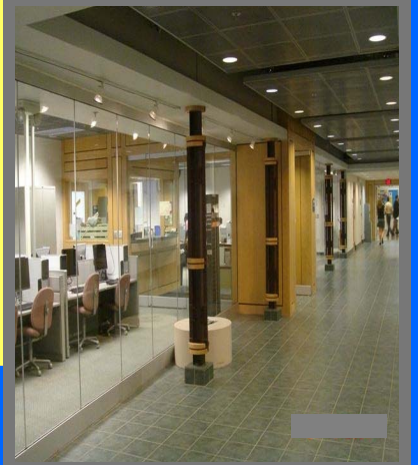
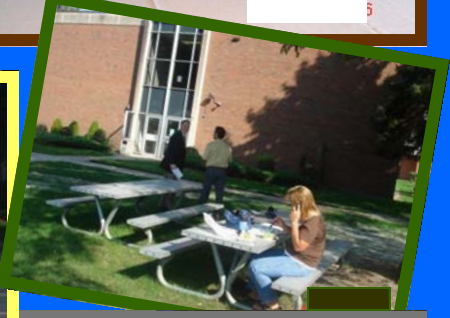


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“CIVIL OR UNCIVIL VIOLENCE”



Each year, we are drawn to the events of September 11. Some think we should put this in the past and move on. Others believe that it was a warning to which we paid little attention. In some respects the attack induced shock, fear, disbelief much as did the bombing of Pearl Harbor. We talked a lot, threatened reprisals, satanized the name of Bin Laden. The truth is probably that, apart from a disastrous war which divided Americans rather than uniting them as in Pearl Harbor, little has been done. What has happened is that we have looked around and settled on Islam as the culprit of all our woes. Gee, we say to ourselves, there may be as many as a hundred thousand militant Islamists floating around God knows where. We simply brush aside the fact that there are over a billion Moslems in the world who have been living and continue to live non-violent lives in harmony with the rest of the world. Islam is not Bin Laden's bombings nor suicides. No doubt American foreign policy has angered and aroused most of the world. Millions are afraid of any extension to the war. Fortunately, my own experience from China to Egypt has been that people I have spoken with make a clear distinction between the American Administration and the American people.

Some Americans blame religion for the pain, violence, suffering. We call the suicidal Islamists extreme. What about the Protestant / Catholic violence in Ireland? The Inquisition? The slaughter of the Tutsi by the Hutu? The Armenian genocide? How many more slaughters in the preceding centuries? Why are we so surprised at today's violence? The history of humanity is littered with war and violence. It is my belief, naïf though it may be, that fundamentally the problem is less religious than political and certain cultures more than others impact the practice of religion. Unlike the Bible, the Koran is not made of many stories but of instructions and arguments. It is simply the word of God given to Mohamed. The problem with this is that his Arabic is very old, deemed "classical" and not easy to understand; thus, there are many intra-sectarian arguments within Islamic sects over the interpretations of metaphors. Among Christians, there are those who steadfastly believe the Bible is the word of God and that it must be taken literally. The unvarnished truth is that when religious figures in any religion begin to interpret "God's Word", the results can be far from the original thought. In the Middle East, church and state combine well together at least in theory. The West,

however, sees the world ordered differently. Our strength is the separation of church and state. Contrarily, countries such as Turkey and Indonesia – basically Moslem countries, have total separation. What questions does that generate?

There is a fear in Western "Christian" nations, unaccustomed as we are to a significant Moslem population, that such a large demographic change could have a devastating effect. Obviously, a lot depends on the freedom and the economic situation of these Moslems. Clearly, the U.S. Constitution extols freedom of religion. Over the last three centuries, we have not really had to question this since we were always thinking Judaeo-Christian values. But America was founded not on Christianity but on freedom of religion. Today, we have to contend with a demographic change in the

West. France, for example, has a population that is about 10% Moslem. Germany, Holland and Britain are seeing the same changes. – so much so that one writer refers to London as "Londonistan."

Much of what happens in the near future depends on the ability and wishes of any global ethnic group to assimilate. In America, we used to talk about the "melting" pot which at that time was a fine metaphor for assimilation. Today, we favor the "mosaic" or the "salad bowl" where groups can maintain their individual integrity yet contribute to the whole picture. This process, however, took us decades to achieve. We, in the West, may have to go through all this again depending on whether we really do have a large demographic change. Yet we cannot assume that such a change would have a devastating effect. If, in America, we begin to see new disenfranchised or dissatisfied ghettos forming perhaps then we will have to be more circumspect. Today, Europe has a greater problem than the United States since the roots of Moslems and others are geographically closer. Many of those immigrant families may believe they are not isolated from their original conservative Moslem roots since they can visit the motherland easily and be culturally "recharged". Couple this with radical religionists who can preach sedition with no legal fear, then we have the kind of problem faced by Great Britain – native-bred violent reactionaries.

