Construction will begin in June on DePaul’s new science building, future home of the departments of chemistry and environmental science. The department of biological sciences also will have lab and lecture space in the building, which is to be connected by a second-floor “skyway” to the William G. McGowan Biological and Environmental Sciences Building.

Students will begin attending classes in the facility in January 2009.

By mid-February of this year, the university’s Campaign for Excellence in Science had raised more than $11 million toward its $20 million goal. The campaign is raising funds to build the state-of-the-art science facility, endow new science scholarships and develop new academic programs.

Some $9 million of that total was provided by an Illinois Capital Development Board grant sponsored by Illinois House Speaker Michael J. Madigan.

DePaul trustees Frank Clark (LAS ’72, JD ’76), president of ComEd, and Sue Gin, CEO of Chicago’s Flying Food Group Inc., co-chair the science campaign steering committee, which includes an additional 11 university alumni, friends, parents and staff who each give generously of their time and resources.

The four-story, $37.5 million facility will include 23 research labs, eight dedicated teaching labs and five large, tiered classrooms. The roof will feature two greenhouses—one for teaching and one for research—as well an environmentally friendly “green” area.

“We believe it is critical to provide our next generation’s scientists with an education of the highest level if our society is to remain healthy, internationally prominent and economically strong,” says the Rev. Dennis H. Holtschneider, C.M., DePaul president. “This building and the scholarships and initiatives supported by the Campaign for Excellence in Science are key components of our strategic plan for academic enrichment.”
The Keeley Family Foundation, founded by John L. Keeley Jr. of Chicago-based Keeley Asset Management Corp., and his wife, Barbara, gave $2 million dollars to establish the Christopher L. Keeley Endowed Chair in Investment Management in the Center for Financial Services.

The chair, named in memory of the Keeleys’ youngest son, who earned a degree in finance from DePaul in 1997, will help DePaul create a nationally competitive investment management education program.

This gift is one of the latest in a series of significant investments in DePaul’s finance program. To date, several leading real estate professionals have contributed $10.5 million to the Real Estate Center campaign (see article). The Fred Arditti Center for Risk Management, which is named in honor of the late futures industry pioneer, received $1 million from the Chicago Mercantile Exchange (CME) Trust.

According to Ali Fatemi, chair of the finance department, the gifts enhance the pivotal role DePaul University plays in educating Chicago’s financial workforce. “DePaul has the only finance program in Chicago that emphasizes practical, real-world knowledge and experience,” he says. “Corporations are increasingly looking to hire DePaul students because they know how to apply cutting-edge theory in professional situations.”

DePaul’s finance graduates have been hired by leading firms, including Harris Bank, Northern Trust, JPMorgan Chase & Co. and Morgan Stanley.

The gifts strengthen the finance program by providing the capital to continue attracting prominent faculty and enhance DePaul’s financial education. The funding will also ensure that the finance program continues to fulfill DePaul’s mission of helping students from diverse backgrounds achieve their potential.

The gifts are just one part of the finance program’s partnership with the community. Alumni and other leaders in the financial community comprise the Finance Advisory Board, teach classes and seminars, serve as mentors, connect students to internship and employment opportunities, and help develop finance curriculum.

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In her words...

Susan Somers Neal
A DePaul alumna and co-founder of the intellectual property law firm Neal & McDevitt, LLC, Neal (SNL ’79, JD ’82) sponsors the Susan Somers Neal Scholarship in Intellectual Property Law. The scholarship fund annually supports two law students interested in intellectual property law. Neal is shown above (left) with scholarship recipient Jalissa Bauman (LAS ’99, JD ’06).

Why did you become an intellectual property lawyer?
Neal: I was a secretary for a trademark attorney who encouraged me to learn about the law. One day, he said, “You’re very good at this. Have you ever considered going to law school?” No one in my family had graduated from college, much less law school, but he inspired me to go back to school.

Why do you support a scholarship for College of Law students?
Neal: Intellectual property (IP) law students with a science background are heavily recruited and given many scholarships. My scholarship supports IP students without technical backgrounds, as they often don’t have the same opportunities.

Describe your scholarship recipients.
Neal: Every year we meet for brunch, and I couldn’t be prouder of them and their accomplishments as they progress through school. They are like my children. [Former recipient] Jalissa Bauman and I are now very close, and I can’t wait to meet the next scholarship recipient.

DePaul partners with corporations to address ethics, poverty

High-profile ethical lapses at major U.S. corporations have dominated business news in the last decade.

At DePaul, the Institute for Business and Professional Ethics (IBPE) is partnering with business leaders to help create a corporate ethics revolution.

Housed within IBPE, the HSBC-North America Business Ethics Scholarship Program annually funds business ethics research by students. The students create their research through experience-based activities—including internships—before presenting their findings in a community forum.

“All of corporate America needs to invest in, think about and be committed to ethics,” says Donna Funk, vice president of community and philanthropic services for HSBC-North America, one of the nation’s leading financial services organizations. “Sponsoring a business ethics scholarship program at DePaul, one of our long-time partners, is one way HSBC helps drive the conversation.”

