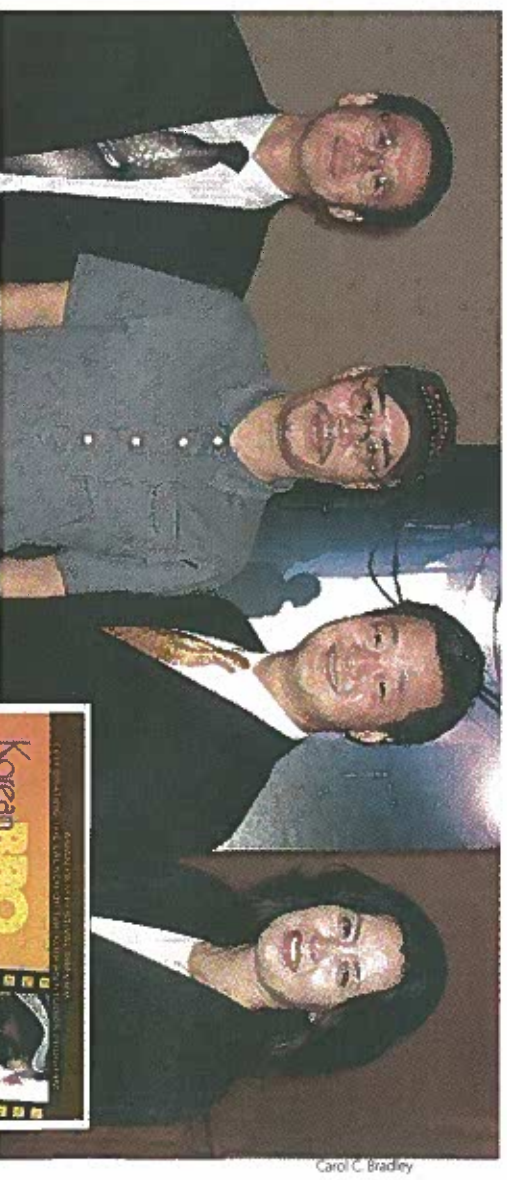
faculty and this fall is teaching First Year Korean I. She is joined by Seung-Gook Yang, who is visiting for two years from Seoul National University, one of the world's leading centers of Korean study. Yang currently is teaching Introduction to Korea and Korean Culture, and in the spring will offer Modern Korean Literature Drama in Translation.

Designed for students who have not yet studied Korean language or culture, the courses introduce the fundamentals of modern Korean, as well as natural environment, history, religion, family relations, thought, literature and arts. Students will gain a greater appreciation and knowledge of Korean culture and literature through these courses, allowing them to engage in more advanced, in-depth study in subsequent semesters.

Yang feels Korea often is grossly misunderstood and hopes to counteract the legacy of incomprehension by examining the real Korea.

"It has been an independent kingdom for much of its millennial-long history, and has maintained a homogeneous culture with an exceptional continuity," Yang said. "However, it has often been assumed that Korea's culture and tradition are merely pale imitations of those of China and Japan. But, definitely, Korea is not and was not a mere off-shoot of China, nor is it a clone of Japan."

Yang's appointment is a result of the University's collaboration with the Daesan Foundation, which specifically supports Korean studies projects.



The new Korean studies program will feature cultural events such as the presentation in early fall of films by director Myung-Se Lee, who attended the event. Meeting Lee, in hat, are faculty members of the program, from left, Seung-Gook Yang, Aaron Han, Jung-Hyuck Lee.

Lionel Jensen, associate professor and former chair of East Asian Languages & Cultures, several years ago proposed the idea of teaching Korean. And, in the wake of a 2006 visit to Asia with President Rev. John I. Jenkins, C.S.C., former Arts and Letters Dean Mark W. Roche met with the Daesan Foundation to initiate formal discussions.

Aaron Han Joon Magnan-Park, an assistant professor of film, television, and theatre who regularly teaches Contemporary Korean Cinema, has played an active role in nurturing the University's relationship with the foundation.

"We wanted to create a sound basis for a cooperative venture to introduce, nurture, sustain and develop a world-class Korean studies program of distinction," Magnan-Park said.

Magnan-Park is helping the College of Arts and Letters organize a Nov. 5 screening of "Crossing the Line," a documentary about U.S. soldiers who defected to North Korea in the

1970s, and question-and-answer session with producer Nicholas Bonner, as well as a Nov. 20 presentation titled "Production Style in Korean Television: Melodramas as Social Communication" by Heo Chul from Korea University.

Committed to building on the momentum, the Office of Undergraduate Admissions recently increased its recruiting efforts in South Korea. Beginning this month, representatives each year will visit some of the most competitive high schools in Seoul, as well as host an information night open to all students, their parents and alumni in South Korea.

On campus, the Kellogg Institute recently hosted a ceremony to officially launch Korean studies and welcome its new faculty. The event featured a question-and-answer session with award-winning South Korean film director Myung-Se Lee



Carol C. Bradley

The computer changes publishing

BY GAIL HINCHION MANCINI

Robert N. Barger's new textbook, "Computer Ethics: A Case-Based Approach" is out and available for fall classes on computer ethics. As a result of his book-writing experience, he now could write at least an essay on how computers and the Internet are influencing the academic publishing business.

First, Barger, who teaches computer ethics in the Computer Applications Program, had no intention of writing a textbook. Enter—from cyberspace—Cambridge University Press editor Heather Bergman.

"I was doing some research on undergraduate curricula and came across his course syllabus," says Bergman. "I asked him if he was interested in turning his notes into a book, and he was."

Other textbooks on computer ethics are on the market, she says. "I think this one is unique because it looks at the topic as an ethical and philosophical subject, not a legal one."

"Ethics," he adds, "is really a question of right or wrong behavior in a very broad sense."

The advent of the computer has introduced a number of unforeseen situations that test the judgment of those who believe life's challenges are transparently right or wrong, and this often has happened before laws can be introduced that govern solutions, Barger notes.

For example, people have been downloading music illegally for several years. Their excuse, Barger has learned from his students, is "it's so easy to do, they wonder how it can be wrong. It's so easy, I tell them 'You wouldn't shoplift a CD from a music store, would you?'"

The music industry has found a legal solution to this problem by prosecuting downloaders. But other issues crop up. In terms of crime

alone, new phishing schemes arrive almost daily. Barger is keeping his eye on the case in Missouri in which a young woman committed suicide after believing she was spurned by a boy she had met in cyberspace. The boy wasn't a boy at all, but a neighborhood mother.

Abounding privacy issues, particularly related to e-mail, are addressed, as is the accountability of bloggers, Internet addiction, censorship vs. free speech, and the little known syndrome called "cyberchondria." "That's when you go and read about diseases online and

are convinced you have it," Barger says.

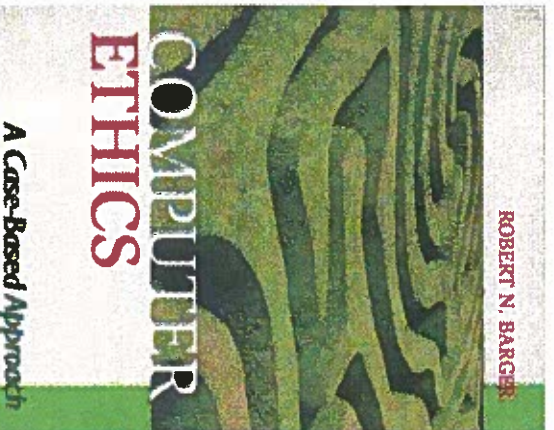
Barger's book even explores the concerns of European engineers, who have begun to ask: As robots are programmed with increasingly human attributes and responses, will ethics dictate that they have rights? And what would those rights be? The topic is referred to as "roboethics."

