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Academic Apparel Rental
Measurements for academic apparel for May 2005 Commencement Exercises will take place on Tuesday and Wednesday, April 5 and 6, ONLY from 10:00 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the Hammes Notre Dame bookstore in the Eck Center. The rental of a doctoral cap, gown, and hood is $45. Faculty who received a Ph.D. or law degree from Notre Dame may rent the Notre Dame doctoral cap, gown, and hood. The rental fee is $100. The rental of a cap, gown, and hood for the master's degree is $42.

Honors

Asma Afsaruddin, associate professor of Arabic and fellow of the Kroc Institute, was invited to join the advisory committee for the Muslim World Initiative on "The Role of Muslim Americans in Bridging the U.S.-Muslim Divide," United States Institute of Peace, Washington, D.C.

David Hayes, the Nolan Director in Family Business Enterprise, Gigot Center of Entrepreneurial Studies, was elected the program chair for the Family Business Division of the United States Association for Small Business and Entrepreneurship's 2006 annual conference.

Nathan D. Mitchell, professional specialist in theology, was presented with the Washington Theological Union's Sophia Award in recognition of "Excellence in Theology in Service to the Church."

Patrick E. Murphy, the Smith Codirector, Institute for Ethical Business Worldwide, and professor of marketing, recently had his article "How Advertising Practitioners View Ethics" (written with M. Drumwright) selected as best article of 2004 by the Journal of Advertising.

Frank Reilly, the Hank Professor of Finance, recently had his paper (written with D.J. Wright, and R.R. Johnson), "An Analysis of the Interest Rate Sensitivity of Common Stocks," selected as the "Outstanding Paper in Investments" from among those to be presented at the 2005 meeting of the Midwest Finance Association.

Donald E. Sporleder, professor of architecture emeritus, was re-elected vice-chairman of the Department of Natural Resources Trails Advisory Board, March 3.

Activities

James Matthew Ashley, associate professor of theology and fellow in the Center for Social Concerns, presented "Catholic Environmental Theology and Appalachia" to the Appalachia Seminar students, Feb. 15; and was a commentator for the panel discussion "Monsignor Romero: A Bishop for the Third Millennium," Feb. 17.

Rev. David B. Burrell, C.S.C., the Hesburgh Professor of Theology and Philosophy and fellow in the Kroc Institute, presented "Anthropomorphism in Catholic Thought" at the "26th Annual Philosophy of Religion Conference," Claremont Graduate Univ., Feb. 11–12.

Lawrence S. Cunningham, the O'Brien Professor of Theology, presented "Francis of Assisi as Catholic Saint," the Yves Simon Lecture, for Lumen Christi Institute at the Univ. of Chicago, Jan. 26.


Guillermo J. Ferraudi, professional specialist in the Radiation Laboratory, presented "Thermal and Photochemical Processes of Inorganic Polymers in Homogeneous Solution" and "Reactions of Re and Ru Dyads in Metastable Oxidation States" at "X Encuentro de Quimica Inorganica," Santiago, Chile, Jan. 2–14.

Paquita Y. Friday, assistant professor of accountancy, presented "Market-Related Values and Pension Accounting," written with Jeffrey Miller, assistant professor of accountancy, and H. Fred Mittelstaedt, professor and PricewaterhouseCoopers Faculty Fellow, at Oklahoma State Univ. Accounting Workshop series, in February.

Alexander Hahn, professor of mathematics and director of the Kaneb Center for Teaching and Learning, served as an on-site reviewer of a five-year mathematics/science/technology partnership grant sponsored by the NSF and held jointly by Hofstra and Stony Brook Universities, from Nov. 8 to 10; and served as an external reviewer of the Mathematics Dept. of Wake Forest Univ., Feb. 7 and 8.

Beil Hu, professor of mathematics, gave an invited PDE seminar talk titled "Stability and Instability for a Free Boundary Problem Modelling Cancer Growth" at Ohio State Univ., Columbus, Feb. 23.

Alan L. Johnson, professor of biological sciences, presented the program chair's report to the board of the Society for the Study of Reproduction, Feb. 18–20, in St. Petersburg, Fla.


Prashant V. Kamat, professional specialist in the Radiation Laboratory and concurrent professor of chemical and biomolecular engineering, presented a Presidential Lecture at Florida International Univ., Miami, Feb. 25, titled "Nanostructure Architectures for Energy Conversion" and a seminar titled "Ordered Nanoassemblies for Light Energy Conversion" to the Chemistry Dept. at Rutgers Univ., Newark, March 4.

