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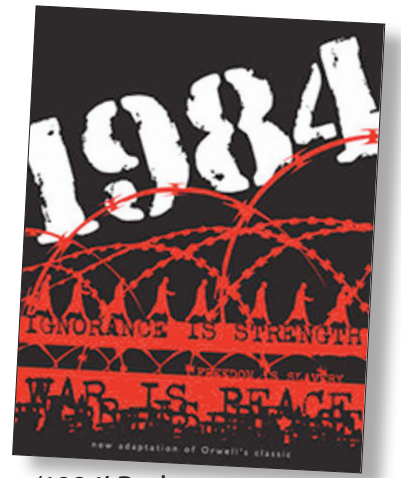
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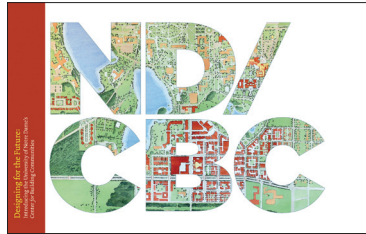
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A to-do list miraculously achieved

BY GAIL HINCHION MANCINI AND DENNIS K. BROWN

Julie Boynton didn't get much time off at Christmas break. But so many people are the better for her work coordinating the opening of the new Eck Hall of Law.

Talk about detail work. Among challenges on Boynton's to do list:

- Coordinate the transfer of 3,800 boxes of faculty books and other items from their old offices to their quarters in the new building
- Direct the arrival of 18 semi-tractor-trailers of new furniture, and its assembly
- Oversee transfer of computers and phones to their correct locations. (Boynton greatly admires the organization skills of Law School OIT representative Dan Manier, who kept every cable and monitor married to the correct computer and labeled for the correct user. Manier disconnected the computers before Christmas and began reconnecting them Jan. 2.)
- Coordinate the removal of everything from most of the old building, so a complete renovation could begin this month.

As senior project manager of interiors with the Office of the

University Architect, Boynton has overseen these major transitions before. But the Law School project introduced some previously unseen challenges. What to do, for example, with such a large amount of old furniture?

NDSurplus recycles used furniture and technology throughout campus and the community, and took about half of the items. But the service did not have sufficient space for everything.

Furniture manufacturer Steelcase tipped Boynton off to its Environmental Partnership Program with IRN—the Institution Recycling Network, which helps universities, hospitals and other organizations donate previously used goods to international groups in need.

IRN has arranged to transfer about 1,600 pieces of used office and classroom furniture, by ship, to the Caribbean. There, it will be used by the Food For The Poor ministry in Jamaica and the College of Notre Dame de Perpetuel Secours, a primary and secondary Catholic school in Cap-Haitien, Haiti. The school, which was established in 1904, is a ministry of the Congregation of Holy Cross, the University's founding religious community, but is not otherwise affiliated with the University.

The innovative recycling of the

furniture and equipment is a win-win solution: The property isn't going to a landfill, Food For The Poor and the Haitian school are receiving at no cost much needed furnishings, and the project actually saved Notre Dame money. (It cost \$14,000 to have IRN recycle the furniture, but would have cost about \$20,000 to send it all to a landfill.)

An unusual aspect of the Law School expansion is that a new building has opened, but the overall expansion also involves the transformation of the old building into a larger library and administrative offices. For this next phase of renovation, the Law School library staff must effectively continue to offer library services out of temporary nooks and crannies while their old space is enhanced.

The make-shift solution was to store the majority of the several hundred thousand

books off campus, but close enough that they could be reached fairly quickly if requested, Boynton explains.

The most necessary and popular of volumes (they number in the tens of thousands) reside in the basement of the old Law School in an area specifically renovated as a temporary library facility. Additional editions are stored in the Hesburgh Library basement.

The bargain of a library reference

and contact center, a showroom floor sample, has been retrofitted to create an authentic library presence on the second floor.

Visitors should sample Boynton's favorite spots, the three-story main atrium and the McCartan courtroom. A third revelation is the crosswalk that connects the old building and the new. From the outside, it looks like it's a mere corridor. Inside, it's a roomy commons area with peaked windows, loads of comfy seating and flat screen TVs.



Left: As a shipping company disassembles a classroom in the old Law School building, Julie Boynton takes a rare moment to sit. Her Christmas break entailed coordinating the interior touches of the new Law School building while preparing the old building for a full renovation.

Right: Ray Phillips, construction manager on the recently completed 85,000-square-foot law school expansion, is finally hard-hat free as he surveys the three-story atrium of the new Eck Hall of Law.



Gail Hinchion Mancini

Career Center community project inspires hope



Tamara Small enjoys a speaker during a December career fair she and Career Center staff organized in support of the community's many job seekers. The event took place in the Century Center.

BY GAIL HINCHION MANCINI

Around Thanksgiving, Tamara Small began musing about the Career Center's annual Christmastime outreach project. She thought about the family the center's staff had sponsored one year, providing both food and gifts. And then she thought of all the people in the community who were losing their jobs.

"I thought of how important our help was to that family. But then I thought, what if we help individuals in the community by doing what we do? We may be able to change a person's life."

By the Monday after Thanksgiving, Small had thrown herself into organizing a community job search seminar for the numerous people in the community who were without work, thought they would soon face unemployment, or who were looking for opportunities to reenter the work force.

Besides enlisting members of the Career Center, many who provided hands-on counseling during the Dec. 22 seminar in the Century Center, Small called upon Erin Putt of the Office of Human Resources and partners in the Indiana Career Consortium (INCC) including Saint Mary's, Holy Cross, Bethel and Indiana University-South Bend. The Century Center staff donated use of the Bendix Theatre, greatly reducing the price

of the event, and INCC provided additional support.

A native of Michigan City, Small has seen the north central Indiana economy shift from the manufacturing and steel mill emphasis of her childhood. Her parents' friends were teachers, truck drivers or mill and factory workers. In contrast, some of her high school friends are employed in the area's casinos. She, herself, has worked in retail, unloaded shipping trucks on the night shift and work as a financial services representative before settling in higher education career counseling.

