



connections

World View Week



International students shared their thoughts on health care in the United States and their home countries at the Lunch 'n Learn Jan. 28. This was just one of several events held to celebrate World View Week.

Viterbo to Participate in NSSE Survey

Viterbo will again participate in the National Survey of Student Engagement (NSSE) this semester. The purpose of the survey is to assess the extent to which students are engaged in good educational practices and to understand students' perception of what they gain from their college experience.

The NSSE 2010 will be administered at 604 colleges and universities across the nation and so provides excellent benchmarking, on a national level, and with comparative institutions. Additional benchmark groups will be schools in our Carnegie classification and Catholic Colleges and Universities.

All undergraduate first-year students and seniors will be invited to provide information about the level of academic challenge, their experience of active and collaborative learning, student-faculty interaction, and the campus environ-

ment. On Monday, Feb. 8 students will receive an email invitation to participate in the survey from President Rick Artman.

Viterbo has participated in the NSSE in 2006 and 2007 and has gained valuable information about student engagement. The 2010 survey will provide an opportunity to compare the responses of the senior class of 2010 with their responses as first-year students in 2007. The ultimate goal of participation in the NSSE is to use the results to make improvements that will benefit Viterbo students.

To ensure a high response rate, Viterbo community members are asked to encourage students to take the survey and provide their feedback. Questions about the survey may be directed to Naomi Stennes-Spidahl, director of assessment and institutional research, at ext. 3481.

Viterbo to Present *Anton in Show Business* Feb. 4-6



David Gardiner

Viterbo will present the award winning dramatic comedy *Anton in Show Business* in the Fine Arts Center La Croix Black Box Theatre at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 4-Saturday, Feb. 6.

Anton in Show Business will give audiences a hilarious and sharp behind-the-scenes look into the world of professional theatre. The play deals with an ill-fated production of Anton Chekhov's famous play, *The Three Sisters*. Two stage actresses and a movie star have high hopes but experience plenty of troubles and travails along the way, including maniac directors, toxic corporate sponsors, and Steven Spielberg.

"*Anton in Show Business* is an enjoyable piece of theatre, and a lot of fun," said David Gardiner, theatre, who is directing the play.

The cast consists of seven women, three of whom will play multiple parts, including the male roles. The set is very minimal. *Anton in Show Business* was written by playwright Jane Martin, which is the suspected pen-name of retired Actors Theatre of Louisville artistic director Jon Jory.

Tickets are general admission seating. For more information, contact the box office at ext. 3100 or visit www.viterbo.edu/fac.

Giving to Others in Need



Ellis Jensen, biology, donates blood at the BloodCenter of Wisconsin's blood drive Jan. 26. Collected at the drive were 60 units of whole blood, one double red cell unit, and one platelet donation. The drive was sponsored by Residence Hall Council.

Viterbo Community Invited to Wall of Fame Induction Ceremony



Sandy Hotvedt

The Viterbo community is invited to attend the annual Wall of Fame induction ceremony in the Varsity Athletics Center at 10 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 13 during Homecoming weekend.

Former athletics department employee Sandy Hotvedt will join former athletes Brian Behnke '95 and Nicki Robinson '94 in being honored.

Hotvedt was a mainstay in the athletics department, serving as administrative assistant for 20 years, from 1989–2009.

Humanities Symposium Begins Today

“The Nuclear Threat: Understanding the History and Future Consequences of Nuclear Weaponry” humanities symposium begins today with a reception, Hiroshima Peace Memorial Museum photo and poster display, and book signing with authors Diana Roose and Daniel Bell at 6 p.m. in the Fine Arts Center Lobby.

The keynote address, “Teach Us to Live: Stories from Hiroshima and Nagasaki” with Roose and Hiroshima survivor Tamura Snider will follow at

7 p.m. in the Fine Arts Center Main Theatre. A full schedule of events will follow Tuesday, Feb. 2 and Wednesday, Feb. 3.

The Viterbo community is invited to attend any of the events. For a complete humanities symposium schedule, visit www.viterbo.edu/nuclearthreat. All events are free and open to the public and registration is not required. The symposium is sponsored by the School of Letters and Sciences.

