Welcome to the first issue of Community, a newsletter for the faculty and staff of the undergraduate program of CSB/SJU. Published monthly, Community shares information about the people and issues at the College of Saint Benedict and Saint John’s University to inform, and enhance communications among internal community members.

We want to hear from you.

We want to hear about you, your co-workers, your programs and your department, as well as any story ideas and issues you would like to see covered in the future. To share your information and story ideas, simply e-mail them directly to Community at: community@csbsju.edu. Deadline for the October issue is Friday, Oct. 6.

Connections Bulletin board

The Communication and Marketing Services office would like to inform you of recent changes with Connections On-line. This month is the last time Connections can be seen in its current form. The CSB/SJU community now has a choice in how they give and receive news related to our campuses.

If you have an event or activity you would like to publicize, you can still use Connections, located at: http://www.csbsju.edu/bulletinboard/campus.asp, but in its new automated format and new name — Connections Bulletin Board.

Connections Bulletin Board now provides an easier and more timely submission process. Submissions can now be made online at: http://www.csbsju.edu/bulletinboard/facStaff/submit.asp. This new process will allow everyone on campus the ease and timeliness of sharing their events with the entire campus community with a 24-hour posting time — submitted items are posted the next day, versus Connection’s previous nine-day submission deadline. In addition to the posting of campus announcements, a new feature will provide faculty and staff the opportunity to post items of a personal nature such as looking for housing and items for sale.

For those wishing to share information about their department or programs, we encourage you to send information to Community.

So, visit the Connections Bulletin Board today and share your events or items of interest with the rest of the CSB/SJU community. And don’t forget, Connections Bulletin Board can be bookmarked for easy reference to ensure you receive the latest postings each day.

We would like to thank you for submitting information to Connections in the past, and hope that you will continue to use and support both Community and the Connections Bulletin Board. Our goal is to provide the students, faculty and staff at CSB/SJU a means to effectively share information with each other on our campuses. We encourage you to share the many events, accomplishments and items of interest.

Communication and Marketing Services (CMS)

A new name, mission and vision

The office of Communication and Marketing Services (formally known as Institutional Marketing and Communication) has changed. In addition to a new name, CMS has a new mission and vision.

Effective July 1, CMS has been restructured to provide the CMS community with a responsive, service-oriented department that addresses the communication and marketing needs of CSB/SJU.

CMS is responsible for the colleges’ internal and external communication and for supporting and implementing the visibility and communications goals of the institutions as guided by the CSB/SJU Strategic Plan.

CMS employs writers, designers and communication experts. It has access to reputable printers, specialty vendors, free-lance writers, photographers and designers. CMS’ goal is to assist clients in promoting and producing successful projects, publications and events; to implement external marketing and communication strategies, and to develop internal communication plans to enhance college relationships.

CMS creates approximately 700 printed pieces each year including: annual reports, president reports, recruitment materials, alumnae/i magazines, brochures, posters, pamphlets, invitations, letterhead/stationery, business cards, newsletters, athletic programs, arts programs, commencement and convocation materials. CMS also works with local and national media; develops and pitches stories; fields calls; serves as liaison in crisis situations; advises faculty and staff about how to deal with the media; maintains media lists; and distributes more than 15,000 news releases annually.

If you need assistance promoting a program or event, developing a printed piece or sharing a story with the CSB/SJU community, contact us at #5407 or #2594. We’re here to help.
**New CSB Initiative Targets Poverty among Women**

A 1998 UN Development Program report on worldwide poverty concludes that women have a much higher incidence of poverty, that women's poverty is more severe, and the incidence of poverty among women is increasing dramatically. There is an education gap as well. Of the 900 million illiterate adults in the world, two-thirds are women.

In response, CSB, with the support of Ron Bosrock, the John H. Myers Chair in Management at SJU, and the Star Tribune will explore these issues of poverty among women and possible solutions at a conference, “Banking on Women,” to be held Wednesday, Oct. 11, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. on the CSB campus.

Hosting the conference, the first of what may be a continuing series, represents the first step in a CSB commitment to become involved in issues that contribute to the impoverishment of women, both locally and globally, and to seek remedies.

