Great weather boosted this year's turnout

BY CAROL C. BRADLEY, NDWORKS

More than 2,300 staffers turned out to enjoy food and camaraderie at the annual end-of-the-academic-year Staff Summer Picnic, held Monday, June 7, at Stepan Center. This year’s event featured a golf theme.

Food Services reports that employees enjoyed 225 pounds of hamburgers, 310 pounds of fried chicken, 288 pounds of pulled pork, 1,200 hot dogs, 375 pounds of baked beans, and 225 pounds of Minnesota wild rice and pine nut salad—as well as 2,000-plus ice cream bars.

The Staff Advisory Council (SAC) staffed a table inside Stepan Center where individuals could write a morale-boosting message to an American soldier. SAC collected 263 pairs of jeans as part of a nationwide support-the-troops effort sponsored by not-for-profit Operation Quiet Comfort (operationquietcomfort.com). The jeans yielded 2,519 denim squares, which will be sewn into small quilts to comfort ill or wounded American troops as they are evacuated from the battlefield.

Office Depot to ship box-free to campus offices

Program will save 9.6 tons of cardboard and plastic annually

BY RACHEL NOVICK AND ERIN HAFNER, OFFICE OF SUSTAINABILITY

Beginning in late June, most Office Depot orders will be delivered to campus box-free. Instead of being encased in corrugated cardboard and plastic packing materials, they will arrive at their destinations in brown paper shopping bags that have been shipped inside reusable green plastic bins called totes. This innovative program, only the second of its kind nationwide, will save 9.6 tons of cardboard and plastic annually.

The new program will be kicked off with refreshments on Monday, June 21, from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on the Fieldhouse Mall. Office Depot staff will be available to answer questions about the totes and other eco-friendly products available through Office Depot.

"The tote program was one of the opportunities we identified early on as a great sustainability initiative," said Rob Kelly, director of Procurement Services. "This program is an extension of the great partnership the University has with Office Depot as our preferred source of office supplies." The thousands of cardboard boxes and plastic air pillows made unnecessary by the totes will reduce campus-related carbon dioxide emissions by 53 metric tons annually, the equivalent of 5,500 gallons of gasoline.

"We are excited that our mutual desire for sustainability has culminated in the first reusable tote program in the Midwest," said Office Depot campus representative Scott Zintz. MIT is the only other university in the country that currently has a Tote Program for shipping office supplies.

The tote program is the result of an ongoing partnership between Procurement Services, the Office of Sustainability and Office Depot. In 2009, Procurement Services and Office Depot negotiated lower pricing for Green Top 30 percent-recycled-content paper. Prior to 2009, only 9 percent of paper purchased on campus had recycled content, but now more than 60 percent of paper on campus has recycled content.
NEWS BRIEFS

NOMINATIONS FOR TEAM IRISH AWARDS ACCEPTED THROUGH JUNE 25

The Presidential Team Irish awards offer a special opportunity to publicly recognize staff teams that exemplify the University’s core values (integrity, accountability, teamwork, leadership in mission and leadership in excellence) through a significant accomplishment, collaboration or initiative.

The recommended size of a team is between three and 15 individuals. Teams may be departmental or cross-departmental and may consist of part-time or full-time staff and/or faculty. The award includes a future ticket for each person on the team with sideline admittance to pre-game activities, presentation of the award during a television timeout during a home football game, and an opportunity to meet President Rev. John I. Jenkins, C.S.C. Team members will also receive a framed photo of the team receiving the award, and their accomplishments will be listed in the football program.

Nomination forms are available at hr.nd.edu/awards-recognition/presidential-team-irish-award/ or may be obtained by contacting the Office of Human Resources, 200 Grace Hall, or 631-5900. The deadline for nominations is Friday, June 25.

SNITE CONSTRUCTION LIMITS MUSEUM ACCESS

There will be no passenger elevator service at the Snite Museum of Art through August, due to a scheduled replacement. The lower level and second floor galleries will be accessible only by stairways. In addition, a wheelchair-accessible restroom is being created, which will at times limit access to current restrooms.

Those with special needs may receive up-to-date information prior to a visit by calling 631-5466.