Education Club Book Fair Feb. 2–4

The members of the education club are holding their annual Scholastic Book Fair from 9 a.m.–4 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 2–Thursday, Feb. 4 in the library's Robbers Conference Room.

Club members will be collecting spare change and are asking shoppers to purchase books to donate. All proceeds from the fair will be donated in the form of books to a local children's organization.

Healthy Hawks Spring Session Begins Feb. 3

Were you serious about that New Year's resolution to lose some weight and get in better shape? If so, health services and rec sports has the perfect program through which to do so.

The spring session of Healthy Hawks begins Wednesday, Feb. 3. The program runs 12–14 weeks and includes personal training and fitness services, nutrition counseling, and support. Cost is \$25, but \$10 will be reimbursed for participants who fulfill a set of requirements.

A full description is available at www.viterbo.edu/recsports.aspx?id=52411.

February Birthdays...

1. Chad Miller
2. Carol Rhodes
3. Eric Schmidt
5. Diane Engh
5. Matt Hansen
7. Marcia Brodt
7. Ward Jones
7. Toni Wissestad
7. Caryn Witt
8. Laura Lee
8. Dorothy Lenard
8. Marsha Momoi-Piehl
9. Deb Kappmeyer
10. Bill Lamke
11. Susan Pham
12. Bill Stobb
13. Gretchen Johnson
13. Jessica Pintz
17. Bev Oney
18. Rich Maresh
19. Lee Grosskreutz
20. Christopher Iremonger
21. Marlene Fisher
22. Apryl Denny
23. Melinda Fagan
23. Pat Kerrigan
23. Ed Wenzel
25. Betty Voigt
28. Barry Fried

Morning Prayer Friday

All employees are invited to attend Viterbo Morning Prayer Friday, Feb. 5 from 7:30–7:50 a.m. in the Reinhart Center Board Room.

Viterbo Morning Prayer is held the first Friday of each month and is hosted by the Mission Effectiveness committee.

Basketball Employee Appreciation Night Feb. 3

Viterbo employees are invited to attend Employee Appreciation Night at the women's and men's basketball games Wednesday, Feb. 3 in the Varsity Athletics Center.

Employees will be recognized and will receive a free popcorn or pop. The women play at 5:30 p.m. and the men's game begins at 7:30 p.m.

Viterbo Responds: Help for Haiti



Patrick Andera, campus minister, makes a donation for earthquake relief in Haiti. Andera was far from alone, as the Viterbo community gave a total of \$4,804.63. The collection was organized by campus ministry.

Kudos to...

- **Keith Knutson**, history, who hosted an interactive chat on www.uxow.com regarding Wisconsin Governor Jim Doyle's State of the State address Jan. 26.
- **Mary Ellen Hauptert**, music, who joined violinist Nancy Oliveros in performing their One-of-a-Kind *Three's Company* program on Wisconsin Public Radio's *Live from the Chazen* Dec. 6. All programs are hosted by Lori Skelton and are performed at the Brittingham Gallery in the Chazen Museum of Art on the University of Wisconsin campus in Madison.
- **Dale Floody**, psychology, who has authored the new book *Serenity and Inner Peace: Simplicity One Day at a Time*. The book is available at www.amazon.com.

Physical Plant News

By Gene McCurdy

Over the Christmas break, there were numerous projects underway that are now completed. Here is a recap of what has been happening in the physical plant department:

- Reinhart Center 002 was converted from a storage room to an anatomy and physiology lab. The project was completed Jan. 8. Stop by to see the new lab.
- Remodeling of the Student Union has taken place. The existing mailroom has been expanded along with the addition of a new security office and an information desk. The project was completed Jan. 15. An informational 32-inch television has been installed in the Student Union as well.
- The Murphy Center door replacement project has been an on-going endeavor from previous years. Third and fourth floors were the focus over the Christmas break.
- The Learning Center has a new testing area, which replaces the computer lab.
- The office area of the School of

Graduate, Professional, and Adult Education in the Fine Arts Center has been re-arranged to make room for a new conference area at the east end of the office suite. This new conference room (116) can be accessed from the hall and can be reserved through the EMS system.

