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President's Letter

Wisconsin Tuition Grant

Dear Friends,

The private colleges and universities that are members of WAICU receive no general operating support from taxpayers. Although we are private, nonprofit institutions of higher learning, we are united in performing a public service to the people of Wisconsin. Our motto is "WAICU: Wisconsin's private colleges working together to advance educational opportunity."

Today there are over 57,000 students enrolled in our 20 member colleges and universities—an increase of more than 60 percent in the last two decades. In the same period, enrollment in the 26 campuses of the UW system has changed very little. Students enrolled at WAICU members have a much greater chance of graduating in four years and the average class size is just 17. Most significant for Wisconsin's future: WAICU members enroll a higher percentage of low-income students than does the UW system.

This matters because Wisconsin regularly ranks between 32nd and 35th place in the percentage of its population with a college degree; it matters because the only population that is growing in the traditional college-going years is low-income; it matters because the only way to position Wisconsin for leadership in the knowledge economy is to increase our college-

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WAICU Students' Day puts focus on support for financial aid

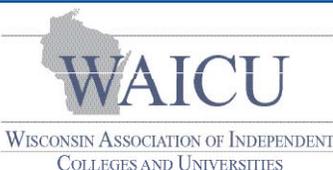


Dr. Rolf Wegenke, WAICU president, stands with State Senator Jeff Plale, a member of the Senate Committee on Agriculture and Higher Education, and State Representative Joan Ballweg, a member of the Assembly Colleges and Universities Committee, after they addressed students during a morning of educational programming as part of WAICU Students' Day.

On March 28, students from WAICU-member private colleges and universities converged on the Capitol in Madison to send a message to Wisconsin's elected leaders that student financial aid—specifically the Wisconsin Tuition Grant (WTG)—is essential for expanding educational opportunity and positioning Wisconsin as a leader in the knowledge economy. Roughly thirty-five percent of WAICU's Wisconsin students receive the WTG, which enables qualified students to attend the college of their choice. The proof that financial aid works is that WAICU members enroll a higher percentage of low-income students than does the University of Wisconsin System.

After a morning of educational programming about the WTG and the workings of state government (including speeches by WAICU president Rolf Wegenke, Ripon College president David Joyce, State Senator Jeff Plale, and State Representative Joan Ballweg), the students met with their hometown legislators to thank them for their support of means-tested student financial aid.

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Alverno College • Beloit College • Cardinal Stritch University • Carroll College
Carthage College • Concordia University • Edgewood College • Lakeland College
Lawrence University • Marian College • Marquette University
Milwaukee Institute of Art & Design • Milwaukee School of Engineering
Mount Mary College • Northland College • Ripon College • St. Norbert College
Silver Lake College • Viterbo University • Wisconsin Lutheran College

Mount Mary honored for service learning



Mount Mary students help with cleanup after Hurricane Katrina

Mount Mary College recently received national recognition when the college was named to the U.S. President's Higher Education Community Service National Honor Roll. Mount Mary was the only institution of higher learning in Milwaukee and one of only nine institutions in the state of Wisconsin to receive this national distinction.

Community service and civic engagement have always been key aspects of the Mount Mary College experience. "Our college was founded by the School Sisters of Notre Dame, who seek to transform the world through education," said Paige Conley, Coordinator for Service Learning and the Leadership for Social Justice Seminar. "Our college mission is to develop the whole person and to encourage leadership, integrity, and a deep sense of social justice, preparing our students to lead for the common good."

While Mount Mary students perform many kinds of service, from Hurricane Katrina cleanup (pictured) to helping with community art projects in Peru, the college was specifically commended for two of its academic programs: the Leadership for Social Justice Seminar and the Caroline Scholars Program.

Most traditional students entering

Mount Mary complete a first-year course called the Leadership for Social Justice Seminar, which focuses on contemporary social problems. Mount Mary students enrolled in this Leadership Seminar have completed approximately 1,300 hours of service at more than 35 community sites such as inner city schools, homeless shelters, meal programs, medical clinics, literacy centers, social service agencies, and neighborhood associations.

The Caroline Scholars Program extends that foundation of civic engagement by assembling a select cohort of academically gifted, socially committed young women. There are currently 18 Caroline Scholars at Mount Mary. They receive free tuition, room, and board for three consecutive years so they are able to engage in community service without the burden of having to work significantly to pay for college. The program is funded by the Trinity Foundation of Wisconsin, a supporting organization of the Greater Milwaukee Foundation, and Mount Mary College.

