Historic Law School building opens

By Brigid O’Brien Miller

Eckstein Hall, the new home of Marquette University Law School, officially opened for students this August. The $85 million building features groundbreaking technology and, according to Dean Joseph D. Kearney, promises to transform the student experience and the way the community engages with Milwaukee’s only law school. Overlooking the Marquette Interchange, the building aims to become the symbolic interchange for legal study and public debate in the region.

“The entire design of Eckstein Hall was centered on three priorities: facilitating the students’ rigorous and collaborative study of law; meeting the needs of faculty to teach and research with the most up-to-date resources available to them; and becoming a place where the larger community can discuss issues critical to our public good,” Kearney said. “We are confident that Eckstein Hall will, in fact, be known as the best law school building in the country.”

Among the most prominent features is the library without borders, seamlessly integrated on all four floors of the building.

“The most important part of the law library is the service provided by our highly skilled law librarians on staff,” said Patricia Cervenka, director of the Law Library and professor of law. “The new design allows by our highly skilled law librarians on staff,” said Patricia Cervenka, director of the Law Library and professor of law. “The new design allows

Eckstein Hall also includes state-of-the-art conference facilities with advanced broadcast capabilities. It will enable events at the Law School to be transmitted widely, even globally, while also providing satellite feeds of outside speakers for classroom activities or public events.

Engineering facility among several construction projects

Eckstein Hall may be the most prominent new structure at Marquette, but it’s far from being the only campus construction this summer and fall. Structural steel work for phase one of the $100 million Discovery Learning Complex, a new College of Engineering building, was completed in August. Installation of the outer wall panels is underway, along with the concrete floor slabs. The building is expected to be enclosed by the end of the calendar year and ready for occupancy by August 2011. The five-story, 115,000-square-foot building is being constructed, at a cost of $35 million, on the south side of Wisconsin Avenue between 16th and 17th streets.

Additional Marquette construction and renovation projects include:

**Academic buildings — First floor windows on the north side of Johnston Hall are being replaced throughout fall, renovation of rooms 103 and 104 will be completed in September, and construction of a new elevator shaft wall and new east entry to the building begins in September. Thirteen classrooms throughout campus have been converted to smart classrooms. Cramer 016 has been converted into two separate labs and accent lighting has been added to the Marquette Hall tower.**

**Residence Halls — Food service facilities at Mashuda Hall, McCormick Hall and Straz Tower have been renovated, and sprinklers have been installed in a number of halls.**

**Soccer Facility — Construction has begun on shower facilities, changing and meeting areas and public restrooms at Valley Fields,**

Eckstein Hall was made possible by a $51 million gift from Ray and Kay Eckstein, an alumni couple from Cassville, Wis. There is approximately $11 million to be raised to complete the project.

Bygg & Al’s Run & Walk for Children’s Hospital will take place Saturday, Oct. 9, beginning on the Marquette campus. The registration deadline to join a Marquette team is noon Friday, Sept. 17. To join the general Marquette team or any other Marquette team for the three- or five-mile run/walk, go to https://register.alrun.com/Teams/TeamLogin.aspx. Search “Marquette” and use the password “Marquette.” For more information call 8-3128.

**St. Paul is subject of Wade Lecture**

Rev. Tom Stegman, S.J., associate professor of New Testament and professor ordinarius at the Boston College School of Theology and Ministry, will present “The Language of Righteousness in the Letters of St. Paul: A Case for ‘Both-And’” for the Rev. Francis Wade, S.J., Chair Public Lecture. The lecture will be held Tuesday, Sept. 21, at 4 p.m. in the Raynor Library Beaumier Suites. A reception will follow. RSVP to Dr. Catharine Malloy, program coordinator for the Francis Wade, S.J., Chair, at 8-4022.

Caribbean studies conference to be held

The Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures and the journal Caribe will host an International Conference on Caribbean Studies, “Looking to the Caribbean: Film and Literature,” Oct. 7-9 at Marquette. The conference will feature guest artists Ivan Acosta, a film director (Amigos) and playwright (El Super) best-known for fiction that reflects his experiences as a Cuban exile; Matías Huidobro, a Cuban novelist, poet, playwright and critic; and Leandro Soto, a painter and performance artist. Cost is $100 for faculty and professionals and $50 for students and retirees. For more information, contact Dr. Armando Gonzalez-Perez, professor of Spanish, at 8-7264.

