In life and death, Munster champions women athletes

The Rev. Thomas Munster, C.M. (LAS MA ‘54), who died last December, bequeathed more than $300,000 in planned gift annuities to women’s athletics programs at DePaul University.

One of the largest individual gifts to women’s athletics at DePaul, Munster’s contribution will be added to the Fr. Thomas Munster Endowed Scholarship for Women in Athletics, which supports student-athletes with at least a 3.0 GPA.

A lifelong DePaul sports fan, Munster served in a number of leadership, staff and volunteer positions at DePaul Academy and DePaul University, beginning as an academy faculty member in 1949 and serving most recently as a university chancellor.

Like many others who knew or worked closely with Munster, Jean Lenti Ponsetto, athletics director at DePaul, was surprised by the size of the gifts but not the generosity.

“Father Munster saw it as an investment in DePaul and wanted to ensure there would be lasting gifts to support young women for many generations,” she says. “He knew how much the female athletes valued and appreciated scholarship support — and that recipients gave back significantly later in their lives.”

“Tom was definitely a man with a fine Vincentian heart,” says the Rev. Patrick McDevitt, C.M., who was Munster’s conferee, friend and mentee. “I know that he would want to be remembered as somebody who cared deeply for DePaul and that even in death he would help it.”

To learn more about planned giving at DePaul, call Joel Schaffer, assistant vice president, planned giving, at (312) 362-5319.

Learn more at giving.depaul.edu/giving/planned_giving.aspx
Scholarship memorializes labor attorney and DePaul footballer

From his days playing DePaul football through his career as a Chicago labor lawyer, the late Hon. James F. Hynan (JD ’35) remained grateful to DePaul for the football scholarship that enabled him to attend college during the Great Depression.

Recently, his widow, Rosemary Hynan, gave $100,000 to the DePaul University College of Law to create the Honorable James F. Hynan Endowed Scholarship, which will be awarded beginning in the 2008-2009 academic year to students demonstrating academic excellence.

“The scholarship is meant to honor Jim and help other law students receive an education,” says Rosemary. “Jim’s family wouldn’t have been able to send him to college without the DePaul football scholarship.”

James began his college career at Loyola University in Chicago but transferred to DePaul when Loyola eliminated its football program and scholarships. “DePaul opened its arms to several Loyola football players and provided them with a wonderful education,” says Rosemary.

During World War II, James commanded gun crews and communication personnel on merchant ships bringing supplies to allies in Europe. In 1995, he was presented the Russian Commemorative Medal for his courage. After the war, James rose to Navy lieutenant commander and served as defense counsel in general courts-martial cases at naval air training bases in Texas.

Subsequently, James served as a principal in Condon & Hynan until his retirement in 1994 and as a Cook County Law Division arbitrator. He is survived by his wife, three sons, a daughter and five grandchildren.

To support the College of Law, call Kevin Fortwendel, assistant dean of alumni relations and development, at (312) 362-5232.

DePaul accepts gifts of stock by either electronic transfer or stock certificate.

For more information, contact the director of gift processing at (312) 362-8666.
Studley endows faculty research fellowship at DePaul Real Estate Center

Studley, a New York-based international commercial real estate services firm specializing in tenant representation, has contributed $150,000 to endow a faculty fellowship at DePaul University’s College of Commerce.

Named for Jacque “Jack” Ducharme, a company vice chairman and former head of its Chicago office who died in December 2007, the endowment will fund research pertaining to the commercial real estate industry and will be administered through the college’s Real Estate Center. The gift increases the center’s endowment to more than $10.5 million.

“This is a great honor for a great man,” says Studley President Michael Colacino. “Jacque was a mentor to so many people in the commercial real estate industry. Studley’s grant to DePaul will perpetuate his legacy by providing support for research on topics concerning the commercial office market. This is a fitting way to honor Jacque’s leadership and service to Studley and to the city of Chicago, where he devoted the majority of his career.”

“This generous gift means that each year we will be able to name and support a faculty scholar who will conduct research on commercial markets and issues that I am sure Mr. Ducharme would have found useful,” says Susanne Cannon, the Douglas and Cynthia Crocker Endowed Director of The Real Estate Center.

Founded in 2002, The Real Estate Center at DePaul provides the most comprehensive array of real estate courses available in the Midwest. To support the center, call Dennis Moller, senior director of development for the College of Commerce, at (312) 362-6307.

SNL launches network of public school principals

With the support of a $400,000 Polk Bros. Foundation grant, Barbara Radner, director of the School for New Learning (SNL) Assessment Center and executive director of DePaul’s Center for Urban Education, is launching the Community Schools Leadership Network in the Chicago Public Schools. During the next two years, Radner will organize principal-to-principal dialogues to help build collaboration within and among schools to find solutions to common challenges. Learn more at teacher.depaul.edu.

Durbin helps celebrate the new School of Public Service

U.S. Sen. Dick Durbin (D-III.) joined the DePaul community at a February dinner celebrating the creation of the School of Public Service (SPS). The new school provides education for practitioners in both nonprofit management and public administration. Pictured from left are Assistant Professor Raphael Ogom, Durbin and Shaan Trotter (LAS MS ’05). For more information, visit publicservice.depaul.edu.