The author is the first to admit he might not have identified such a broad number of case studies, had it not been for requests he sent out over various listservs and other kinds of Internet-based communities. He is particularly indebted to John Hallek, a computer administrator at the University of Utah, who has been sharing case study ideas with Barger for years.

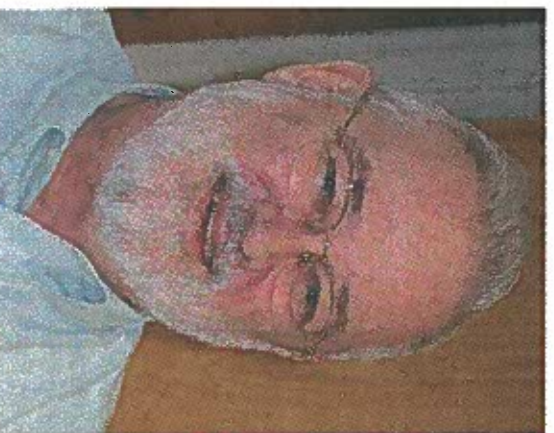
FROM THE ARCHIVES

Speaking of ethical issues, one involves copyright law and when one can pull a piece of information from the Internet and use it in a class or a book. Barger says one of the greater challenges of the book, which he addressed meticulously, was procuring permission to use the photographs and art pieces that illustrate his points.

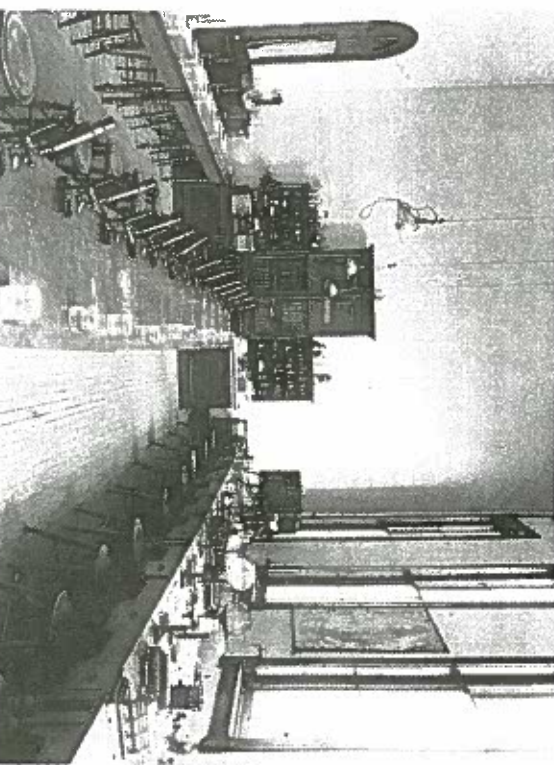
How does a book like this stay current? Bergman and Barger already are addressing this. Intermittently, he submits updated case studies to her at the press, where they are added to the Web site that describes his book. "With this particular book, we want to make sure the case studies are up-to-date," says Bergman.



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Our political experts describe the current presidential elections as ‘a swirl’ or ‘a fog.’ While no one can predict the outcome, faculty members provide some clarity and perspective.

Race, gender and religion

BY GAIL HINCHION MANCINI

Addressing a Saturday Scholars audience just after the first presidential debates but before the Purdue game, three members of the Rooney Center for the Study of American Democracy prove that amid the confusion of the presidential election, there can be both light and lightheartedness.

The Catholic vote

“The Catholic vote is like a leprechaun,” says David Campbell, director of the Rooney Center for the Study of American Democracy. Everybody looks for it, and should you find it, untold wealth will be yours. But good luck.”

In 1960, Catholics clearly and overwhelmingly voted for John F. Kennedy. In 2004, Catholic voters showed no discernable preference for Democratic candidate John Kerry, also a Catholic. “Any generality we can make about voters can be made about Catholics,” says Campbell, John Cardinal O’Hara, C.S.C., associate professor of political science.

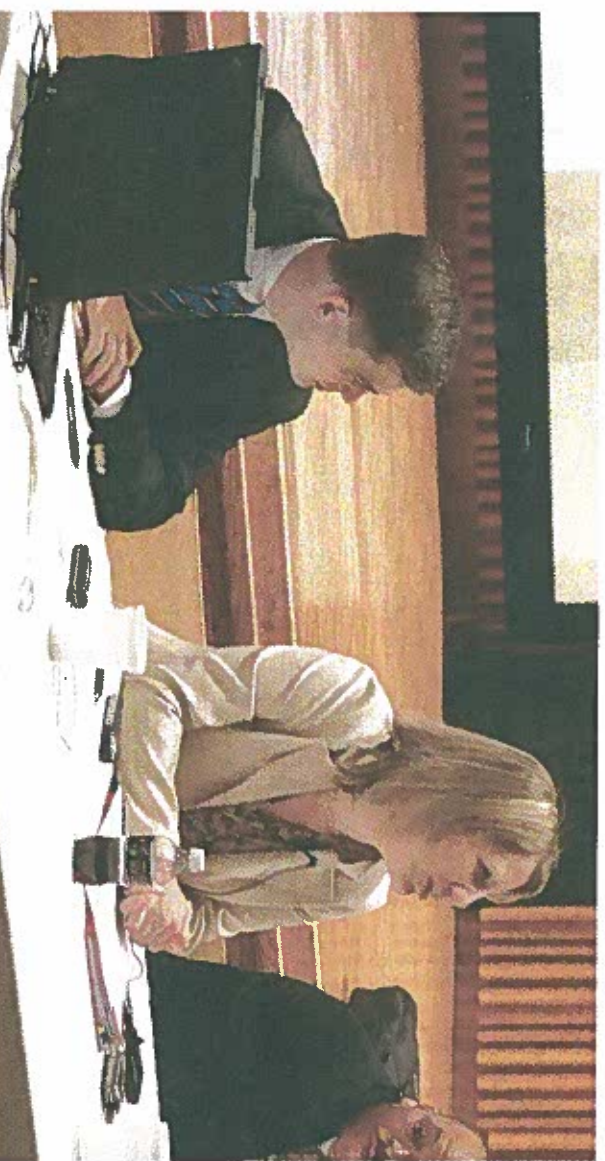
Campbell adds that, according to surveys, educated people are likely to be churchgoers, and those who regularly attend services tend to be Republican. John McCain has no clear religious affiliation, yet when asked, he crisply declares that life begins at conception. That appeals to Republicans and religious voters. “There’s a myth that because McCain does not wear his religion on his sleeve, white evangelical Christians won’t support him.”

Race, deracializing and reracializing

Voters can fixate on a single attribute that communicates a lot to them, and race is one such attribute, explains Darren W. Davis, political science professor. Race also is an incredibly important factor in the outcome, and its influence on this election is still playing out.

