A NEW DEAN
From: Provost Cheryl Johnson-Odim

It is with great pleasure that I announce the appointment of Arvid C. Johnson to the position of Dean of the Brennan School of Business. Professor Johnson joined Dominican University in 2001 and is currently a Professor of Management and Department Chair of Business and Accounting. He holds a Ph.D. in Management from the Stuart Business School of the Illinois Institute of Technology, an MBA from the Kenan-Flagler Business School of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, a M.S. in Engineering from Northeastern University (Boston) and a B.S. in Physics from Lewis University.

Prior to joining the faculty at Dominican, Professor Johnson spent more than fifteen years working in a variety of business environments, including engineering, manufacturing and management. He has published widely and spoken extensively in the areas of quantitative analysis, microwave materials processing and electron devices, and advanced manufacturing practices. He holds several U.S. and foreign patents and taught previously at the Keller Graduate School of Management.

I know you will join me in extending congratulations to Professor Johnson on his new leadership role at Dominican. His appointment is effective July 2008.

Calendar

March 3 - 9 Mid Semester Vacation
NO CLASSES all week

Mar 17 Last day to apply for May 2008 graduation
Mar 19 Last day to withdraw from Spring courses
March 20 - 23 Easter Vacation
NO CLASSES
Mar 24 Advance registration for Summer 08
May 1 Last day of classes for Spring
May 3 Commencement

Summer sessions:
Summer Session I - May 12 - June 30
Summer Session II - July 1 - August 18
Summer III - May 12 - August 18

There are three choices for attending summer classes. Sessions I and II are the "short" 7-week sessions and classes meet twice per week. Session III is the traditional 15 week session, with classes meeting one night per week. As you plan your courses, keep in mind that Foundation and Core courses are offered every Fall and Spring semester. In the Summer, the Foundation and Core are offered in one of the Summer Sessions. Electives are offered only at specific times of the year.

Snow Days-School Closings
Please put the main number to Dominican University in your speed-dial: 708-366-2490. This is the Security/Reception Switchboard at the Lewis Hall entrance and is answered 24/7. If you have any questions about classes being cancelled due to bad weather, listen to WGN, look on line at www.dom.edu or call the switchboard. This winter is very unusual with our 1 1/2 days off. We have gone for decades at a time, without closing! The University will also e-mail students, as needed, and e-mails will go out only to Dominican e-mails. Please consult the IT help page, or the help desk on how to have your Dominican e-mail forwarded automatically to another e-mail address. One of your benefits in choosing Dominican is that we will make every effort to contact students in case of a class change - we appreciate your commute and respect your time.

CareerFest Update
The University was closed on February 1st, but about 120 employers and hundreds of students made it to the annual ISCPA CareerFest in Oak Brook Terrace. For those who could not attend, here is the program book from CareerFest.

This book includes all of the employers who registered, including the names of the specific recruiters and types of job openings or internships.

You are invited to use this resource and send your resume to the specific recruiter. Identify yourself as a student or alum of Dominican University, an ISCPA member. Tell the employer which position interests you and attach your resume. This is only for Dominican University students and alum (ISCPA members).

Contact Grace if you need resume help. gwhiting@dom.edu
The Spring Lecture Series Continues
You are invited to attend the next presentation of the Brennan School of Business Lecture Series.

Understanding What Your Career is in Today’s Corporate Environment
Paul Schneider, Partner, SSP BPI Group
Monday, April 7, 7:00 p.m.
Bluhm Auditorium, Parmer Hall
Changes in interests, financial cutbacks, corporate uncertainty, are some of the reasons why we may change jobs. We invite you to come and hear an expert on career transitions speak to us about the process of changing careers.

Annual Business Forum on Corporate Governance
Limited Seating
Friday, April 25, 7:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.
University Club of Chicago For more information on the series, call the BSB: 708-524-6810

Welcome to Malinda and Garry
The Brennan School of Business Office welcomed two new staff members last month; Malinda Gaylord and Garry Cooke. Both have written short notes of introduction:

Malinda is an administrative assistant in the Brennan School of Business. She comes to us from the Village of Oak Park where she was a Telecommunications Coordinator. Her career has included jobs in computer programming/technical training areas and administrative as well as project management. She raised four children and is currently spoiling 8 grandchildren. Contact: mgaylord@dom.edu

My name is Garry Cooke. I am the new Assistant Director of Graduate Recruitment for the Brennan School of Business. I have been working in the field of recruitment going on five years at a few different institutions of higher education. I have obtained a Bachelors of Arts in Sociology and a Masters of Science in College Student Affairs. I am really excited to be working at Dominican University and look forward to a long career here. Contact information: gcooke@dom.edu

Advising
Students with questions about course selection or planning the path to graduation may make an appointment with the BSB advisor, Linda Puvogel, at 708-524-6507 or lpuvogel@dom.edu

Deadline: March 1, 2008
William G. McGowan Scholarship
The William G. McGowan Charitable Fund has selected Dominican University as a McGowan Scholars Academic Institution for the 2008-2009 academic year. The scholarship covers the full actual tuition cost for the academic year, up to a maximum of $18,000. We are very fortunate to be honored with this funding. The McGowan Scholars Program, administered by the William G. McGowan Charitable Fund, was named in honor of the contributions made by the founder and chairman of MCI Communications Corporations to the fields of business, telecommunications and entrepreneurship. The scholarship hopes to recognize academic achievement, excellence in performance, leadership ability and involvement in academic and community activities.