She emphasizes that for anyone seeking a job, it is important to take a self-assessment that allows you to identify your transferable skills.

Inaugural wishes

As the nation prepares for the inauguration of President-elect Barack Obama, members of the faculty and staff pen some well-wishes for the nation's new leader, and the nation.

Scott Appleby, John M. Regan Jr. Director, Kroc Institute



As President, Obama must spend wisely while his purchasing power is strong. By summer, the significant political capital and popular support he now enjoys could be eroded, especially if he uses his honeymoon clout as I recommend—to reshape the U.S. relationship with Israel, in the interest of peace in the Middle East. Such an initiative would come at a high political cost, exacted by the powerful American Zionist advocates of the Jewish state. But holding Israel to the agreements it has already made—including elements of the so-called “Road Map” brokered by the Quartet, which call for a freeze on illegal settlements, a return to the two-state solution and a comprehensive Arab-Israeli peace agreement—is unambiguously in the best interests of the region, the United States and Israel, itself. Until Israel has the courage to risk sustained economic and political partnership with moderate elements in the Palestinian and larger Arab world and to trust diplomacy as a central dimension of security policy, no Israeli or Palestinian child will sleep easily.

So, Mr. President, travel to the border between Jerusalem and Bethlehem, mount the podium, and declare to the world: “Mr./Ms. Prime Minister: Tear down this wall!”

John Borkowski, McKenna Family Professor of Psychology



A “Perfect Storm” will strike many American families in 2009: unemployment, home foreclosures, depression and stress, crime and violence, budget cuts in education and social services, and rising rates of child abuse and neglect. The President should use his bully-pulpit to focus on the plight of our nation's children: Urge volunteerism; build a workable system of faith-based outreach initiatives; and teach more about parent engagement and responsibilities. The new secretaries of Health and Human Services and Education should move quickly to strengthen medical, mental health and education programs for all children and create easily available and high quality preschool programs, beginning at one year of age, for all children in poverty.

Paul McGinn, acting director, ND Energy Center



I would like to see a clear, thoughtful national energy policy be defined. The early signs are positive with the selection of Nobel laureate Steven Chu as the energy secretary. Hopefully this means that science will play an important role in guiding the decisionmaking process in energy matters at the federal level.

Richard Pierce, chair, Africana Studies



I don't think anyone can fulfill all the hopes and expectations of this new administration. But I hope that this administration maintains the audacity of hope. I think hope is the most understudied emotion in human history. You talk about faith, but hope is the one that sees people through when there is no logical explanation for them to retain hope, and particularly for African Americans, when there was very little evidence that things would get better, something inspired them to continue to hold on.

Allert Gort-Brown, associate director, Institute for Latino Studies



Although one might wish for a new effort at reforming the country's immigration policies, the ongoing economic crisis makes this unlikely in the short term—both because there are more pressing issues, but also because it makes the case for immigrant labor more difficult to make. However, the new administration can make executive changes modifying the current regime of stepped-up enforcement that has deported a record 274,000 people in 2008—and that has destroyed families and communities. Moreover, the nomination of Rep. Hilda Solís as secretary of labor augurs for a new policy that focuses on the need to recognize that the solution to the immigration conundrum is through policies that address the needs of both workers and employers.

Michael Lykoudis, dean, School of Architecture



Americans are deeply concerned about sustainability issues that reduce global warming and ensure there is a planet for future generations to inherit. We, too, at the School of Architecture, are focused on this issue and encourage Obama to raise land-use and transportation policies to the highest level of importance. Our future depends on our capacity to use the next few decades to plan for a time when fossil fuels will become scarcer. Past policies have produced suburban sprawl, poorly built buildings and an inefficient and unsustainable infrastructure. In how we build and live, we must rethink our land-use and transit in the new economy.

We encourage Obama to develop effective strategies that encourage higher-density, multi-use, pedestrian-based neighborhoods. Our buildings should not waste resources by using excessive energy with unnecessary heating and air conditioning. Instead we should rely on passive systems when possible. Buildings should have the capacity for adaptive reuse to last for centuries rather than decades. We cannot afford to invest in our cities only to see them crumble in a few years time. With respect to transportation, we hope the new administration will promote a true national, regional and local rail and bus system to replace the auto industry and our cracking highway system that has become inefficient.

The pulse of America, not to mention the health of America (a recent study by the Brookings Institution says those living in cities have a healthier and more sustainable lifestyle than those living in suburbia), rests in America's big cities and not in suburban sprawl. The establishment of a White House Office of Urban Policy is an opportunity to better coordinate federal efforts to help link U.S. land-use, transportation and national health-care policies. The office promises to build more livable and sustainable communities, use innovative measures to improve building efficiency, and above all, foster healthier lives for all Americans.



Ken Milani, professor of accountancy

My wishes are simple: Tax forms that are simple and easy to read and understandable tax laws. And I may be dreaming, but an easier tax code would be very redeeming.

Scott Monroe, Warren Foundation Professor of Psychology



As a senator and a presidential candidate, Obama demonstrated sensitivity to the needs of the mentally ill. For example, he cosponsored legislation that called for health insurance coverage to provide parity between mental and physical health benefits. In terms of taking care of people with mental disorders, the mental health profession can be optimistic. What I would hope for is that the premise of parity would be extended from treatment to research, that scientific studies directed toward understanding mental illness become as valued as scientific studies directed toward understanding other medical conditions.

The economy is casting its own burden on the mental health of our nation. We know that when the economy does poorly, mental health problems increase. In addition to addressing the current economic crisis, we hope Obama can anticipate and attend to the emotional and behavioral consequences as well.

Susan Ohmer, Carey Professor of Modern Communication



Since the election last fall, journalists and editorial writers have flooded print and broadcast media with “to do” lists for the president-elect, lists that include everything from salvaging the economy to negotiating a durable peace in the Middle East. To these important requests may I add one more: that President Obama continue to inspire us with his eloquence, clarity and imaginative vision. Here's hoping for an inaugural address that reminds us what the U.S. has been and what it can become once more.

