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A Newsletter for the Viterbo University Community

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Founder's Day



Today's Founder's Day schedule:

- 11 a.m. Mass at Maria Angelorum Chapel at St. Rose Convent. Rev. Robert Cook will preside at the liturgy.
- All 11 a.m. and 12:10 p.m. classes are cancelled
- 11 a.m.–1:15 p.m. Complimentary Luncheon in Marian Hall Dining Room. Non-meal plan students and employees should pick up a free ticket in the Student Development Center.
- 5 p.m. Pet Blessing with Rev. Bill Reese in Assisi Courtyard near Dancing Francis

Pennies for Peace Fundraiser Happening Now

The Viterbo psychology club is joining the American Association of University Women, the Western Wisconsin Education Conference committee, and local schools from La Crosse and Houston counties in collecting Pennies for Peace.

Collection buckets have been distributed throughout campus. The collection will run through February.

Pennies for Peace is an organization that Greg Mortenson developed in order to earn money to build schools for children in Afghanistan and Pakistan. If you have any questions, or need a collection bucket/box, contact Val Kokott-Rebhahn, psychology, at ext. 3714 or at valkokottrebhahn@viterbo.edu.

Oktoberfest Royalty



Viterbo was well represented by this year's Oktoberfest royalty. Pictured are Fest Master Todd Ondell, Mrs. Oktoberfest Barbara Larsen '98, and Maple Leaf Parade Marshall Tom Thibodeau.

United Way Continental Breakfast Oct. 9

The Viterbo United Way fundraising drive is happening now.

Pledge forms were delivered to the campus mailboxes, and the Viterbo community is asked to give as generously as possible. The United Way supports organizations that assist our community's most vulnerable children and adults, which is especially important in these challenging economic times.

A muffin and coffee reception will be held from 8–10 a.m. Monday, Oct. 12 in the Murphy Center Lobby for participants. Cards are due to

Marsha Momoi-Piehl by Friday, Oct. 9. Pledge cards can still be brought to the breakfast.



All participants will be entered in a drawing for several door prizes at the breakfast. Participants may also be eligible for separate drawings held by the United Way.

Last year, the Viterbo community raised \$11,500 for the United Way, and the goal is to beat that mark this year.

Everyone Loves Ice Cream

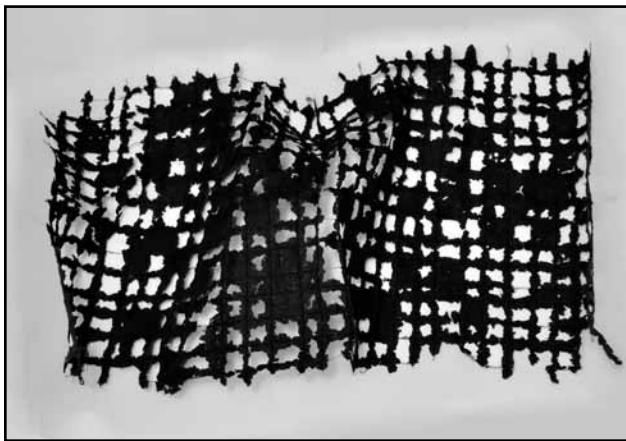


Students enjoyed a cool treat after learning about fire safety from members of the La Crosse Fire Department Sept. 30 as part of Healthy Living Week. Serving the ice cream were Kari Hartogh, Lesley Stugelmayer, Sue Danielson, and Denise Homstad.

New Exhibition to Open in Art Gallery Oct. 8

The sculpture of artist Nnenna Okore will be featured in an exhibition entitled “Strings and Patterns” in the Fine Arts Center Gallery beginning Thursday, Oct. 8.

The show will open with a reception in the gallery from 4–6 p.m. Okore is an assistant professor and chair of the art department at North Park University in Chicago. She earned a bachelor’s degree in painting from the University of Nigeria and both a Master of Arts and Master of Fine Arts in Sculpture from the University of Iowa. She also has received numerous awards and residencies around the world, and her work has



Reposessed by Nnenna Okore

been shown in prestigious galleries and museums.

“Currently, I am invested in forms that explore, or are inspired by, intimate spaces, shelters, architectural and natural environments, and ideas related to textures, colors, and qualities and social values associated with African fabrics, using multiple and repetitive processes,” Okore wrote in her artist statement.

