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**Distinguished leader in business education comes to Chapman from DePaul University, where he served six years as dean of the College of Commerce and Kellstadt Graduate School of Business**

**ORANGE, Calif., Monday, Oct. 24, 2005** Dr. Arthur Kraft, a distinguished leader of business education on the national front, has been named the new dean of the George L. Argyros School of Business and Economics at Chapman University, effective January 1, 2006. He will also hold the Robert J. and Carolyn A. Waltos, Jr. Chair in Business and Economics. Dr. Kraft comes to Chapman from DePaul University in Chicago, where he has served since 1999 as dean of the College of Commerce and the Charles L. Kellstadt Graduate School of Business.

Dr. Kraft commands stature as an educator with an exemplary record as a business-school dean, said Chapman's president, James L. Doti. He is an accomplished scholar and teacher, and is regarded nationally as a preeminent authority on accreditation. Given his distinguished record, I am confident that he will carry our Argyros School to new heights of national stature. I look forward to the leadership he will bring to the Argyros School and to Chapman, and the degree to which he will complement our university's mission.

At DePaul, Dr. Kraft made substantive progress in developing an international focus in both the undergraduate and graduate programs, as well as overseeing a significant increase in donor support. He was successful in securing funding for endowed chairs and for the establishment of several research centers, including the Coleman Center for Entrepreneurship and a Real Estate Center. Chapman recently launched its own Roger C. Hobbs Institute for Real Estate, Law and Environmental Studies, which is partially under the aegis of the Argyros School.

Prior to his appointment at DePaul, Dr. Kraft held the deanship at the business schools of West Virginia University, Rutgers-The State University of New Jersey and the Georgia Institute of Technology. He also served as founding dean of the School of Business at Rutgers New Brunswick campus.

In the area of accreditation, Dr. Kraft has held numerous leadership positions in the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB International). He was elected to its board of directors in 2003 and currently holds the office of vice chair and chair elect. Effective July 1, 2006, he will assume the chair of this distinguished accrediting body. (Chapman's Argyros School received the prestigious AACSB accreditation in 1999.)

Dr. Kraft holds his Ph.D. in economics from the State University of New York at Buffalo. He has published many articles in major business and economics journals, and co-authored (with Jeffrey A. Jarrett) the book *Statistical Analysis for Decision Making* (Allyn & Bacon, 1989).

Dr. Kraft replaces Dr. Francis (Doug) Tuggle as dean of the Argyros School. Dr. Tuggle announced earlier this year that he wished to step down for personal reasons, to spend more time with his family. He will remain in the deans chair until the end of December, and will continue after that time as a professor of information systems on the Argyros School faculty.