Daniel Philpott, associate professor of political science, Kroc Institute



The thorniest foreign policy crises of American presidents since the end of the Cold War have involved building peace in the wake of military operations. Clinton in Somalia. Bush in Afghanistan. Bush in Iraq. The problem has proven far more difficult than military victory itself. The concept of “strategic peace building” offers fresh thinking for building peace in war torn and impoverished countries. Peace is not just a matter of providing security. It also involves promoting economic growth and equality, building the rule of law, fostering reconciliation among communal factions through truth forums, reparations and accountability, and cooperating with the United Nations as well as with local religious and tribal leaders. Through such a holistic strategy, America might better succeed in spreading human rights and democracy and reducing terrorism—goals that Presidents Clinton and Bush pursued but that Obama could pursue better.

Linda Przybyszewski, associate professor, history



My wish is to bring back old-fashioned home economics courses that taught young people how to budget and shop wisely. If more people had been asked at age 16 to figure out exactly how much Annie Abel had to spend on her school wardrobe if her parents made \$100 a year, we would not have 35 year-olds thinking that flat-screen TVs were necessities and an interest-only mortgage was a good idea.

Joe Russo, director of student finance strategies, financial aid



We know that President-elect Obama is a great supporter of college opportunity and the need to keep these costs affordable for all students and families. During his campaign, he promised to reduce the complexity of the student aid process to one that is less daunting and more encouraging. It was a promise that many Americans wholeheartedly endorsed. We look forward to continued support in this area over the next four years.

Jackie Smith, associate professor of sociology and peace studies



I would like to see Obama make human rights a beacon for his administration. Many of the crises we are facing today are the result of our neglect of human rights both within our country and in the larger world. Economic policies that have prioritized economic growth over meeting human needs have contributed to the enormous gaps we see between rich and poor. These inequalities are at the root of the financial, energy, food and environmental crises. As more and more Americans face joblessness, homelessness and poverty, it is vital that we find new ways of coming together to transform our economy. The Bush administration actively worked to divide citizens and polarize our country as it mobilized around a “war on terror.” As President, Obama needs to nurture a culture of tolerance, mutual respect and dialogue that is essential to a healthy democracy. And by prioritizing human rights in our international policy, we can regain the respect of the international community and help lead the world toward peaceful and equitable solutions to the urgent crises we face.

John Staud, director, Alliance for Catholic Education



“Regardless of one's politics, I think we—Americans as well as the international community—celebrate the historic nature of Obama's election, which signals obvious progress in an issue—race—that has long divided the United States. I hope that Obama's presidency leads to the healing of many forms of division that beset our country, perhaps none greater than inequality of educational opportunity, which some have called the civil rights issue of the 21st century. Many of us in ACE see the appointment of Arne Duncan as secretary of education as an important sign of hope that this administration will support innovative models of teacher formation and retention and embrace effective models of schooling—whether public, charter, private, or (most dear to our hearts) faith-based. If our children really are America's most precious resource; they deserve nothing less.

An unwelcomed case of ice fishing



Ron Grisoli, manager of Washington Hall, breaks through a layer of ice. Frigid temperatures followed a freak accident that chilled his office and 100-gallon fish tank.

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Rev. Oliver Williams, C.S.C., director, Center for Ethics and Religious Values in Business

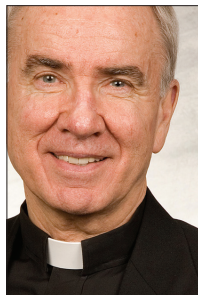
Before he has taken office, Obama, through one senior-level appointment, has strengthened and enhanced the work of business in addressing poverty and other human challenges throughout the world. In December, Susan E. Rice was named ambassador to the United Nations and at the same time that post was upgraded to Cabinet rank. Rice, a Rhodes Scholar with a Ph.D. from Oxford, served as assistant secretary of state for African affairs in the Clinton administration and is a strong advocate of multilateralism. By this appointment, Obama has signaled that for his administration the United Nations, with all its flaws, is an essential global institution.

As a member of the four-person board of directors of the U.N. Global Compact Foundation, I have observed the importance of the work of business in overcoming poverty. In just eight years, the United Nations, through the Global Compact, has enlisted 5,000 businesses in 120 countries to advance human rights, labor rights, environmental concerns and anti-corruption. It is the largest voluntary corporate social responsibility presence ever concerned, and its work has helped poor people, especially in developing countries.

With Rice's appointment, the Obama administration has given the UN the attention it deserves, and it is my fervent hope that the Global Compact companies will do even more to meet the challenges of the poor.

Richard Williams, associate professor of sociology

The new administration should continue the fight for affordable housing. Many people blame the current economic crisis on misguided efforts to promote home ownership; but in reality, during the 1990s genuine progress was being made in low income and minority home ownership before greed, stupidity and predatory practices were allowed to go unchecked. It is better to do everything we reasonably can to help people stay in their homes than to allow their properties to go vacant and abandoned, bringing entire neighborhoods down with them in the process. New home ownership can be encouraged by fair interest rates and by programs designed to help people learn how to manage their finances. For those who cannot or should not become home owners, the provision of quality affordable rental housing should be a top priority. The American dream of home ownership became a nightmare for many during the 2000s; but by reversing the excesses and abuses of the past several years, the dream can become viable again.



BY GAIL HINCHION MANCINI

In the manager's office of Washington Hall, casualties resulting from pre-Christmas frigid temperatures and high winds numbered 12—fish, that is.

The dozen fresh-water specimens in Ron Grisoli's 100-gallon tank were felled by water temperatures that dipped to 23 degrees following a freak breach of a window.

A portable air conditioning unit half-filled a window in front of Grisoli's desk; a piece of Plexiglas filled the other side of the window and sealed the room from outside air.

The high winds of the Dec. 20 weekend overwhelmed the Plexiglas piece and blew it into Grisoli's office, along with swirls of snow that landed on his desk, laptop and fax machine and incapacitated his telephone.

The fish tank, a gift from "Santa" a year ago Christmas, was as far from the window as possible. But prolonged exposure to the cold chilled the water so thoroughly that a quarter-inch sheet of ice had formed on top by Grisoli's arrival Monday, Dec. 22.

