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## Carlow University-Wide Meeting Showcases Accomplishments

University's Forecast Shows Progress and Steady Improvement



*Dr. Mary Hines, President*

At the University-wide meeting in Kresge Theatre on Friday, August 17, 2007, faculty, staff, and a few students learned that even though the skies outside threatened rain, the forecast for Carlow University is mostly sunny and getting sunnier.

Dr. Mary Hines, president of the University, reviewed the long-term goals in the strategic plan and highlighted the progress made on each point. She stressed that the University is “building community among all of our constituents.”

One of the constituencies—the Sisters of Mercy—has significant changes planned for implementation on January 1, 2008. Sister Sheila Carney, newly appointed special assistant to the president for Mercy Heritage and Service, introduced the changes that the Sisters of Mercy have planned. Sister Sheila explained that the Sisters of Mercy—who have 26 communities in the United States and minister in 44 countries have developed a structure to give each community a certain degree of administrative authority. However, committing a number of Sisters in each community to administrative tasks does not make sense in light of the 21st century's forms of instantaneous communication. By combining many of these communities—the 26 U.S. communities will be combined into five regional communities, and Pittsburgh will be combined into a New York, Pennsylvania, and Pacific West structure with new headquarters in Buffalo, NY—the Sisters of Mercy will have fewer of their numbers performing administrative tasks, which will free more Sisters to do hands-on mission work.

“The energy for relationship is more vibrant than we've ever seen it before,” said Sister Sheila.

While cautioning that the numbers are not official yet, Dr. Gary Smith, provost, reported that 2,395 students have registered for the Fall Term. Of that number, 1,752 are undergrads (which includes 1,147 for the day total and 605 adult evening undergrads) and 643 graduate students, including 15 students for the new PsyD program. He also introduced 12 new faculty of which eight are brand new positions.

Louise Sciannameo, MLA, vice president of University Communications and Community Relations, reported twice. First, she provided an update on the work of the Mission Statement Revision Committee. A draft of the revised mission statement is available on the Carlow Web site, and comments are welcome. Second, she reported on the work of the University Communications and Community Relations division. The number of projects has increased by more than 60 percent over this time last year, and the staff continues to earn awards from outside organizations—the latest being APEX awards for *The Carlow Journal* and the University's Web site.

Margie Murphy, administrative assistant for University Communications and Community Relations, who chaired a committee charged by Dr. Hines with creating a master calendar for the whole Carlow community, reported that the master calendar has been created. Judith Cichowicz, administrative assistant for Facilities and a member of the committee, will maintain the calendar, so all inquiries about future events should begin by placing a call to her.

Dr. Patrick Joyce, vice president of Advancement and Government Relations, reported that in the past fiscal year more than \$5.2 million were raised, including \$2.8 million in cash. The Annual Fund set a record for the fourth consecutive year, raising \$610,000. Carlow's endowment increased by \$1.3 million, and a special Hopkins Scholarship in Communications was started with a generous gift from the estate of former Carlow provost Dr. Thomas Hopkins.

Dr. Carol Gruber, vice president of Student Affairs, reported on new developments in Student Affairs, which included the addition of several new faces: Kristina Walker is the administrative assistant and project coordinator; Lisa A. Osachy, PsyD, is the director of Counseling Services; and Christopher Meener, will be the new director of Student Activities.

Jacqueline Travisano, MBA, CPA, vice president of Finance and Operations, reported that Carlow is projecting a surplus of more than \$1 million for 2007, and the plans are for that to increase significantly in the coming years. One of the reasons for planning for surpluses in operating revenue is to channel it back into capital improvements, such as the recently completed renovation of Frances Warde Hall, the repaving of parking lots A and C, the newly finished renovation work on the fifth floor of Antonian Hall, and the work still in progress on the Nursing Skills Lab.

Following the meeting, Aladdin Foods served a picnic lunch in Tiernan Hall's cafeteria.

**Core Values: Sacredness of Creation, Discovery/Quest, and Leadership**

## Renovations



The Student Lounge on the third floor of Frances Warde Hall has undergone a dramatic renovation with a new color scheme, furniture, flat-screen TV, and a gas fireplace.

## Graduate Student Orientation



Cindy Rothenberger, associate provost and dean of the Graduate School, welcomes new students with an overview of the University and the school during graduate student orientation. One hundred eighty-three first-time graduate students enrolled in the Graduate School this fall.



Carlow faculty, staff, and students are encouraged to enroll in e2Campus, a Web-based, mass notification system that automatically sends instant descriptive alerts to cell phones, e-mail accounts, pagers, and personal Web pages. Sign up now by clicking the e2Campus link on Carlow's Web page at [www.carlow.edu](http://www.carlow.edu).

## Move-in Day for Class of 2011



Carlow University staff and students proudly welcomed first-year students to newly renovated dorms on Move-in Day, Tuesday, August 21, 2007. Parents, families, friends and new students got the first look of the more than \$500,000 in renovations that Carlow invested to improve the dorms—Frances Warde and Daugherty halls. Move-in Day started at 7 a.m. and lasted into late afternoon.