The Caroline Scholars have completed approximately 6,300 hours of community service in the greater Milwaukee area. Serving primarily in economically distressed urban neighborhoods, these students fill a variety of roles such as educational tutors, peer mentors, child care providers, advocates, and life-skill counselors.

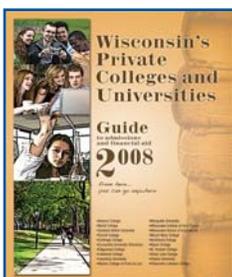
Education major Molly Mahoney is enthusiastic about her service work: "It is so rewarding to cross economic, gender, class, and racial barriers and see the basic goodness of people; to share the smiles of children and see how much they can give if they have the chance. Once you have this experience, it becomes as much a part of you as the beat of your heart, and you will do it for the rest of your life."❖

Note: In order to highlight all twenty of Wisconsin's private colleges and universities, The Wisconsin Independent follows a regular rotation featuring six or seven colleges in each quarterly issue. Each college or university appears in every third issue.

Commencements

ALVERNO COLLEGE's graduation was May 19. Philanthropist Tashia F. Morgridge received an honorary degree; the speaker was Carole Meekins, news anchor for WTMJ TV 4 ... **BELOIT COLLEGE** held ceremonies on May 13. Bruce Alberts, former president of the National Academy of Sciences, spoke and received an honorary degree. Other honors recipients were civic leaders Ken and Diane Hendricks ... On May 20, **CARDINAL STRITCH UNIVERSITY** heard from Mark Attanasio, owner of the Milwaukee Brewers; an honorary doctorate went to the owner of Bulk Petroleum, Darshan Dhaliwal ... Steven A. Burd, CEO of Safeway, spoke at **CARROLL COLLEGE** on May 13 ... On May 27 at **CARTHAGE COLLEGE**, honorary degrees went to Rev. Robert S. Wilch, former head of the Wisconsin-Upper Michigan Synod of the Lutheran Church in America, and Rev. William B. Downey, former pastor of Fox Point Lutheran Church ... **CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY's** graduation was May 12. Dr. Doris Christopher, founder of The Pampered Chef, spoke and received an honorary degree. Other honors recipients: Richard Vie and Rev. Carl H. Krueger, Jr. ... Graduation at **EDGEWOOD COLLEGE** was May 20. Philanthropist Ruth DeYoung Kohler received an honorary doctorate ... At **LAKELAND COLLEGE** on May 6, honorary degrees went to commencement speaker Sue Ann Thompson, founder of Wisconsin Women's Health Foundation, and civic leader Alice Senty ... **LAWRENCE UNIVERSITY** will hold commencement on June 10 ... Spring commencement at **MARIAN COLLEGE** was May 19, with speaker Sr. Helen Prejean, author of *Dead Man Walking* ... At **MARQUETTE UNIVERSITY** on May 20, sports journalist Steve Rushin spoke and received an honorary degree, as did Louis Dupré, philosopher and theologian; Rev. Leland Eugene Lubbers,

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The new WAICU **2008 Guide to Admissions and Financial Aid** will be mailed in August. Questions? Call 1-800-4-DEGREE.

Richard Artman installed as Viterbo University's eighth president



Viterbo president Dr. Rick Artman delivers his inaugural address

Collegiate delegates, local dignitaries, and the members of the campus community joined Rick Artman as he was officially installed as Viterbo University's eighth president on March 30, 2007.

Artman comes to Viterbo from Siena Heights University, a Dominican institution in Adrian, Mich., where he served as president for 12 years. There, he built a strong reputation as a successful fundraiser, astute planner, and trusted

leader who very much enjoys the day-to-day contact he has with students and staff. He is the first sitting president to be appointed in Viterbo's history.

When Artman took the helm at Viterbo in July 2006, he inherited a university whose future is very bright. Under the leadership of previous president Bill Medland, enrollment more than doubled, endowment was raised from \$2.7 million to \$20 million, and a number of significant campus building projects were completed.

Knowing the challenges in today's educational marketplace, Artman wasted little time resting on past laurels. "Today is an invitation for each of us to walk into the promise of tomorrow," he told the capacity crowd.