Grisoli has kept fish since he was 10 years old. The only other time he lost an entire tank occurred when he, his wife, Beth, and their three children evacuated their New Orleans home for two weeks during Hurricane Katrina. In that instance, a prolonged lack of electricity pushed the water temperatures upwards until each of the salt-water inhabitants died from water that was too warm.

It's cold out there

With very cold temperatures arriving, each of us can take simple steps to prevent building damage, according to the staffs of maintenance, risk management and utilities offices:

- Tightly close your office or classroom windows
- Adjust thermostats to provide at least nominal heat
- Set fans at least on low, to provide some circulation

In case of an emergency such as a water line break, call any of the above offices. After hours, call ND Security Police.

Employees, community laud new staff education programs

BY GAIL HINCHION MANCINI

Seventy-eight staff members are ready to start their second semester as Ivy Tech students working toward associate's degrees through weekly classes on campus.

The first of 10 employees to sign up for on-site GED preparation classes already has taken the equivalency test and is awaiting results. Nineteen others took advantage of a new round of ESL (English as a Second Language). Both efforts are led by the South Bend Community School Corp.'s adult education program. Meanwhile, a cohort of staff who already has bachelor's degrees began studying for master's degrees on campus in a new partnership with Indiana University-South Bend's School of Education.

It's fair to say that the Office of Human Resources' Learning Academy and other professional development activities have had a successful launch. Underwritten by a \$1 million commitment from the University, its success can be shared by supervisors who supported willing students by rearranging their schedules to free them for classes, say HR organizers.

The University's commitment to employee development is the cornerstone effort that won Notre Dame the 2008 Business of the Year Award from the Michiana Chapter of the Society for Human Resource Management (SHRM). Besides its staff development and education programs, the award also acknowledged the University's health care benefits and its competitive compensation as measured by a recent survey of more than 4,000 non-exempt employees of area organizations.

"The award is very meaningful to us," says Bob McQuade, associate vice president for human resources, who accepted it at a luncheon in December. "To have the fellow members of your profession honor

the University for taking care of our people—it speaks well of our commitment to our employees."

For McQuade, it is equally moving to drop into a class, as he did with an ESL group. "You can't help but be pumped about our organization. You get a viewpoint, from the students, that they genuinely feel the University cares about them."

Professional development and training efforts like the IUSB master's degree and Learning Academy (that includes the Ivy Tech and SBCSC adult education programs), "is one initiative that has a long-term impact on people's lives," he says.

Indeed, that realization seems to have motivated students, observes McClure, HR manager of the new programs. Among stories she has collected, ESL student Luis Mendez found that "once I started to speak English, I found better jobs." He has advanced to the GED program. Fellow GED student Maggie Hunyadi is remembering, "little by little, what I learned in Romania 37 years ago." Vanessa Henderson wants to leap into the associate degree program as soon as she earns her equivalency diploma. When she earns her diploma, Alejandra Botello will share her accomplishment with her family in Mexico and her daughter.

As coordinator, McClure also was pleased by the connection students developed with teachers from Ivy Tech and the school system. Students who contributed to an end-of-semester evaluation had become very fond of most of the instructors. "They really understood the adult learner. Our students appreciated the warmth and acceptance the instructors brought," according to McClure.

Information about these programs is available by contacting her (mcclure.11@nd.edu) or by calling [askHR at 631-5900](tel:631-5900). If you're interested in starting the Ivy Tech degree program next fall, McClure says you can get a head start during summer with basic skills brush-up courses.

Observing Blessed Basil Moreau's feast day

BY MICHAEL O. GARVEY

The University's first celebration of the feast of Blessed Basil Anthony Moreau, the 19th century French churchman who founded the Congregation of Holy Cross, will be observed with several events, collectively entitled "Holy Cross: Faith in Our Future."

Blessed Basil Moreau's feast day was established in September 2007 during a ceremony in Le Mans, France, when Father Moreau, whose religious order founded Notre Dame in 1842, was beatified by the Catholic Church. Beatification is a significant formal advancement toward "canonization," the status of being officially and solemnly proclaimed a saint. The new feast day falls on the date of Father Moreau's death in Le Mans in 1873.

The celebration will begin at 8 p.m. Monday, Jan. 19 in the Lady Chapel of the Basilica of the Sacred Heart with a prayer vigil service for vocations to the Holy Cross

order and the success of the cause for Father Moreau's canonization.

A Mass for the feast will be celebrated in the Basilica of the Sacred Heart at 5:15 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 20. Rev. David T. Tyson, C.S.C., provincial superior of the Indiana Province of the Congregation of Holy Cross, will preside and preach at the Mass, and all Holy Cross men and women religious will be invited to participate. Sacred Music will be provided by the Notre Dame Liturgical Choir under the direction of Gail Walton.

Also on Jan. 20, an informal discussion entitled "Men in Black: Holy Cross Stories," will be held at 7:30 p.m. in Washington Hall. Participants will include President Rev. John I. Jenkins, C.S.C.; Rev. William Lies, C.S.C., director of the Center for Social Concerns; Rev. Robert Dowd, C.S.C., assistant professor of political science; and Rev. Peter McCormick, C.S.C., rector of Keough Hall.

John Cavadini, theology department chair and director of the Institute for Church Life, will give the inaugural Blessed Basil Moreau Lecture at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 22 in the Jordan Auditorium of the Mendoza College of Business. Mary Ellen O'Connell, Short Professor of Law, will respond. The lecture will address views of suffering in the Christian tradition and suggest their connections with the motto of the Congregation of Holy Cross, "Crux spes unica" ("the Cross is our only Hope").

Architects with a vision—and a mission

BY CAROL C. BRADLEY

Architects Sallie Hood and Ronald J. Sakal have a vision.

We don't need more suburbs, they argue. We need to fix the suburbs and cities we have, creating vibrant, mixed-income and mixed-use communities where stores, homes, churches and schools are within walking distance—and affordable mass transportation takes us to locales farther out. It's architecture for the common good.

"People want walkable places to live," Hood says.