There is no admission fee to the gallery, which is located on the third floor of the Fine Arts Center. The gallery is open 9 a.m.–5 p.m. when school is in session.

In the Community

Happening now in the community:

- The Luxemburg American Descendants-Society is hosting a Mystery Wine Tour on Saturday, Oct. 10 from 9 a.m.–8 p.m. on a 54-seat motor coach bus. The group will visit three wineries in the southwest part of Wisconsin. Cost is \$20. The group will stop for lunch and dinner, but the cost is not covered in the \$20. The registration deadline is Wednesday, Oct. 7. For more information, contact Deb Siebenaler at ext. 3162 or Sam Siebenaler at 785-1504.
- The La Crosse Public Education Foundation’s 2nd Annual Big Family New Year’s Eve celebration is rapidly approaching. The event, held from 4–10 p.m., will feature family and children’s activities, inflatables, food, a viewing of the 6 p.m. fireworks with bonfire, climbing wall, etc.

Event organizers are again in need of help. Come and volunteer as an individual or as a family and enjoy the event either before, during, or after your volunteer hours. There are five different shift times available. Contact Lindsey Kirsenslohr at lakirsenslohr@viterbo.edu, Tiffany Olson at tolso@wkb.com, or Sarah Wendland at sarah.wedland@bgcgl.org.

Guest Recital this Evening

Pianist Norman Lee, faculty member at the University of Hong Kong, will present a guest artist recital in the Fine Arts Center Recital Hall tonight at 7:30 p.m.

The program will include solo piano works by Beethoven and Chopin. The event is free and open to the public.

Kudos to...

- **Lyon Evans**, English and *Lumen* adviser, who attended a conference on the future of newspapers in Dubuque Sept. 17–18.
- **Bonnie Nesbitt**, assistant dean, graduate nursing, and Master of Science in Nursing student **Jeanette Olsen**, who had an article selected for publication in the *Journal of Health Promotion*. Nesbitt was also invited to be a manuscript reviewer for the journal.

Pennies for Peace



Greg Mortenson accepts pennies from Maihlee Lee of Viking Elementary and Tate Staloch of Northwoods International School (not pictured) for his Pennies for Peace project during his visit to Viterbo Sept. 29.

Career Services Resume Assistance Sessions

Career Services will be offering events resume assistance events for students throughout the month of October.

Resume assistance sessions will be held in Murphy Center 404 on Wednesdays from 3–4 p.m. on Oct. 7 and Oct. 14 and from 8–9 p.m. on Oct. 21 and Oct. 28. Students are required to register for these sessions at least one day prior to the scheduled session. The sessions will include general information about preparing a resume, as well as individual consultation. To register, students should call the career services office at ext. 3828.

Resume check-up booths are scheduled in the Brophy Nursing Center first floor hallway from 1–3 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 15 and from 3–4:30 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 29. Resume check-up booths are designed for students who have prepared a resume and are looking for feedback on their documents.

Help Needed with Spring Fest

Campus activities is looking for employees who would like to help with the planning for Spring Fest, which occurs Wednesday, April 21–Saturday, April 24 or who could provide recommendations for students who would be valuable members on the Spring Fest committee. If you would like more information, contact Kari Hartogh at klhartogh@viterbo.edu or ext. 3807.

Art Drawing Winners

The three lucky winners of original framed prints from “The Art of the Woodcut Print” show are Theresa Moore, Marianne Stanke, and Naomi Stennes-Spidahl.

News from Aramark

Anyone who didn't get a new 2009–10 Aramark catering guide and would like one should contact Carma at ext. 3831 and she will email you a copy or send you a paper copy.

Also, employees have the opportunity to save money at Marian Hall Dining Room, Fanny's, and Crossroads by putting money on a declining balance card (\$35 cash is worth \$45 in V-Hawk bucks). Contact Alessia at ext. 3830.

Classifieds

Free: Two-year-old female cat named Buddy to loving home. She has been spayed, de-clawed, and is current on all her shots. Call Jeanne at 608-269-8545 or ext. 3181.

From the Family of Fr. Tom O'Neill

Dear President Artman and Viterbo University Colleagues and Friends,

It is with deep gratitude and heartfelt appreciation that we write this letter. During our stay in La Crosse, you showed us all the true meaning of community. It is no wonder that in his time at Viterbo University, Tom felt like he had come home.