Increasing the endowment and growing enrollment are twin initiatives for Viterbo, as outlined in the strategic initiative, "University of Opportunity," and Artman would like to see full-time undergraduate enrollment climb from 1,400 to 2,000, while increasing the endowment to \$50

million. Plans to construct a state-of-the-art nursing building and adding new doctoral and master's degree programs were also future initiatives included in the president's address.

In keeping with the inaugural theme of "Hope and Help," the installation ceremony concluded a weeklong series of events celebrating Viterbo and its people. Artman made it clear that he wanted the inauguration activities to focus on the university, not himself, and this was reflected in events such as a community concert, a public presentation on the virtue of hope, and several volunteer community service projects.

"We punctuate a presidential appointment with pomp and circumstance for a reason," Artman said in his inaugural address. "It's a time of demarcation and renewal—a purposeful pause to recalibrate hopes and dreams. The plans we make today must respond to a dynamic and competitive environment, while positioning Viterbo for the next generation of students." ❖

Silver Lake College receives grant for annual campus symposium



Silver Lake Student Ferris Meuli presents his paper "Verifying Predictions on Air Pressure"

Silver Lake College presented its 4th Annual Campus Symposium, "A Celebration of Ideas," in April. Now comprising a full day of student presentations and broad-ranging discussions from many academic disciplines, the event culminates with a plenary address, this year given by Terry Growcock, then-CEO of Manitowoc Company, an international manufacturing firm for heavy equipment in construction and shipbuilding, the

food service industry, and related niche markets.

Reflecting on his own undergraduate experience at a Franciscan-sponsored liberal arts college, Growcock talked about the personal acquisition of three core values that have been integral to the company he now leads as board chair. They are integrity, commitment to stakeholders, and a passion for excellence—all of which he cited as the foundation for his career achievements and "the very things that a liberal arts education can foster." He encouraged participants to make the most of their Silver Lake education, "then leverage it for success in the global workforce. The opportunities are there for you to grasp."

Silver Lake College faculty member and symposium director Vicki I. Ansoorge, who chairs the English/World Languages Department, believes the symposium gives students at Silver Lake College a lasting benefit and quite possibly a quicker start for career readiness or graduate school.

"The Symposium helps participants see the significance of the liberal arts in professional preparation. Presentations require students to identify their interests, frame them in a cogent manner, and be prepared to clarify or answer questions about the material on the spot. It's about critical thinking, effective communication, and leadership," she says.

Silver Lake College has now received a grant from the James S. Kemper Foundation of Chicago to help underwrite future symposiums, as well as a faculty development program titled "Teaching to Lead," in which professors will seek to maximize student learning that integrates the liberal arts and professional preparation. The renewable grant with its first installment of \$25,000 will also help create a mentoring program enabling students to interact with regional leaders on a longer-term basis than an internship. Fittingly, Manitowoc Company's Growcock was the first to sign on as a mentor. ❖

Marian College holds groundbreaking for new baseball stadium



Dignitaries wield their ceremonial shovels at the Herr-Baker Field groundbreaking

The groundbreaking ceremony for Herr-Baker Field, the future baseball stadium for Marian College of Fond du Lac and St. Mary's Springs High School, was held at the site of the field's home plate on May 3, 2007.

Herr-Baker Field is located east of Smith Fields on the east side of the Marian College campus, south of East Division Street. It is the first enhancement of that particular parcel.

The field is named in honor of Ron Herr, a longtime Marian baseball coach and former Major League Baseball player who died in 2002, and the Baker family, owners of the four-generation Baker Cheese Factory in St. Cloud.

Herr-Baker Field will feature stadium and bleacher seating, lights, lighted sunken dugouts, concessions, restrooms, and a press box. Projected distances on the southwest-to-northeast field are 320 feet down the lines and 395 feet to center field.

The field also will feature a memorial to Herr, an assistant coach at Marian for 12 years and head coach for two years. In the 14 years Herr was part of Marian baseball, the Sabres won 12 of 14 conference titles and six conference tournament titles. The Sabres also played in two NAIA tournaments and the 2000 NCAA Division III baseball tournament, the first NCAA tournament to include a Marian team. Marian College retired his number, 36, in 2001.