Hood and Sakal joined the faculty of the School of Architecture in fall 2005—lured from private practice not just by the prospect of teaching their principles of urban design to a new generation of bright and interested architecture students, but also by the University's mission of Catholic social service.

Their immediate goal was to establish an institute within the University that would function much like a professional design studio—but with an overarching public service mission.

In 2006, that goal was realized with the establishment of the Center for Building Communities (CBC). Sakal, a professional specialist in the School of Architecture, serves as the center's executive director; associate professor Hood also serves as the center's director of design.

Working for the common good

The studio has five points of emphasis: working for the common good through a commitment to social justice; patience and service—looking at both incremental changes in the near-term and major long-term changes; flexibility—understanding that different communities and problems require different sets of rules; affordability—providing homes, typically of modular construction, for key workers like teachers and firefighters, who often can't afford homes near their work; and sustainability—creating communities that are economically viable, environmentally friendly and welcoming to people of all income levels, races and ethnicities.

Above all, Hood emphasizes, the design must be beautiful. Affordable and sustainable, she notes, needn't mean ugly.

The CBC's urban design and architecture services are provided at no charge to clients—interested cities, not-for-profits or citizen groups—with community problems to solve.

The center's emphasis on sustainability means designing communities where people save energy by walking, biking and taking public transportation. "Green" technologies such as passive solar and edible landscaping (if you're planting trees and shrubs, why not fruit trees and blueberry bushes?) are incorporated, but not what Hood refers to as "Gucci-belt Green"—technology has to be affordable, not just available to those who can pay top dollar.

Students are partners in the design process

Students in the Sakal/Hood studio are treated as colleagues and partners in the design process, Hood notes. Students form teams, research the project, and then travel to the location to meet with community members and study the problem directly.

Since the establishment of the CBC, Hood and Sakal have led students in solving real-life urban design problems in cities such as Elkhart; Conway, Ark.; Chicago and Wheaton, Ill.; and the 90-block Los Angeles Fashion District.

There are no cookie-cutter solutions here, Sakal and Hood emphasize, and it's a lot more complicated than simply designing on paper.

"They have to confront very difficult problems, restrictions and constraints, and still be visionary at the same time," Sakal says.

When the group returns to the site and presents the proposal, students get valuable feedback from local citizens, architects and public officials. "Students find it very meaningful," Hood says.

In economically depressed Benton Harbor, students proposed four residential projects for all income

The view at right illustrates one facet of a proposal for campus property on the east side of S.R. 933, from Door Road to Angela Boulevard. Students suggested replacing the golf course and parking with a church, grocery, banquet hall, gardens and a new University art museum.

Below middle: In Chicago's Archer/Ashland neighborhood, a pedestrian bridge and water-taxi station was proposed.



Carol C. Bradley

Architects Ron Sakal and Sallie Hood are working to realize a shared vision of lively, diverse neighborhoods where people can walk, bike and take public transportation to get where they're going.

levels, as well as several large public projects, including a destination water park.

In historic St. Augustine, Fla., students confronted a different problem: increase parking capacity for the city's six million annual visitors, while reducing the area of the city devoted to surface parking lots. The solution? A parking garage, with automated technology to increase capacity.

Earlier this fall, the studio group took up the challenge of designing a big-box store that would fit into an existing urban neighborhood in Chicago. Their design concept included overhead apartments, a "green" roof incorporating parking, and small shops wrapped around it for an interesting streetscape—no paving over valuable land for surface parking, or requiring pedestrians to walk past long blank walls.

Solving problems with creative solutions

The problems the CBC confronts are not easy to solve, Hood notes. Things move slowly in the world of urban planning, and the reality is that very few student designs are ever built. "But they imagine they can have an impact on the community." That influence will grow, Sakal adds, as students graduate and take CBC principles with them into the professional world.

The work of the CBC is largely funded by Champion Enterprises, the largest producer of modular housing in the country. Funds subsidize student travel to work on

projects—over the winter break, Hood and Sakal took 15 students on a weeklong trip to Los Angeles to study redevelopment sites in Chinatown.

There, fourth-year students will work on storefront re-design proposals; and fifth-year thesis students will be developing a new type of transitional zoning district, combining clean industry with retail, commercial and residential buildings to create mixed-income, mixed-use neighborhoods.

It's something that requires creative thinking on the part of communities and zoning boards. Traditional zoning, Sakal adds, fought against multi-use in favor of single-family residential. But that will have to change. We can see the future, they say, every time we drive past a gas station.



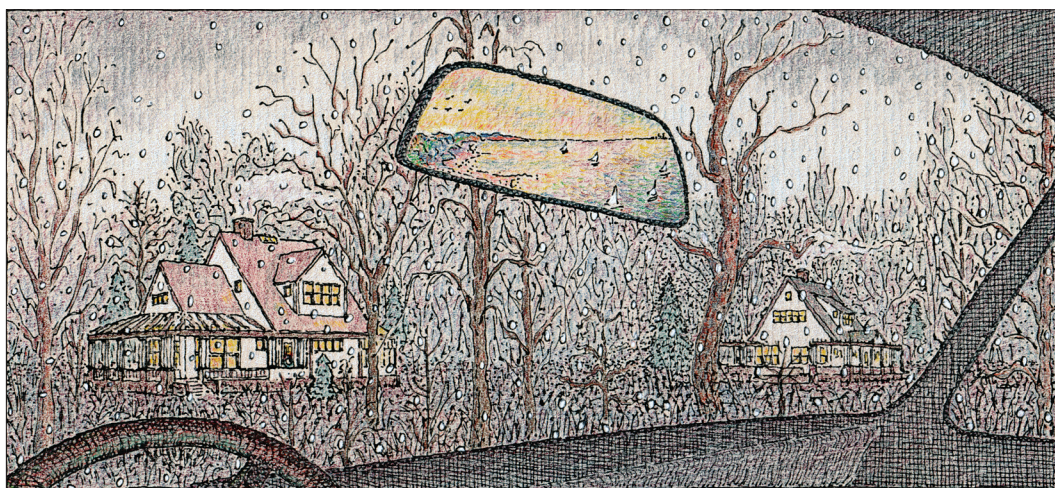
K. Lenehan

Student proposals for the City of Chicago's public face with multiple stories.