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LPL Financial endows annual conference

LPL Financial, one of the nation’s leading diversified financial services companies, has provided $250,000 to endow an annual conference at DePaul University that will focus on issues of topical interest to the banking, financial and investment services industries.

Developed in collaboration with the College of Commerce’s Center for Financial Services, the conference will “bring together the financial services community, scholars, regulators and leading policy makers for in-depth discussions of industry-related issues,” according to William A. Obenshain, the center’s executive director. The first conference is expected to take place in the fall of 2008.

“This generous gift from LPL Financial allows the center to fulfill an important part of its larger mission,” Obenshain says. “That mission includes not only preparing top-notch talent for careers within financial services but also engaging the industry in a relationship with the university, one that will ultimately help us respond more quickly and directly to our students’ needs and those of the industry.”

LPL Financial is the nation’s largest independent broker/dealer and provider of investment services to financial institutions.

Founded in 2006, DePaul’s Center for Financial Services provides students innovative undergraduate, graduate and post-graduate curricula in financial services; sponsors industry forums on financial service policymaking; develops financial literacy programs that benefit the community; and supports industry-relevant research about national and international banking and financial service issues.

To support the Center for Financial Services, call Dennis Moller, senior director of development for the College of Commerce, at (312) 362-6307.

Learn more at finance.depaul.edu/cfs

Basketball player endows scholarships

Milwaukee Bucks forward Bobby Simmons, a standout DePaul basketball player from 1998 to 2001, pledged $250,000 through the Bobby Simmons Rising Stars Foundation to create five endowed scholarships for DePaul students who demonstrate an ongoing history of community service and have financial need. Simmons (center) is pictured with the Rev. Dennis H. Holtschneider, C.M., president of DePaul, and Jean Lenti Ponsetto, director of athletics.

Renewing President’s Club members strengthen DePaul

Nearly 70 percent of President’s Club members annually renew their membership in DePaul’s premier giving society. Pictured is David Cagigal (COM ’76, MBA ’78), a 14-year President’s Club member, Alumni Association Board member and father of David (CTI ’93), Alex (CTI ’98), School for New Learning student Elizabeth, and Stephen, who is applying to DePaul. Cagigal’s employer, Alliant Energy, matches his giving to DePaul. To learn more about the President’s Club, contact Lisa Riley at (312) 362-7108 or visit giving.depaul.edu/about/president_club.aspx.
In her words...

Frances Flood

Frances Flood (LAS ’44), a first-generation college student from an immigrant family, was the only female chemistry major in her class. Flood (left) is pictured with fellow science major Christine Cwiertniak Booker (LAS ’62).

Flood has been a member of the President’s Club, DePaul’s premier annual giving society, for 28 consecutive years. Recently, she set up a $40,000 gift annuity to endow a scholarship in the ongoing Campaign for Excellence in Science and contributed an additional $1,000 directly to that scholarship.

Why and when did you start giving to DePaul?

Flood: Because of the good education that DePaul gave me. After I graduated, I contributed every year. I probably started with $5 a year, but there were some years when we could be more generous.

What motivated you to establish an endowed science scholarship?

Flood: It seemed to me the appropriate way to contribute. I didn’t receive scholarship support, but I think helping someone else get through college is important. Tuition is so much more expensive now.

Why did you elect to fund the scholarship through a charitable gift annuity?

Flood: I have DePaul in my will, but I thought that as long as I don’t need the money now it would be a good time to get started with a charitable gift annuity and perhaps add more later.

Learn more at giving.depaul.edu/science

Crew poised to complete new science building in record time

Construction of the Monsignor Andrew J. McGowan Science Building, the centerpiece of the Campaign for Excellence in Science, is two weeks ahead of schedule, according to Bob Janis, vice president for facility operations at DePaul University.

“The combination of good consultants, contractors, weather patterns and an effective construction and logistics plan has helped to move this premier project along in a timely and seamless manner,” says Janis.

“This is going to be a magnificent facility that the DePaul community will be most proud of for many years to come.”

November 2008 is the planned completion date for the $40 million facility, which is expected to open for classes in January 2009.

An array of supporters — including alumni, corporations, friends, foundations and the state of Illinois — have contributed to the $20 million campaign.

Recently, the fundraising drive benefited from $100,000 gifts from Frank M. Clark (LAS ’72, JD ’76), DePaul trustee, campaign co-chair and chairman and CEO of ComEd, and Vera Clark; Sue Gin, DePaul trustee, campaign co-chair and chairman and CEO of Flying Food Group; and Joseph M. Antunovich, a longtime friend of DePaul and president of Antunovich Associates.

The campaign is DePaul’s response to the challenge of educating a new generation of scientists, science teachers and science-literate citizens in Illinois and the nation. To learn more, call Jennifer Keller, senior director of development, campaign fundraising, at (312) 362-7517.
Events at DePaul

June

14-15 Commencement Weekend

24 Ledger & Quill's Third Annual Reception on the Lake

July

21 Reception honoring the Rev. John T. Richardson, C.M., chancellor of DePaul University. Remarks by the Rev. Dennis H. Holtschneider, C.M., president of DePaul University.

Through Jan. 9, 2009

"Catholic Chicago" exhibition at the Chicago History Museum, sponsored in part by DePaul University

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