Herr was signed by the Milwaukee

Braves in 1960 and pitched for the Atlanta Braves in 1967 before an arm injury ended his career. He was a batting practice pitcher for the Milwaukee Brewers in their first season, 1970. Herr was with the Sheboygan A's for 31 years as a player, coach, and assistant manager. He also coached at Kohler and Sheboygan South high schools and for the Sheboygan American Legion baseball team.

C.D. Smith Construction of Fond du Lac is serving as construction manager of the project.

Marian and St. Mary's Springs are selling naming rights to seats for \$1,000 each, and bricks engraved with the donor's name for \$250 each. For information on seats, bricks, or other contributions, call Dana Bourland at Marian College, (920) 923-8782.

Campus planning efforts are underway to enhance other facilities on Marian College's Fond du Lac campus, as well as at Marian's 15-acre Town of Byron campus and locations in Appleton and West Allis. ❖

Pioneer Scholars conduct innovative research with Carroll faculty



Dr. Michael Schuder and Kimberly Hoffman heat chemical solutions in a project to create quantum dots

This spring, Carroll College launched the Pioneer Scholar Grant Program, an initiative that provides ten undergraduate students the opportunity to engage in scholarly activities one-to-one with a faculty member. The students each received \$3,000 to participate in a full-time summer research project. Additional

funding for research supplies and/or travel to present project results was also made available.

One particularly creative project will be completed by senior Kimberly Hoffman, who will work with Dr. Michael Schuder, associate professor of chemistry. This team will explore nanotechnology through the synthesis of quantum dots and their potential applications to forensic science.

Nanotechnology is the study of groups of atoms in structures on the scale of 10-1,000 nm (a fraction of the diameter of a strand of hair). A quantum dot, a recently discovered nanoparticle, is a spherical group of semiconductor materials that form integral parts of transistors and modern computers. These particles absorb ultraviolet (UV) light and glow in the visible region, with colors that depend on the size of the particle.

Hoffman and Schuder will develop a safe and effective synthesis of quantum

dots, measure fluorescence, and research practical applications for forensic science, such as tagging money, inks, or fabrics to use in anti-counterfeiting measures.

Hoffman will have a broad range of experiences from this project, which she can later apply to forensic science or a similar field. "I think participation in this research program provides the natural culmination of my education, and also provides me with an opportunity to present research at a national chemistry meeting," she said.

Schuder, too, will benefit from the research. Spectroscopy, or the use of light to study chemical systems, is his primary scholarly interest, and quantum dots are an entirely new field of study. "It would be as if a biologist discovered a new type of animal roaming the earth," he said. "There is an enormous amount of research funding available in this field, and I hope to bring some to Carroll College." ❖

New “digs” at Ripon College top list of building projects



An artist's rendering of the new residence hall at Ripon College

On Sept. 29, 2006, a quintet of ceremonial shovels dipped into the dirt on the site of a new student residence at Ripon College, the first new ground-up construction on Ripon's campus since 1973.

The official groundbreaking ceremony with dignitaries notwithstanding, there was an ironic component to the event. Bystanders could not have failed to note that the photo op took place just a

few feet from where construction crews had already excavated most of the new building's 9,700-square-foot foundation. Still, you couldn't blame anyone for jumping the gun; 34 years is a long time to wait for that new-building smell.

The new student residence will house 56 students in 14 four-bedroom apartments over 29,000 square feet of livable space starting next fall. Wi-Fi access will be available throughout, along with other modern, apartment-like amenities.

Indeed, the semblance of apartments is part of the whole point; upperclassmen accustomed to Ripon's residential campus may now get a taste of apartment life, making for an easier transition to the “real world.”

“This new building will give us a great opportunity to provide living and programming space to meet students' needs, particularly during their senior year as they prepare for life after Ripon,” said Josh De War, director of Residence Life.

Instead of serving as both prelude and finale, though, the new building is merely the first in a wave of campus facelifts planned over the next few years. A \$20 million bond is funding a long list of overdue projects, topped by an extensive renovation of Todd Wehr Hall, currently in progress.

Ripon College president David Joyce said there was no particular “X factor” that enabled Ripon's current building push, but rather a “perfect storm” of favorable elements, chiefly a low debt load combined with a sunny interest environment. Great pains were also taken, he said, to ensure that the new building complemented existing structures, both on the stately campus and the surrounding neighborhood.