“Given the extended role that women tend to play in society, this is a formula for disaster,” says Bosrock, Star Tribune columnist and chair of the Banking on Women Planning Committee. “Women account for about half the world’s population,”

The purpose of the first conference is to influence business and government to create programs to provide access to education, credit, health care and technology. CSB also plans to extend the work of the conference to other academic areas at the college, including curricula, in-class speakers, and future conferences.

Cost of the conference is $20 per person and includes a continental breakfast, lunch and bus transportation to and from the Twin Cities and St. Joseph.

“Faculty, students and staff are invited and encouraged to attend,” said Bosrock. “This is a wonderful opportunity for the CSB/SJU community to participate in an extraordinary event that addresses major social and economic issues — issues which impact women around the world.”

For more information on the conference, contact Ron Bosrock, conference chair, 2066.

**New E-mail Policy**

During the past few weeks, a variety of questions have surfaced regarding the revised e-mail policy recently implemented. We hope the following information will clarify questions and issues regarding the sending of mass e-mail and correct any misconceptions:

- All student clubs and organizations will continue to have the ability to send e-mail to all students just as they have in the past. As in prior years, student activities must provide a list of student clubs and organizations that are in good standing to IT Services for access privileges.
- Faculty will continue to have the ability to send e-mail to all students just as they have in the past. Faculty also will continue to have the ability to send e-mail to their own personal distribution lists they have generated for their classes, clubs, committees, advisees, etc. (Anyone needing assistance developing such lists should contact the IT Services help desk at 2228.)
- The granting of access to unrestricted e-mail distribution is determined by the chief administrative officer of your area or department. Any changes in distribution authority must be made through their office. Please contact your department’s vice president or dean if you have questions regarding your ability to send unrestricted e-mail.
- Everyone is encouraged to use the Connections Bulletin Board to post information and to find out about the various events and activities taking place on campus. The bulletin board allows immediate posting of information (no more waiting a week) and can be bookmarked at: http://www.csbsju.edu/bulletinboard/campus.asp for easy reference.

The intent of the revised policy is to enhance, not hinder communication on our campuses. We
understand that the new bulletin board will take some getting used to. Nonetheless, we are confident everyone will find the end results beneficial on all levels.

CSB/SJU Alumni Give High Marks To Their College Experience

prepared by Jon McGee, CSB/SJU vice president for institutional planning, research, and communication

CSB/SJU graduates overwhelmingly rate the quality of their undergraduate experience very highly, according to results from a survey commissioned by CSB/SJU. In addition, the survey identifies several sources of strength at CSB and SJU that, in a highly competitive college marketplace, will help us to strengthen our recruitment and fund-raising efforts.

The random sample survey, conducted last spring by a national higher education research firm, targeted CSB and SJU alumni who graduated between 1958 and 1995. The survey was designed to help us evaluate how effectively we achieve what we claim in our mission. The survey also presented a unique opportunity to document meaningful differences between the outcomes and experiences of our graduates and graduates of other private and public colleges in Minnesota and the nation. A nearly identical survey was administered at the same time to more than 1,300 alumni of public and private colleges regionally and nationally.

The vast majority of our graduates had very positive experiences at Saint Benedict’s and Saint John’s. More than half indicated that they were “completely satisfied” with the overall quality of their undergraduate education. Two-thirds rated the quality of their CSB or SJU experience as “excellent.” Our alumni were more likely to indicate that they were completely satisfied with the overall quality of their undergraduate education than were graduates of other private colleges in Minnesota or graduates of Midwestern public flagship universities.

The academic quality and personal attention our graduates received as students clearly had an impact after college. Eight in 10 CSB and SJU graduates said that the overall quality and breadth of their academic preparation played an important role in their acceptance into graduate school or in finding their first job. Almost half indicated that they were better prepared for life after college than did their peers graduating from other colleges. About 60 percent said that Saint Benedict’s and Saint John’s effectively prepared them for career change or advancement. Our alumni were significantly more likely to say that their college experience prepared them for career change or advancement than were graduates of other private colleges in Minnesota or graduates of Midwestern public flagship universities.