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A Second Place I Can Call Home

Wassim Badr



It took me 23 hours by plane. It took me 2 weeks of packing while having to put up with my mom's constant nagging. It took me a month to say all my goodbyes. It took over 6 months of academic preparation and paperwork. Most importantly, it took me my entire life to be qualified for it... but I'm here now! I'm one of four presidential scholars from Notre Dame University, Lebanon, participating in a student exchange program established by Madonna University and NDU. So far, it's been nothing short of awesome!

When I sit around, thinking about all the new things I've experienced here, I honestly don't know where to start. Should I start with the amazing students sharing the dorms with me? Should I start with the fascinating classes and the equally motivating professors? Should I start with the administration, which has done all it can in an effort to make our transition smooth and productive? With so many other elements on my list, it's quite understandable why I would get overwhelmed sometimes. But if I were to choose the most important aspect to begin with, it would be the friends I've made in MU.

Living in the dorms has definitely been the most valuable part of this experience, and that is primarily due to the students living here with me. They are simply great friends who have accepted me and my friends with open arms and open minds. I honestly did not expect such friendliness and openness, and I'm really glad that my expectations were misplaced. What really surprised me though was their interest in my culture and their willingness to learn about it! A really clear example would be their wanting to learn Arabic, and let me tell you, it is not the easiest language to start with if you're aiming to learn a foreign language. Yet they ask to be taught... and they ask about my country. And this has really made me ecstatic because we had some major misconceptions to clear out. Many had thought that Lebanon was a war-stricken land from the third world, a nation governed by primitive thoughts and intolerant notions, a country unfamiliar with nightclubs, pool parties, active social lives and peaceful interactions. They couldn't have been farther away from the truth. It is true that there is political unrest and economic instability, but the people do live in relative peace and tranquility. The main point is that we have put all our efforts into changing that distorted image of Lebanon and presenting it as it truly is: a truly beautiful country with a deep and ancient culture and loving people. And the beautiful thing is, everyone here has embraced this new image! Errin Brooks, a 22-year old Vocal Performance senior and Business

minor, and a fellow resident in the Residence Hall, had this to say about my Lebanese colleagues and myself, "They couldn't have sent four better kids to represent their country over here. They're smart, really funny, very gentlemanly and courteous, and another lovely addition to the diversity of our school. I'm very happy to have gotten to know them and have them as good friends." It is great people like Errin that have befriended us and invited us into their groups and activities. Honestly, if it weren't for them, our transition here would have been simply awful and unbearable. Therefore, allow me to send my best regards and deepest thanks to every single individual that has accepted us and socially involved us in their lives.

Socially speaking, this experience has been amazing. In addition to the aforementioned details, a striking example is the Hooka Night, which was organized by Issa Hijazin, one of the best, if not the best R.A.'s in the dorms. About 30 students attended, 10 or so of which were Koreans and Japanese, and the night was perfect! We had people from all sides of the world sharing that one popular element of our culture, the Hooka, and sincerely enjoying the Lebanese food that they ordered. That night is one of my favorite memories here because it truly exemplifies the open-mindedness of the people here and just how much entertaining it is to experience diversity and share through it the aspects that make us unique.

Academically, Madonna University presents an interesting yet different challenge as far as I'm concerned. The 3 hour classes, the small classrooms, the professors' focus on engaging students, etc. It has all been a new situation to cope with, but thankfully, the professors do a wonderful job, the administration really looks after its students, and so I've been getting really good results, as are all my Lebanese colleagues.

Professionally, I myself have been occupying the post of Office Assistant in the Center for International Studies, headed by Dr. Jonathan Swift and his assistant Kimberly Campbell. This experience as well has dramatically served me well as this is officially my first job, and so I have earned priceless skills in terms of working with others, time management, understanding the workplace, and many others. Our office may not be much in size, but the activities and programs it instigates and oversees are truly momentous to the university. Why, without its efforts, I wouldn't be part of the Madonna family right now! As such, I have to thank Dr. Swift for his constant endeavors and loving guidance and Ms. Kimberly Campbell for her caring support and

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and Ms. Kimberly Campbell for her caring support and unequalled sense of humor.

All in all, I have nothing to complain about. Sure, there's been a couple of issues regarding the Residence Hall, such as my jammed blinds that are still stuck to this very moment, preventing my poor roommate from getting any sleep when the sun rises, or unreasonable prevention of using the elevator and what not... but these tiny problems are insignificant when looking at the bigger picture. Madonna has given me wonderful friends, truly competent and engaging professors, an awe-inspiring campus, and a great workplace. The only thing preventing this from being simply perfect is the absence of my cherished family, who I miss more and more with each passing day. Apart from that, I am absolutely content with this experience so far... although it would be kind of nice to get those blinds fixed!



ALL:

The Madonna University athletics department is proud to announce two new videos that were launched on the website today.