FREE SUMMER BAND CONCERT ON IRISH GREEN

The University of Notre Dame Summer Band, made up of Notre Dame, Saint Mary’s and Holy Cross College students, faculty and staff, as well as local high school students and community members, performs at 7 p.m. Wednesday, June 30, on the Irish Green south of the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center. The event is free and open to the public—no tickets are necessary.

2010 SHAKESCENES JULY 17 AND 18

Two performances of ShakeScenes, featuring 10 different scenes from William Shakespeare performed by 100 of our colleagues, friends and neighbors, take place at 2 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, July 17 and 18, in Washington Hall. The event is free but ticketed—make reservations through the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center box office, 631-2800.

ROTC BLOOD DRIVE

Summer is a time when blood banks have their lowest supplies of the year, and Notre Dame ROTC departments are sponsoring a summer blood drive for the American Red Cross. Donate from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday, July 13, at Legends (rugby club side) and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday, July 14, at the blood mobile parked on the east side of Stepan Center. To register, visit redcrossblood.org and enter sponsor code “irish” to schedule a blood donation appointment. Those who donate will be entered into a drawing for a $50 gasoline gift card.

SARACINO RETIRES

Daniel J. Saracino, assistant provost for enrollment, will retire at the end of June, after 13 years as the leader of the University’s undergraduates admissions office. “Dan has helped recruit an extraordinary student body to Notre Dame, individuals who have a passion for inquiry, are engaged by their faith, and generously use their gifts in service of humanity,” said Dennis C. Jacobs, vice president and associate provost.

“BIKE TO WORK” WINNERS

Michiana Bike to Work Week drew teams from all over campus, including, at left, the Notre Dame College of Science team and Dean Gregory P. Crawford, far right. The team of 63 biked a total of 2,020 miles and averaged 32.31 miles per rider. The Notre Dame Law School team (below) placed 14th, with riders averaging 28.86 miles each. Other teams included ND Irish Health, Notre Dame Athletics, Notre Dame RecSports and ND Alliance for Catholic Education. For complete results, visit michanabiketowork.org.

SCIENCE DAY WITH WASHINGTON HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

Nearly 100 Washington High School students visited the Jordan Hall of Science on May 14 for an intense, interactive experience of chemistry, biology and physics. The Science Day, arranged by Ani Aprahamian, professor of physics, included stations where students learned by peering through microscopes at zebrafish embryos or hookworm eggs, stirring a polymer in water or examining sheep hearts. They learned about the periodic table and testing for pH, the formation of crystals, the Scanning Tunneling Microscope with a one-atom tip and the Atomic Force Microscope that can show large views of the tiny materials used to make grooves in CDs. The trip included a tour through the universe in Jordan’s Digital Visualization Theater.

During the event, Saracino (right) presented a certificate of recognition to Ann Marie Fedak, science teacher for the Jordan Hall of Science. Saracino also recognized the students’ efforts and the important role teachers play in inspiring future scientists.

The Jordan Hall of Science is one of the University of Notre Dame’s signature educational facilities, featuring 17,000 square feet of state-of-the-art learning space. In 2010, 175,000 students have participated in Jordan Hall of Science programs, including Science Day, Science Saturday and Journey to Jordan.”

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New book looks at reasons change fails

To institute change, look for ‘champions’

BY CAROL C. BRADLEY, NDWORKS

Despite all the planning, expense and good intentions, 50 to 75 percent of efforts to improve the culture and productivity of an organization will fail, says Martin Klubeck, Michael Langthorne and Donald Padgett.

The three ND staff members joined forces to write “Why Organizations Struggle So Hard To Improve So Little: Overcoming Organizational Immaturity” (Praeger, $34.95).

Many organizations suffer from immaturity—they are incapable of enterprise-wide change, argue Klubeck, OIT strategy and planning consultant; Langthorne, OIT project manager; and Donald Padgett, OIT program manager for strategic initiatives.

“Statistics show that most organizational improvement efforts fail to achieve what they intend,” says Langthorne. “It’s a huge waste of money and time. And it tears down trust, and makes people less likely to participate in future improvement efforts. What pushed us to do the book was figuring out how to get past these kinds of problems.”

Klubeck says, “Organizations typically bring in consultants, who attempt to force change and no matter how badly they fail, they have a ready excuse—they blame the leader. They claim the leader wasn’t committed enough, didn’t ‘walk the walk’ or ‘take ownership.’ But in our experience, it’s rare that leaders aren’t committed. It’s their reputation on the line. They look good if it succeeds, bad if it fails—of course they’re committed.”