Barack Obama is one of an emerging group of African-American candidates who has begun to appeal both to blacks and to whites because they have “deracialized” their image by eschewing traditional racial issues to appeal to the mainstream, Davis explains. “He doesn’t want to be painted as a traditional fire-and-brimstone candidate.” In the tradition of, for example, Jesse Jackson.

The racial lens has shifted on Obama during the course of the election in the hands of those who manage to portray him in the more traditional light of African-American politics. Bill Clinton attempted to frame Obama in this manner



Christina Wolbrecht makes a point during the recent Saturday Scholars session as colleagues David Campbell, left, and Darren W. Davis look on.

during the primaries. The portrait “started to stick” until Obama’s address on race.

Watch for this “reracialization” to emerge again in the campaign, with messaging that Obama’s presidency is likely to focus more on the interest of blacks than whites.

On polling

Panelists agree: National polls don’t tell an important story. Watch the polls in the swing states. Watch what white Democrats and Independents are doing. And don’t take them at face value, because they are affected by unspoken racial issues.

The Bradley effect was identified when African American Los Angeles Mayor Tom Bradley lost the race for California governor. Polls showed him ahead, but voters apparently paid lip service to the black candidate, then voted otherwise in the privacy of the booth. The Bradley effect, Davis says, “is huge.”

On gender and Sarah Palin

Former British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher, once called the Iron Lady, is a useful figure in explaining what a successful female candidate must be. Voters identify female candidates as “warm” or good on social issues. “Americans expect their president to be tough, assertive, confident,” explains Christina Wolbrecht, associate professor of political science. Sarah Palin, the Republican vice presidential candidate, is perceived as tough. She’s also an evangelical with bona fides as a social conservative. And she is able to take advantage of positive female stereotypes. “Sarah Palin is the one who describes herself as a hockey mom, to emphasize that she relates to the average American,” says Davis.

People want to put people like themselves in office because they believe

Choosing amid the swirls

BY GAIL HINCHION MANCINI

Political scientist Dianne Pinderhughes wants the upcoming presidential election to accomplish one specific outcome, and it doesn’t have anything to do with gender or race.

“I want the society to be better than it’s been for the last eight years,” says the acting chair of Africana Studies. “Ever since 2000, with that Florida election that was so contested, the values we’re used to have been turned upside down.

“We’ve lost any sense of right and wrong. I have the sense that the country has lost its anchor. I’d like to think we can get back to somewhere where there’s moral stability. I think it’s still going to be hard.”

Chatting about the election over a recent lunch, Pinderhughes expressed sympathy for an American public trying to negotiate the task of choosing a candidate. “There’s this tremendous swirl of stuff to sort through all the time. You’ve got race. You’ve got gender. It’s hard to work through the layers of implications.”

During the primaries, Pinderhughes was quoted as saying, “I’m not from Missouri, but you have to show me that white people will vote for Obama.” Well, the primaries showed her white people do vote for a black candidate. A scholar who has focused on the issue of race in elections, she says, “I wouldn’t have thought that, and most prior research didn’t show much evidence along those lines.”

If Obama is elected, Pinderhughes reflects, she’s still not going to be certain that barriers have been lifted for black politicians, because Obama and McCain both are such exceptional cases.

“The interesting thing about Obama is whenever he runs for office, he always runs against someone whose candidacy disintegrates,” she says. “He always seems to be able to run when the opposing party is not doing well.”

Her sense also is that McCain’s impulsive nature, when compared to Obama’s more thoughtful presence, will make Obama look favorably more presidential in the eyes of the American public. What will counter that, the “swirl” the public will still have to come to terms with, are further campaign antics to shift attention, as the Swift boat attack ads did to the Kerry campaign in the 2004 election. Pinderhughes is bracing for some ugly turns.

Even though we don’t know who will win the election, the process has left a number of legacies. Among them, it has revealed a point about African Americans that the public had not yet grasped: Not all African Americans think or act the same way.

“Because of the comprehensiveness of racial discrimination, people are more likely to vote for the same party or same candidate within that cohort. But with the African American group, there’s a lot of significant disagreement on social issues, on the death penalty, on religion. There are a considerable number of black conservatives. But because of race, they get pulled in a different way.”

Somewhat cloudier is the meaning of gender in the political discourse. “People use the term ‘sexism’ for manipulative purposes. In the selection of Sarah Palin, any criticism against her became sexism. That’s preposterous. One should be able to comment about the ability of a candidate to run for office without being accused of sexism.”

Pinderhughes’ advice for the still-undecided: “Ask yourself how you judge leadership. Try to be deliberate about it. Do some comparisons. Find some way to look at the whole personality ... what moves or drives the candidates; what personal resources are they likely to draw upon. And ask yourself: Do you like those things?”

Having recently stepped down as president of the American Political Science Association, she is hoping political scientists in higher educational institutions and high school civics teachers have prepared the public well enough to make such thoughtful choices. “Maybe we didn’t succeed.”

Youth and evangelical youth

“It’s a little-known secret,” says Campbell, that young evangelicals are acting differently from their parents. The sign was in their strong support of Republican candidate Milk Huckabee, governor of Arkansas, but who also is an economic populist. “A young evangelicals looking for a new way to look at politics?”

Although there’s been an influx of voter registration among young people, history shows that it is not involvement of those young people that ultimately settles the election, though panelists agree.



Matt Cashore

Dianne Pinderhughes hopes the election will be a return to our nation’s morals and values.

Quotable, around the globe

BY GAIL HINCHION MANCINI

Bob Schmuhl wears some interesting hats. He is, first, the big shoulders on which Notre

Dame's journalism program has matured, earning professional accolades from the prestigious Columbia Journalism Review as one of the nation's better nontraditional programs.

A chaired scholar—he is the Annenberg-Joyce Professor of American Studies and Journalism—his interests include communications and political culture. As early as 1990, he described the cult of personality that was taking over politics with the book "Statecraft and Stagecraft: American Political Life in the Age of Personality."

But during a presidential election campaign, Schmuhl assumes another role, that of "Quote Slut," a self-assigned title in a 1999 essay "Confessions of a Quote Slut" for *American Journalism Review*. Schmuhl is one of those "academic experts" (we prefer the term "public intellectual") who answers the phone when journalists call seeking analysis on the day's story.

He is a frequent international flyer in these circles, regularly interviewed by "Morning Ireland" on RTE, occasionally contacted by journalists for the International Herald Tribune, the Kuwait Times or Journal Brazil. Come Nov. 4, he expects to pull an all-nighter giving feedback on election results. His head won't hit the pillow until he has helped RTE and Ireland sort it all out. His interview here follows the recent U.S. economic meltdown but precedes the presidential and vice presidential debates, an important factor in the election's outcome.

You have been outspoken in your belief that the American presidential election cycle is too long. But the period between the party nominations and Nov. 4 is relatively brief. Are length and endurance still an issue?