**Co-founder of nonviolence center to discuss peace**

MubarakAwad, co-founder of the Palestine Center for the Study of Nonviolence and professor of international service at American University, will present a lecture on “Prospects for the use of nonviolence in promoting peace in the Holy Land.” The lecture, which is sponsored by the Center for Peacemaking, will take place Tuesday, Sept. 28, at 7 p.m. in AMU 157.
Leadership addresses campus issues

Fall priorities: academic freedom, shared governance, Catholic identity and LGBT issues

Three months ago, in an e-mail to faculty, staff and students, Marquette President Robert A. Wild, S.J., promised to address the issues that had been raised in the aftermath of rescinding a job offer for the dean of the Klinger College of Arts and Sciences.

“As I enter my final year as your president, a priority focus will be continuing dialogue and reflection, among faculty, staff and students, about our Catholic, Jesuit identity and the important principles of academic freedom, shared governance and the needs of our LGBT community,” wrote Father Wild. “I welcome, indeed encourage, your ideas.”

Throughout the summer, Father Wild, the Office of the Provost, the Office of Student Affairs and the Office of Mission and Ministry have worked with other offices, campus groups and individuals to begin to address these concerns.

“Marquette is entering an important moment of community discernment,” said Dr. John Pauly, provost. “I hope that we come to understand ourselves better as a result of the initiatives we are planning and that we will maintain vigorous dialogue about our intellectual and cultural complexity for many years to come.”

Dr. L. Christopher Miller, vice president for student affairs, emphasized the need to create a sense of welcome and comfort for all students. “Research clearly demonstrates that students who feel part of the campus community, who have a sense of belonging, are more successful,” he said. He noted that the Office of Student Affairs and Campus Ministry have ongoing programs in place to address topics of sexual orientation, including staff training and activities targeted at students.

Among the initiatives undertaken this summer are:

- Father Wild and Pauly are drafting new protocols to be used to guide future dean searches, after meeting with representatives of the University Academic Senate to discuss the role of faculty and UAS in dean searches. In a report to the senate, the chair of the UAS, Dr. Christine Krueger, said the UAS will discuss qualifications for leadership positions at Marquette at its October meeting, in conjunction with a presentation by Rev. John Fitzgibbons, S.J., associate provost for faculty development, who has been invited to share his draft report on faculty development.
- Pauly and individual deans have been meeting with individual faculty members who expressed concerns about academic freedom in their teaching and research.
- Pauly has met with women and gender studies faculty to discuss ways of supporting gender and sexuality studies on campus. Miller and Pauly, as well as campus ministers, have met with students concerned about the treatment of LGBT students and continue to coordinate efforts to address the needs of students and faculty.
- The Office of Mission and Ministry and the Office of the Provost are planning a series of talks and events around the theme of Catholic intellectual traditions.
- The Office of Mission and Ministry will focus on the theme of religious imagination and, specifically, Catholic imagination in its annual Mission Week programs and events.
- A number of activities for LGBT students and those questioning their sexuality are planned for this semester, beginning with a welcome reception during new student orientation and including the creation of a meeting/resource space and expanded ally training and visibility. Campus Ministry and the Counseling Center are sponsoring an ongoing discussion group for LGBT students, those questioning their sexuality and ally students with meetings beginning in September.
- Dr. Rotani Sanlo, senior associate dean of students, adjunct professor and program director for the UCLA master's program in student affairs, will visit the campus at the request of Drs. Pauly and Miller. She will consult with Marquette on ways to coordinate programming and services for students and faculty.
- Father Wild, Pauly, Miller and Stephanie Russell, vice president for university mission and identity, each indicated that discussions are ongoing, and they expect more individuals and groups to find ways to address the identified issues.

Six Youth of the Year winners find a home at Marquette

By Matt Wessel

Boys & Girls Clubs of America has been honoring its most outstanding members through its Youth of the Year program since 1947, recognizing community service, academic performance and contributions to family and spiritual life. Marquette's fall 2010 freshman class boasts six Youth of the Year winners from across the country — actually, the world.