So who’s to blame? No one.

Here’s the hard part: Regardless of what consultants, or methodologies are chosen, chances are good the efforts will ultimately fail. The premise of the book is simple: Organization-wide change efforts will fail because an immature organization is incapable of this level of change.

The book includes a simple maturity self-assessment tool, and an organizational health survey. The two provide a good look at an organization’s maturity and health. There are great potential savings if leaders can identify organizational immaturity before they embark on improvement efforts.

One barrier to change is the acceptance of—and reliance on—“superheroes,” Langthorne says. “They’re called upon to solve problems, and resolve crises. But this creates an atmosphere of information hoarding. There is no benefit to the hero in sharing or teaching others.”

Dealing with organizational immaturity calls for a different way of thinking. To successfully change an organization, you must first understand that you CAN’T change the organization—particularly if the organization is addicted to superheroes, “crisis management” and maintaining the status quo.

The real goal of any change effort must be making the change stick. “It would be great if leadership got out of people’s way” Langthorne says. “Leaders should identify champions (people who have a lot of energy around specific, targeted improvements) and then give them the resources they need when they need them, encourage them, motivate them and reward them for their successes. Instead of dictating an unrealistic change, become a coach—work to get the best out of your ‘players’. Leaders have to lead, versus manage.”

The simple formula Klubeck, Langthorne and Padgett suggest is this: Look for champions, “the ones who are already making change happen in their small area.”

If you care about the organization, find others who care—who have passion. Those are your champions. Help them institute change within their sphere of influence, and propagate change by “infecting” others with results and passion.

Small successes are still successes—and the improvements will help the organization move toward embracing broader changes in the future.

One good thing about immature organizations, they add, is that there are lots of opportunities to improve—just not all at once.

**HUMAN RESOURCES**

Health Advocate program will help negotiate the system

Look for a mailer arriving at your home in late June announc- ing Health Advocate, a new—and free—employee benefit de- signed to supplement existing plans. Beginning July 1, faculty and staff will have access to Health Advocate, a group of professional health care specialists who provide confidential, 24-hour assistance with issues ranging from billing and cove- rage questions to finding adult day care for an elderly parent. The coverage includes faculty and staff, spouses, dependent children, parents and parents-in-law.

Retirement planning help for non-exempt staff

Watch for more information on a new interactive tool, YPR or Your Pension Resources. The tool will soon be available for non-exempt pension plan participants through Hewitt As- sociates, the University’s pension plan administrator. With the new web-based tool, you’ll be able to estimate your pension benefit on any future date to see how much you’ll receive at retirement.

**CHINA PROGRAM**

In late May, 22 students participating in Notre Dame’s summer program in China were invited to attend the news interview program “Dialogue” on CCTV-2 (China Central Television’s Channel on Finance and Economics) in Beijing with Secretary of State Hillary Clinton. The group later traveled to Shanghai where they were scheduled to attend Expo 2010 and attend a reception with the Shanghai Alumni Club and Mundelein College of Business Dean Carolyn Y. Won.

**EARTH SCIENCES DEMOLITION**

The structurally unsound Earth Sciences building, which once housed the Sisters of the Holy Cross novitiate and chapel, was demolished earlier this spring. Construction is under way on a new three-story building that will house the Alliance for Catholic Education, with move-in scheduled for the summer of 2011.
Office of Research grants will support new Italian studies program

BY RENE HOCHSTETLER, FOR THE OFFICE OF RESEARCH

The University is home to an impressive number of scholars whose research and teaching focus on Italy. Now, thanks to grant support from the College of Arts and Letters and two grants awarded by the Office of Research, the University will further extend its engagement with that country in the form of an interdisciplinary program in Italian studies.

The goal is to make the University the pre-eminent center for interdisciplinary Italian studies outside of Italy, and to further support the University of Notre Dame Humanities Center in Italy. Ten departments are already engaged in various activities and collaborative research projects with their counterparts in leading universities, academies and research centers in Italy, the United Kingdom and elsewhere. The Italian studies program connects these endeavors to further support existing and new working relationships. It will bring to campus resources and researchers in collaboration with other departments, institutes and programs.

