



# UNIVERSITY CAPSULE

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

### **Plan on Returning to School Next Fall?**

If so, now is the time to file your FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid). Your FAFSA must be received by the processing center on or before **March 10** to be considered for grants from the State of Indiana and is the priority deadline for funding from University of Saint Francis. File your 2008-2009 FAFSA online at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov). If you have any questions or need help completing your FAFSA, contact the Office of Financial Aid at 434-3283 to set up an appointment. We will be more than happy to assist you.

### **Be a Mentor for a New USF Student**

Remember the challenges you faced your first semester of college? “How does the cafeteria work? Where is the library? Which classes should I take? How do I make new friends? Whom can I ask for advice?” Now you’re an expert... so share your knowledge with an incoming student as a P.E.E.R. mentor!

What does a P.E.E.R. mentor do? Exactly what the name says: Partner with new students, Empower them for success, Encourage them in their transition to USF, and Relate your stories and experiences to help them in their journey.

Interested students must apply by **March 7**. Applications are available in Trinity Hall 110 (Admissions & Financial Aid office). Questions? Contact Jana Day by phone at 434-7741, by e-mail at [jday@sf.edu](mailto:jday@sf.edu) or see her at Trinity 110 or contact Tim Caldwell by phone at 434-7729, e-mail at [tcaldwell@sf.edu](mailto:tcaldwell@sf.edu) or see him in Trinity 141.

### **High School Exhibition Coming Soon**

The School of Creative Arts will open the 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual High School Exhibition, showcasing the finest art from high school students across the region, on **Sunday, March 9 from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Weatherhead Gallery in the Rolland Art Center**. Awards will begin at 2 p.m.

High schools from Indiana, Michigan and Ohio could submit up to ten pieces each by their students. Cash awards, as well as over \$30,000 in art scholarships, are available to each participating student. The exhibit will

run until **March 23**. For more information, please call 399-7700 ext. 8001.

### **The Jesters to Perform Original Musical**

The Jesters, a troupe of child and young adult actors and artists with special needs, will perform an original musical comedy, *The Pirates of Charity Island Resort*, on **Saturday, March 8th at 3 p.m. and Sunday, March 9 at 6 p.m. in the North Campus Auditorium**. The ticket price for these performances is \$8 and supports the Jesters’ program. Doors will open 30 minutes before show time for general seating.

*The Pirates of Charity Island Resort* was written by Allen Etter and composed by Etter and Bill Brune, both employees at USF. This year is the Jesters’ 30<sup>th</sup> year of music, art and theatre. A short DVD will be shown before the performance chronicling the history of these talented people. Founded for children and young adults with special needs in 1978, the Jesters program showcases young people's singing and acting abilities on the public stage. For more information, please call 399-7700 ext. 8001.

### **Click Once! Click Twice!**

JustPeace has announced the 2008 Oxfam American Collegiate Click Drive will take place until March 17. Each year the Click Drive helps raise thousands of dollars for micro-credit finance, offering loans to those living in dire poverty.

Go to [www.povertyfighters.com](http://www.povertyfighters.com), choose USF as your college of choice and click twice a day on any available computer, including your laptops and those at home.

Join the competition, check the results, and help USF do its share to fight poverty.

### **Scholarships Available**

The Departments of Biology, Chemistry, English, History, Math, and Philosophy & Theology have USF scholarship money available for high school students interested in majoring in a School of Arts and Sciences program within these departments.

To be considered for a scholarship award, students must participate in the **Three Rivers Symposium on Friday, March 7**. Symposia workshops include CSI, Short-Cut Math, MRSA—Menace or Myth, Mudslinging 101, and Creation to Crusades. To learn more about science workshops visit [www.sf.edu/sciencesymposium](http://www.sf.edu/sciencesymposium) or contact Carolyn Exner at 399-8067. For humanities workshops visit [www.sf.edu/sf/arts-sciences/3rivers-symposia](http://www.sf.edu/sf/arts-sciences/3rivers-symposia) or contact Angie Springer at 399-8066.

