

October 2009 Pride Points



EOP marks 40 years... Marquette's [Educational Opportunity Program](#) began with the bold leadership of Dr. Arnold Mitchem and earned national recognition for opening doors for low-income and first-generation college students. Today EOP offers programs for both high school and college students at Marquette, to enable their success in higher education.



Mitchem

IT'S IN OUR GENES... A collaborative research effort to develop new technology in the study of genes will receive \$8 million from the federal government. The [Wisconsin Center of Excellence in Genomics Science](#) is a joint effort of the Medical College of Wisconsin, University of Wisconsin-Madison and Marquette. The center is also supported by the National Human Genome Research Institute of the National Institutes of Health.

FERTILITY IS JUST A MOUSE CLICK AWAY... Renowned nursing scholar Richard Fehring, Ph.D., R.N., [secured](#) a government grant of \$595,000 for the development of a Web-based method of tracking fertility in an effort to encourage natural family planning. The Marquette College of Nursing Institute for Natural Family Planning has already been a helpful resource for more than 650 couples since April 2008, when Fehring began conducting fertility tracking. The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services grant will allow for users of the Web site to have a more interactive interface and improved access to instruction and special tools for natural family planning.



Fehring

A STRONG CASE FOR MARQUETTE LAW... The Milwaukee skyline will soon be graced with a beautiful and spacious edifice and home for Marquette's premiere Law School. [Eckstein Hall](#) may be just one of many reasons that last year's applicant pool was the school's second largest—2,121— in its [history](#). Students have the advantage of learning from elite faculty members and experts in their respective fields while balancing an education that stresses the values of a Catholic, Jesuit institution.

DID YOU KNOW . . .

- ✓ Women make up 53 percent of Marquette's student body.
- ✓ The first woman to study abroad at Marquette was Mary Jeanne Bowen. The English major studied in Ireland in October 1958. Her experience became the

forerunner to a study abroad program that now sends students to dozens of institutions all over the globe.

- ✓ You can stay current with the Centennial Celebration of Women at Marquette by surfing the special [Web site](#), which features upcoming events, history, memorabilia and much more!
- ✓ More than 150 new international students arrived this fall for classes and the experience of a world-class education.
- ✓ The Church of the Gesu's historic 114-year-old organ will undergo renovations this fall to replace several of the 5,000 pipes. Planners anticipate that the project should be completed by the end of 2010.
- ✓ A group of 22 Marquette sophomores will take up residence in the Dorothy Day Social Justice Living/Learning Community, a residence for students who seek to create positive social change through service-learning experiences and active associations with other like-minded students and faculty members.