Susan Ohmer, assistant provost, is pleased with the impact the Italian Studies Grant Program will have. “By providing funding for a wide range of interdisciplinary materials, this grant enables students and faculty to immerse themselves in their discipline, to continue to develop their expertise, to establish strong international relationships and to further contribute to their studies program exemplifies the opportunities that arise when we collaborate: If we coordinate our efforts we’ll achieve a lot more than we work in isolation.”

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The Fontana del Nettuno (Fountain of Neptune) in Rome’s Piazza Navona. A new Italian Studies program will establish a vibrant presence in Rome.

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Accurately tracking, predicting Deepwater Horizon spill crucial for cleanup and mitigation

BY WILLIAM G. GILROY, PUBLIC RELATIONS

Notre Dame researchers Joannes Westerink and Andrew Kennedy are making an innovative effort to forecast the movement of the Deepwater Horizon oil spill to coastal areas of the Gulf Coast.

In 1991, Westerink, a professor of civil engineering and geological sciences at Notre Dame, and his MIT classmate Rick Luettich, now a University of North Carolina professor, developed ADCIRC: the Advanced Circulation Model. ADCIRC has since become the authoritative computer model for storm surge used by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), and the state of Louisiana to determine water levels due to hurricane surge and to design levee heights and alignments.

Westerink, Kennedy, Luettich and researchers from the University of Texas and Louisiana State University are now applying the ADCIRC program to help predict the near-shore and “inner-shore” movement of oil from the Horizon spill off the Louisiana coast. Westerink notes that there are existing predictive models that are well suited for projecting the movement of the oil plume in deep ocean water and on the mid to outer continental shelf. However, these models lack the horizontal resolution and physics components that are critical for realistically portraying water and oil movement on the inner shelf, the near-shore and the “inner shore” (sounds, estuaries, marshes and bayous).

Westerink, Kennedy and their partners have received funding from the National Science Foundation to apply ADCIRC to the oil spill and provide “nowcasts” and forecasts of the oil spill movement to the inner-shell, near shore and inner-shore areas of coastal Louisiana, Mississippi and Texas.

“The longevity of oil in seawater, which can be months to years, implies that a long-term, sustained response will be required through most of the Gulf (and perhaps beyond) to protect the fragile coastal habitat and the associated ecosystems,” Westerink said. “Given the great size of the potential impact area, accurately tracking and projecting the spill movement in the near shore is critically important for effectively allocating resources for cleanup and other mitigation efforts.”

ADCIRC employs computer science, coastal oceanography, mathematics and engineering to forecast tides, riverine flows, wind and wave-driven currents as well as incoming storm surge. Storm surge is the wall of water pushed onto land by a hurricane as it comes ashore. The model is increasingly more accurate as geographic detail, resolution and the underlying physics and computational engines are improved. Recent refinements have increased in accuracy to within half a meter 90 percent of the time in hindcasting high water for a hurricane.

The team of researchers also will be working to project oil movement onto land should the Gulf area be impacted by a hurricane during the rapidly approaching hurricane season.

A faculty member since 1990, Westerink directs the Computational Hydraulics Laboratory at Notre Dame. His research focuses on computational fluid mechanics, finite element methods, the modeling of circulation and transport in coastal seas and oceans, tidal hydromechanics, and hurricane storm surge prediction.

Kennedy joined the Notre Dame faculty in 2007 and directs the Coastal Hydraulics Laboratory. His research focuses on wind wave theory, modeling and measurement. Both laboratories are part of the Environmental Fluid Dynamics Laboratory within the College of Engineering.
New research focuses on forgotten victims of European wars

Children and the long-term effects of violence

BY JOAN FALLOON, KROC INSTITUTE

After more than five years of study on the impact of political violence on children and mothers in Northern Ireland, Notre Dame faculty member Mark Cummings is expanding his research to include children and families in Croatia, where tens of thousands of people died in ethnic violence between 1991 and 1995.

This summer, Cummings, professor and Notre Dame Chair in Psychology, and Laura Taylor, a Ph.D. candidate in psychology and peace studies, along with colleagues from the University of Zagreb, will collect data on the post-war adjustment of children and parents in Vukovar, a Croatian city deeply divided along ethnic (Croat/Serb) lines.

Once an integrated city that was proud of its ethnic diversity, Vukovar is now so divided that children attend segregated schools and are taught in separate languages, Cummings said. Aggression, anxiety, depression, bullying and other problems are widespread, leading to international concern about the potential for new cycles of violence.