Through your support, Tom carried on his life's mission, reaching out to the university family and beyond. He walked tall with the knowledge that he finally was able to be the person he wanted to be.

Losing a son and sibling is a life-altering experience for it serves as a constant reminder of one's own mortality. It brings families together, and although bound by grief, they ultimately find comfort in the knowledge that their loved one is in a better place.

In the days following Tom's death, you kept us afloat. Buoyed by your kind and generous spirit, we felt what Tom knew all along—we were in God's country. How can we ever begin to thank you for everything? It doesn't seem possible, but know that all of us will remember forever that you made our last days with Tom ones we shall never forget. We re-experienced the Tom we knew and loved, the one you nurtured, the one that you allowed to take root, the one that grew for all of us to see.

Thank you for everything. We will never forget your kindness.

Sincerely,

*Mrs. Marie O'Neill
Nancy O'Neill Dowdle, Colleen
O'Neill Paulsen, Kathleen O'Neill
Zajic, Patrick, James, Timothy, Daniel,
Stephen, and Matthew O'Neill*

campus ministry and mission

By Patrick Andera



We celebrate Founder's Day today with the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi. Please join us in celebrating this holy man of God with different activities to remember him. See the front page of *Connections* for the full schedule of events.

World Habitat Day is today. The United Nations has designated the first Monday of October every year as World Habitat Day. The idea is to reflect on the state of our towns and cities and the basic right of all to adequate shelter. It is also intended to remind the world of its collective responsibility for the future of the human habitat. Taken from www.unhabitat.org/content.asp?cid=6598&catid=588&typeid=24&subMenuId=0.

Yesterday was **Respect Life Sunday**. This year's theme is Every Child Brings Us God's Smile. This is taken from a

homily Pope Benedict XVI gave on Jan. 7, 2007. As we begin October, which is Respect Life month, may we learn to treat every human, no matter age, with the same respect and love St. Francis of Assisi did.

Rosary for a Respect for Life: We will be praying the rosary on Sunday, Oct. 11 at 12:30 p.m. in San Damiano Chapel.

Saint Francis' Prayer in Praise of God, given to Brother Leo

*You are holy, Lord, the only God, and
Your deeds are wonderful.
You are strong.
You are great.
You are the Most High.
You are Almighty.
You, Holy Father are King of heaven and
earth.
You are Three and One, Lord God, all*

*Good.
You are Good, all Good, supreme Good,
Lord God, living and true.
You are love.
You are wisdom.
You are humility.
You are endurance.
You are rest.
You are peace.
You are joy and gladness.
You are justice and moderation.
You are all our riches, and You suffice for
us.
You are beauty.
You are gentleness.
You are our protector.
You are our guardian and defender.
You are our courage.
You are our haven and our hope.
You are our faith, our great consolation.
You are our eternal life, Great and
Wonderful Lord, God Almighty, Merciful
Savior. Amen.*

from the President

Dean of Admissions Search Committee

The following have agreed to serve on the Dean of Admissions Search Committee: Barbara Gayle, chair, Sue Batell, Todd Ericson, Amy Gleason, Jan Janiszewski, Scott Johns, Pat Kerrigan, Josh Kohnhorst, Janet McLean, Glenna Temple, and Delayne Vogel.

The first national vacancy notice will be in the Friday, Nov. 6 issue of *The Chronicle of Higher Education*. The university and the committee will be assisted by search consultant Sr. Marylouise Fennell, whose firm served Viterbo well the past few years in its searches for president and academic vice president.

You may notice the title of this position is not "vice president for admission and enrollment management," but rather "dean of admissions." The dean

will be a member of the cabinet and report to me, but I revised the title for two main reasons. First, our current organizational structure, which has served us well, focuses on undergraduate admissions, especially the recruitment of full-time freshmen and transfers. Enrollment management models more typically centralize all enrollment functions under one structure, i.e., undergraduate and graduate recruitment (full and part time), financial aid, registrar, advising, retention. Second, keeping the title of vice president for enrollment management would attract candidates seeking the full portfolio of functions and responsibilities noted above. Our target candidate is one whose knowledge and expertise are focused on the recruitment of full-time undergraduate students.

Special Thanks to those involved in planning the Greg Mortenson lecture, especially Rick Kyte, Michael Ranscht and the Fine Arts Center staff, Pat Kerrigan and his staff, Gary Klein and his staff, the staff of IIT, and Darryle Clott.

Rick Artman

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