“It's always a challenge to integrate something new, whether you're talking about buildings or ideas, into an environment with such deference to its heritage,” Dr. Joyce said. “But over the next few years, I think we're going to get pretty good at it.”❖

New president of MIAD is nationally recognized arts leader



Neil Hoffman, new MIAD president

Neil Hoffman, a three-time college president and lifelong advocate for the arts and community arts education, “could not wait to begin” on June 1 as the new president of the Milwaukee Institute of Art & Design.

“As the only independent, four-year college of its kind in the state, MIAD plays a prominent role in the community and has a unique responsibility to

support the arts and arts education in high schools,” said Hoffman. “MIAD is an outstanding college and community resource, and I want to help increase its deserved recognition in these areas.”

Before his term began, Hoffman toured MIAD's 2007 Senior Exhibition, and noted, “MIAD graduates are the coveted creative professionals our society and economy so desperately need.”

Nearly 80 percent of MIAD's 2,200 graduates work in Wisconsin, and across the last five years, 90 percent of them have reported employment and job satisfaction within their first year of graduation. Their employers include Cramer-Krasselt, Discovery World, GE Healthcare, Harley-Davidson, Kohler, Laughlin/Constable, Milwaukee Art Museum, Milwaukee Public Schools, Milwaukee Repertory Theater, and Trek.

Hoffman came to MIAD from the Western Association of Schools and Colleges, where he managed the

accreditation processes for 40 institutions of higher education in the Western region.

He served as president from 1993 to 2000 at Otis College of Art and Design in Los Angeles and from 1985-1993 at the California College of Arts and Crafts in Oakland. From 1983 to 1985 Hoffman was the first president of the School of the Art Institute of Chicago. There he established support for secondary arts education through the creation of a national outreach program (BASIC – Basic Art Support in the Curriculum), which was adopted by the 36 colleges in the Association of Independent Colleges of Art and Design.

Hoffman's community involvement has been as extensive as his administrative success, and he has been honored by virtually every city or state in which he has worked, including as Oakland Chinese Community Council Man of the Year for his leadership in developing the city's cultural plan and by art education associations in California and Illinois.❖

More scenes from WAICU Students' Day at the Capitol



More than 130 students attending WAICU colleges and universities registered for WAICU Students' Day on March 28, 2007. They boarded cars and buses early in the morning to make the trek to Madison from their respective campuses all around the state. Once in the capital city, they participated in a morning seminar on state government, complete with speeches by elected representatives and a primer on how to navigate the imposing Capitol building. In the afternoon, students had appointments with legislators from their own districts so they could speak to them face-to-face about the importance of means-tested financial aid and about the difference it makes not just for individual students, but for the state's economic well-being as well.



Workshops for school counselors—Mark your calendar!

Tues., October 16, 2007, 8 a.m. – noon, Plaza Hotel & Suites, Eau Claire

Monday, October 22, 2007, 8 a.m. - noon, Holiday Inn, Appleton

Tuesday, October 30, 2007, 8 a.m. - noon, Menomonee Falls, Davians

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educated population to the national average (as advocated by the Wisconsin Technology Council) or to Minnesota's level (as advocated by Competitive Wisconsin, Inc.).

WAICU members are doing their part. Last year these colleges and universities distributed over \$247 million in privately raised student aid—an increase of \$18 million over the year before. But we can't do it all; the state bears a responsibility as well. Unfortunately, Wisconsin lags the Midwest in the amount of means-tested student aid it provides.

On March 28, Wisconsin private college students poured into the Capitol in

Madison asking for an increase in the Wisconsin Tuition Grant. They made some important points:

- They are Wisconsin voters and taxpayers. They do not want to see any Wisconsin student disadvantaged, but all treated fairly.
- They are doing their part: they earned admission in highly competitive schools and are keeping up their grades. They all said they are also working during the school year, in summer, or both. They are all taking out loans.
- They are not asking for help for WAICU or their college, but for all Wisconsin students.

It was one of the highlights of my year to talk to these young—and not so young—people from every part of Wisconsin. They are our future.

You can help too. Go to this website to ask your legislators to support student financial aid: <http://waicu.org/support/>. It is all about the students, and it is all about the future of all of us.