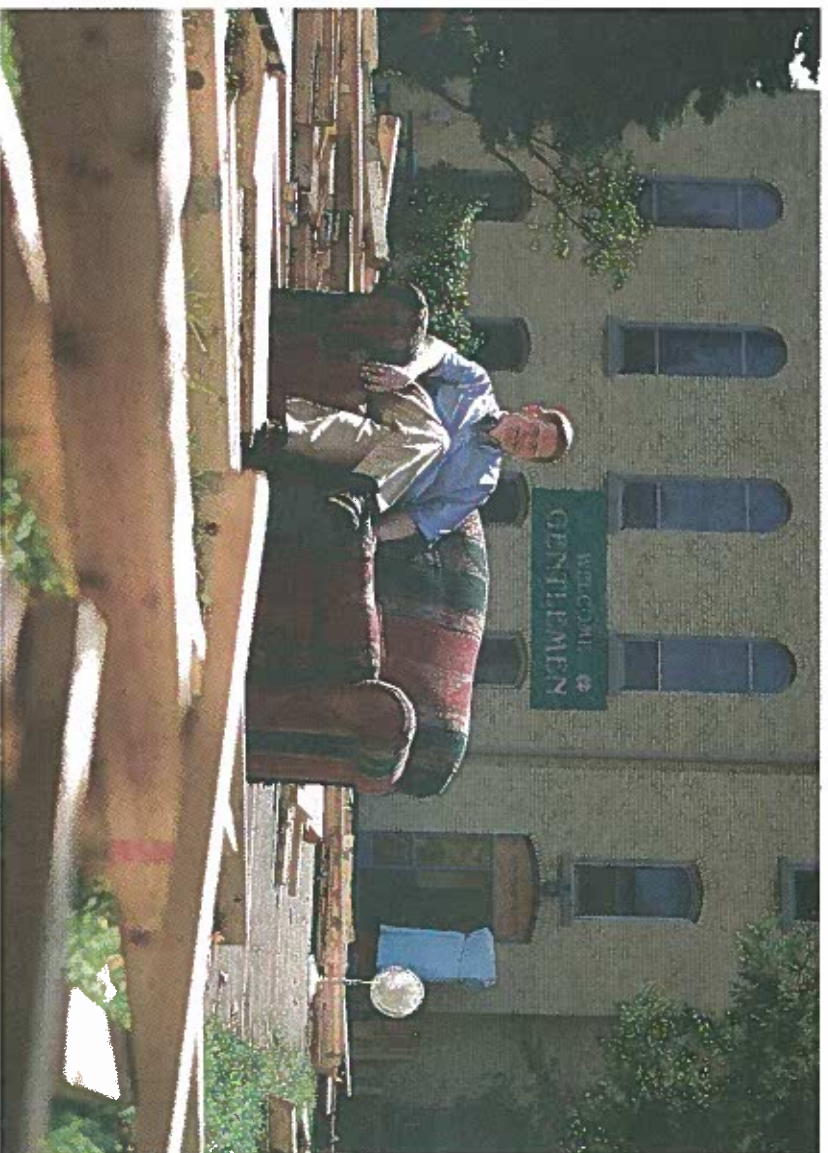
Absolutely. As we get near the finish line, the public is finally tuning in on a regular basis. But it is almost as though the media feel that they have already covered much of the story. Just when the citizenry needs information and perspective we get something else, including lipstick on pigs and charges about taking liberties with the truth. The media have heard the candidates speak so often that to them little is new. Yet the public is different and deserves background and perspective on each of the campaigns to get ready to vote.

You wrote in the summer issue of Notre Dame Magazine, "What Abraham Lincoln considered 'the better angels of our nature' invariably seem to take flight when the presidency is at stake." Does that remain true in this election?

Charges and counter-charges keep flying, and truth-o-meters work overtime. The citizenry is caught in the crossfire and unable to really determine what is valid and what is not. This creates more heat than light, distracting people from the larger issues. But now we have the whole story of the state of the economy. All of a sudden very sobering reality intervenes. The current situation is so dire, we're told, that it probably will result in less attention to the small and fabricated events. But let us see how the debates go.

You have maintained that the media are terribly important in elections. But it is so in a vastly different manner. Describe how.

There are so many possible sources now that you have to think beyond the traditional ones and take into account all the new ones: The blogs. Talk radio. "The Daily



Robert Schmuhl deserves a long rest on a couch after a presidential election in which the media frequently needed a 2 a.m. interview.

Show." All of these new forms are playing an important role in political communication today. The trouble is, many people aren't as discriminating as they need to be. The partisan opinion is driving many of these messages. And people who are running the campaigns are doing everything they can to manipulate the media. It is no longer possible to pigeonhole political communication and sequester it to the Sunday morning talk shows. Today it is as far flung as the media themselves are.

Your 1990 book examined "Statecraft vs. Stagecraft." If you wrote a new book today, what would you call it?

It might be called "Statecraft, Stagecraft and Spincraft." Since the early 1990s, the media themselves have exploded. People who are in political life are feeding them so frequently that much that we see and read and hear tends to be spun and comes with a motive and intention behind it. The continuing polarization of the public is one of the consequences of this. For example, there are those who are devoted listeners of talk radio and they don't spend much time with other sources; the same is true of blog readers, both left and right. As people gravitate toward partisan information and

communication, we see the polarized politics that we now have.

You started the current, academically interdisciplinary journalism program about a decade ago. If you were starting from scratch today, would you do it all differently?

Today you have to prepare students for a multimedia world if they are going to work in journalism. The new technologies are critical, but I think it is appropriate to put the emphasis on reporting, writing and

the ethical principles of journalism. If they are lost, where will the public turn? Will we be forced to rely on information that always comes with a point of view? I hope not—for the sake of the people and of American democracy.

Editor's note: The annual Red Smith Lecture annually brings a distinguished journalist to campus. The late Tim Russert delivered the most recent address, last April. Video excerpts of his speech, which echo many of Schmuhl's thoughts, can be found on nd.edu.

Change is emerging, through a fog

BY SUSAN GUIBERT

Whatever the outcome of the presidential election, Peri Arnold predicts historic change.

"Of course we don't know who will win, and race creates a kind of fog that obscures some other issues that potentially divide the electorate. But no matter who wins, we will look back on this election as the end of the era that began with Reagan," says Arnold, a political scientist who specializes in the American presidency.

In an environment of massive federal economic intervention, greatly expanded regulation, and overwhelming federal debt, political messages stressing small government and tax laws won't resonate with the American public, Arnold says.

What kind of leadership will the nation choose? That's a tough question to answer due to "the multiple divides of our society," Arnold says.

In periods of great political turmoil in this country, widely admitted leaders—think Theodore Roosevelt and Woodrow Wilson in the Progressive era and Franklin Roosevelt in the New Deal era—created broad support for new initiatives. The ideal model of leadership was widely shared within the American political culture.

"Today, however, the very idea of what constitutes appropriate qualifications for leadership is contested across various divides,"

he says. "There is difficulty envisioning a political leader who could draw strong support and manifest authority across the multiple divides of our society."

Race, gender issues and previous experience play into this complicated debate and add nuanced demarcations to the existing cultural, economic, racial and ethnic dividing lines.

"Just listen to the shouts back and forth across the huge divide between those Americans who think of Sarah Palin as an inspiration and those who think she's a terrifying joke," Arnold says.

Then there's that group of Americans that seems unable to envision a leader who is not white.

But, Arnold points out, "We should not overlook evidence that it is as much or more the qualities of skill and leadership style that have produced effective presidents than that it has been a particular kind of pre-presidential experience."

Yet the severity and complexity of the current economic crisis extend beyond what has been the normal framework of political discourse in

Deciding it's wrong to decide

BY MICHAEL O. GARVEY

The comedian Jack Paar famously explained his electoral apathy by saying, "I'm like the little old lady who said: 'I never vote; it only encourages them.'"