## Carlow University's Women's Basketball Team Ranks Eighth in NAIA for GPA

### WBCA Announces Its 2006–2007 Academic Top 25 Honor Roll

Carlow University's women's basketball team has placed in the top 10 in the Women's Basketball Coaches Association (WBCA) National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) Academic Top 25 Honor Roll.

The Carlow Celtics had a cumulative GPA of 3.495, which was good for eighth place, just 0.122 behind first place finisher Dana College of Blair, Nebraska.

"Our student athletes work hard on the court and off," said John Brown, head coach of the Celtics, who play in the NAIA's American Midwest Conference. "The WBCA has been honoring teams for 10 years and our basketball team has made the top 25 seven times. We were the only American Midwest team in the top 25."

The WBCA announced its 2006–2007 Academic Top 25 Team Honor Roll for NCAA Division I, NCAA Division II, NCAA Division III, NAIA and Junior College/Community College in mid-July. The awards recognize teams throughout the nation that have the highest grade point averages (GPA) for the 2006–2007 season based upon nominations submitted by WBCA-member coaches.

"It always brings the WBCA esteemed pleasure to recognize such prominent women's basketball programs that have committed themselves on the hardwood and in the classroom," said WBCA CEO Beth Bass. "Each of these teams lead by example and have set a benchmark of success academically among their peers and in the sport."

GPA's are calculated by dividing the total number of quality points earned by each student-athlete on an institution's roster in the given academic terms by the total number of hours earned by the team. The GPA's are rounded to the nearest thousandth of a point.

For more information about the WBCA and the Academic Top 25 Honor Roll, please go to [www.wbca.org](http://www.wbca.org).

**Core Value: Student Progress**

## SPECTRUM

A COLLECTION OF WRITINGS  
BY CARLOW UNIVERSITY FACULTY



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## New Issue of *Spectrum* Features Writings on Justice

The second volume of *Spectrum*, published by the Carlow University Press, considers writings by University faculty focusing on social justice largely drawn from papers presented at the first conference of the Grace Ann Geibel Institute for Justice and Social Responsibility held in April 2007.

Dr Mary Hines, president of Carlow University, lays the foundation for the theme of justice and social responsibility in the *Spectrum's* preface as being at the heart of the Mercy mission, "... The writings [in *Spectrum*] illustrate and emphasize Carlow University's defining commitment to justice and to educating society about its responsibility to foster justice for all."

James Kelly, assistant professor in the School for Social Change and one of the co-facilitators of the Grace Ann Geibel Institute for Justice and Social Responsibility, describes the principle upon which the institute was founded in the first article, "Reflecting on the Mission and Purpose of the Grace Ann Geibel Institute for Justice and Social Responsibility." As Kelly notes, "[The institute] ... primarily values the pursuit of knowledge and praxis related to the general question of "What makes a just society?"

Sister Grace Ann Geibel, former president of Carlow and namesake of the institute, contributed her remarks from the first Mercy Founders Week in September 2006 in "Reflection on Justice and Mercy." Claiming the act of mercy as a powerful antidote to the pervasive reality of injustice in today's society, she urges those who love the University to answer the call to justice.

University faculty writings delve into topics where the need for justice is most pressing, including education, healthcare, and domestic violence. The multi-disciplinary body of work illustrates Carlow's intellectual and practical commitment to speak and act

against what Geibel refers to as “destructive power as power ‘over’ others.”

In “An Apology for the Ivory Tower: Brief Reflections on the Relationship between the University and Social Justice,” John Alverson, professor of theology, argues that university activities are vehicles for justice. Michele Upvall, professor in the School of Nursing, publishes her research findings on the challenges and nuances of providing western-oriented care to one of the most vulnerable populations in “Providing Competent Care to Somali Refugee Women.” Moving from the global sphere to the local need for justice, Irene Leitz, instructor in the English department, provides scholarship propelled by the personal effect of domestic violence—the death of one of her students—in “From Tragedy to Service Curriculum: Dionne’s Last Gift.” Finally Susan O’Rourke, associate professor in the School of Education, explains how collaboration and sharing knowledge and practice can improve education for special needs students in Peru in “An International Special Education Exchange of Methodologies and Approaches in Services for Children with Different Abilities.”

Core Values: Discovery/Quest and Intellectual Integrity

## Carlow Welcomes New Faculty

Carlow University welcomes the following new faculty members for the 2007-2008 academic year.

Renee Barrett, MSN  
*Instructor, School of Nursing*

Nancy Jo Keller, RN, BSN, MS  
*Nursing Skills Lab coordinator and an instructor, School of Nursing*

Margaret C. Slota, MN  
*Instructor, School of Nursing graduate school program*

Nicole Marie Welding, MSN  
*Instructor, School of Nursing*

Jennifer M. Gabel, PhD  
*Biology instructor, Natural Sciences Division of the College of Arts and Science*

Frances A. Kelley, PhD, LPC  
*Assistant professor, School for Social Change*

Stephanie A. Wilsey, PhD  
*Assistant professor, School for Social Change*

Harriet L. Schwartz, MS  
*Instructor, Professional Leadership program*

Enrique Mu, PhD  
*Chair, Information Technology Management (ITM) Program*

Judith Touré, MA  
*Assistant professor, School of Education*

Roberta Foizey, MS  
*Instructor, English department*

Beth Zamboni, MS  
*Instructor, Mathematics*

## Matriculation Ceremony



*Dr. James Kelly, assistant professor in the School for Social Change, distributes Carlow University pins to the first-year students at the Matriculation Ceremony on Wednesday, August 22, 2007.*

## Three Carlow University Chemistry Students Earn National Research Honors

**They Presented at National Conferences in Chicago and Santa Barbara, California**

Carlow University chemistry majors Kelly Ann Wilson, Courtney Bergstein, and Ashlee Mangan have earned national research opportunities through the National Science Foundation (NSF).