Tamara Johnson (Pogojaque, N.M.), Ryan Allen (Kansas City, Kan.) and Amaya Hamilton (Ramstein Air Force Base, Germany) are the inaugural recipients of a new Marquette/Youth of the Year scholarship that aims to award four-year, full-tuition scholarships annually to up to three students. The scholarship program marks the first time Boys & Girls Clubs of America has partnered directly with a university on a national level.

“We are very excited to welcome our first class of Youth of the Year scholars,” said Roby Blust, dean of admissions. “They are an outstanding group and we’re eager to watch them continue their excellence in leadership and service at Marquette.”

Another student, Tommy Walls — from the Mary Ryan Boys & Girls Club in Milwaukee — is attending Marquette as an Urban Scholar (which awards two of its 10 annual scholarships to local Boys & Girls Clubs members). In addition to being named Youth of the Year at his local club, Walls has also won the honor for the state of Wisconsin and the entire Midwest. He will compete with four others for National Youth of the Year honors in Washington, D.C., in September.

Allyson Aderman (Menominee, Mich.) and Arisbet Escalante (Hill City, S.D.) round out the group of six. Aderman received an Ignatius Scholarship for leadership and Escalante received a Magis Award.
The massive building at the corner of 16th and Wisconsin is drawing lots of attention from passersby, but for Dr. Robert Bishop, OPUS Dean of the College of Engineering, the excitement is about what will happen inside the new Discovery Learning Complex.

“Engineers need to think with their right and their left brain, to be creative as well as analytic,” said Bishop, who joined Marquette July 1. “We’ve moved from the industrial age to the information age and now to the creative age.”

He expects faculty and students to work on “real engineering projects for real clients with real needs,” collaborating not only across engineering disciplines but with scientists, artists and writers across campus. To facilitate such collaboration, the five-story building is designed around the “house” concept, placing classrooms, laboratories and faculty offices of varying engineering disciplines around an area of student collaboration, called a “node.”

Bishop sees discovery learning as an opportunity for students to connect design, engineering principles, ethics and global issues. He envisions the DLC as a place where passersby can look into the glass windows at 11 o’clock on a Friday night and “see pizza boxes strewn about and students working together.”

“Creativity doesn’t occur from 8 to 5, especially in students’ lives,” he said.

“I want people to be able to look into the DLC and ask, ‘What’s going on? That looks cool.’”

Former chair of the Department of Aerospace Engineering and Engineering Mechanics at The University of Texas at Austin with an extensive research portfolio, Bishop places a special emphasis on the importance of research in teaching. “It’s not one or the other,” he said.

“Research informs our teaching, bringing concrete, real-life examples into the classroom and involves our students in the problem solving, innovation and discovery that are at the core of engineering practice. That’s what generates student interest.”

As the steel beams of the Discovery Learning Complex rise along Wisconsin Avenue, Bishop is busy meeting with community and business leaders and prospective benefactors to bring the full $100 million project to fruition. “I want people to know what’s happening inside our College of Engineering, to know more about the work of our faculty experts and the quality of our students. We have a great story to tell,” he said.

Bishop and his wife are renting a home on Milwaukee’s east side while they decide on more permanent housing. They have two sons, one a student at the University of Chicago and the other at the Virginia Military Institute.

**Bishop’s four principles**

Dr. Bishop outlines four principles that guide his vision for Marquette engineering:

1. Contribute to the overall student educational experience, both undergraduate and graduate.
2. Provide faculty with key technology and systems at the forefront of engineering.
3. Build stronger relationships between teaching and research.
4. Reinroduce engineering design to engineering education.

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One example was the recent town hall debate between the two major Republican candidates for governor, which was simulcast live on broadcast radio and television stations statewide and streamed online. Eckstein Hall is also expected to be the site of debates between the candidates for U.S. Senate and Wisconsin governor later this fall.