Disgust, contempt and despair may all be perfectly serviceable and routinely invoked justifications for staying out of the voting booth, but Todd D. Whitmore, associate professor of theology and director of the Program in the Catholic Social Tradition, has another: Conscience.

In his contribution to the recently published book, "Electing Not to Vote: Christian Reflections on Reasons for Not Voting," Whitmore recounts his own conscientious decision during the 2004 presidential election to forgo choosing between President George W. Bush and Sen. John Kerry.

Whitmore's article, "When the Lesser Evil is Not Good Enough: The Catholic Case for Not Voting," discusses the American Catholic Bishops' 2003 letter on the responsibilities of what they called "faithful citizenship," and laments its failure to address the limits of Christians' civic responsibility.

"What is a 'faithful citizen' to do," Whitmore asks, "if all the viable candidates in a particular election are not simply wrong on this or that policy, but are so egregiously in error from a moral as well as a political standpoint, that one cannot in good conscience vote for any of them?"

In Whitmore's view, the bishops' reflexive repetition of the term "faithful citizenship" seems to "conflate the object of Christians' primary citizenship—the city of God—with the human city."

In a recent interview with Religion News Service, Whitmore, who has not yet decided whether to vote this November, elaborated on the

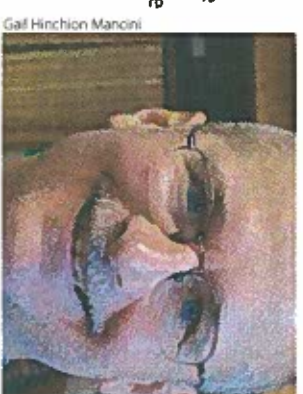
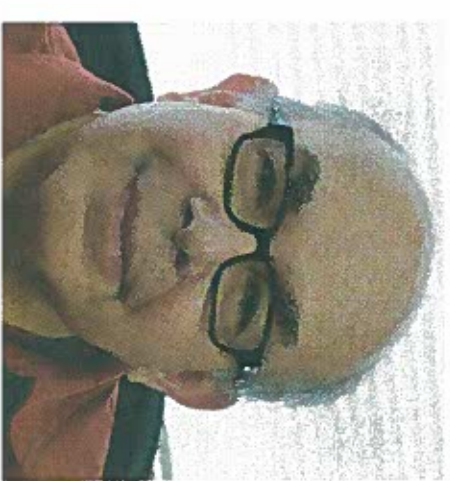
political order into a kind of God. The earthly political order is a good, but it's not the ultimate good."

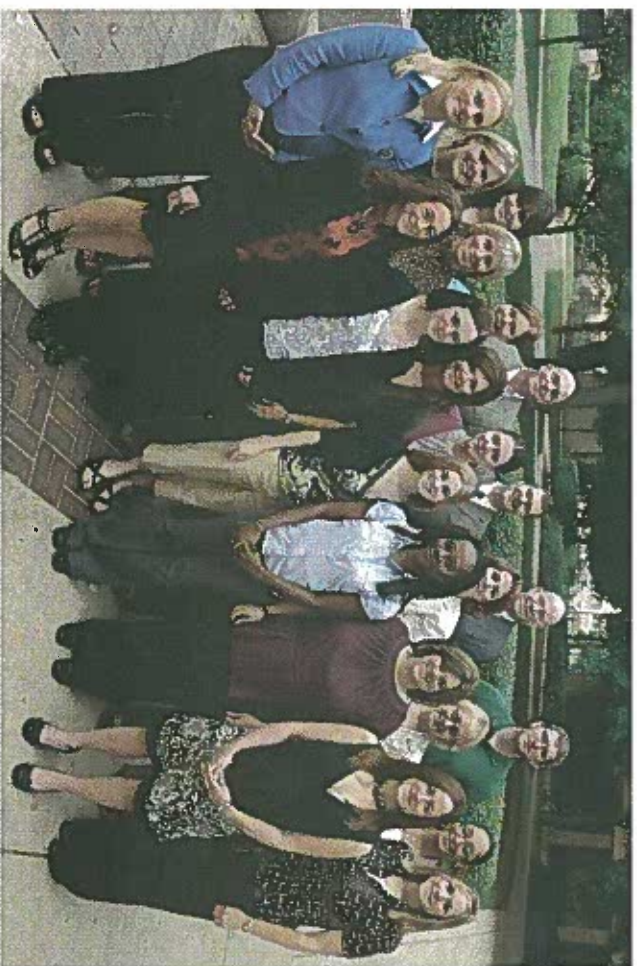
Whitmore's article assesses the Bush administration's war and tax policies and Kerry's positions on the Iraq war and abortion and describes his conclusion that both 2004 candidates were "not simply wrong on foreign and domestic policy, but wrong at very fundamental levels that are imperious to substantive change."

Perhaps unsurprisingly, Whitmore's position is controversial among his own students at Notre Dame. "I have had students—not just those from the right side of the aisle, but from the left as well—say that if I don't vote, then I forfeit the right to criticize the elected candidate," he said recently. "So, the reasoning goes, I should not say anything about Iraq or Katrina or torture. Even within the realm of secular reasoning, then, this conversation gets distorted."

Returning to the subject of recent Episcopal reasoning, Whitmore said he thought that America's Catholic bishops "are still too tied to the felt need of the past to prove one's American bona fides. Arguing for—or even just allowing the possibility of the legitimacy of not voting cuts against this history.

"I do find it heartening, though, to hear bishops call for civil disobedience with regard to laws against carrying out the works of mercy toward illegal immigrants," Whitmore said. "Maybe there is hope."





Matt Cashore

Career Center serves more than 11,000 students, alumni

Innovative technical programming, terrific customer service and dedicated staff have earned the University's Career Center honors as one of the top student and alumni services in the country. In 2007, the Princeton Review ranked the center second in the nation, and Business Week magazine has awarded it an A+ for job placement.

Last academic year, the Career Center staff conducted more than 4,900 individual student and alumni appointments, including 1,400 walk-in sessions, 363 mock interviews and 7,000 on-campus interviews; 180 workshops and programs reaching more than 11,000 students; and four major career fairs involving 3,800 students.

After launching new Web tools to assist networking and job searches, the Career Center team introduced Global Internship Initiative

(GII), providing more than \$300,000 to support student internships throughout the world.

For their exemplary service, commitment to Notre Dame students and dedication to the University's mission, the team members will be honored during the Notre Dame-Stanford football game as recipients of the Presidential Team Irish Award. The award program has been designed to provide a special and unique opportunity to publicly recognize staff teams that exemplify the University's core values on behalf of their department and the University.

Career Center team members are, from left in the back row, director Lee Sveite, Kevin Monahan, Ray VanderHeyden and Eli Edmunds. In front of them, from left, are Mary Fisher, Denise McOsler, Susanne Thorup, Bridget Kibbe, Jeanie Martz and Consuela Howell. In the second row, from left, are Lisa Anderson, Lissa Bill, Laura Flynn, Tricia Ford, Jackki Divine, Latonia Ferguson, Rose Kopeck, Tamara Small and Lorrain Edinborough. At left, in the foreground, are Anita Rees and Kathy Beaton. Brad Jones and Rev. Joseph Carey, C.S.C., are not pictured.