Results from the comparative alumni survey also indicate that the focus on the whole person, the balance between academic and social development, the integration of personal values and ethics, and the sense of community here clearly distinguishes Saint Benedict’s and Saint John’s from other private and public colleges. More than eight in 10 alumni said they benefited from a good balance between academic, social, and personal development at SJU and CSB. Our graduates were significantly more likely to say that they benefited from the emphasis on both academics and personal development than were graduates of other colleges in the state or nation.

A high-quality liberal arts education focuses not only on the pursuit of knowledge but also on the search for meaning and wisdom. More than eight in 10 CSB and SJU graduates said the colleges were effective in helping them to develop a sense of purpose in life. About two-thirds also said they benefited very much from the colleges’ emphasis on values and ethics. Saint Benedict’s and Saint John’s alumni were much more likely to point to the emphasis on meaning, values, and ethics than were graduates of other private or public colleges. Community was an important part of their experience, as well. More than two-thirds of our graduates strongly agreed that there was a sense of community among CSB and SJU students. Our alumni were much more likely than were alumni of other private or public colleges to identify community as an important part of their educational experience.

Fast Facts

The National Association of Schools of Music Commission on Accreditation has accepted for membership the CSB/SJU music department. The membership is for the next five years with the degree listings of bachelor of arts in music and music education. The NASM Commission “commends the music unit of the College of Saint Benedict/Saint John’s University for the collaborative effort that resulted in a reflective, well-described and detailed response to both content and functional issues of performance media.” As a member of NASM, CSB/SJU is responsible for participating in all revisions and additions to standards as well as maintaining its curricular programs in music current with NASM standards as these are developed.

Newsmakers

Nick Hayes, SJU McNeely chair in critical thinking, was interviewed in August about the Russian Kursk disaster on WCCO-AM and on KNOW-FM/MPR. In early September, NewsNight Minnesota on Twin Cities Public Television aired an interview with Hayes discussing Russia’s “Black August” — the disasters in Russia from the Kursk submarine to the burning of the Ostankino TV Tower.

Aubrey Immelman, CSB/SJU associate professor of psychology, did a radio interview with WJON-AM in September, and was a guest on Wisconsin Public Radio’s call-in show (similar to MPR’s “Midmorning”) in August, discussing his personality analysis of the U.S. presidential candidates and who will likely win the November election. Immelman was also recently quoted in The Industry Standard’s Beat Sheet, which is a weekly report on the convergence of music and the Net.
Catholic and Benedictine spiritual values are an important part of our curricular and co-curricular identity. A significant percentage of new students at CSB and SJU enter college with a commitment to spirituality in their lives. Results from the alumni survey indicate that CSB and SJU are very effective in helping students continue their spiritual development. About 70 percent of our graduates said they learned more about their own spirituality while in college. More than two-thirds indicated that their experience here helped them to integrate their faith with other aspects of their lives, and about half said there were faculty or staff members after whom they modeled their spiritual lives.

In combination with on-going research focusing on current students, the comparative alumni survey improves our understanding of the Saint Benedict’s and Saint John’s experience. If you would like a copy of the full survey report, please write to me at jmcgee@csbsju.edu.

CSB/SJU Professor Named Consultant to *Ex corde Mandatum Committee*

Archbishop Daniel E. Pilarczyk, chairman of the U.S. Bishops’ committee to develop procedures for granting the *mandatum* to teach theology in Catholic colleges and universities as called for by *Ex corde Ecclesiae* (ECE), has named four committee consultants, including Daniel Finn, Ph.D., professor of theology, CSBSJU.

Also named are Jesuit Father James Conn, professor of canon law, St. Mary’s Seminary, Baltimore; Dominican Sister Maureen Fay, president, University of Detroit Mercy; and Terrence Tilley, Ph.D., chairman, department of religious studies, University of Dayton.

The four were selected from nominees suggested by the Catholic Theological Society of America, College Theology Society, the Canon Law Society of America and the Association of Catholic Colleges and Universities.

The committee will work on procedures to assist bishops in responding to requests from theologians for the *mandatum* in accord with Canon 812 and the *Application in the United States of Ex corde Ecclesiae (From the Heart of the Church)*. The committee is charged with drawing up procedures for granting, refusing or withdrawing the *mandatum* as well as for appeals from theologians in accord with Canon Law in the event of refusal or withdrawal.