The first one will become a monthly feature of the site ... highlighting some of the best action on the field of play for MU athletes... THE ULTIMATE HIGHLIGHT debuts today!

The second video is a recap of the first ever BLUE & GOLD AWARD held earlier this month.

[VIEW THE BLUE AND GOLD AWARD VIDEO](#)

Both videos were created by senior student-athlete Rebecca Ruffli who is a Television and Video Communications major here at Madonna. We hope you enjoy these new additions to the site.

[VIEW THE ULTIMATE HIGHLIGHT VIDEO](#)

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“Council Member Premier's Opera”



Dr. David Dichiera, a member of the Madonna University Council for International Education has composed his own opera, “Cyrano”. It is currently being premiered at the Michigan Opera House where he is the founder and General Director. His opera is scheduled to be performed in three other venues this coming year. A world renowned impresario, Dr. Di Chiera has received many honors: an honorary Doctor of Music from the University of Michigan, and similar honorary degrees from Oakland University and Marygrove College. In recognition of his contributions to the musical world, he has been honored by the mayors of New York, San Francisco, New Orleans, and Detroit, as well as the governments of France and Italy.



Madonna University's New Assistant to the President

The President's Office now has a truly international flavor with the appointment of Angela Sherry as Administrative Assistant to Sr. Rose Marie Kujawa.

Born on the Isle of Wight, England, Angela came to the United States in 2000 to marry her husband, Don, whom she had known since 1994. Two years of formal secretarial training straight out of Grammar



School and qualifications from the Royal Society of Arts, has stood her in good stead. Angela received additional administrative training whilst serving with the Women's Royal Naval Service for 12 years in the United Kingdom, five on which were served on a submarine base working for an Admiral in the office of the Flag Officer Submarines!

Not the only member of the family to live abroad, Angela has a brother called Michael who lives in Hamburg, Germany with his wife and family.

Angela has served Madonna University since early 2004, when she worked as a secretary for Dr. Jonathan Swift in the Center for International Studies, and Dr. Ernest Nolan in the

Office of the Vice President for Academic Administration. After only 11 months in the job, Dr. Nolan asked Angela to become his Office Coordinator.

Angela's exceptional organizational skills and enthusiasm are fully utilized in her role as Administrative Assistant in the President's Office, and we wish her well in her new position.



MU's youngest graduate wows with musical prowess

The luring combination of strings and harmonic vocals bursts through the door of Kresge Hall. Spectators at Madonna's PAH Fest were rummaging souvenir tables in the adjacent hallway when their heads raised and almost in chorus several voices asked "Who is that?"

Peeking onto the stage at Kresge, the performers appear as a somewhat conventional two-man band led by an acoustical guitar player with a unique voice. But the journey of Madonna alumni Seth Grass has been anything but conventional.

By all available means of confirmation, Seth Grass is the youngest person in MU's 75-year history to achieve a four-year degree. Showing promise in many disciplines as a child, Grass was home-schooled throughout his adolescent years, while dual enrolling in some high school courses; he was able to complete high school by age 15. While the accelerated pace of his education was something to be proud of, Grass faced more unique challenges than the average college freshman looking into various campuses for the future. At only 16, Grass could not live alone and explored the best local options. After a couple of years

at Schoolcraft College, he transferred to Madonna in pursuit of a Television and Video Communications degree.

Similar to many students of any age, Seth found Madonna a unique fit for his educational needs. "I appreciated the small campus and especially at that age, I was worried about stepping into a massive lecture hall and getting lost in the massive students found at bigger schools," he said.

As many people find, it often proves difficult to find an area of study that fits your dreams perfectly. There was no finite plan of study for Seth's aspirations to become a recording artist, but exploring the role of visual media served him well.

"My education in TVC taught me the technical importance of planning, post-production and even the simple administrative aspects of preparing a performance," Seth said.

"It really does illustrate how a sound liberal arts education allows for more versatility in your career."

By: Clay Cutchins

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Imagine earning college credit for relieving stress, having fun, and giving back to the community.

For a group of students at Madonna University, that dream is a reality called University Singers, a beginning choir class offered during the fall and winter semesters.

If visions of Simon Cowell suddenly pop into your head, think again. You don't have to be a Music major to take the class.

It is open to everyone on campus for either one credit or non-credit and there's no audition involved according to Barbara Wiltsie, Assistant Professor of Voice and course instructor.

"There will not be any professionals in the choir so no need for anyone to worry about how they stand up against others in the choir," said Wiltsie.

Students learn basic terminology and methods along with vocal technique. Wiltsie can help with karaoke performances, too.

"The Karaoke will be a fun diversion for class Imagine earning college credit for relieving stress, having fun, and giving back to the community. members who wish to find another venue of singing. I find that some voice students have this yearning to sing karaoke, but feel nervous in their presentation," she said.

