

Take off as a sky captain at UP

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Built on a strong foundation of a fighting spirit and rigorous academics, the University of Notre Dame has become one of our nation's most famous universities. Far away from this glitzy college that gets all the brava, here in our own backyard sits one of the sister colleges of Notre Dame, University of Portland.

Founded in 1901 of the same order that created Notre Dame, the Congregation of the Holy Cross, UP is a private Roman Catholic college that puts a heavy influence on community building and deep thinking.

Laurie Kelly, assistant vice president of marketing and communications, says that the university focuses heavily on sending students out with an education that includes more than just the student's discipline. All freshman and sophomore students are required to take a core of liberal arts courses in order to achieve this.

"That's our philosophy of teaching; a university is about comprehensive learning, not just learning in your field," Kelly said. "We think it makes for a more rounded university experience as well."

For students looking to attend a massive college with a thriving campus life and tens of thousands of students, UP isn't the place to be.

The college has a total of 3,700 students which may mean less opportunity for being social to some but others prefer the smaller campus feel. One such student is Oliver Swenson, who currently leads tours on the campus.

"Coming here, it's a nice feel. You get so much individual attention on your academics. Your professors know your name, you know, you're not being taught by a student assistant or teacher's aid," Swenson said.

Although the institution is officially Roman Catholic, students from all walks of life are accepted at the university.

"About 50 percent of students here are Roman Catholic and 50 percent are not," Swenson said. "If you want to be involved in the ministry and things like that, it's very easy to get involved. If that's not what your into, that's not what your belief system is, it's also easy to get away from."

Many of the instructors at the university are professors or priests with backgrounds that come from the Congregation of the Holy Cross's most famous champion of education, Notre Dame.

"All congregation priests that work here were trained in Notre Dame," Kelly said adding, "Many of the professors

that are not priests got their PhDs there. So there's a close affiliation."

The tuition price for the tight-knit university, however, is not the cheapest in the area.



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Students looking to attend UP for an undergraduate degree will be spending \$15,400 a year. The credit price for graduate programs is \$850 per credit.

Although the price may seem high, 50 percent of the more than 3,500 students who attend the college are on some sort of financial aid, which helps students overcome what may seem to some to be a staggering sum.

Like many four-year higher learning institutions, when going into UP as a freshman, students are required to live on campus unless they get a waiver that allows for special circumstances. In order to remain off campus for the first year, you must live within at least 30 miles of the college and the individual's place of residence must be with his or her legal guardian.

The university also is home of one of the largest Air Force ROTC programs as well as an Army ROTC program. The AFROTC on campus, known as Detachment 695, itself contains about 10 percent of the college's student body.

Probably UP's biggest claim to fame is the success of their women's soccer team, the Pilots. The Pilots have

twice taken the National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I championship, in both 2002 and 2005.

UP offers a hands on education that is lost to many four-year institutions. But for students looking for the anonymity of a larger institutions as well as the large amount of people and activities state universities such as the University of Oregon or Portland State may want to look elsewhere.



Pilots

Weekly horoscopes; let's be kids again

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Aries (March 21 - April 19): You shiver with delight whenever you see your name on top of the list; that's why the "Game of Life" works for a fast car like you. However, there's always time to play "Battleship" with Taurus.

Taurus (April 20 - May 20): As the ultimate strategic game player, "Battleship" is your game. After zeroing in on your opponent's ships, move out of the water and on to land where you may try your hand against Scorpio playing "Risk."

Gemini (May 21 - June 20): First you promise to be kind and play nice and then it's "Sorry!" as you send them back to home. Outside of the safety zone, you might enjoy trying to fool an Aquarius at "Clue."

Cancer (June 21 - July 22): "Operation" is right up your alley. You have the compassion that is needed to navigate the sickness from the patient's body. Maybe it's time to pick up a few tricks from a Gemini in a game of "Sorry!"

Leo (July 23 - August 22): Ever wanted to be a super awesome queen that makes all other pieces quake like useless pawns? Chess is for you. If you're feeling up to capturing some mice, grab a Sagittarius and play "Mousetrap."

Virgo (August 23 - September 22): Refined and organized, you have kept the crown in "Scrabble" for so long that everyone else has forgotten how to play. Now is the time to help your friend Cancer in a "Operation."

Libra (September 23 - October 22): As the most balanced member of the zodiac, you hold the top title "Cranium." Only there is one problem, Virgo has been babbling about "Cranium" being a "kid's game." It's time to challenge the "Scrabble" champ at her own game.

Scorpio (October 23 - November 21): What's the one thing you've always wanted? Think real hard; for you it's found in "Risk." You crave total world domination. If that doesn't work, grab a Capricorn and see if you can snag the business tycoon's "Monopoly" title.

Sagittarius (November 22 - December 21): You're notorious for avoiding all kinds of traps. This makes you excellent at catching others in "Mousetrap." If you want to up the ante, find "Cranium" and grab a Libra.

Capricorn (December 22 - January 19): When it comes to "Monopoly," you play one of two ways: a) quickly crush the fools under your natural business sense, or b) draw the game out to long painful agony to watch them squirm. If you want a bit of a challenge, grab a Leo and play some chess.

Aquarius (January 20 - February 18): Your room is scattered with papers with lists that only you can decipher which through process of elimination leaves you with the correct answer in "Clue." Bored? Grab "Candyland" and a Pisces and let the fantasy adventure unfold.

Pisces (February 19 - March 20): For a fantasy love such as yourself, I shall suggest playing "Candyland." We both know you giggle each time someone draws the Plumpy card. If you would like to branch out, grab your Aries friend and play the "Game of Life."

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