Archbishop Pilarczyk said he hopes to have the work ready for a vote by the U.S. bishops by the November 2000 meeting of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops. In addition to Archbishop Pilarczyk, bishops on the committee include Cardinal Anthony Bevilacqua of Philadelphia, Bishop Donald Wuerl of Pittsburgh, Bishop Thomas Doran of Rockford, Ill., and Bishop Edward Braxton, Auxiliary Bishop of St. Louis. Staff to the committee include Msgr. John Strynkowski, a theologian and assistant secretary for Catholic higher education and campus ministry of the U.S. Catholic Conference Department of Education; and Mercy Sister Sharon Euart, a canon lawyer and associate general secretary of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops (NCCB).

*Ex corde Ecclesiae* is an apostolic constitution on Catholic higher education issued by Pope John Paul II on Aug. 15, 1990. It deals with how the structure and life of Catholic colleges and universities should reflect their Catholic identity. An apostolic constitution is a document by which a pope enacts and promulgates law.

Last June, Bishop Joseph Fiorenza, president of the NCCB, announced that the Vatican had approved *Ex corde Ecclesiae: The Application to the United States*, a document of the U.S. bishops which takes the general principles and norms of *ECE* and applies them to the specific situation of Catholic colleges and universities in the United States. *ECE* calls for bishops’ conferences to do this.

(The office of communications for the National Conference of Catholic Bishops/United States Catholic Conference contributed information for this story.)

National Technology Teaching Award Named after Late CSB/SJU Professor

Rita Kuenzel, dean of the college at CSB, recently represented CSB/SJU by presenting the first Tom Creed Compassionate Pioneer Award to Patrick Wiseman, professor of law at Georgia State University College of Law. The TLT Group, in collaboration with one of its founding sponsors, Blackboard, Inc., will sponsor the annual award, which is named in honor of the late Tom Creed, CSB/SJU professor of psychology, who died in 1999.

The award, which was presented at the TLT Group’s Summer Institute 2000 in Phoenix, will continue to be presented to an individual who exhibits those teaching traits that were so important to Creed. The award will be given to an individual who has pioneered the use of technology in a way that has enhanced teaching and, more importantly, student learning. It will recognize that technology can be used to enhance the learning community and the subject about which the community is learning.

It will also recognize the type of individual who not only is a pioneer in the area, but who also is dedicated to encouraging others as they develop their own enhancements for teaching and learning. The selection committee consists of individuals from CSB/SJU and the TLT Group’s senior associate...
leadership group. Knuesel and the Rev. Bruce Wollmering OSB, CSB/SJU associate professor of psychology, represented CSB/SJU on the selection committee.

The TLT group is the teaching, learning and technology affiliate of the American Association for Higher Education. Blackboard, Inc. is the only software company to provide Universal Learning Solutions, a road map for educators to host everything from single course web sites to an entire online campus.

Creed was instrumental in bringing about a paradigmatic shift in classroom pedagogy at CSB/SJU. Creed joined the psychology faculty in the Fall of 1977 and regularly taught Principles of Learning and Behavior, Introductory Psychology, and the Psychology Senior Seminar with his “Popular Delusions” course.

He was diagnosed with colon and liver cancer in February 1999, and died three weeks later. Creed chose to keep teaching until a week before his death, saying: “It’s what I truly love to do.” Days before he died, Creed was delighted to learn that the Bush Foundation had funded a $450,000 grant proposal he and others had written for the Extending the Classroom Walls project. As a result of this grant, CSB/SJU has launched four learning communities. They include The Healthy Learning Community and The Gender Learning Community at CSB/SJU, as well as the Biology of the Southeast at Highlands Biological Station, N. C., and the Internship Learning Community in the Minneapolis/St. Paul metro area.

Statshot: Growth in Christian College Enrollment

prepared by Dr. Robert A. Sevier, vice president for research and marketing at Stamats Communications, Inc.