Rev. Richard P. McBrien, the Crowley-O'Brien Professor of Theology, delivered the inaugural St. Thomas More Newman
Center Annual Lecture at the Univ. of Missouri in Columbia, Feb. 11; and led additional discussion on Feb. 12.

Juan Migliore, professor of mathematics, gave the colloquium talk "The Multiplicity Conjecture and Monomial Ideals" at the Univ. of Kentucky on Feb. 10.

Al Neiman, professional specialist in the Dept. of Philosophy, presented "Philosophical Roots of Psychological Counseling" at the annual meeting of the Indiana Mental Health Counselors Association, Indianapolis, Feb. 18.

Teresa Godwin Phelps, professor of law, spoke on a panel on "Violence and Inequality in Latin America: The Role of Truth Commissions" at Princeton Univ. on March 4.

Jean Porter, the O'Brien Professor of Moral Theology, delivered an invited paper "Political Authority and the Rule of Law in Theological Perspective" at the West Coast Section of the Society of Christian Ethics, Univ. of Southern California, Los Angeles, Feb. 18.

Gabriel Said Reynolds, assistant professor of theology, was interviewed on National Public Radio's Here and Now program on new trends in scholarship on the Qur'an, Dec. 27; and on KDSU radio (Utah) on gender reassignment and Islamic law, Feb. 7.


Rev. Timothy R. Scully, C.S.C., professor of political science and director, Institute for Educational Initiatives, presented "La Familia en Chile: Tendencias y Retos para el Pais" to the Intendencia de Coquimbo, Feb. 28, in La Serena, Chile.

Robert P. Sedlack, assistant professor of design, served as guest critic for the graphic design program at Miami Univ. in Oxford, Ohio, Feb. 14.

Phillip Sloan, professor in the Program of Liberal Studies, presented "Bridging the Gap Between the Humanities and Sciences" at the annual meeting of the American Association of Colleges and Universities in San Francisco, Jan. 28; the paper "From Natural History to the History of Nature: Re-Examining the Interplay of Historicism and Natural History, 1740–1800" at the seminar organized by the Centre d'Histoire des Sciences et des Techniques in Paris, Dec. 3, and completed a term as chair of Section L of the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

Donald E. Sporleder, professor of architecture emeritus, was an invited participant and member of the awards jury for the International Masonry Institute 2005 Indiana/Kentucky Golden Trowel Awards, given in recognition of excellence in masonry design and construction, Feb. 16, in Indianapolis.

Valerie Staples, coordinator of Eating Disorder Services at the University Counseling Center, was the guest speaker at a convocation at Goshen College on Feb. 16, where she presented "Disordered Eating: How to Respond as a Community"; and presented a workshop titled "The Keys to Assessment and Treatment of Eating Disorders" at Indiana Univ. South Bend, Feb. 23.

Mark A. Suckow, director and research associate professor in the Freimann Life Science Center, presented "Tissue Repair and Remodeling" and the poster "SIS Does Not Promote Tumor Recurrence Following Resection of PA-III Cells in Lobund-Wistar Rats" at the "SIS Biomaterials Summit," March 4 and 5 in Santa Fe, N.M.


Jennifer Younger, the Arnold Director of University Libraries, presented "Integrating Communities and Resources: What is a Library Director to Do?" at the Univ. of Dayton, Ohio, Dec. 17; and was a member of the panel on Responsibilities of External Review Committees for the American Library Association Committee on Accreditation, Jan. 14.


### Publications


Jonathan D. Lawrence, visiting instructor in theology, published a review of “Preaching the Gospels without Blaming the Jews: A Lectionary Commentary” by R.J. Allen and C.M. Williamson in *Review of Biblical Literature* (Feb.).


### University Council for Academic Technologies

**January 10, 2005**

**Attending:** Al DeFrees, Rob Easley, Molly Gordon, Richard Gray, Dan Marrmion, Bill McDonald, Carole Pilkinton, Mark Schurr, John Uhran, Olaf Wiest, Gordon Wishon. Guests: Gary Dobbins, Jan Labanowski.

**Absent:** Mark Alber, Alex Hahn, Roger Jacobs, Michael Kirsch, Tom Laughner, Liz Loo, Dmitriy Orlov, Harold Pace, Robert Stevenson.

**Welcome and Introductions of New Members**

Gordon Wishon introduced Al DeFrees, Associate Professional Specialist, School of Architecture.