IBPE also launched a three-year program to promote business initiatives that reduce poverty and health care inequities in Chicago and developing nations. Supported by a grant from Abbott Laboratories, the program began with a lecture series featuring distinguished scholars discussing how the for-profit sector can address poverty.

According to Patricia Werhane, executive director of IBPE, “Our programs link the for-profit sector with ethical action and DePaul’s mission to help the less advantaged. Ethical deliberation must be part of our personal and professional lives, from the living room to the board room.”

Learn more at commerce.depaul.edu/ethics
Science, music to benefit from Denny trust

Despite having degrees from the University of Minnesota and Georgetown, James Denny maintains a special place in his heart for DePaul. And recently, he’s shown just how special DePaul is by establishing a $1 million charitable remainder annuity trust to be split between the university’s Campaign for Excellence in Science and scholarships for the DePaul University School of Music.

“Science is an absolutely critical component of any college education today,” says Denny, a former DePaul board member, life trustee and volunteer member of the science campaign steering committee. His long business career, much of it spent in the pharmaceutical industry, has given Denny a special appreciation for the practical aspects of a science education.

“By enlarging its science education capacity, DePaul is rounding out its portfolio of educational products,” he explains. “I like to think that through this effort DePaul students will have just as much opportunity to become top-flight scientists as they have now for becoming in-demand lawyers, accountants or musicians.”

But science isn’t his only love. Fully half of his trust for DePaul will fund scholarships specifically for musicians. His sixth and youngest child, William (MUS ’97, MBA ’05), plays guitar in the well-known tribute band Trippin’ Billies (www.trippinbillies.com).

Denny feels quite strongly about the importance of philanthropic giving, especially to higher education.

“Our university system in the United States, which provides our country with a competitive advantage, is unequalled in providing opportunities to everyone, and that’s due in large part to a uniquely American tradition of philanthropic giving. That tradition not only provides individuals opportunities but also helps to maintain our vital—and vibrant—educational system.”

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Service, athletic campaigns completed

Two fundraising initiatives recently reached their goals. The Steans Challenge, created by DePaul trustee Harrison I. Steans (DHL ’05) (pictured with wife Lois) and the Steans Family Foundation, secured more than $5 million for the Irwin W. Steans Center for Community-based Service Learning and DePaul community service initiatives. The Sullivan-McGrath Campaign raised over $3.9 million for DePaul’s athletic programs.

SNL launches new center

Launched in January 2007, the School for New Learning’s Center for the Advancement of the Education of Adults will host conferences, publish research and consult the business community on how to improve the education of adults. Alumna Trish Parson (SNL ’78) (pictured above) provided a $100,000 founding grant for the center and $75,000 to endow the Mason Parson Annual Conference. Other donors to the center include alumnus and trustee Bertram Scott (SNL ’80) and his wife, Liz Fender, who pledged $150,000 to support a distinguished lecturer series.
In February, the Rev. Dennis H. Holtschneider, C.M., DePaul University president, publicly launched a $16 million fundraising campaign for the Real Estate Center at DePaul. By securing funding for real estate research and scholarships, the campaign will transform the regionally prominent center into a nationally competitive institution for real estate education.

The center has already passed the halfway mark of its campaign. Gifts have included $2 million from Douglas Crocker II and his wife, Cynthia; $1.5 million from DePaul alumnus George L. Ruff (COM ’74); $4 million from the Michael J. Horne Education & Healthcare Assistance Foundation and $3 million from an anonymous donor. The campaign is chaired by Richard A. Hanson (MST ’74), principal of Mesa Development L.L.C., a DePaul trustee and founding sponsor of the center.

In honor of the late Justice Lawrence X. Pusateri (JD ’53), the first summa cum laude graduate of the DePaul College of Law, his wife Eve and their children endowed a public service fellowship for a first- or second-year law student. Additionally, the school’s welcome center at 25 E. Jackson Blvd. was renamed the Justice Lawrence X. Pusateri Welcome Center.

New staff in corporate and foundation relations

The Office of Advancement is pleased to announce two fundraising staff transitions.

Michael Agnew, Ed.D., joins the office as the senior director of Corporate Relations. Agnew has worked at the Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania and Michigan State University.

Janet Trzaska has been named director of Foundation Relations. She was formerly development director for DePaul’s School for New Learning.

Learn more at realestate.depaul.edu
Events at DePaul

May
5  Vincentian Service Day
20  College of Law Commencement Ceremony
23  Alumni Reception in Los Angeles
30  School of Music Spring Gala

June
6  Science Building Groundbreaking Ceremony
16–17  Commencement Weekend

April
11  All-University Scholarship Luncheon
17  Success Through Scholarship Fund Celebration Dinner
18  The Theatre School’s 2007 Awards for Excellence in the Arts
24  Schmitt Scholars and Leaders Reception
26  Cortelyou Heritage Society Luncheon

Reunion Weekend: October 12–14
Reconnect with old friends and DePaul during an event-filled weekend featuring alumni gatherings, a special reunion mass and brunch, and campus tours.

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