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Our 2007–08 Franciscan Value Focus: Serve one another, society and the Church.

Christmas Concert Featuring the University Singers and Jazz Ensemble

The University Singers and the Jazz Ensemble will present a free concert at **7 p.m. December 2 in the North Campus Auditorium**. The program will highlight traditional carols as well as classical and modern arrangements of holiday music by a variety of composers and arrangers.

Toys for Tots Drive

Students, staff and faculty will have a chance to support the annual Toys for Tots drive during Christmas at USF events. Barrels will be located at the Bass Mansion during the student and staff/faculty Christmas parties, as well as during the two weekends of Christmas in the Castle, in Pope John Paul II Center, Achatz Hall, and the Rolland Center from **December 2 to 9**.

Student Christmas Party at Bass Mansion

The Bass Mansion will host an open-house style Christmas party for students on **Thursday, November 29 from 2 to 5 p.m. and 7 to 10 p.m.** The Bass Mansion will be decorated by local florists and students are invited to see a preview of what will be open to the public in subsequent weekends. There is no charge for admission but students are encouraged to bring a new, unwrapped toy for Toys for Tots. Additionally, there will be cookies, cocoa and other treats, card-making, and picture opportunities. All students are welcome!

USF Students to Make Assisi Pilgrimage

Rachel DeKold and Steve Clarke have been selected to make the annual student pilgrimage to Assisi and Rome sponsored by the Association of Franciscan Colleges and Universities (AFCU) from December 27, 2007 to January 6, 2008. Both are juniors: Rachel is a Physician Assistant major and Steve is majoring in Social Work.

Their preparation for the pilgrimage includes taking THEO 390 St. Francis: Times and Charism, as well as four monthly meetings with special readings highlighting the spirituality of pilgrimage and the potential personal impact of the pilgrimage as a spiritual experience. As part of the follow-up when they return, Rachel and Steve will be available during second

semester to give brief class or small group presentations on their pilgrimage experience.

At the **7 p.m. Mass on Sunday, December 9** there will be a sending ritual for Rachel and Steve to offer prayers for safe journeying and to ask that they take our intentions to all the holy places they visit. All are invited to attend this Mass and wish our pilgrims well.

USF participation in the AFCU student pilgrimage is sponsored by the Center for Franciscan Spirit and Life, and Campus Ministry, with assistance from the Department of Student Life.

Get into the Christmas Spirit with the Living Nativity

In 1223, Francis of Assisi led a group of villagers from the Italian village of Greccio in celebrating the Lord's birth by re-enacting the first Christmas. Thus began the tradition of the Christmas crèche.

As Advent begins, the staff and students of the university will present a Living Nativity as a witness to the powerful presence of God's love incarnate in the world. The character of Saint Francis will narrate the Christmas story and those gathered around will sing "Silent Night."

The Living Nativity will be staged on **Sunday, December 2 at 6 p.m. at the small amphitheater next to the Pope John Paul II Center on the shore of Mirror Lake**. A petting zoo with the animals for the Living Nativity will be available for children from **5 to 6 p.m. at the Living Nativity site**. This event is free to all.

Lighting of the Lake

On **Sunday, December 2 at 6 p.m.** vigil lights will encircle the segment of Mirror Lake closest to Spring Street for a shining symbol of Christmas for the Fort Wayne community. You may dedicate one or more luminaries at \$10 per luminary to a loved one, in memory of someone special, in recognition of a special occasion, or just to wish a fellow student good luck with final exams. Call 434-3275 to order luminaries.

Fair Trade Alternative Shopping Bazaar

Students in Free Enterprise (SIFE) will present high-quality, fairly-traded handicrafts from disadvantaged producers all over the world at the Fair Trade Alternative Shopping Bazaar in **the Commons at the Pope John Paul II Center** on **Sunday, December 2 from 3 to 6 p.m.**

What does it mean to say that these items are fairly traded? It means that the people who produce them earn a fair price, get access to credit and training, and maintain long-term relationships with organizations rooted in the principles of human dignity and economic justice.

Bus Trip to Tennessee

Student Government Association will again be sponsoring a charter bus to Savannah, TN should the Cougars be headed to the National Championship Football Game. Further details will be available on **Monday, December 3**. See either the SGA website at www.sf.edu/sga or contact Melissa Reesman by e-mail at mreesman@sf.edu if you have any questions.

Contemporary American Craft Exhibition

On Saturday, **December 1 from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Weatherhead Gallery**, the Contemporary American Craft Exhibition will open. Presented by the School of Creative Arts, the exhibit will run through Sunday, January 20, 2008.

Crafts in a variety of media such as fiber, ceramics, wood, metal, glass, and stone by more than 70 professional artists from across the United States will be on sale. Most of the pieces exhibited will be affordable, serving as a great source for holiday shopping. There is no charge for admission.

Gallery hours are Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sundays, 1 to 5 p.m. The gallery will be closed for the Christmas holidays from December 22 through January 1.

XLT Coming to USF

XLT, the Praise and Worship/Eucharistic Adoration ministry in the Fort Wayne-South Bend Diocese is coming to the North Campus Auditorium at **7:30 p.m. on November 27**. Our Music Ministry will provide the music for this hour of prayer and praise, and students Krista Fultz and Andrea Jandernoa will speak.

Star of Bethlehem 2007 at the Schouweiler Planetarium

Join us under the Mideastern sky of 3 B.C. and follow the star of the Wise Men at the Schouweiler Planetarium for the Star of Bethlehem shows. During the live portion

of the show, planetarium staff will guide you to the wonders of this winter's Fort Wayne night sky. The shows begin on **Saturday, December 1** and run each weekend until **Sunday, December 16**. Admission is \$1 for USF students with ID, \$4 for adults and \$3 for senior citizens and children under 18; a \$14 maximum per family. For more information visit the planetarium website at www.sf.edu/planetarium or phone 434-3255.