We learn from the March 6, 2000, issue of Christianity Today that the enrollment growth in Christian colleges has grown at a stunning rate from 1990 to 1996. Using data from the Chronicle of Higher Education, the article reported that during this period enrollment at private colleges and universities increased by five percent. For public colleges, the increase was four percent. However, the 90 colleges and universities that are members of the Council for Christian Colleges and Universities (CCCU) showed a 24 percent increase in enrollment. Recent data from the CCCU indicates that this trend has continued.

This enrollment boom has allowed many Christian colleges to invest more heavily in their faculty and physical plants. In addition, some of the Christian colleges are raising entrance requirements.

The article outlines six major reasons for this growth:
- Increase in popularity of K-12 Christian schools, which often feed into Christian colleges and universities. Currently, there are some 10,000 Christian elementary and secondary schools.
- Concern about secular schools, especially issues involving drinking, cheating, and other lifestyle issues.
- Broad academic programs are now available at Christian colleges. Historically, many have confused Christian colleges and universities with Bible colleges.
- Higher-profile staff and faculty.
- Growing academic reputation.
- Greater academic quality.

The Welcome Mat

prepared by Mary Geller, vice president for student development and dean of students

We welcome the following CSB Student Development Division new employees to our learning community.

Michelle Blaeser takes the role of head volleyball coach, replacing Carol Howe-Veenstra, who will serve full time as athletic director. Blaeser is a graduate of Tech High School, played four years on scholarship at Mankato, and completed her master's at the U of M while working as a full-time assistant with the volleyball team. She returned to Mankato for three years before moving back to the St. Cloud area where she has served the past three years as assistant volleyball coach at St. Ben’s.

Michael Ewing will continue as interim director for counseling and health education. Ewing is a licensed psychologist and received his doctorate in counseling psychology from the University of North Dakota, Grand Forks. He worked at the University of North Charlotte prior to his arrival at CSB/SJU. He also serves as director of the counseling center at SJU.

Jennifer Miller is a new staff member in counseling and health education. She is a counseling psychologist specializing in eating disorders prevention, intervention and referral. She received her bachelor’s from the University of Tulsa, and recently received her doctorate in counseling psychology from Iowa State University.

In Multicultural/International/Diversity Services, Kate Kamakahi replaces Mikki Harris (who resigned to take a job at the University of Minnesota) as a one-year interim appointment. She will coordinate INS paperwork for our international students and will manage all other functions of the office. She has a master's in English literature from the University of Central Arkansas. She has experience doing business with Japanese clients and has studied for a year in South Africa and Malawi. She recently returned from El Salvador where she

Campus Notes

Study To Focus On CSB/SJU Economic Impact

prepared by Miriam Ardolf OSB, CSB Director of community relations/auxiliary services

Three students, Joe Gehlen, Brian Johnson and Jason O’Day, will study this fall on the economic impact that CSB and SJU have on the surrounding area, under the guidance of John Olson and Ernie Diedrich. Mary Edwards from the economics department at St. Cloud State, who has directed many impact studies, will serve as consultant.

The Impact Study will be a new source of data for CSB/SJU and members of the CSB/SJU community are encouraged to provide information for the statistical study. The human resource and business offices will be asked to supply generic personnel data. No confidential information will be available to anyone working on the study but you are likely to receive a questionnaire asking where you spend your money or other questions that will indicate the turnover of money in this area.

This project is funded in part by a grant received from The Initiative Foundation.
Campus Notes

Friday Forum:
Mark Your Calendar
prepared by Derek Larson, CB/SU instructor of history

Dear Colleagues:

As we return to our regular academic routines this fall I would like to invite you all to make the Friday Forum series a part of your schedule. The Forum offers the opportunity for people to give an approximately 30-minute presentation, followed by lively discussion. Just about any topic — research projects, conference papers, artworks, musical performances, that secret passion outside your discipline — is appropriate and the specific format of the one-hour session is entirely up to the presenter.

I would like to extend a special invitation to our new and visiting faculty to participate in the Forum, both as attendees and presenters. In addition to offering a setting to polish up a conference presentation, followed by lively discussion. Just about any topic — research projects, conference papers, artworks, musical performances, that secret passion outside your discipline — is appropriate and the specific format of the one-hour session is entirely up to the presenter.

I spent 10 days with the delegation Partners Across Borders.