“It’s not enough to sign a peace accord,” Cummings said. “Even long after the war is officially over, if sectarian tension is high, if people still carry the negative psychological processes that resulted from the violence, there’s a real likelihood that a new generation could instigate a mother call to arms.”

The goal of the research is to increase understanding of the long-term effects of ethnic violence on children and families, knowledge that could help promote healing, community recovery and prevention of new outbursts of violence in post-war areas around the world, the researchers said.

“We’re especially interested in identifying factors that protect children and buffer them against the impact of political violence and ethnic tension,” Taylor said. “When children feel safe and secure, it’s more likely that the peace process will hold.”

Cummings, co-founder of Notre Dame’s Center for Children and Families, is a faculty fellow at Notre Dame’s Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies and the Nanovic Institute for European Studies. Laura Taylor is among the first students to pursue a Ph.D. in Notre Dame’s peace studies doctoral program.

NEW IN PRINT

Unearthing Franco’s Legacy: Mass Graves and the Recovery of Historical Memory in Spain (University of Notre Dame Press, $49)

Notre Dame Press has published a new book on the political, cultural and historical debate that has ensued in Spain after the discovery and exhumation of mass graves dating from the years during and after the Spanish Civil War (1936 to 1939). The war’s victory, General Francisco Franco, ruled as dictator for 36 years.

Edited by Carlos Jerez-Farrán, professor of Spanish, and Samuel Amargo, associate professor of Spanish, the book of essays by historians, anthropologists, literary scholars, journalists and cultural analysts represents the first interdisciplinary analysis of the ways present-day Spain has sought to come to terms with the violence of Franco’s regime.

New book by father-daughter peace-builders published

Exploring the role of metaphors and music in healing

BY JOAN FALLOON, KROC INSTITUTE

John Paul and Angela Jill Lederach’s “When Blood and Bones Cry Out. Journeys Through the Soundscapes of Healing and Reconciliation,” published by the University of Queensland Press, the book challenges the traditional idea that healing and reconciliation are linear and sequential “post-conflict” processes. Instead, the authors write, healing (after war, near-death experiences or sexual violence) is circular and dynamic and can continue even when the violence hasn’t stopped.

“We often hear that there are phases in healing and reconciliation, but that isn’t the experience of many people in local communities,” said John Paul Lederach, professor of international peacebuilding at Notre Dame’s Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies. “Even the concept of ‘post conflict’ is fiction, as people live through repeated cycles of violence. We wanted to document and explore how people who had faced the unspeakable found their voices. And much of it came back to poetry, music and sound.”

The authors explore the role of metaphor and music—from Tibetan singing bowls to the lyrics of Van Morrison—in personal and communal healing. The book tells the stories of a mass women’s movement in Liberia, elders walking between warning clans in Somalia, former child soldiers in refugee camps, victims of rape in Sierra Leone, and John Paul and Angela’s own deeply personal experiences with trauma.

“Everywhere we went, we heard themes of circles and repeating patterns,” said Angela Lederach, a 2007 Notre Dame graduate in anthropology/peace studies who has lived and worked in Central America, West Africa, the Philippines and the United States. “The stories came from people who are working tirelessly to hold their communities together. They don’t have time to consider whether they’re using an accepted model, so their ideas and approaches may seem radical to western ways of thinking.”

The book “shows the resilience it takes for people to overcome devastating experiences with grace,” Angela Lederach said. “I think there’s a lot of hope in it.”

Will combine University, community resources and expertise

BY WILLIAM G. GILROY, PUBLIC RELATIONS

The University of Notre Dame and the Madison Center, the leading provider of behavioral health care services in northern Indiana, have announced a series of agreements that will enhance research opportunities for University and Madison Center researchers while helping to improve the already high level of services Madison provides to the local community.

Although Notre Dame psychologists have conducted research at the center for a number of years, the new agreements represent a significant scaling up of the relationship between the two entities.

Notre Dame will occupy space in buildings on the Madison Center campus for researchers from its Department of Psychology who specialize in areas such as neuropsychology, and personal experience and mood disorders. This will improve access of researchers to patients in their fields of expertise. The agreements also will enhance training opportunities for Notre Dame graduate and undergraduate students interested in behavioral areas.

