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Czyz takes over as head of Safety and Security

Vito Czyz is the new director of Safety and Security at St. Bonaventure University.

Czyz (pronounced “chez”) began his duties Jan. 18. He has been a security manager at Motorola Inc. (1997-2006) and Continental Automotive Systems (2006-2009), both located in Elma, for the past 13 years. He was also security manager at Westinghouse Electric Corp. in West Valley from 1987-1997.

“I am confident Vito is exactly the right person to successfully lead our Office of Safety and Security into the future,” said Rick Trietley, vice provost for Student Life.

A 20-year member of the United States Army, Czyz earned his bachelor’s degree in business administration from Buffalo State and has completed a number of security and management programs.

“I am truly looking forward to becoming a part of the St. Bonaventure family,” Czyz said. “This is a great opportunity for me to make a difference in doing what I have enjoyed as a profession for 23 years. ... I will spend my initial weeks gaining an appreciation for the culture and history of St. Bonaventure and trying to meet as many of the staff, administration, faculty and students as possible.”

Czyz takes over for Joe Stomieroski, who served as interim security director for the last nine months.

“I want to thank Joe for his dedicated service to St. Bonaventure and the Office of Safety and Security,” Trietley said. “Joe’s work here has been greatly appreciated and valued.”

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Service learning enhanced by new Compact

St. Bonaventure University is now a member of Campus Compact, a national coalition composed of more than 1,100 colleges and universities dedicated to promoting community service, civic engagement and service learning in higher education.

Larry Sorokes, associate vice president for Franciscan Mission and director of the Center for Community Engagement, said Campus Compact membership will enhance grant opportunities and provide tools to improve the university's service programming.

With 35 state offices located around the country, Campus Compact is able to give local and regional support to members. State offices offer more than \$10 million a year in scholarships and postsecondary aid for students involved in service; the New York office is located at Cornell University.

Campus Compact will also provide workshops, conferences and service projects for university faculty members, who will have access to tools for building effective service projects, hands-on tools such as sample syllabi, curriculum guides and handbooks.

Campus Compact can help showcase nationally the service work done at St. Bonaventure through awards, monographs, newsletters and publicity initiatives.

In addition, Campus Compact acts as a strong collective voice to help influence legislation in regards to higher learning.

"The partnership will help the University better use resources, which was the main reason to join," Sorokes said. "Service has always been an important part of a Bonaventure education, and this new partnership will increase and improve our ability to collaborate with other like-minded schools and agencies."

Campus Compact aims to develop students' citizenship skills, help campuses forge effective communication partnerships and provides resources and training for faculty seeking to integrate civic and community-based learning into their curriculum.

Students at Campus Compact schools contribute more than \$5.7 billion and 282 hours in service each year through campus programs that address literacy, health care, homelessness, hunger and the environment.

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St. Bonaventure's Trolley publishes two new books

Dr. Barbara Trolley, professor of counselor education in St. Bonaventure University's School of Education, has published two new books. These will be her fourth and fifth published books.

"Cyber Bullying, Cyber Kids, Cyber Balance" was published by Corwin Press and released on Dec. 8, 2009. The book's goal is to educate readers on the causes of cyber bullying and how to prevent such bullying from happening, said Trolley. Another crucial focus of the book is prevention by establishing cyberbalance within families and schools.

Trolley believes cyber bullying is a problem that has recently received more attention even though it has been around for a while. A message of this book is to assist people to employ more assessment and therapeutic methods when dealing with cyber bullies, and not just hand out harsh punishments that don't address the reasoning behind the action, she said.

Enjoying cyberspace is a privilege that most teens mistake as a right, Trolley said. She knows it is not uncommon for children and teenagers to know more than their parents when it comes to new technologies, but it is possible for them to teach each other.

She does not believe technology is bad; the concern is how much people tend to use and abuse it, Trolley said.

Trolley emphasized the importance of the balance of time both in and out of cyberspace. She hopes that after reading her book people will not only be educated in the appropriate action when handling cyber bullies, but how to prevent occurrences from happening in the first place.

Her second new book is titled "Browser the Mouse and his Internet Adventure." This book is being published by Youthlight and is set to be released in January 2010.

This might be a different genre of book from Trolley's previous works, but the motives remain the same: education. It's a book for young children and she hopes they will learn about the importance of balancing the use of the Internet.

Trolley believes new technologies may be hindering children's social growth and family interaction. After reading the book, she hopes parents and their children alike will recognize the importance of time spent on and off the Internet.

This book comes with activities and discussion questions for children, parents and teachers.

These two books gave Trolley the opportunity to work with SBU alumnae Connie Hanel and Linda Shield again. The three have teamed up before to write books on the topic of cyber bullying.

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Photographs by the famed Inge Morath on view at St. Bonaventure's Quick Center

Eighteen photographs by the late photojournalist Inge Morath are on view through Feb. 14 at St. Bonaventure University's Regina A. Quick Center for the Arts. The photographs are on loan from a private collection.

The Austrian-born Morath, a gifted writer, discovered her talents as a photographer almost by accident. In 1949, she joined the newly founded Magnum Photos as an editor and became fascinated with the art of photography. She began photographing independently in London in 1951 and was asked to join Magnum as a photographer in 1953. She would stay with the agency for 50 years.

Morath traveled extensively for Magnum, covering assignments in Europe, the Middle East, Africa, the United States and South America. She also worked as a still photographer on numerous motion picture sets and her portraits of Marilyn Monroe, although not in this exhibition, are among the most graceful images of the late actress.

Morath married American playwright Arthur Miller in 1964 and they settled in New York and Connecticut. Most of the photographs in the Quick Center's exhibition were taken by Morath in the small Connecticut town where they raised a family in the 1960s and 1970s.

Some of Morath's greatest achievements are in portraiture, including celebrities and anonymous people. She continued to travel and publish photographic essays until her death in 2002 at the age of 79. She was considered a visual anthropologist and documented subjects ranging from politics and religion to work and business.

Morath devoted much of her energy to encouraging women photographers. The Inge Morath Foundation, established in 2003 to facilitate the study and appreciation of Morath's contribution to photography, annually presents the Inge Morath Award to a female documentary photographer or photojournalist under the age of 30.

The Quick Center is open to the public at no charge. Gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and noon to 4 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday.

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Friday Forum

Date: Jan. 22

Time: 12:30 - 1:30 p.m

Location: University Club

Speakers: Mary Driscoll and Matt Tornambe

Title: The \$95M Question – What's Next?: Partnering with your Advancement Office

Summary: This will tie in some post campaign assessment from our 150th Anniversary Campaign, organizational structure, partnering with the advancement office, and some fun facts and Q&A about advancement/fundraising in general.

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