Sherry Smolik Day assumes the new position of coordinate director for student human rights and diversity. She will be responsible for the acceptance of all allegations concerning acts of discrimination, sexual harassment or sexual assault, which may be in violation of our human rights policy. In addition, she will be doing training and outreach in regard to these issues. Certified by the Minnesota Supreme Court in mediation, she served as chairwoman for the Central Minnesota Multicultural Task Force and the St. Cloud Mayor's Managing Diversity in the 21st Century Leadership Team and is a trainer for the WISER diversity training program for the workplace.

Three new residence directors have joined Residence Life.

Lisa Mueller received her bachelor's from Gustavus Adolphus and her master's in college student personnel from Minnesota State University-Mankato. Mueller worked for a year at the University of Northern Iowa before coming to CSB. She lives in the East apartments managing both East and West apartments. She has a collateral assignment working with the interim director for multicultural services.

Becky Rawe completed her undergraduate work at Illinois College and her master's in college student personnel/ higher education administration from St. Louis University. Rawe lives in Regina Hall and has a collateral assignment working in the residence life office at CSB.

Sara Rothenberger graduated with a bachelor's from Westminster College, Penn., and completed her master's degree in counseling from University of Minnesota-Duluth. Her collateral assignment is with the Health and Wellness community in Corona Hall where she also resides.

Welcome New Faculty Members

Please welcome the following new CB/SU faculty for the 2000-2001 academic year:

Ellie Dahmen Alpers Management
Mark Asuzu Management
Jori Becker Accounting
Genelle Belmas Communication
Susan Bodin Nutrition
Carl Burch Computer Science
Kathleen Cahalan Theology
Shirley Cardozo MCL
Karyl Daughters Communication
Anthony Dunlop Mathematics
Quentin Gerber Accounting
Joanna Giodewicz MCL
Christopher Glosser Physics
Fr. Nathanael Hauser Art
Nick Hayes History
Juliann Heller Theology

Peter Ilich Chemistry
Marian Johnson Education
Hardy Koenig Theater
Lori Bartlett Koenig Education
Brian Larkin History
Maria Lopez Art
Brent McBride MCL
Laura Miller Chemistry
Rodger Narloch Psychology
Richard Sexton Management
Christina Tourino English
Judson Trapnell Theology
Donald Turk Communication
Felicia Washington Social Work
Elisabeth Wengler History
John Yoakam Social Work

Faculty/Staff Notes

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- Tom Sibley, CB/SU professor of mathematics;
- Marcus Webster, CB/SU associate professor of biology and coordinator of student research and creativity; and Cheryl Knox, SJU academic dean, attended a Council on Undergraduate Research (CUR) Councilors meeting in June in Wooster, Ohio. The Councilors are the governance body of the national organization CUR.

- Additional CB/SU faculty joined them for the CUR 2000 conference later in the week.

- Jim Poff, professor of biology; Linda Tennison, professor of psychology; Joyce Simones, assistant professor of nursing; Andy Holey, associate professor of computerscience; Gordy Brown, assistant professor of biology; and Ernie Diedrich, professor of economics. Webster wrote a C&PD grant that was funded to pay for the faculty's participation in this conference. The purpose of CUR is to provide a faculty network for and encourage undergraduate research with faculty mentors.

- At the CUR conference, Webster presented “Practical Considerations of Using Animals in Undergraduate Research,” and Cheryl Knox co-presented “Designing Functional Undergraduate Research Facilities.”

- Mike Domon, SJU assistant director of financial aid, completed efforts to allow SJU to be the first college in Minnesota to use the Internet for entrance loan counseling for the Perkins Loan program. The student response thus far has been very positive. The website is one originated by the major national lenders for the Stafford Loan program and is available for services such as this.

- Dan Steck, CB/SU professor of physics, received a $25,000 state indoor radon grant for the 2000-2001 academic year from the Minnesota Department of Health, Environmental Health Division.