To be accepted to this program, applications including letters of recommendation and transcripts are due **today**.

### **Credit by Examination for CIS 190**

There will be a credit by examination for CIS 190 (Intro. to Computers) on **Tuesday, March 25 from 2 to 5 p.m. in JP11 room 107**. Applications must be submitted to Sylvia Clark, Administrative Assistant for the School of Business, in JP11 room 302C no later than March 21. Applications must be obtained from your advisor. Contact Dr. Karen Palumbo at [kpalumbo@sf.edu](mailto:kpalumbo@sf.edu) or by phone at 399-7700 ext. 8312 with any questions.

### **Politics 2.0 Presentation**

Dr. Bruce Gronbeck, a leading scholar in the field of political public address, media studies and “electric rhetoric,” will discuss the role that “do-it-yourself” politics plays in America on **March 18 at 6:30 p.m. in Doermer Center 156 A and B**. Tracing the progression of political messages from candidate-centered to media-centered to citizen-centered, Dr. Gronbeck will describe how the computerization of political campaigns and the advent of “open-source” politics has changed American political culture and will offer his insights on the social and moral consequences of this transformation.

Bruce Gronbeck is the A. Craig Baird Distinguished Professor of Public Address at the University of Iowa. He works primarily in the area of rhetorical and media studies, with particular interests in contemporary television and politics. He teaches and writes about American cultural studies and the evolution of rhetorical thought, especially from the 18th century to the present.

### **Guest Speaker Dr. Paul Ranieri on Campus**

Plan to attend Dr. Paul Ranieri’s talk on the “Importance of a Liberal Arts Education” at **6:30 pm in the Bass Mansion**. Dr. Ranieri serves as Executive Director for the Association for General and Liberal Studies at Ball State University. For more information, contact Dr. Mathew Fisher at 399-7700 ext. 8111 or by e-mail at [mfisher@sf.edu](mailto:mfisher@sf.edu).

### **Service for the Community**

Since October, the The Siggraph and Animation Club has been heavily involved in working with Habitat for Humanity. The chapter is currently producing a 30 second PSA for Habitat for Humanity to be shown to area elementary students to teach them about recycling their soda cans into Habitat for Humanity recycle boxes.

The PSA is a 3D computer animation of a superhero soda can named Can-O-Might (created by a friend of someone at Habitat). Can-O-Might teaches two young kids how to throw soda cans into Habitat for Humanity boxes so that they can be recycled into money which is used to build houses for families. It is a long process to create the animation, but the students are enjoying it and Habitat has been elated with the results. Not only do the students get the satisfaction of helping Habitat for Humanity and their community, they also get more experience animating and working with clients.

The Mission and Values committee would also like to remind members of the community that we have the same Habitat for Humanity can recycle centers at various places on campus. There is also a container for the pull tabs that help to support Ronald McDonald houses. One can provides support for two worthy causes.

We still welcome ideas of service that we can share with others. Please forward these to Sr Mary Govert at [mgovert@sf.edu](mailto:mgovert@sf.edu).

### **Campus Ministry Schedule**

#### Mass in Saint Francis Chapel in Trinity Hall

Monday	12:05 p.m.
Tuesday	12:05 p.m.
Wednesday	12:05 p.m.
Thursday	12:05 p.m.
Friday	12:05 p.m.
Saturday	5 p.m.
Sunday (Student Liturgy)	7 p.m.

If you are a Eucharistic Minister, lector or server and would like to be placed on the Campus Ministry schedule, contact Jan Patterson by phone at 434-3260 or by e-mail at [jpatterson@sf.edu](mailto:jpatterson@sf.edu) or Sister Gayle Rusbasan at 434-7728 or [grusbasan@sf.edu](mailto:grusbasan@sf.edu). Confession will be available 30 minutes before weekend liturgies or by appointment. Fr. John’s office phone number is 434-7431.

### **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](mailto:tyler@hpn-marketing.com).