Kudos for a community accounting outreach project

ND WORKS STAFF WRITER

More than 37 years ago, accountancy professor Ken Milani had an idea that appealed to his working-class roots as a native of Cicero, Ill. He could pair his accounting students, and those of Saint Mary's College, with local low-income taxpayers who need help preparing personal income tax material. Area-certified public accountants could serve as mentors.

This was born the Tax Assistance Program (TAP), one of the University's oldest service-learning projects and a key educational experience for students entering public accounting and tax practice. Annually, TAP student volunteers prepare thousands of federal and state tax returns for Michiana residents, at no charge. As the program has matured, TAP has expanded an invaluable service for international students, researchers, scholars and faculty.

In 1999, the program was endowed in

the named of Vivian Harrington Gray, whose family wished to honor the former Wisconsin school teacher who, herself, volunteered to help low-income individuals prepare tax returns.

This team of students, staff, faculty and community representatives were honored during the recent ND-Purdue football game with a Presidential Team Irish Award for their exemplary service, teamwork and commitment. The award program has been designed to provide a special and unique opportunity to publicly recognize teams that exemplify the University's core values.

Team members are, in the foreground, Milani; behind his left side, Ed Huns, Tom Bullock and Jamie O'Brien. Behind Milani's right side, Angel Vega, Leanne Roberts, Peter McCormick, Sue Walczewski and Becky Laskowski. Left, from Laskowski, Jim Wittenba Ray, Dalton, Kevin Manning, Will Coburn and Matt Barrett. Dalton, of Elgin, Ill., was in the first TapTax class. Barrett and O'Brien, members of the law and business faculties respectively, also are alumni of the program. Not pictured is Kevin Misiewicz, an accountancy faculty member, and Claude Renshaw, Milani's counterpart at Saint Mary's, and numerous community representatives.

DISTINCTIONS

The University welcomes the following employees, who joined the faculty and staff during August.

Riyadh Alhassan and Dieu Hien Nguyen, South Dining Hall
Wendy Bailey and Margaret A. Dawson, security
Brian E. Barnes and Matthew R. Swearingen, athletics
Hagit Barry, Josephine A. Dickison and Arlen W. Epp, counseling center
Patrick J. Barry, Gigot center
Susanta Behura, biological sciences
Jada P. Benn Torres, anthropology
Patrick S. Bennett, radiation laboratory
Melissa R. Bradbury, Anna M. Jackson and Gregory E. Schell, North Dining Hall
Christine E. Burgess, Robinson Community Learning Center
Stephen R. Calme and Stephen A. Perla, Alliance for Catholic Education
Christian Davenport and Renee M. LaReau, Kroc Institute
Justin D. DeFerbrache and Jennifer N. Parker, Hesburgh Libraries
Elizabeth A. Duffy, Alumni Association
Jenna Gehl, Christina J. Holmstrom and Mara Trionfero, Student Affairs

Joseph Gelchion, Institute for Educational Initiatives

Cynthia W. Hass, performing arts center administration
John M. Hastings, Office of Finance

Michael H. Hebbeler, Center for Social Concerns
Natalie A. Helfrick, Robert J. Kiley and Patrick K. Schenkel, Campus Ministry
Christopher M. Hinsberg, Legends

Ian N. Hogan, central receiving
Theron Humphrey and Stephen J. Wolochowicz, art, art history, and design
David E. Hutchison, Mendoza College of Business-finance

Bernard Kulemeka, Center for Zebrafish Research
Ryan Lovelady, information technologies
Kristen L. Malmstrom, Derek J. Neill and Jeffrey L. Walker, recreational sports

Amanda L. Martin, custodial services
Nathan W. Pivowar and Jill A. Wagner, physical education
Nikki M. Rector, music

Elisabeth Robart, international student services
Mark J. Saurer and Tony Scheidenberger, army science

Andres Tovar, aerospace and mechanical engineering
David S. Younger, international studies

Discounts available for faculty and staff

BY CAROL C. BRADLEY

Discounts are available for faculty and staff for services ranging from car rental to high-speed Internet service. Summaries of these benefits are at the Worklife and benefits links at hr.nd.edu.

HOME

Appliances: Bob Miller Appliances extends its University discount to individuals, including free home delivery of larger items. Present your Notre Dame ID card to receive the discount. Details at buy.nd.edu/announcements/bobmillers.shtml.

Apartment rental discount: Main Street Village, 100 Town Center Drive, Granger, offers a 5 percent discount to University employees. Details at mainstreetvillageapartments.com.

Cellular phone service: AT&T Mobility offers a 20 percent discount on equipment and a 3 percent discount on service plans. Details at wireless.att.com; Verizon offers employees a 20 percent discount on equipment and a 17 percent discount on all personal service plans. Details at verizonwireless.com. An overview of discounts is at at.nd.edu/cellular/.

Framing: Show your Notre Dame ID card to receive a 15 percent discount at the Frame Factory, 2025 South Bend Ave.

Homeowner's and auto insurance: Liberty Mutual offers faculty, staff and retirees discounts on auto and homeowners insurance. Learn more, get a rate quote or

schedule a visit with a representative by visiting hr.nd.edu/benefits/auto_car_discount.shtml.

High-Speed Internet: Reduced-price home Comcast high-speed Internet service is part of the Notre Dame Comcast Affinity Plan. Rates are \$32 per month for current Comcast cable TV subscribers (regularly \$42) and \$42 per month for non-Comcast cable TV subscribers (regularly \$60.95). Comcast Blast (comcast.com/blast) prices are \$49.97/\$64.97. Prices include a cable modem. Notre Dame rates cannot be combined with other Comcast offers. To change your current Comcast subscription plan to the Notre Dame affinity plan, set up a new subscription or for more information, call 866-372-4215 or visit comcast.com.

HEALTH AND ENTERTAINMENT

Health club memberships: University employees are eligible to receive membership discounts at Curves, Fitness USA, Jazzercise, Pinnacle Athletic Club, World Gym, Memorial Health & Lifestyle Center and the YMCA of Michiana. Details are at hr.nd.edu/worklife/membership_discounts.shtml.

LASIK: The Boiling Laser Center and Grossnickle Eye Center both offer



discounted LASIK surgeries for faculty and staff. Details at hr.nd.edu/benefits/LASIKDiscounts.shtml.

South Bend Symphony tickets: The symphony offers half-price tickets

to any concert or the entire season when you mention you are faculty or staff. Ticket information is at SouthBendSymphony.org.

TRANSPORTATION

Car rental: Avis is the University's preferred car rental service; faculty and staff may enroll in the preferred service at no charge and receive an automatic "best rate counter bypass at most airports" and a free copy of the Wall Street Journal at major U.S. airports. Details at hr.nd.edu/announcements.shtml.

TRANSPPO: The University and TRANSPPO have partnered to provide fare-free transportation to faculty, staff and students on all routes in the South Bend/Mishawaka system. A valid University ID is required. Maps and schedules are available at stranspo.com.

Vehicle discounts: Ford Motor Co. provides full-time faculty, staff, retirees and spouses with discount rates on most new vehicles. The Partner Recognition Program X-Plan offers discounts visible on the factory invoice—there is no need to negotiate the price. X-Plan incentive may be combined with other current Ford retail offers, but pre-owned vehicles and trade-in allowances are not part of the plan.