Mike Gousha, distinguished fellow in law and public policy, said this technology and the building’s capacity to accommodate public events will further the Law School’s goal of being the place where people across the region gather to explore the important issues of the day. “Eckstein Hall will change, in an incomparable way, the Law School’s ability to host distinguished guests, the legal community and members of the public for substantive discussions,” he said.

The building will be formally dedicated in a ceremony Wednesday, Sept. 8. Tours for the campus community will be available following the ceremony, which begins at 2 p.m.
Father Rossi discusses priorities for Klingler College of Arts and Sciences

by Andy Brodzeller

The three R's. They mean something different to Rev. Philip Rossi, S.J., the newly appointed interim dean of the Klingler College of Arts and Sciences. For Rossi, the three R's in the next 12 to 24 months will mean resources, recognition and respect.

Father Rossi, who took office July 1, has held several leadership positions during his 35-year tenure at Marquette, including serving three times as the Department of Theology chair and as associate dean of the college.

He believes strongly in the important role a college of arts and sciences plays in Catholic, Jesuit higher education. “Solutions to the most important issues facing society need to be addressed in all their dimensions,” he said. “From the environment to banking, from law to engineering, no single profession is positioned to know the best answer.”

He emphasized the unique position the college has in the education of all students, as the home of the Core of Common Studies and with its multi-disciplinary focus and dimension. “We prepare students not only within their academic majors but more holistically, as active citizens who contribute to addressing social issues,” he said.

Working with University Advancement, Father Rossi wants to identify the greatest needs of the college that have external funding potential. He also wants to explore the allocation of resources. He is pleased that the college was given a second associate dean, praising the appointments of Dr. Belén Castañeda and Dr. William Donaldson. “I was encouraged by how quickly they accepted their nominations,” he said. “They both bring wisdom and expertise that I and the college will benefit from.”

Rossi said the leadership team hopes the college’s faculty will discuss their ideas and concerns raised over the past four months. He plans to work with the college’s department chairs to encourage those conversations — about Catholic, Jesuit identity, academic freedom, shared governance and diversity. “We need faculty to step forward and help make those conversations happen,” he said, expressing hope that such conversations will articulate ways that the many forms of intellectual inquiry in the college can effectively engage contemporary culture.

Father Rossi also wants to develop more ways to recognize faculty accomplishments. “The college and university are great at recognizing the accomplishment of our students,” he said. “As a college we need to do the same for our faculty — the heart and soul of what we do. We must recognize and leverage the success of our faculty and find ways to effectively tell their and the college’s story;” he continued, pointing out that in the 11 years the Haggerty Research Award has been presented, all but one of the recipients has been a member of the college. The college is also home to 17 of the past 35 professors recognized with a Teaching Excellence Award.

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The Haggerty Museum of Art will host two programs at the museum Wednesday, Sept. 15. In conjunction with the Let There Be Light exhibition, Dr. Deirdre Dempsey, associate professor of theology, will present “And Then There Was Light: Theological Implications of Stained Glass” at noon. Dr. Andrew Witt, associate professor of history at Edgewood College, will discuss “Picking Up the Hammer: Re-thinking the Black Panther Party,” at 6 p.m. for The Black Panthers Making Sense of History exhibition.

Law School hosting MPS superintendent, director of Zilber foundation

Gregory Thornton, Milwaukee Public Schools superintendent, will discuss issues facing the state’s largest school district at 12:15 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 16, as part of the “On the Issues with Mike Gousha” series this fall. Gousha, distinguished fellow in law and public policy, will also discuss the revitalization of two neighborhoods in the heart of Milwaukee with Susan Lloyd, executive director of the Zilber Family Foundation, at 12:15 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 30. Eckstein Hall locations for both programs are TBD. Register online at http://bit.ly/MPS-ZFF.

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TAKE 5

The top five most common maintenance requests in fiscal 2010 for the university’s 65 buildings covering 5,695,000 square feet, according to Facilities Services.

1) Plumbing-related repair – 2,679
2) Change light bulbs – 2,658
3) Heating/cooling system repair – 2,351
4) Deliveries – 2,038
5) Repair locks/make keys – 1,519

"Take Five" is a brief list concerning an interesting aspect of Marquette life. E-mail your list suggestions to marquettematters@marquette.edu.