Wassim Badr, from Lebanon, a Computer Science and English Literature double major from Lebanon, has always been interested in music and is excited about improving his technique.

"I simply love to sing, but I was always shy about it and simply never had the time to pursue it in a specialized institution," he said. "So when I saw the flyer advertising the course, I immediately thought of



checking the class out to see if I actually have some potential or if I'm the type of guy that should stick to singing in the shower."

Badr finds that being in the University Singers is fun and helps relieve some of the stress caused by other

classes.

"I would certainly recommend this course to anyone who believes they have the slightest bit of potential," he said. "Professor Wiltsie is very welcoming and motivating. The classmates are really friendly and supportive. You get a great chance to improve your singing, get over stage fright and reticence, and simply have a great time."

But this group isn't just about having a good time according to Wiltsie.

"Our wish is that this choir becomes a service group, desiring to go out into the community and give sing-a-long presentations for and with the residents of area nursing and retirement facilities," she said.

Some activities will be mandatory in order to earn credit for the class, but the majority of them will be voluntary. The University Singers is offered as MUS 1130.

It meets noon to 1 p.m. Wednesdays. Anyone interested in checking it out is welcome to stop by room 1507.

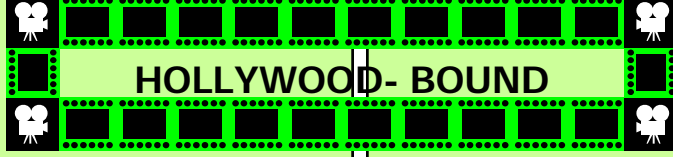
So if you secretly think that you're the next Kelly Clarkson or Ruben Studdard, consider registering for the winter semester.

As Wiltsie put it, "Who knows? There may be a gem or an undiscovered talent that may want to become more involved in our music program."

By: Stacie Dacko

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Students and faculty from the Video and Communications major at Madonna University are traveling to



"The very hard working and good people from Madonna University who made PAH-fest Motown such a success are coming

Hollywood, California to participate in in PAH-fest Hollywood. PAH-fest is the brain child of Christopher Coppola from the famed Coppola film dynasty family and was established to give the "everyday person" a chance to produce their story. Two international students from our program Nora Shkodra, a Kosovo national, and Maggie Barylko, a Polish national, will be joining the group in teaming up with the Hollywood people. This is both a thrill and testament to our students who have so impressed Coppola.

out to PAH-fest Hollywood to help out and that makes me feel really good. That's a hard working group of people and I know they are going to help make PAH-fest Hollywood a great success" said Christopher Coppola. While in the movie capital of the world the team hopes to take in some of the movie history as well as learn more from the group of professionals from EARS XXI, Christopher's company. PAH-fest Motown was held on the campus of Madonna University this past July and was a huge success.

Suzanne Boyd

"View from Iran" From Syma Sayyah / Our Correspondent in Tehran

We live in a strange world nowadays. We can be many thousands of miles apart and yet feel close and related just as much as we can live next door to someone and yet feel miles apart. This closeness is due to the internet, for example, where you find people who have the same common goals and values, when you read what they have written or exchange emails or you talk to them, the fact that you never knew them before becomes irrelevant and they feel like good old friends. The opposite is also true, when we have nothing in common with those around us including our family and at times they seemed as strange and unfamiliar as if they were on the moon.

The current wave of international politics, and the extremely controlled and biased role of international media has made the understanding of the truth and getting facts across rather difficult and yet despite it all I am invited to write a piece for you. I believe that peace and cooperation is the essence of progress and, above all, the path to a better world. We all must hope that the people will win in the end and we shall be allowed to live in peace and harmony wherever we are. The way things are, this dream seems far fetched now, yet as a global citizen I feel impelled to do whatever I can in my little insignificant way to help make this happen.

I live in Tehran, Iran, a country that is in the eyes of the United States, part of the Axis of Evil. I grew up liking and respecting America and what it stood for. I desperately wish this were still the same. America is a great nation and its international and moral standing is most vital to the world, but due to the arrogance of its policies, America has lost much credibility not only in Afghanistan or in Iraq but in the whole world and especially among the Europeans. America no longer has the international credibility or political legitimacy it once had, as it fundamentally lacks the strategic vision to support its military might. Policies have been followed that seem based on willful ignorance and self delusion while the advice of experts is dismissed totally. Remember the Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD) stories?

It would have been scandalous for any government to be found to be lying in times gone by, yet nowadays time after time it happens and hardly anyone says anything. These people lie because they want to hold on to their jobs and positions. Is there any integrity in government left anywhere? However, it was the great Abraham Lincoln who said you can fool everybody all the

What is happening now in Iraq, at a great cost to the American people, brave and good citizens that they are, is only for the benefit of a small group of warmongers whose goals are OIL and MONEY. Unbelievable damage has occurred both in human and material terms to Iraq and its people. So many homes have been destroyed, over 650,000 Iraqis have been killed since the American invasion, and over four million Iraqis are now refugees, two million of them in Jordan and Syria. The infrastructure is a mess. Chaos is rife and what actually is happening to the Iraq oil money anyway? Most people believe that even a dictator like Saddam was better for the Iraqis than what they have now.