General Motors Corporation has extended its Supplier Discount Program to regular full and part-time faculty, administrators and staff on most new GM vehicles. Each dealer invoice lists a GM Supplier Discount Price, which is a small percentage over the price paid by GM employee. In most cases, the discount can be combined with current eligible incentives or other special offers. Further information is on the benefit link of hr.nd.edu.

University Press helps the planet with Green Press Initiative

BY CAROL C. BRADLEY

A s recently as nine years ago, the University of Notre Dame Press used no recycled paper in the average 60 to 70 new titles published annually.

That changed when production manager Wendy McMillen in 2002 proposed bringing the press into the nationwide Green Press Initiative (GPI), a non-profit program that raises awareness of sustainability issues and solutions for the book and newspaper publishing industries.

The press signed a letter of intent to join the GPI six years ago. McMillen notes, joining 200 other presses, large and small in the sustainability initiative. The initial commitment was that the press increase the use of recycled paper from zero to at least 30 percent over a 5-year period.

Today the press uses 70 to 80 percent recycled paper, produced with an average of 40 percent post-consumer waste. "We use soy,



Wendy McMillen helped Notre Dame Press enter the world of recyclable paper and soy-based ink.

Carol C. Bradley

not petroleum-based inks, and all our printers are certified by the Forest Stewardship Council," and meet stringent environmental standards, McMillen adds.

The goal of GPI is to help the industries understand their impact on endangered forests, indigenous communities and the climate—and the impact is substantial.

The United States is the largest market for paper products in the world. Annually, according to GPI estimates, approximately 30 million trees are used for books sold in the U.S. market. Over 40 percent of the world's industrial wood harvest is used each year to make paper, and paper comprises nearly half the waste stream.

When McMillen joined the press nine years ago, she says, "We were printing nothing on recycled paper. Recycled paper wasn't available at the printer. Today, all the printers stock recycled paper or use it as house stock. From nothing to everyone—there's

that much demand and interest in sustainability."

Press director Barbara Hanrahan adds, "We were all delighted to have the opportunity to be part of this initiative. We believe firmly that we should use recycled materials whenever feasible. And we're able to do so without compromising in any way our professional standards, or the quality of our books."

Joining the GPI would not have been possible without the support of all the staff of the press. McMillen says, "Especially early on, it was a lot more expensive. It really took a commitment by all parties involved to be willing to absorb the cost, for the principle. You shouldn't have to raise a forest to make a book."

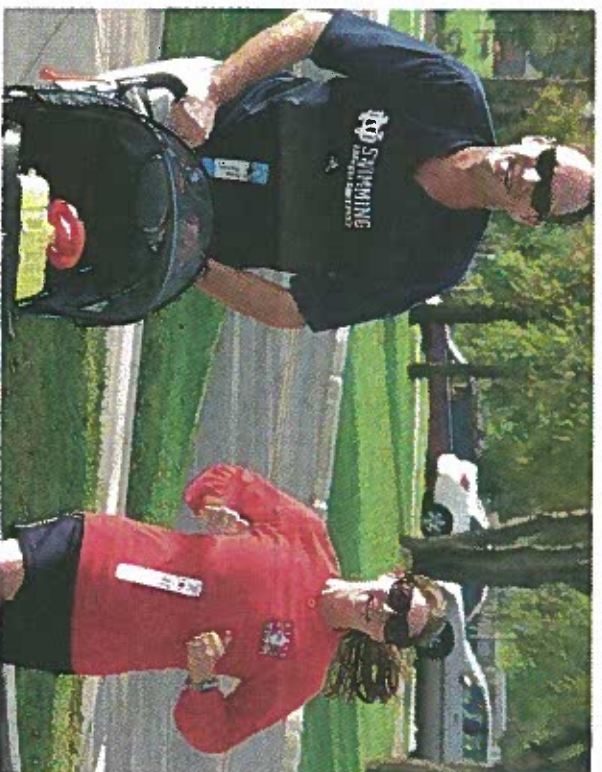


Nancy Majerek, from left, Mike Favorite, Rick Klee and John Seidman congratulate Brian Kizader, center, winner in the three-mile male-faculty/staff division of Domer Run.

Domer Run turns 25

BY JEFF WALKER

More than 500 runners and walkers turned out Sept. 20 for the 25th annual Domer Run, raising more than \$6,000 in the fight against ovarian cancer. Notre Dame, Saint Mary's and Holy Cross Colleges all participate in the run, which was coordinated by more than 80 community and campus volunteers. RecSports and the Alumni Association co-sponsor the event.



New Women's Swim Coach Brian Barnes and his family pitch in at Domer Run.

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ART

'Round and 'Round We Go, Cycles In Art: Sculptures by Miklos Simon 'Round and 'Round We Go, Cycles in Art: Sculptures by Miklos Simon Through Oct. 23, ISIS Gallery, 102 O'Shaughnessy Hall, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Retrospective by the Chicago-based sculptor and Notre Dame MFA graduate

PERFORMANCE

Unless otherwise noted, all events take place in the Marie P. DeBartolo Center for the Performing Arts. For more information or to obtain tickets, visit performingarts.nd.edu or call 631-2800. Ticket prices are for faculty and staff, senior citizens and students.

The Creative Writing Program
presents Brian Evenson
7:30 to 9 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 7, *Hammes Notre Dame Bookstore*
Novelist Evenson reads from his latest work "The Open Curtain."
Free

Schola Musicorum, Abend-Musique XXXI
8:30 and 9:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 8, *Reyes Organ and Choral Hall*

Presented by the Department of Music from medieval manuscripts \$3/\$3/\$3

FTT Talks presents Gary Cosay
5 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 9, *Browning Cinema*
Agent Cosay discusses what it takes to start and sustain a successful Hollywood career. Free but ticketed

L.A. Theatre Works presents "War of the Worlds" and "The Lost World"
7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 10; 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 11 and 2 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 12, *Decio Mainstage Theatre*
America's premiere radio company presents back-to-back science fiction thrillers

Visiting Artist Series \$36/\$34/\$15

Salome: The Metropolitan Opera Live in HD
1 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 11, *Browning Cinema*
Karita Mattila sings Salome, conducted by Mikko Franck \$22/\$15 students; subscriber discounts apply

The N-E-W Trio
7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 16, *Leighton Concert Hall*
The Fischhoff National Chamber



Music Competition's 2008 winners perform Beethoven, Shostakovich and Schubert \$26/\$24/\$15

The South Bend Symphony Orchestra presents Classic Baroque
2:30 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 19, *Leighton Concert Hall*
Soloist Jennet Ingle performs Handel, Mozart and Hayden \$25/\$23/\$5

FILM

Unless otherwise noted, films are screened in the Browning Cinema of the performing arts center; tickets are \$5 for faculty, \$4 for seniors and \$3 for students; free screenings often require tickets, available at performingarts.nd.edu or by calling 631-2800.

The American Astronaut (2001)
6:30 and 9:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 9; 9:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 11
A sci-fi Western musical chronicles a Homeric intergalactic journey

Dare Not Walk Alone (2007)
6:30 and 9:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 10 and 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 11
WORLDVIEW Film Series
Chronicle the civil rights movement in St. Augustine, Fla., in the 1960s. Director Jeremy Dean scheduled to be present

The Manchurian Candidate (1962)
3 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 12

CELEBRATIONS AND GATHERINGS

Financial advising

To discuss investment strategies with representatives of our three retirement fund vendors.