“The partnership between Notre Dame psychology and the Madison Center represents a true win-win by combining resources and expertise from the University and the community,” says Daniel J. Myers, Notre Dame’s associate dean for research, centers and the social sciences. “The result is better faculty research and better training for our students, which combine to help produce better treatment for Madison Center patients.”

Madison Center physicians will gain access to leading experts in clinical psychology and participate in curating-edge research that can support clinical research and patient care. The Madison medical staff also will collaborate with Notre Dame researchers on papers published in academic journals.

“It is critical to develop strong community partnerships to enable us to provide the highest quality behavioral care to those we serve,” Madison Center CEO Ken Davis says. “We are proud to have the University of Notre Dame as such a committed partner working with us.”

Notre Dame has recently recruited a number of internationally renowned clinical-pychologists and its Department of Psychology who will conduct research at Madison Center. They include David Watson, a noted clinical scientist whose research focuses on the study of mood, temperament and psychopathology; Lee Ann Clark, an internationally recognized scholar in the study of personality disorders; and Anne

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SERVICE ANNIVERSARIES

The University congratulates the following employees who celebrate significant anniversaries in June, including 35-year employees Deborah K. Hayes, parking services, and James F. Johnson, chemistry and biochemistry.

30 years
Beverly K. Banks, operations and engineering
John A. Knudtson, accounting and financial services

25 years
Thomas M. Burke, performing arts administration

20 years
Evelyn H. Addington, aerospace and mechanical engineering
Thomas J. Frenche, accounting
John C. Hannes, Rockne Memorial Building
Marcia K. Hull, Center for Research Computing
Lori A. McCann, Holmes Library
Judy A. Zook, Ticket Office

15 years
Christine L. Cashman, Mendoza College of Business
Raymond E. Dickison, operations and engineering
Roya R. Ghiaseddin, management
Sheila L. Holmes, Hammes Bookstore
Timothy R. Legge, Agency/ND

10 years
Robert D. Brown, fire protection
Timothy A. Gielchowski, utilities—operations
Mary K. Hamann, Mendoza College of Business
Ignacio P. Jimenez, Morris Inn
Matthew A. Lewandowski, Rockne Memorial Building
Roberta Lockhart, mathematics
Jennifer A. Moshahan, student affairs
Kelly Newland, fire protection
Denise E. Sullivan, performing arts administration

NEW EMPLOYEES

The University welcomes the following employees who began work in March, April and May:

Andrea C. Basile, Office of Communications, arts and letters
Janet Bello, public relations
Heather H. Boyd, Office of Research
David P. Campbell, Center for Research Computing
Wayne Chung, information technology
Emina Corin, Custodial Services
Gaye L. Cooba, ND NANO
Timothy J. Dennis, financial aid
Rachael L. Dougherty, student affairs
Sandra A. Fenwick, Ticket Office
Mike P. Hartman, Catering By Design
Jennifer L. Knapp Brudert, Robinson Center
Ryan Lenzno, utilities operations
Timothy S. Lowe, international programs
Lisa M. MacKenzie, business operations
Ralph Milliken, civil engineering and geological sciences
Stephanie Molina, Alumni Association
Adam W. Myers, athletic equipment room
Carol A. Owens, athletic equipment room
McKenna S. Pencak, international student services
Nathan J. Regola, Center for Research Computing
Megan E. Shepherd, ND Visitation Initiative
Donald Smith, St. Michael’s Laundry
Sarah A. Taylor, Custodial Services

LIMO LUNCH

Gayle Wilson, administrative assistant in Business Operations, won a “Mix 106 Limo Lunch” at Trio’s Restaurant for herself and seven Main Building co-workers from radio station WBRU. “We aren’t limited to a job description, but challenged to do whatever it takes to get the job done,” read her nomination letter. From left to right, Carri Frye, Joanne Ewing, Colleen O’Connor, Gayle Wilson, Angela Watrous-Washington, Gene Walker (Mix 106 operations manager), Wendy Matt, Elizabeth Clark, Lisa Butt and O.J. Lewis of M.T. Pockets Limousine Service.