- Various electrical projects have been completed in the Fine Arts Center, including office spaces and the scene shop.
 - The north racquetball court in the Varsity Athletics Center has been converted into a training and weight room. The wood floors have been covered with rubber.
 - New main entrance doors have been installed in the La Croix Black Box Theatre.
 - A Honda Civic Hybrid has been added to the fleet. It will replace an older, less fuel efficient vehicle.
- Keep recycling; it does make a difference. In 2009, the amount of cardboard recycled was 37.59 tons.

from the president

By Rick Artman



Spring Semester Enrollment

In a future issue of *Connections*, you will find an enrollment report based on census date of

Jan. 29. The preliminary figures are very positive, demonstrating excellent retention and enrollment numbers that will exceed our budget projections for the year. Thanks to all involved in the retention of students and for your continued good efforts to service our students and support their success.

Fall Enrollments

After running behind last year's strong level of applications for freshmen, the latest admission reports show that we are now even with the number of freshmen applications compared with last year and enrollment deposits are eight percent ahead of last year. Transfer applications are running ahead of last year by a robust 21 percent, and deposits are ahead by 25 percent (though the high percentages are a factor of small base numbers). Prognosis is good for a strong fall semester but the competition for students is intense so please continue your support of the many recruitment activities underway.

Board of Trustees Actions

Action items at the trustee meeting Jan. 25 included the following:

1. Budget preparation guidelines and tuition/fee rates for 2010–11 were approved. Plan to attend the university forum Thursday, Feb. 18 at 3:30 p.m. for a complete briefing of this material.
2. Tenure was approved for the following faculty. Congratulations to:
 - Michael Alfieri, associate professor, biology
 - Mary Ellen Hauptert, associate professor, music
 - Jason Howard, associate professor, philosophy
 - Pam Johnson, assistant professor, nursing
 - Sherri Lisota, associate professor, art
 - Frank Ludwig, associate professor, theatre
3. In actions related to facilities, the trustees authorized the administration to contract with an architect for the design of a new apartment facility for student residence and the trustees endorsed the next steps for the construction of the new nursing center.

campus ministry

By Patrick Andera

Spring Break Service Trips: Campus ministry will sponsor service trips to Louisiana and South Dakota Saturday, March 6–Saturday, March 13. Cost is \$50. Also, **The Busy Persons Retreat** is Sunday, Feb. 7–Thursday, Feb. 11. All students and employees are welcome to participate in this campus ministry sponsored event.

For more information on either of these events, or for a service trip application, email Patrick at pbandera@viterbo.edu or visit Murphy Center 325.

Any couples interested in **Catholic marriage preparation** should also contact Patrick.

Thursday, Feb. 11 is the Feast Day of Our Lady of Lourdes. In 1858, in the grotto of Massabielle, near Lourdes in southern France, Our Lady appeared 18 times to Bernadette Soubirous, a young peasant girl. She revealed herself as the Immaculate Conception, asked that a chapel be built on the site of the vision, and told the girl to drink from a fountain in the grotto. No fountain was to be seen, but when Bernadette dug at a spot designated by the apparition, a spring began to flow. The water from this still flowing spring has shown remarkable healing power, though it contains no curative property that science can identify. Taken from www.catholic.org/clife/mary/lourdes1.php.

Pre-Valentine's Day Fundraiser

Members of the sociology human service experience class are taking orders for the delivery of a carnation and a Valentine treat to be distributed to a special someone or friend on campus Friday, Feb. 12.

Orders may be placed in advance or sold on this date. The cost for the carnation and treat delivered on campus is \$3. Contact Marlene Fisher with questions or with an advance order at ext. 3725 or mrfisher@viterbo.edu.

Homecoming is Next Week

Viterbo will celebrate Homecoming Saturday, Feb. 13. A week of activities leading up to the event will be held. Visit www.viterbo.edu/activities for the schedule.

To participate in the office decorating competition, contact Kari Hartogh at klhartogh@viterbo.edu by Thursday, Feb. 4.

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