Wilson, from Enon Valley, Pa., attended the American Chemical Society’s annual meeting in Chicago during the last week in March. She presented a poster on research she conducted in the summer of 2006, titled “Kinetic Investigation of the Reaction of a Fluorescent Label and Fatty Acids.” Wilson completed this research through an NSF program called, “Research Experiences for Undergraduates” (REU).

The REU program supports active research participation by undergraduate students in any of the areas of research funded by the National Science Foundation. REU projects involve students in meaningful ways in ongoing research programs.

Bergstein, from North Huntingdon, Pa., and Mangan, from Carrick, Pa., were both selected for The National Nanotechnology Infrastructure Network’s (NNIN) internship program. NNIN is an integrated partnership of 13 user facilities, supported by NSF, providing unparalleled opportunities for nanoscience and nanotechnology research. Bergstein and Mangan were assigned to research positions at Penn State University in State College, Pa. They conducted their research there and presented their results at NNIN’s national symposium at the University of California at Santa Barbara in August.

“Only 60 internships are available nationwide through this program, and to have two students selected from the same university speaks volumes,” said David L. Gallaher, associate professor and chair of the Department of Chemistry and Physics at Carlow University. “We are proud of our students for their successes and for being such outstanding representatives of Carlow.”

A fourth chemistry major, Kristen Carlisle, a junior from New Kensington, Pa., earned a research position this summer with an NSF-sponsored REU program at Duquesne University. She presented her findings at a symposium at Duquesne following her 10-week research period.

Core Values: Discovery/Quest and Student Progress

## Service Learning Day



*Sister Ligouri Rossner from the Jubilee Kitchen of Pittsburgh talks with Carlow students participating in the University’s third annual Service Learning Day on Friday, August 24, 2007.*



*One of the tasks Carlow students helped with at the Jubilee Kitchen of Pittsburgh was preparing food for the Jubilee Kitchen’s clients.*

Core Values: Service and Sacredness of Creation

## Beautification Day 2007

Beautification Day, normally a time to spruce up the grounds on campus, was held indoors due to the inclement summer heat and humidity. Staff members made this a day of housecleaning in their respective units.



Carlow University staff, who participated in the University-wide Beautification Day, braved the heat to pose for a group shot.



Dave Stadelman, press operator, Printing Services, cleans up the presses after a busy summer to make way for smoother printing in the fall.



Dr. Mary Hines, Kathleen Wunschel, Ken Hines, and Jo Chirico take a break from cleaning the mailroom.

## Carlow Sophomore Competes for Miss Pennsylvania Title



Kelsey Pitini, a sophomore elementary and special education major at Carlow University, competed for the title of Miss Pennsylvania 2007 in June at Bethlehem, Pa. Kelsey had previously won the title of "Miss Jewel of the West" in Kittanning in March. She competed against 25 other contestants for Miss Pennsylvania, which was eventually won by Rachel Brooks. Kelsey is pictured, second from the left, with Miss Teen Pennsylvania 2006, Jenna Knopsnyder; Miss Pennsylvania 2006, Emily Wills; and Miss Steel Valley 2007, Erin Uhl.

## Carlow Community Mourns the Passing of Father Tavard

The Reverend George H. Tavard, former theology department founder, chair, and professor at then-Mount Mercy College from 1959 to 1966 suddenly passed away in Paris, France, on Monday, August 13, 2007. He was 85-years-old. Future Carlow publications will pay homage to the memory of Father Tavard and his notable contributions to the Carlow community.

## Monte Carlow Night



The third annual Monte Carlow Night for first-year students was held in AJP. Pictured with one of the dealers for the event, four Carlow students display their "CARLOOT" winnings.



If Carlow students didn't find card games or other games of chance appealing, they could try their luck at a few different varieties of slot machines to win their "CARLOOT."

## On-Campus Events Calendar

### Bishop's Opening of School Year Mass

September 4, 2007  
12:30 p.m.  
The St. Agnes Center of Carlow University

### Mercy Founders Week

September 24 to September 29, 2007

### Tea with Catherine McAuley and the Sisters of Mercy

September 28, 2007  
3 p.m.  
Mother of Mercy Convent  
x6274

### Hall of Fame Induction: 1987 Celtics Volleyball Team

September 28, 2007  
6:30 p.m.  
Heinz History Center  
x8826

### Alumnae/i Reunion Weekend 2007

September 28-30, 2007  
<http://alum.carlow.edu>



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