Anyone who knows about the Middle East as well as knowledgeable political analysts will tell you that America has lost the war in Iraq and the easiest way to help sort it out is for them to sit down on equal terms with the Iranians and ask for help. "Why?" you may ask. Because contrary to what the biased international reportage tells you, the Iranian government hopes for and wants peace in Iraq as well as a strong and stable government to be installed. A lot of the 'evidence' linking Iran to interference in Iraq is fabricated. Please don't forget that most of the terrorists since 9/11 have been from Saudi Arabia, America's closest ally in the region. None were ever found to be Iranians.

The US administration has to swallow its pride along with its myopic support of whatever Israel does no matter how wrong it is. Why is it that the Israeli version is always portrayed as the truth? Any remaining credibility the Israelis might have had was lost when they attacked Lebanon last year and almost destroyed the country. How could the world just watch? These double standards have made the world weary and distrustful of America and its involvement and policies in the Middle East.

As for the nuclear issue, President Ahmadinejad said recently in NY that Iran does not want nuclear weapons and does not wish to get into a military encounter with anyone. Realistically, the Russians who help the Iranians develop their civil nuclear plants are not going to lose their relationship with the west over this. But having said that, how can Israel have had the "bomb" for decades and yet Iranians are not permitted, yet it is the Israelis who are most belligerent nation in the region.

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Members of the American administration are saying that there is now a crisis, and the U.S. is preparing to take action against Iran. How can there be a crisis? The only crisis is being driven by Bush's determination to *'do something about Iran'* before leaving office. And, as can be seen from the Iraqi WMDs that never existed, once again the painstaking intelligence gathering and expert advice is just something that will get in his way so it is dismissed.

Iran, by standing up to the Bush Administration, has gained much respect among the countries in the region. Iran has been the biggest beneficiary from the very beginning of US involvement in Iraq without lifting a finger, watching as the Americans removed Iran's worst enemy, Saddam Hussein. (Nobody here has forgotten the Iran-Iraq War, started by Saddam, which cost so many lives). The instability created by the invasion means that the oil price has rocketed, which is great news for the number five oil exporting countries in the world. Above all, Iran would be the biggest beneficiary, too, from a stable and democratic government in Iraq. What motivation would there be to encourage and foment unrest? Iran would only benefit from a stable Shia dominated government; it is the Sunni/ Saudi rulers who fear this more than anyone.

I don't have any illusions. I live in a religious state which is pretty *orthodox*. Yet I have tried not to allow anything here to discourage me despite the many shortcomings. Many people like me - western educated - left Iran a long time ago, but some are coming back because there is something about the Persian heritage and culture, the motherland, the homeland - whatever you want to name it.

The democracy that is practiced in Iran, like most other things, has been greatly modified. There are elections, but there is normally only a choice between those who are very religious and those who accept the status quo for their own gain, *candidates who are*

secular and independent have very little chance of being elected. However, this is the only way that we can make our presence acknowledged even if we do not get through all the process of being selected to become a candidate let alone have the resources to win.

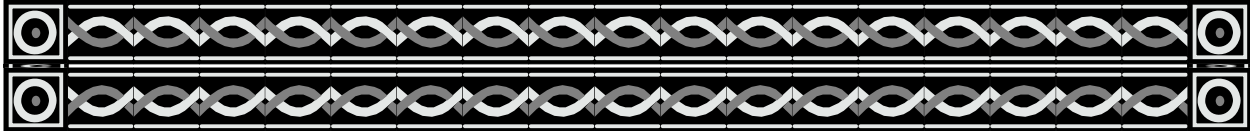


“From an Iranian Boy”

It may seem from afar that Iranians and Americans don't have much in common. I personally have many good American friends, real and internet-based, to whom I feel very close. I may be too western, but if you conduct a survey, 60-70% of all Iranians, irrespective of background, would like to go to the USA, to visit, study and even live. Iranians are still the most natural allies of America and Americans, as we were before the revolution. We can be again. The people of the two nations do not have any problems with each other, it is only because of our governments and their short-term vision that conflict exists.

I invite you to come to Iran to see for yourself how biased the reportage from Iran has been through the international news agencies. Almost no good news comes from Iran. Well, except perhaps my pretty insignificant pieces and those like mine. Please come as tourists and spend time with us Iranians. Please also reduce your dependency on energy to stop giving the excuse to warmongers wherever they are, and consider joining WTI (The World Tribunal on Iraq) to end the war. Let's help to build a bridge of understanding between two peoples who as global citizens believe in peace and harmony - let us all work to be global citizens!