Protecting private info is everyone’s responsibility

BY LENETTE VOTAVA, OIT

Have you ever made an online purchase or completed your taxes on your work PC? Do you handle health, financial or student information in your daily work? Do you maintain old class rosters or other student records from your previous classes? If you answered “yes” to any of these questions, your personal information or the personal information of others could be at risk for identity theft. The Federal Trade Commission estimates that as many as 10 million Americans have their identities stolen each year. Victims of identity theft can spend thousands of dollars and dozens of hours cleaning up the mess thieves made of their good name and credit record.

Earlier this year, the University implemented measures to strengthen ongoing efforts in handling sensitive personal information. John Affleck-Graves, Executive Vice President, asked all faculty and staff members to take part in this important effort by eliminating any unnecessary use of Social Security numbers (SSNs) or credit card numbers from files they own or use. To help you easily locate SSNs or credit card numbers in your files, the Office of Information Technologies (OIT) licensed Identity Finder, a software tool that identifies all possible instances of credit card numbers or SSNs stored on your computer and in your networked file space. Recently, the OIT released a newer version of Identity Finder for both Windows and Mac.

The OIT customized the Windows version to identify SSNs and credit card numbers more accurately, reduce the number of false positives and automatically scan any network file space you have mapped to AFS or NetFile. The Mac version is available, but still in development. Identity Finder for Mac will not automatically search your AFS or NetFile space by default, but still provides a user-friendly interface that allows you to accurately identify and remove SSNs and credit card numbers. You can continue to use the old SENF (Sensitive Number Finder) tool as well.

As members of the University community, each of us has a special responsibility to protect the information entrusted to us by our students, faculty, staff and other constituents.

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COMMUNITY GARDEN

Ground was broken this spring for the new Notre Dame Community Garden north of Ave Maria Press—harking back to the days when food for the University was grown on the Holy Cross Farms surrounding campus. The garden allows for 45 small garden plots this year. Food Service manager Jessica Velazquez, at left, one of the leaders of the garden movement, plants tomatoes. Abuses, the history department’s Dav Gerff and his brother Jeff prepare a plot. “We have no sun at home, and we’re interested in connecting more with food sources,” says Gerff, who plans to tend the garden with wife Nicole McLaughlin and their 8- and 5-year-old daughters.

The University encourages the following employees who began work in March, April and May:
Lyphout named honorary alumnus

26 years of service recognized by Alumni Association

By Colleen O’Connor, for NDWorks

In the 165-year history of the University of Notre Dame, the Alumni Association has conferred the title of Honorary Alumnus only 28 times. May 24th of this year, James Lyphout, vice president for business operations, became the 39th recipient of this distinguished award by unanimous vote of the 30-member Alumni Board.

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Presented with a plaque signed by President Rev. John J. Jenkins, C.S.C., Holly Colmen, President of the Alumni Association Board of Directors, and Chuck Lennon, Lyphout is now an official member of the Class of 2010.

“This honor came as a huge surprise and is extremely meaningful to me as I now join my two sons as members of the Notre Dame Alumni Association,” said Lyphout.

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Raising awareness of the dynamics of multiples

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Portions of the Department of Development made the move to new quarters in Eddy Street Commons the first week in June, joining the Investment Office, which made the move earlier this spring. Offices moving include arts and law advancement, advisory councils, corporate and foundation relations, information services, research, gift planning, regional development, and talent management. Units remaining in Grace Hall are the annual giving programs and donor services.

In addition to expanded staff space, the new offices provide conference rooms, donor entertainment suites and a dramatic new Notre Dame-themed central welcoming area.

“This has been very exciting for us,” says Micki Kidder, assistant vice president for development. “It’s been a project like no other. The new space will provide much more of a collaborative environment. People are very energized about the move. I thank the whole department for their positive approach to this, and their work ethic. They came together to make this a seamless transition.”

The biggest fear, says Kidder, is that the Department of Development will be viewed as “off campus.”

“We continue to be a part of the Notre Dame campus,” she says, “and look forward to future collaboration with fellow staff, faculty, students, alumni and visitors.”

The new offices feature a dramatic new central welcoming area (above center). Mary Andersen and Patty Smith (lower left) share adjoining workspaces. “New is good,” says Smith. “The office spaces are beautiful, and it’s nice to be together rather than spread out on different floors.” Receptionist Betty Russo finished packing her office in Grace Hall Friday (lower center) and started unpacking in the new space on Monday morning (lower right). “It was a long time coming, and all at once it hit!” she says. Center right, one of the new conference rooms offers a stunning view of campus.