Sincerely,



Rolf Wegenke, Ph.D.
President

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APPOINTMENTS Competitive Wisconsin, Inc. has named **WAICU** president **Dr. Rolf Wegenke** as chair of its Education Committee ... **Dr. Michael Schuder**, associate professor of chemistry at **Carroll College**, has been appointed to a task force of the American Chemical Society Committee on Education. **Dr. Claudette McShane**, Carroll's director of grant development, the International Experiences Program, and the Hispanic Nursing Project, will review proposals for the Fund for the Improvement of Post-Secondary Education (FIPSE) of the U.S. Department of Education. **Karen Gorton**, director of the baccalaureate program in nursing at Carroll, has been named to the Waukesha County Technical College Strategic Planning Team for Health Care Expansion ... **Lakeland College** professor **Jeff Elzinga** has been appointed to the Academic Support Network of Raising Malawi, a group seeking solutions to issues facing Malawi, Africa.

KUDOS The **Marian College Student Nurses Association** has won awards for excellence from the Wisconsin Student Nurses Association ... **Dr. Asuncion Miteria Austria**, chair and director of training of the graduate program in clinical psychology at **Cardinal Stritch University**, received the 2007 Distinguished Elder/Senior Psychologist Award at the National Multicultural Conference ... **Matthew Tedesco**, assistant professor of philosophy at **Beloit College**, and **William Albrecht**, associate professor of marketing at **Marian College**, received the Underkofler Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching Award ... First place in the 35th annual Nick Adams Short Story Contest was awarded to **Callie Bates**, a sophomore at **Lawrence University**. Lawrence sophomore **Kyle Traska** was named one of five winners of Wisconsin Public Radio's Young Musicians competition, while Lawrence senior **Monica Felix** was named a 2007-08 Fulbright Scholar. The **Lawrence University Jazz Ensemble** received *DownBeat* magazine's 2007 "Outstanding

Performance Award" ... **MSOE** professor **John Farrow** was named Educator of the Year Award by *The Daily Reporter* for his work with Project Lead the Way Wisconsin.

EDUCATIONAL COLLABORATIONS **Marian College** has partnered with the Milwaukee Urban League to enhance and expand initiatives surrounding diversity, inclusion, and equity for students from Milwaukee County ... **Cardinal Stritch University** now offers its Bachelor of Science in Nursing Completion program at Gateway Technical College's Burlington and Kenosha sites.

GIFTS AND GRANTS The Urban Education Fellows Program, a teacher training consortium offered by **Mount Mary College** and **Alverno College**, has received \$615,000 from the Greater Milwaukee Foundation and \$663,322 from the Trinity Foundation ... **Northland College** has received a \$1.25 million gift from John H. Chapple, president of Hawkeye Investments, to endow a chair in Business Ethics and Social Responsibility ... **Lawrence University** won a \$60,000 Undergraduate Science Research Program grant from Merck and the American Association for the Advancement of Science, as well as a \$2.5 million gift from Walter Schober to establish an endowed professorship in environmental studies ... **Marquette University** has received a \$1 million grant from The Lynde & Harry Bradley Foundation for a new law school ... **Milwaukee Institute of Art & Design** received grants from the Argosy Foundation for scholarships, the Herzfeld Foundation for general operations, and the Northwestern Mutual Foundation for the service learning program ... **Carroll College's** Institute for Hispanic Health and Human Services received a \$49,807 development grant from the Healthier Wisconsin Partnership program ... **Cardinal Stritch University** received a \$250,000 grant from the U.S. Department of Education to create Urban Literacy Centers. ❖

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honorary degree, as did Joia Mukherjee, medical director of Partners in Health ... On May 13, Donald P. Kommers, University of Notre Dame professor, spoke and received an honorary degree at **ST. NORBERT COLLEGE**. Other honorary degrees went to Robert Harlan, former president of the Green Bay Packers; Madeline Harlan, community leader; Richard Rankin, St. Norbert's retiring VP for Student Life; and Rosemary Rankin, teacher. **SILVER LAKE COLLEGE** held commencement on May 13 with Sister Louise Hembrecht of the Franciscan Sisters of Christian Charity as speaker ... **VITERBO UNIVERSITY's** ceremony was May 12 ... The speaker at **WISCONSIN LUTHERAN COLLEGE** on May 12 was H. Randall Reimers, community president of Fifth Third Bank in Southwest Michigan. Rev. Theodore Olsen, president of Martin Luther College, received an honorary degree. ❖

*"Education's purpose is to
replace an empty mind with
an open one."*
– Malcolm Forbes
U.S. art collector, author,
and publisher
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