Syma Sayyah is a management consultant and a businesswoman who has lived in Tehran most of her life and was educated in the UK. Besides her jobs, she has been involved with many charities and has written for www.payvand.com for several years about life in Tehran. She ran unsuccessfully for the Tehran city election in 2006.



"Madonna Correspondent in Lebanon"

So far my trip has been nothing but spectacular. I have been in Lebanon on Campus since September 15th and it really has been something else. The faculty here is very helpful in all of my needs and questions. Dr. Nehme especially has been excellent in setting up my stay and instituting a new policy for students who come from abroad. This exchange between NDU and Madonna is the first of its type here at NDU so there is not a policy set for lodging and meals.

Currently, I am registered in a pretty heavy load academic -wise with 5 classes (15 credits) but I am working really hard and the professors are very educated so hopefully I should not have a problem with grades. The curriculum is based on the American education system with the instruction being entirely in English. I have had no problems at all with the transition from my usual academia in the states to what I am receiving here.

Everything that I have learned at my two years at Madonna are helping with classes here, and when I complete my classes here and return to the states, I expect the same to take place conversely. The campus is beautiful. It looks out on the Bay of Jounieh and the view is breathtaking. The food at both school restaurants is also good. The dorms that I live in are brand new, with satellite TV, wireless internet, and private rooms/baths. The fellow students in the dorms are very nice and they are easy to get along with. On weekends, I travel from the Campus to various cities in the south of Lebanon, getting a feel for how the culture is. The country is beautiful and the people are very helpful. I highly recommend everyone to come visit the country and explore it.

If there are any other questions/concerns please let me know!

Hussein Khalil



MU professor wins award

Kull wins dietetic honor

Laura Freeland Kull is not only an Adjunct Assistant Professor at Madonna University, but also a lawmaker.

A couple of years ago, Kull got together with some lobbyists and set out to change the state's law regarding nutritionists and dietitians.

After Jan 1, the law will state that all nutritionists and dietitians must be registered with the state.

"This will not only ensure qualification of the nutritionist or dietitian in question, but also ensure that the public gets the proper information,"

says Kull.

In response to the bill's approval, the NDA awarded Kull with the Registered Dietitian of the Year award.

She was chosen from 2000 qualified candidates.

"Laura was an obvious choice for the award due to her work with our licensure bill and, of course, her work with the association over the past nine years," says MDA President Heather-Stanley Sutton.

By: Rachel Perez

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TRIPS OVERSEAS

This summer my family and I visited London, England, and the spent three additional days in Dublin, Ireland. The weather could not have been better! Lots of sun and warmth, something quite unusual in that part of the world. We were surprised to see how diverse both countries have become, with people from all over the world living, working, studying, or simply visiting London and Dublin. The museums were as marvelous as always, in particular de Victoria and Albert Museum in London, with its unparalleled cafeteria and its superb stained-glass windows.



We also visited the Hampton Court Palace, the British Museum, Greenwich, and the tremendously entertaining and fashionable Covent Garden (remember the movie My fair Lady?). Dublin the area of Temple Bar caught our attention with its wonderful boutiques, restaurants, and pubs. We also visited Christ church, probably the first church in Ireland, founded by the Vikings in 1035. The trip was a wonderful experience!



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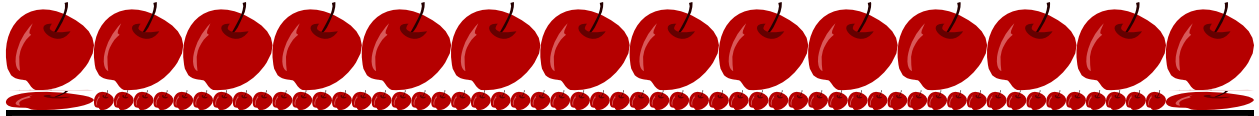


Marvin Weingarden and his wife had a great time on their two week river cruise. They traveled on the Rhine and Mosel rivers and went through Belgium, the Netherlands, Germany, France and Switzerland.

Australia Presentation

Brenner, P.S., Olla, P., Esper, K.W., Gorman, M., & Jurcak, F. "Integrating Tablet PCs into a Nursing Curriculum Promoting Active Learning". Peer reviewed poster, Innovations and Leadership in Clinical Practice, Research, and Education, 3rd International Congress on Innovation in Nursing 2007, Perth, Western Australia, November 13-16, 2007.

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Franciscan Environmental Volunteers

Saturday, November 3, 2007 University District

The City of Detroit has been doing a lot of work including tree removal in the Seven Mile & Livernois area. We will be working with Detroit General Services Department in conjunction with the Mayor's Next Detroit Neighborhood Initiative to plant 100 trees along the streets and in the medians. This would add on to the visual appeal and beautification process of the neighborhood. We would love for 200 volunteers to come help out and be apart of the change. Residents and the University District Neighborhood Association have been a great help but they can't do it alone they need volunteer assistance. Volunteers should meet at 9am at Hampton School, 18415 Warrington, Detroit, MI 48221.