Auditions for Spring Production

Vocal auditions will be held for the upcoming spring production of *Pump Boys and Dinettes* on **Monday and Tuesday, November 26 and 27 at 7 p.m. in Rolland Center room 115**. Bring sheet music of an up-tempo song and wear comfortable clothes for a short movement audition. Contact Brad Beauchamp at 260-750-6162 or by e-mail at bbeaux3@msn.com for more information.

Casino Night

Wednesday, November 28 is Casino Night. Join the Student Activities Council in the **Pope John Paul II Center** for blackjack, roulette and Texas hold 'em between **8 and 11 p.m.** The more you play, the better your chances are for winning gift certificates to Target, Best Buy, Starbucks, an iPod Nano, or a PSP.

Ecology Corner

One of the five Franciscan values emphasized at the university is "Respect Creation," and with an increased focus on greening our community, the Operations department is consistently engaged in recycling and reusing materials of campus consumers.

Several products collected for recycling have contaminants that, if thrown into landfills, could spill on the ground and seep into underground water sources. Incandescent light bulbs, for example, contain mercury which is harmful to plant and animal life.

Fluorescent and incandescent bulbs as well as ballasts are collected by Operations and recycled through Drug and Laboratory Disposal (DLD) of Plainwell, Michigan. Outdated chemicals from the science labs and household batteries are also taken by DLD. Metals and wire that are no longer useable are collected and taken to Omni Source of Fort Wayne for recycling.

Using resources wisely is another emphasis of the university; materials are reused whenever possible. When departments reorganize or relocate, items no longer needed in one area are used to fill the needs of another. For instance, wood shelves taken from the Bass Mansion Library were reused in offices or storage areas. Furniture is often circulated as departmental needs increase (or donated to charities) and used filing cabinets have been updated by electro-static painting.

Employees and students are encouraged to participate in all aspects of recycling and reuse of materials. To this effect, all campus buildings are supplied with recycling bins for disposing of plastic, aluminum, and paper products. Batteries, placed in interoffice envelopes, can be forwarded to the Operations department by inter-office mail.

Campus Ministry Schedule

Mass in Saint Francis Chapel in Trinity Hall

Monday	12:05 p.m.
Tuesday	5:15 p.m.
Wednesday	12:05 p.m.
Thursday	5:15 p.m.
Friday	12:05 p.m.
Saturday	8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m.
Sunday (Student Liturgy)	5 p.m., followed by a torchlight procession to Living Nativity at 6 p.m. on December 2.

During this month, there will be Eucharistic Adoration in Chapel only on **Wednesday, November 28 from 12:30 to 4 p.m.** Join the students for student-led prayer every **Wednesday at 9 p.m.** in the USF Chapel and every **Thursday at 4 p.m.** in the Reflection Room on the second floor of the Vann Library. Confession will be available 30 minutes before weekend liturgies or by appointment. Fr. John's office phone number is

434-7431.

New Location for Franciscans at Prayer

Franciscans at Prayer is now taking place in the **Campus Ministry Reflection Room**, located in the southwest corner of the Vann Library on the second floor. Please join us on the **second and fourth Tuesdays of each month at 12:05 p.m.** as we take a few minutes out of our day to pray in a Franciscan way.

Franciscans at Prayer is sponsored by the Center for Franciscan Spirit and Life. For more information, contact Sister Anita at ext. 6705, by e-mail at aholzmer@sf.edu or stop in at JPII room 301I.

Lost and Found

Two flash drives were found in the Campus Ministry dining room. Neither one has a cap; one is a SanDisk and the other is a Relay. If one of them belongs to you, please contact Sister Gayle at grusbasan@sf.edu or by phone at ext. 7728.

Upcoming Events?

Do you have an event or news item you want to see in *University Capsule*? Please send requests to tyler@hpn-marketing.com.

Reminder!

In case you missed them, below are items from previous editions of *Capsule*. These announcements give you all the information you need about upcoming events—don't miss what's going on at USF.

Get Ready! Get Set! Relax...

On **Tuesday, November 27** in **Doerner 237** from **11:30 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.**, treat yourself and a friend to a tension-reducing neck and shoulder massage and have a luxurious warm Paraffin wax hand dip. Your hands will feel terrific! The cost is a \$1 donation for students and \$5 for faculty, staff and/or guests. Contact Vicki Helton at 399-7700 ext. 8501 to reserve your spot for a relaxing moment of time. Walk-ins will be taken in the order they arrive, if spaces are available. All participants may enter a drawing for door prizes! The event is sponsored by the Physical Therapy Assistant Program. Proceeds will benefit the Foundation for Physical Therapy.

Know Any High School Students Interested in the Arts? Tell Them About Talent Day!

Scholarships will be awarded to high school seniors at Talent Day on **Friday, November 30** in the Rolland Center for Art and Visual Communication.

Talent Day gives high school seniors with an interest in art, communication or music the opportunity to submit

an art portfolio for review and/or audition for the university's jazz ensemble, pep band and the University Singers for scholarship consideration. Scholarships will be awarded in studio art, communication arts and graphic design, art education, computer art, communication, music technology, choir, pep band, and jazz ensemble. High school juniors are welcome to be reviewed and receive advice in preparation for their senior year.

The scholarships awarded are renewable for eight semesters with an appropriate GPA and can be added to any academic scholarships or need-based grants they might also receive.