The grid-like structure of the building is a nod to the civil engineering and geology of the city, with cables holding columns and floors in place.



M. Kroener



In addition to their architectural practice and teaching, Sallie Hood and Ron Sakal are artists and illustrators. Their suite of drawings of their home in Union Pier, Mich.—including this illustration of their home in winter, with the summer lake reflected in the rear view mirror—are held in the collections of the Art Institute of Chicago, and the Art Institute has published two of the designs as Christmas cards for sale in the museum shop. The illustrations are done in pen and ink, then photocopied onto Crescent artist's paper and hand colored.



Sallie Hood

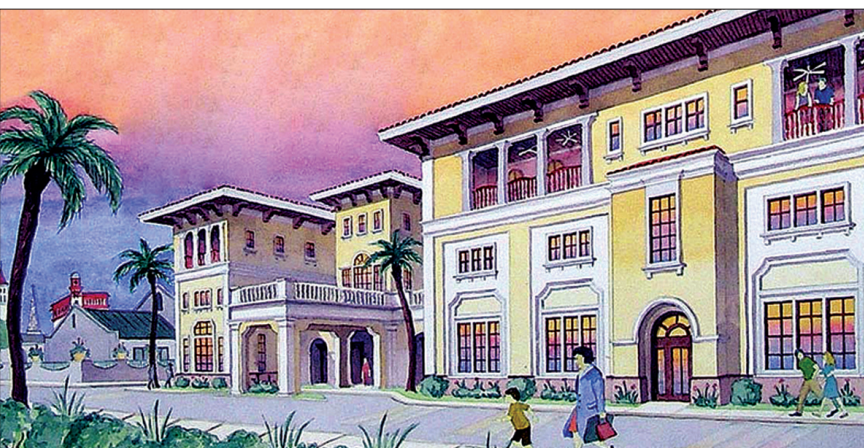
M. Cummings, R. Duffey

Mission



City Market in Los Angeles called for reversing the building to face the streets, giving it ground-level storefronts—allowing pedestrians access to fresh produce at ground-floor shops.

The building reflects seismic durability research by Yahya Kurama, associate professor of civil and environmental sciences. Steel modular residential units are inserted into the framework, while concrete beams together will allow the buildings to “flex” and survive a major earthquake.



A plan for St. Augustine, Fla., included senior housing.

The site: Elkhart

The challenge: A downtown oriented toward automobile traffic; empty lots, drive-through businesses and surface parking discourage walking and civic life downtown.

The solutions: A mid-rise building giving downtown a fitting gateway and landmark; infill housing; amenities such as a cinema, a restaurant with a river view, one-to-three-bedroom apartments and roof views to encourage people to live and work downtown.



The above illustrations present the same view of Main Street in Benton Harbor as it now is and with a plan for townhouses and apartments.



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An AME church, with universal access and 200 seats, was proposed for Conway, Ark.

The site: Conway, Ark.

The challenge: A mushrooming population

The solutions: Develop infill single-family housing on vacant lots; create a three-block, 10.5-acre complex, including two apartment houses, single-family homes and 7,000 square feet of retail space. Proposals also included a theater, a church and a mixed-use commercial and residential space replacing a surface parking lot.

The site: The Los Angeles Fashion District

The challenge: Show how the commercial life of the district can be enhanced, while adding residential units to the 90-block, solidly commercial area

The solutions: Turn the district’s 35 acres of surface parking into green areas, creating neighborhood parks, and add mid-block pedestrian walkways to provide shortcuts through the neighborhood. Throughout the district, ground floors of buildings will be devoted to retail, with light industry or residential units—in a variety of sizes and prices—on upper floors.

The site: St. Augustine, Fla.

The challenge: Six million tourists a year need places to park, and 500,000 square feet of asphalt cuts residents off from the tourist areas—diminishing the walkability and historic character of the city. In addition, the city is not well connected to the waterfront.

The solutions: Proposals include a visitors’ center, waterfront and hotel sites and senior housing; parking is shifted from surface lots to a parking garage, increasing the number of spaces from 500 to 2,300.



Infill residential housing, constructed with pre-fabricated modular units, are styled to fit with the historic character of nearby buildings.

The site: Benton Harbor

The challenge: The good buildings downtown are scattered, “like a kid that lost a lot of his teeth.” Find ways to increase the attractiveness and tax base of the economically depressed small city, benefitting both current residents and newcomers

The solutions: A series of public green spaces downtown, connected by pedestrian-friendly, tree-lined streets and boulevards. Four different mixed-income residential projects were proposed, as well as three large public projects—an administration building for the YWCA of Berrien County; a small arts magnet high school; and a double-wing 13-story hotel with a landmark central circular tower, retail and office space, and a destination water park.

Calling all collaborators

BY CAROL C. BRADLEY

“It took more than half a century to change bustling urban downtowns and neighborhoods into asphalt deserts sprinkled with vacant lots. It took more than half a century to create oversized, isolated buildings that pollute, can only be reached by car, are costly to heat, cool and maintain. It will take at least this long to undo this damage and to build vibrant and nurturing communities for future generations.”

From “Designing for the Future: Introducing Notre Dame’s Center for Building Communities,” by Sallie Hood and Ron Sakal

Sallie Hood and Ronald J. Sakal and the Center for Building Communities are looking for collaborators.

In fact, they’re so excited about the possibilities, they’ve published a book on the center’s projects—and they’d like to give you a copy.

“We’re eager, book in hand, to introduce ourselves,” Hood says.

Free copies of “Designing for the Future: Introducing Notre Dame’s Center for Building Communities,” will be available in February for faculty, staff and students interested in collaborating on CBC projects.

The book describes and extensively illustrates seven different CBC studios, covering projects in the Los Angeles Fashion District; Benton Harbor, Mich.; Elkhart, Ind.; St. Augustine, Fla. and Chicago’s Archer/Ashland neighborhood, as well as several thesis projects. A 2001 studio details a plan for development of the western edge of the Notre Dame campus.

Several faculty members outside the School of Architecture have already found ways to participate.