Saturday, November 10, 2007 East English Village

We began working in this neighborhood through the Detroit General Services Department in conjunction with the Mayor's Next Detroit Neighborhood Initiative this past spring. It was a very successful plant-

of 105 trees. This fall we will be adding 130 trees throughout the neighborhood. We will be working with the East English Village Association, very supportive residents and also 250 volunteers to ensure we keep the success rate up! Volunteers should meet at 9am at Cannon Field across from 5225 Cadieux, Detroit, MI, 48224.

Saturday, November 17, 2007 Memorial Tree Grove Planting

Every year donations come in for individuals being honored, remembered and celebrated. All the donations that come in prior to Memorial Day are used to plant a memorial grove. We would like for 50 volunteers to participate at this wonderful event! Volunteers should meet at 9:00 am at location **TBA**.

To volunteer for these events send an email to volunteer@greeningofdetroit.com.

A Thank You Letter

I very much want to thank the person responsible for putting in that "interfaith" prayer room although I call it a Muslim prayer room because of the Quran and Islamic writings in it.

I stumbled into that room, because I was looking for the pay phone that used to be there, and what a WARM surprise that was for me.

I've been a student at Madonna for the past 8 years...on and off. I began there as a non-Muslim, and now I continue as a Muslim, and the treatment that I have enjoyed at Madonna has never depended on my religion. As a matter of fact, it has led to some WONDERFUL exchanges with several of my professors!

While at school, I have always just prayed where I could, and that was fine but let me tell you how great it is to know that the school has recognized our needs and has taken care of us so sympathetically.

This leaves me with a feeling of comfort, and of being welcomed. **I have always known that Madonna was a tolerant and loving school. I have always been treated with respect and sincere compassion. This is one of the main reasons that I speak highly of the university, brag about it, and recommend it to others.**

Once again, thank you, and I hope that my words adequately convey my sincere thoughts and emotions.

May the Peace and Blessings of God be upon you!

Tara

Asalaam Alaikum

"Madonna University on the Move"

Madonna University, a four-year, private liberal arts university in Michigan, is celebrating its 70th year in Livonia.

Always at the forefront of innovation technology, Madonna has created a learning-centered environment which enhances both teaching and learning. Its technological advances, referred to as "e2College", encompass the extended and electronic capabilities of the University and integrated technology across the curriculum. The recently established Ford Motor Company Technology Wing offers opportunities for students to work collaboratively on class projects while developing the latest technological resources on the globe. At a rising rate, courses are constructed to meet the needs of the 21st century – courses such as Environmental and Forensic Sciences, Criminal Justice and Homeland Security, Allied Health Administration and Earth and Space Science. Many courses can be delivered via distance learning methods. Over 11% of our courses are fully on line and over one third of our full-time faculty is certified to teach online.

Recent Accomplishments:

- Michigan Campus Compact awarded Madonna University and the All Saints Neighborhood Center the Jimmy and Rosalynn Carter Partnership Award. This award recognizes an exceptional partnership between a college or university and a community group that works together to produce measurable improvements in peoples' lives, while enhancing learning.
- The "New Detroit" Group recently presented its annual "Closing the Gap" Award to Osvaldo "Ozzie" Rivera Director of multi-cultural affairs, to recognize his success in making a positive difference in race relations in the community.
- Nationally ranked as one of the "Great Colleges for the Real World."
- One of 12 institutions nationally selected for "Foundations of Excellence Project."
- Nationally recognized for pioneering four-year degree programs in sign language studies (where the programmed equipment is state of the art), hospice, gerontology, and fire science.
- Madonna University has joined the Campus EAI Consortium, a 200-member university organization, for the purpose of developing and maintaining personalized web-based academic and administrative services for our students, faculty, staff and Alumni. New name? – "Access Madonna"
- In the new "green" building for science and media, there will be the latest television studio and video services.
- By the end of October, 2007, the Madonna campus network will be able to connect directly with the Merit Network and Internet2 (the foremost consortium promoting revolutionary internet technologies).

Foreign Languages Vital

We've known this for a long time but now the media are recognizing that bilingualism is economically advantageous. A recent article in the Detroit Free Press (Oct. 12, '07) lists the advantages of knowing a second language in applying for a job and those jobs that are looking for recruits who are bilingual. Banks and mortgage companies are looking for tellers and loan officers who can communicate with Latino customers. Hospitals and pharmaceutical companies desperately need employees who can serve their patients. Sales and marketing, all aspects of healthcare, social services, cultural counselors

and bilingual teachers -all are needed right away. That need which we have exposed for ten years is now a growing need. In addition to the number one language - Spanish – with a fast growing 40 million Hispanics in the U.S. – the many companies that are multinational seek employees who can converse fluently in Chinese, Japanese, Russian, German and French. Lesser known languages such as Farsi, Hindi, Punjabi, or African languages etc. are urgently needed by the U.S. Government. What does all this mean? The graduate who has another language under his belt has an extra edge when applying for a job.