The Scholarship award period is for the 2008/2009 academic year and covers the full tuition costs. The scholarship recipient must agree to be a full time student for that period (full time defined as 3 courses in Fall and 3 courses in Spring). Mr. McGowan believed a new perspective is gained by full time attendance and wanted to pass this insight and experience to students. The McGowan Scholar will be selected on the following criteria:

1. Minimum 3.0 GPA
2. Two Business Faculty recommendations
3. Completion (at the time of application) of at least one semester of graduate business study at the Brennan School of Business.
4. An essay of 1000 words or more on the contributions of William G. McGowan to today's business world in general and to the telecommunications field in particular. The essay must be in standard APA format, with a minimum of four references.
5. Scholarly achievement, leadership qualities, character excellence and community involvement and service

To Apply: Pick up your application packet from the Brennan School of Business Office, Lewis 203. Submit required materials as stipulated in the packet, to: The Brennan School of Business, Lewis 203 Attn: Grace Whiting
This is the single most generous scholarship for graduate students. Kari Madden, our current McGowan Scholar is completing her award year and will graduate in May. The scholarship allowed her to concentrate on her studies and take six courses in ’07-’08 academic year.

Payment Options
Student Accounts has a new on-line payment system as of Feb. 25th. They will accept credit card payments on-line, and they are now accepting American Express. Go to MyDU for information.
Study Abroad
Study in Argentina or Study in France - OR BOTH.
The study abroad programs at the Brennan School of Business are designed for busy working graduate students. We minimize time off of work and the two trips this summer require only 4 working days off, as both trips include national holidays; Memorial Day and July 4th. The study abroad trips are regular 3-hour elective courses in the graduate programs. Both have some pre-trip meetings, readings and introductions to the culture.

GSB 766 - South American Business - Summer I
Join Professor Wayne Koprowski in Buenos Aires. 
May 24 - 31, 2008
Cost $3700 (Cost includes, room, board, most meals and transportation to lectures and corporate visits while in Buenos Aires.)
Additional Expenses: airfare and personal spending.
Trip includes 6 days in Buenos Aires where students will visit a select group of businesses and government agencies. Learn about conducting business internationally from a South American viewpoint.
Contact Prof. Koprowski at 708-524-6564 or wkoprowski@dom.edu

GSB 763 European Business- Summer I
Join Professor Dan Condon in Strasbourg, France. 
June 29 - July 5, 2008
Cost: $3200 (includes 3-credit hour tuition, study tour, room, board, most meals and transportation to and from corporate visits while in Strasbourg.)
Additional Expenses: airfare and personal spending.
The trip includes six days in Europe and consists of lectures; visits to companies in France and Germany, the European Parliament and various government agencies and sightseeing.
Learn first hand about business practices in Europe and the economics of the European Union.
Contact Professor Dan Condon at 708-524-6233 or condondp@dom.edu

Andrea Bartzis is coordinating both trips and she can be reached at: abartzis@dom.edu 708-524-6181

Passport News: Last year there was a dreadful delay in processing passports; up to 6 months. The reason for the delay was that passports were required for travel to Mexico, Canada and some of areas where an ID was sufficient in the past. Passport processing is now 4 - 6 weeks. See the attached website for helpful information and to download an application.
http://travel.state.gov

Case Studies - Assessment Project
First semester MBA and MSA students were mailed a case study analysis during the week of February 18th. The Case Study Analysis is very important to the Brennan School of Business. New students are asked to analyze the case sent to them and return their analysis in paper form and electronic form by April 4th. Likewise, we are sending our graduating students the case study. Only students who submitted a case study in their first semester will receive this case for analysis. An important part of every educational institution is assessment and this case analysis is part of the assessment process. Its purpose is to compare each student’s growth and learning outcomes. A team of assessment experts will evaluate a student’s first semester and last semester analysis and note the points of change in each submission. This assessment will be used as a tool to determine if we are teaching what we say we are teaching you and it will help the faculty make any changes in curriculum to maintain our excellence in education. Please return this analysis to the Dean as stipulated in your letter.
Questions: Grace Whiting at 708-524-6456

Safety
Following prayers and condolences to our colleagues at Northern Illinois University, the university crisis team has met numerous times to review and develop better communication strategies for the university community. In an emergency, it is important to know procedures and protocols.
The Dean of Students, Trudi Goggin, is gathering information and concerns from students, staff and faculty. Contact her at: tgoggin@dom.edu
Our Security department has a website- see MyDU and go to Resources which list emergency procedures.

Job Fair at Dominican University- April 8th
The Brennan School of Business Career Development Office, the Career and Development Center and the Office of Alumni Relations are co-sponsoring a Job Fair on April 8th. 2-6pm in Palmer Hall.
If your company would like to participate, please contact gwhiting@dom.edu. The focus is on business and IT.
Undergraduate and graduate students are invited to attend this event. Save the date. More information soon.

Graduating May 3rd?
Students planning to graduate May 3, 2008 need to submit the Application for Graduation to the Registrar by March 15. See:
mydu→resources→registrar→graduate