Yahya C. Kurama, associate professor of civil engineering and geological sciences, worked with the studio to devise an innovative approach to seismic building design for a project in the Los

Angeles Fashion District.

Students of Paula Bodnar, visiting associate professional specialist in the Department of Art, Art History, and Design created a graphic identity for the L.A. project, including murals, signage, maps, stationery and business cards.

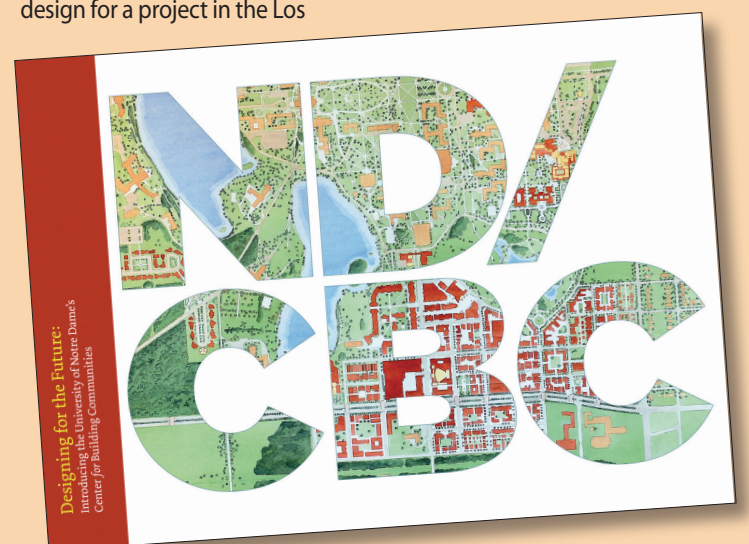
Hood and Sakal can imagine collaborating with just about every department in the University.

“We could envision working with political scientists and psychologists,” she says. Business students could look at construction costs, estimate potential profit for developers, estimate tax receipts for municipalities. Law students could investigate needed changes to zoning ordinances.

There’s a place for anyone who’d like to be involved—they may even be doing some hands-on building repair and renovation, Hood notes.

To request a copy of the book, contact Ron Sakal, Ronald.J.Sakal.1@nd.edu.

For more information on the Center for Building Communities, visit buildingcommunities.nd.edu. The site includes overviews and illustrations of CBC projects and information for potential partners. Hood is also developing the site as a resource for current information on urban and landscape design and socially responsible architecture.



Book cover for “Designing for the Future: Introducing Notre Dame’s Center for Building Communities.”

Peters fellows flourish in doctoral work

BY MICHAEL O. GARVEY

The work of Erskine A. Peters, professor of English and African American studies, was as much ministry as scholarship. When he died of pneumonia at the age of 49, his poetry was just beginning to attract the attention and appreciation it increasingly enjoys, but his kindly and authoritative mentorship of the fledgling writers and scholars among his students was already legendary. He was fond of quoting a Zulu aphorism: "It is danced, and a chance is given to others."

A year after Peters' death on March 9, 1998, the University established the Erskine A. Peters Dissertation Year Fellowship in his memory. The fellowship supports the work of outstanding African American doctoral candidates in the arts, humanities and social sciences.

This year's three fellows show a bountiful and diverse yield on Peters'

legacy, including international perspectives on race.

For example, Denise Challenger, a doctoral candidate in history at York University in Toronto, studies gender history, Caribbean history, British colonial history and the social history of medicine. Her dissertation project, "Constructing the Colonial Moral Order," concerns morality, sexuality, race and political power in Barbados from 1816 to 1897, when that island's society underwent a transition from slavery to emancipation and full citizenship.

This fall, Challenger and her colleagues completed a series of professionalization seminars to help their search for a position in the academy. At these bi-weekly meetings, various faculty members met with the fellows to review CVs, cover letters and dissertation abstracts. "Their feedback has been invaluable in helping me to best represent myself on paper, which is not as easy as it at first seems."

Seth Markle, a doctoral candidate in history at New York University, studies African American history, back-to-Africa movements, black

internationalism, civil rights and black power politics, anti-colonial nationalist movements, postcolonial state formation, and hip-hop culture in Africa. He is consolidating these interests in a dissertation, "We Are Not Tourists: The Black Power Movement and the Making of Socialist Tanzania, 1964 to 1974."

In New York City, the cost of living on a graduate student stipend was nearly impossible, and Markle was working two extra jobs with little time to finish writing his dissertation. The fellowship has allowed him that time.

The Midwest's slower pace, weather and football culture took some adjusting, "but the faculty and staff at the Africana studies department have been amazing in their support of its fellows." He, too, mentioned the importance of the attention given in preparing him for the job market as one of the program's great assets.

"The fellowship has created buzz among rising young African American scholars, who were either previous Peters Fellows or finalists," adds Jessica Graham, a doctoral student in history at the University of Chicago.

"I applied for the fellowship because I knew past fellows, and they spoke very favorably about the merits of the program and its workshops, the faculty, the Africana studies department, and the intellectual culture of the University at large," says Graham, whose

dissertation topic is "Representations of Racial Democracy: State Cultural Policy, Race, and National Identity in the U.S. and Brazil, 1922 to 1945."

"As a Peters Fellow, I find myself encouraging friends and colleagues to apply for the fellowship for these same reasons."

FYI

ARTS

Snite Museum of Art

Reception for new exhibits will be from 2 to 4 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 25; gallery talks at 3 p.m.