For those members of the Madonna University family who know other languages:

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- ICEF China Workshop, 17-19 October 2007
- ICEF Work and Travel Forum, 2-3 November 2007
- ICEF Berlin Workshop, 4-6 November 2007
- ICEF Americas Workshop, 9-11 December 2007
- ICEF Middle East Workshop, 3-5 February 2008
- ICEF Japan Workshop, 3-5 March 2008
- ICEF Moscow Workshop, 28-30 March 2008
- ICEF Asia Workshop, 28-30 April 2008

POLISH VISITOR MEETS ADMINISTRATION

Dr. Agata S. Nalborczyk, Department of European Islamic Studies at the University of Warsaw, Poland, met recently with Sr. Rose Marie, Dr. E. Nolan and Dr. J. Swift. She was sponsored by the U.S. State Department on a tour of educational institutions in the United States to research the image of Moslems in the States and to see what universities across the country are doing to help



Christian / Islamic relations. Her publications include "Don't Be Afraid of Islam", "Islam in Europe - Past and Present Day" and "Muslims and Christians - A Road towards Dialogue."

Madonna University Breaks Ground for Livonia's First LEED Certified Green Building

Students will gain state-of-the-art science and media center

LIVONIA, Mich. – More than 500 students, alumni, faculty, staff and friends of Madonna University had much to celebrate yesterday, as they broke ground to begin construction of a \$20 million Science and Media Center – a sustainable, high-tech facility, and the first, stand-alone building that the private, liberal arts University has built in 40 years.

“Madonna University is vibrant, visionary and growing,” said Sr. Rose Marie Kujawa, Madonna’s president, as she welcomed the crowd and highlighted recent achievements. “This academic building will provide the venue for new accomplishments and for

The new facility will feature the Cardinals Square, a beautiful gathering place for Madonna’s diverse student body. Cardinals Square pays homage to the achievements of Cardinal Maida and Cardinal Edmund C. Szoka.

Remarks of congratulations on this milestone occasion also were delivered by His Excellency John M. Quinn, auxiliary bishop of the Archdiocese of Detroit and honorary chair of Madonna’s foundation board; Sr. Mary Renetta Rumpz, provincial minister of Presentation Province, chairperson of the corporate board of the Felician Sisters of Livonia and Madonna trustee, and



East Elevation

preparing Madonna students for careers as nurses, doctors, scientists, teachers and media artists.”

Joining Sr. Kujawa in turning over the first shovels of dirt was His Eminence Adam Cardinal Maida, archbishop of Detroit, who commended the Felician Sisters for their many years of dedicated service to the community and their success in making higher education accessible to all. “I wish to congratulate all of the people at Madonna who had the foresight and determination to plan for what will become the University’s first ‘green’ building,” said Cardinal Maida. “It is a sign of the university’s strength and vitality, as well as a commitment to the future.”

Walter Knysz Jr., D.D.S., chair of the foundation board.

Designed by SmithGroup architects, and built by Clark Construction, the 60,000 square-foot structure will include the latest in environmentally-friendly and energy-efficient features, such as motion detecting lights and natural lighting to save energy, waterless urinals and low flush toilets, recycled materials and environmentally-friendly materials, storm water diversion and more. The design is registered with the U.S. Green Building Council, so as to become Livonia’s first Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED)

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certified structure.

The building will feature modern laboratories, classrooms and equipment. There will be nine specialized laboratories for astronomy, quantum physics, genetics, chemistry, forensic science, and microbiology; three research laboratories; advanced instrumentation for rapidly growing programs like forensic science; a digital, high definition television studio and radio studio with a master control room; an advanced editing lab and six editing suites; videoconferencing capabilities; and a 150-seat lecture hall.

“This building is a symbol of the dedicated faculty, energetic students, accomplished alumni and visionary trustees and administrators,” said Sr. Kujawa. “Its green qualities and LEED certification

testify to our seriousness of purpose regarding the Franciscan value of reverence for creation.”

Celebrating 70 years of academic excellence, Madonna is Michigan’s most affordable, private, Catholic, liberal arts university. Through undergraduate, graduate and continuing education programs, Madonna University provides men and women the opportunity for intellectual, spiritual and personal growth. To learn more about Madonna University, visit www.madonna.edu, or call undergraduate admissions at 734-432-5339 or graduate admissions at 734-432-5667.

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West Elevation



Truth is mysterious, elusive, ever to be anew. Liberty is dangerous, as hard to live as it is exciting. We must journey toward these new goals, painfully but resolutely, sure in advance that we shall weaken and flinch on such a long road.

Albert Camus

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