**Minutes Review and Announcements (All)**

The committee approved the November 18, 2004 minutes.

**Subcommittee and Project Updates**

- **Learning Spaces**—Professor Mark Schurr reported that the subcommittee is planning to hold a technology “open house” to provide a tour of one of the upgraded DeBartolo rooms, and have at least one equipment vendor (possibly WolfVision) demonstrate its products. UCAT members suggested that this opportunity should include research faculty and representatives working on Jordan Hall.

- **Course Management System**—Professor Rob Easley reported that the Vista pilot environment is stable, and the team is working on policy issues related to Banner integration. Integration with Banner won’t be complete in the initial phases of the implementation, and the team won’t push faculty to use Vista or enroll their courses with students unless they request it. An initiative proposed by Associate Provost Dennis Jacobs to make information about courses more readily available to students by (among other things) making all course syllabi available on Vista won’t be possible, because Vista does not have a public “welcome” page accessible to students not registered in a specific course. Also some faculty expressed concern about the possibility of opening courses to examination by deans, chairs, etc., without the instructor’s permission. Such action could have a negative impact on use of Vista. Finally, given the restricted implementation of Vista initially, the team is making sure the I-drive still will be available and stable for faculty.

- **Software Subcommittee (Olaf Wiest)**—A third attempt to solicit a representative from A&L was unsuccessful. Because Peggy Rowland, OIT’s Director of Distributed Support Services, has assumed responsibility for A&L support, she has been asked to nominate a representative. The subcommittee expects to hold its first meeting within the next two weeks. With the help of OIT’s Software License Administrator, Mary Toll, the committee should have a good list of software to consider by then. It is possible that some software will continue to be available in a “self-supported” arrangement, while other software may be dropped.

- **SFIS Steering Committee** (Molly Gordon reported for Harold Pace)—The Course/Schedule module is in production, and meetings are being held with campus for Summer/Fall preparation. A more comprehensive update will be provided at the next UCAT meeting.

- **DeBartolo Upgrade** (Molly Gordon)—OIT upgraded 10 more DeBartolo rooms over the holiday break, because they were failing and could not wait. A formal project...
to upgrade the remaining rooms is beginning with a Request for Bid (RFB). The project will include gathering feedback from faculty on their reactions to the equipment already installed and to learn whether additions or changes are needed. The UCAT Learning Spaces subcommittee also will engage faculty in discussing design constraints of DeBartolo. Professor Al DeFrees offered to be on the Learning Spaces subcommittee because of his interest in the subject and his experience teaching in DeBartolo.

Presentation

Gary Dobbins, Director, OIT Information Security, presented the OIT’s planned Password Strength Program. The OIT ran a test of password strength on 30,293 accounts in July 2004 and compared it to a similar test from May 2003. The number of accounts that fail the test has increased. Examples of weak passwords are such things as using a password identical to the account name, using ‘goirish’ or ‘dulac’ or similar, using the word ‘password’ or ‘changeme’ or using a predictable character sequence like ‘abc123.’ To be effective in protecting sensitive data, passwords should be longer than 8 characters, include upper and lower case letters, numerals, and special characters, be changed at least every 180 days, and never written down or shared with others. Safer password practices will be introduced to campus by a publicity campaign, with information and assistance easily available. The program is scheduled to begin this month.

Future Topics

• Preparations are underway for developing a standard contract for personal computer purchases. Discuss how best to engage the UCAT in the planning, evaluation, and award process.
• OIT’s communications mechanisms: feedback on effectiveness; suggestions for improvement.
• Executive Vice President John Affleck-Graves has begun a new initiative to identify measures, metrics, benchmarks for University units to understand their effectiveness and efficiency. OIT would like UCAT to help identify metrics that are meaningful for faculty support, student learning.

• Relationship between UCAT and CTC.

Coming UCAT Meetings:

Friday, Feb. 11, 2005—9:30-11:00 a.m., Notre Dame Room, LaFortune
Tuesday, Mar. 15, 2005—9:00-10:30 a.m., Notre Dame Room, LaFortune
Thursday, Apr. 14, 2005—3:30-5:00 p.m. (NOTE SLIGHT TIME CHANGE!), Notre Dame Room, LaFortune
Wednesday, May 11, 2005—10:00-11:30 a.m., Giovanni Commons, MCOB *or* (tentatively), 306 Hammes-Mobray Hall (new Security/PO Bldg)