Works by Mexican photographer Lola Alvarez Bravo (through March 15); Italian Prints and Drawings from the Georgia Museum of Art (through March 1) and international sociopolitical posters (through March 1); Rembrandt Prints (through Feb. 15)

PERFORMANCE

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

Organ Recital

2:30 and 5 p.m., Sunday, Feb. 1,

Reyes Organ and Choral Hall

Renown European organist Thiemo Janssen
\$10/\$8/\$5

Live at the Met—Opera in HD

Orfeo ed Euridice, 1 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 24; Lucia di Lammermoor, 1 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 7

Browning Cinema; \$22/\$15 students; subscriber discounts apply

"Much Ado About Nothing"

7:30 p.m. Wednesday-Friday, Jan. 28-30, Washington Hall

Actors From The London Stage in Shakespeare's beloved comedy
\$18/\$18/\$12

Diavolo

7 p.m. Thursday-Friday, Jan. 29-30;

2 and 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 31,

Decio Mainstage Theatre

The dance Foreign Bodies, co-commissioned by the University
Visiting Artist Series
\$32/\$30/\$15

"The Great Tennessee Monkey Trial"

7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 6, 2 p.m. and 7:30

p.m. Saturday, Feb. 7, 2 p.m. Sunday,

Feb. 8, Decio Mainstage Theatre

L.A. Theatre Workshop with Ed Asner and John Heard. Visiting Artist Series
\$38/\$36/\$15

FILM

Unless otherwise noted, films are screened in Browning Cinema; tickets are \$5 for faculty, \$4 for seniors and \$3 for students at performingarts.nd.edu or the box office, 631-2800.

Citizen Kane (1941)

3 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 25

Orson Welles' masterpiece
PAC Classic 100

The Films of Yuri Norstein: An Animator's Journey

6:30 and 9:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 29

Nanovic Institute Film Series
Works of the great Russian animator. Norstein biographer Clare Kitson will introduce the first show

Baghdad High (2008)

6:30 and 9:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 30

The lives of ordinary Iraqis in extraordinary circumstances
WORLDVIEW Film Series
Filmmakers are scheduled to be present

Happy Go Lucky (2008)

3, 6:30 and 9:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 31

Oscar contender for best actress

"Where Do You Stand? Stories from an American Mill"

4:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 4,

Hesburgh Center Auditorium

Mill workers take on a powerful corporation. Documentary facilitated by Dan Graff, history department
Free admission; sponsored by the Higgins Labor Studies Program

Inherit the Wind (1960)

6:30 and 9:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 5

Evolution vs. creationism, inspired by the 1925 Scopes "Monkey Trial"

CELEBRATIONS AND GATHERINGS

Martin Luther King Jr. Day Events

"Witness to a Movement," 7 p.m.

Thursday, Jan. 15, Annenberg Auditorium, Snite Museum

President-emeritus Rev. Theodore M. Hesburgh, C.S.C. on knowing King and his experiences in the civil rights movement. With Richard Pierce, chair of Africana Studies; students, and Dina Harris of IUSB's Civil Rights Museum/Natatorium Project. Sponsored by Multicultural Student Programs and Services (MSPS)

Prayer Service; 11 a.m. Monday, Jan. 19, Main Building Rotunda

University President Rev. John I.

Jenkins, C.S.C., Rev. Hugh Page,

dean of First Year of Studies and the Celebration Choir. Reception to follow.

Ten Years Hence Lecture:

"Foresight Development in a World of Accelerating Change: Thoughts from an Evo Devo Futurist"

10:40 a.m., Friday, Jan. 23, Jordan Auditorium, Mendoza College of Business

With John Smart, president, Acceleration Studies Foundation

The Harlem Globetrotters

7 p.m. Friday, Jan. 23, Joyce Center Arena

Tickets start at \$19; Joyce ticket office or 631-7356

Lecture: "Catholicism and Secularism in Contemporary Europe"

7:30 p.m. Monday, Jan. 26, Hesburgh Center Auditorium

Most Reverend Archbishop Angelo Amato, Vatican prefect of the Congregation for the Causes of Saints

Deb Olin Unferth reading

7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 28, Hammes Notre Dame Bookstore

From her books "Vacation" and "Minor Robberies"

Sponsored by the Creative Writing Program

Women's Basketball vs. DePaul Help the Fighting Irish fight breast cancer!

2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 8

Help sell out the game to win \$10,000 for local breast cancer awareness and research
\$8 adults/\$5 youth and seniors

Early Childhood Development Center Open Houses

4 to 5:15 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 22, Kindergarten information

1:30 to 3 p.m. Sunday Feb. 1 for all ages

Further information at 631-3344 or nd.edu/~eccdnd.



Challenger



Graham



Markle

DISTINCTIONS

The University congratulates the following employees who celebrate significant anniversaries in January, including 40-year building services staffer **Celia Rios**.

35 years

Paul T. Go, Center for Research Computing

Donald J. Nelson, Notre Dame Magazine

30 years

Cheryl A. Reed, faculty services

25 years

Harold P. Bennett, chemistry and biochemistry

Charles R. Lamb, archives

Dian H. Murray, history

20 years

Peggy M. Buraczewski, registrar

John G. Keane, Mendoza College of Business

Michelle L. Kovacs, College of Engineering

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Patrick L. O'Hara, warehouse

Melonie R. Rhodes, Alumni Association

Mei X. Zhang, custodial services

15 years

R. Scott Appleby and



Rios

Barbara A. Lockwood, Kroc Institute

Annette L. Beck, residence life and housing

David A. Clairmont, theology

Amanda M. Huerta, chemistry and biochemistry

Mary M. Keys, political science

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Fernitta R. Martin, admissions

Andrew J. McShane, Campus Ministry

10 years

Linda E. Doversberger, library

Nancy S. Filley, investment office

Carol L. Grontkowski, business process advisory services

Sharon V. Hawkins, human resources

Vittorio G. Hosle, German and Russian languages and literatures

Elizabeth Kresnak, accounting and financial services

Anthony M. Messina, political science

Brenda A. Moffitt, food services

Wendy M. Noecker, Law School admissions

Kathleen C. Opel, off-campus programs

Victoria L. Reeder, development

The University welcomes the following employees who joined the faculty and staff in December:

Sarah A. Bayne, biological sciences

Heather L. DeCourval, MBA program

Gregory W. Endicott, music

Charles F. Farrell, power plant and utilities

Carl W. Flowers, food services

Ernestine J. Gardner, development

John Hartman, project and consulting services

Jose B. Juarez and **Susan P. Zygulski**, custodial services

Matthew T. McCubbins, human resources

Jenna Shriner Snedden, financial aid

Lenette Votava, IT administrative services

Carol C. Bradley