Oct. 15-16, **TIAA-CREF**
Oct. 7, **Vanguard**
Oct. 22 and 23, **Fidelity**
Visit the HR Benefits Web site link to Individual Counseling for information on how to schedule an appointment during these visits.

Committee for Women

Noon to 1 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 29
Washington Hall tour and ghostly legends
Please eat lunch before or after the tour

RSVP to Patty Guzowski at guzowski.2@nd.edu

WELLNESS

OPPORTUNITIES

Mindfulness and Relaxation Training

Registration remains available for the course, taught by Wendy Settle, staff psychologist at the University Counseling Center. Wear loose, warm, comfortable clothing; call the counseling center at 631-7336 for more information. Sign up via

Tell No One (2007)

6:30 and 9:30 p.m. Thursday, Friday and Saturday Oct. 16, 17 and 18

Eight years ago his wife was murdered ... today she sends him an e-mail. French with English subtitles

Mr. Smith Goes to Washington (1939)
3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 18

ND Votes: Popcorn and Politics Innocent and principled Montana senator finds corruption in

United Way drive launches

BY CAROL C. BRADLEY

Pledge cards for this year's United Way campaign arrive in campus mailboxes the first week in October, says Dee Dee Sterling, supervisor of events and education for the Office of Human Resources. Pledge cards—or one-time donations—should be returned in the accompanying envelope by Tuesday, Dec. 23.

In addition, employees may designate 5 percent of their total pledge or donation for the Employee Compassion Fund, a fund for Notre Dame employees with catastrophic or emergency needs. Since the fund was established in 2006, more than \$7,000 has been raised and a number of employees in need helped.

Those who pledge will be eligible for a number of prizes, including two round-trip tickets to anywhere in the continental U.S., donated by Anthony Travel; gift cards for the Hammes Notre Dame Bookstore, St. Michael's Laundry, the Morris Inn and Notre Dame Food Services; and one of two reserved parking spaces for the 2008–09 school year.

While the United Way is a national network of more than 1,300 agencies, Sterling emphasizes that each agency is independent, and all funding decisions are made locally. Donations made by University employees fund programs in St. Joseph County (unless out-of-county employees opt to have their local program receive the funds), with the goal of improving life for everyone in the community. Whether programs are funded—and the level of funding—is determined entirely by the amount of annual local contributions, says Sterling.

The United Way of St. Joseph County focuses funding on three broad areas: basic needs, life management, and stable homes and relationships. The effectiveness of programs is judged by whether individuals are moving toward self-sufficiency.

In 2007, Notre Dame employee donations raised more than \$300,000 for local United Way member agencies. Your United Way dollars supported programs ranging from Catholic Charities' emergency food pantry to the American Red Cross' Armed Forces Emergency Services and refugee resettlement programs.

Donations can be earmarked for a program area or designated for a specific agency or program. For a complete list of member agencies and programs, visit wvsjc.org/agencies.html. If you live outside St. Joseph

County, you may choose to designate your donation to another United Way agency. Just fill in the appropriate agency on the pledge card.

This year the United Way launches a new campaign, "LIVE UNITED."

In the past, the United Way has focused on donations. Sterling notes, "LIVE UNITED" encourages us to give, but also to advocate and volunteer to make changes in the community

for the common good. For a list of local volunteer opportunities, visit joinliveunited.org and click on "Volunteer."

If you'd like to see more of what the United Way means to the community, Sterling will arrange employee "Care-A-Van" bus trips to local member agencies, with a box lunch provided. Contact Sterling at 631-9927 to arrange a tour for your office or work group.



United Way committee members, clockwise from upper left, Patrick Holdeman, Kevin Cannon, Jennifer Younger and Anita Rees display their "LIVE UNITED" tee shirts. The new United Way initiative encourages individuals to give, but also to advocate and volunteer for the good of the community.



Notre Dame staff members Becky Waltz, at right, and Debbie Sumption, take their "LIVE UNITED" shirts on a "Care-A-Van" tour of United Way agencies. Here, they learn about the Youth Service Bureau's Safe Station from director Mary Poczlik, left.

Helping their neighbors through board service

BY CAROL C. BRADLEY

Robert McQuade, associate vice president for human resources, admits he was hesitant when he was asked to represent Notre Dame on the board of the United Way.

"In my corporate life in Chicago, it was very heavy-handed. It felt like you had to give," he says. But after accepting the board position, he says, his views have changed. "What happened was that I found out more and more about what the United Way does."

He toured several United Way member agencies, including the Family and Children's Center, one of Northern Indiana's major nonprofit human services agencies. "It really opened my eyes," he says, "seeing what people were going through. It's personally changed my views."

People in Michiana are struggling, and the economy—including rising fuel and food prices—makes the prospects for 2009 grim for charitable agencies. "We want people to understand that a \$5 or \$10 donation to the United Way is a very meaningful gift. The bottom line is that people need your help in St. Joseph County. Whatever you can do to help your neighbor is critical."

When Kimberly Brennan thinks of the United Way, she thinks of the faces of the women and children living at the YWCA in the domestic violence shelter and the chemical dependency

"When you see those innocent little faces ... it's heartbreaking. You know that they've escaped dangerous and volatile situations, and this was their last stop. They're here because they were desperate, and in danger. It gives you hope that you're helping not only in the life of an adult, but in the life of a child."

Brennan, program manager for the Masters in Nonprofit Administration program in the Mendoza College of Business, is a 2006 graduate of the MNA program. After she completed her degree, she wanted to give something back, she says.

She's fulfilled that commitment by serving on the board of the YWCA; she also serves as chair of the personnel committee and as a member of the executive board—and feels good about being part of an organization that empowers women.

United Way contributions also support the YWCA's Sexual Assault Recovery program, as well as Bridges Out of Poverty, a program that offers women life skills and education to help them move toward employment and self-sufficiency.

"Being a volunteer, or being a board member, is pretty powerful," she says.

"You're a part of some of the decisions of the organization, helping that organization become sustainable—and seeing the impact in the way these women and children are being given the tools to make their lives better. Without that



Carol C. Bradley

YWCA board member Kimberly Brennan, above, program manager for the Mendoza College of Business MNA program, feels good about working for an organization that empowers women. Robert McQuade, below, makes his contribution by working with the United Way Board of Directors.



Matt Cashore

Bowling for fun—and fund-raising

Employees and employee groups can engage in friendly competition and raise money for United Way at the third annual Strikes and Spares/United Way bowling fundraiser at Strikes and Spares Entertainment Center, 5419 Grape Rd., Mishawaka.

Purchase a \$10 voucher at the Office of Business Operations, 415 Main Building, and receive three games of bowling, one shoe rental and one round of black light mini-golf. The vouchers can be used through Dec. 30 and are good any time. A generous portion of the proceeds benefits the United Way and the Notre Dame Employee Compassion Fund.

Daniel K. Lapsley, professor and director of graduate studies in psychology has challenged all the department's graduate labs to a bowling competition. "I'm giving prizes, including the prestigious DGS (Director of Graduate Studies) Cup," he says. Lapsley, who hopes to raise \$1,000 for United Way, is also taking his undergraduate students bowling in November. He's hoping to encourage participation among other College of Arts and Letters departments.

"I really have to thank David Harr (associate vice president for auxiliary service and facilities operations) for organizing the bowling fundraiser—it makes it easy to have