- Gar Kellom, SJU vice president for student development, was invited to present a paper this
summer at the Oxford Roundtable of Residential Colleges at Oxford University to suggest major innovations in higher education and to promote residential colleges. Kellon’s paper, “Serving Men More Effectively in Residential Colleges,” described the current situation in higher education where fewer men go to college, fewer men go to liberal arts colleges, fewer men participate in study abroad, internships, career development and counseling. In addition to the enrollment and retention crisis, there is a health crisis for college-age men indicated by such statistics that three-out-of-four college-age suicides are men. The paper presents innovations SJJ has made to counter these trends. The roundtable will publish the papers presented in a volume due out this year.

- Anna Lisa Ohm, CSJ/SJJ associate professor of German in the modern and classical languages department, received a “Works in Progress” grant to support her research in Johanna Spyri’s Works and the Culture of Late 19th Century Switzerland during the academic year 2000-2001. Spyri made significant contributions through her literary works to discussions of education and gender socialization in the latter part of the 19th century. This grant is made possible with funding from the Minnesota Humanities Commission (MHC), in cooperation with the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) and the Minnesota State Legislature. MHC supports and promotes excellence in humanities education through its programs in family reading, K-12 education, civics, older adult learning, and grants for humanities projects.

- Fr. Jerome Tupa, OSB, CSB/SJJ associate professor of French in the modern and classical languages department, was recently featured in Seis Continentes magazine. Seis Continentes is the magazine for Inter-Continental and Crowne Plaza Hotels. The six-page article was titled “Jerome Tupa: In Quest of the Spirit” and included six color photos of his paintings.

- Fr. Anthony Ruff, OSB, assistant professor of theology in the Saint John’s School of Theology•Seminary, presented a paper in July at the annual meeting of the Hymn Society of America. Ruff’s presentation was on congregational vernacular singing in the medieval Austrian liturgy and made use of microfilmed manuscripts from the Hill Monastic Manuscript Library. He also prepared one of the daily morning prayer liturgies for the 400 conference participants, “Morning Prayer in a contemporary Benedictine style,” consisting entirely of music by Fr. Jerome Coller OSB.

Fr. Anthony also has been invited to participate in the “Catholic Common Ground Initiative,” begun by deceased Cardinal Joseph Bernadin. This initiative brings together individuals from a variety of perspectives for the sake of dialogue to promote greater unity within a divided U.S. Catholic church. Fr. Anthony will participate in dialogues in Chicago and Worcester in the area of worship.

- Mike Reagan, CSB/SJJ assistant professor of biology, recently found out that a paper from his lab was accepted for publication by the journal Mutation Research. His student, Ryan Hansen, SJU ’00, performed most of the work described in the paper last summer and he is the first author of the paper, “Sensitivity of S. cerevisiae RAD27 deletion mutant to DNA-damaging agents and in vivo complementation by the human FEN-1 gene.” Co-authors are E.C. Friedberg of the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center, and Reagan. The work was supported by a faculty development grant to Reagan and by money from the Rooney Endowment. This is the same work that Hansen presented at the Posters on the Hill event in Washington, D.C. in April, and that Reagan presented at the meeting 65th Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory Symposium on Quantitative Biology: Biological Responses to DNA Damage.

Summer Wrap-Up
Inside Books Program Inaugurates New Year of the Literary Arts Institute

The CSB Literary Arts Institute opened a new year of programs with an exclusive look at small presses, literary magazines and alternative publishing during its first-ever Inside Books program. This introduction to publishing, which ran July 9-16, offered writing and publishing career enthusiasts unique opportunities to gain expertise in book, magazine and online production.

A host of experts — including Pulitzer Prize-winning poet Jorie Graham; Joseph Parisi, editor of Poetry magazine; Philip Patrick, a marketing director at Vintage Anchor; and Jane Von Mehren, associate publisher at Penguin Putnam Books — led classes, readings, field trips and other hands-on learning experiences. Inside Books is the only program of its kind in the Upper Midwest and the only program nationally that concentrates on independent, alternative and electronic publishing. The event attracted 32 participants from 10 states. For more information on Inside Books, visit the program’s web site at www.csbsju.edu/insidebook.

The Literary Arts Institute is a campus and community collaborative that promotes reading and writing. The LAI also gives voice to emerging writers and to those whose voices have been ignored or discounted. Fiona McCrae, publisher of Graywolf Press, calls it groundbreaking: “…it’s the first time any college has made a concentrated effort to investigate and expand the rich literary haven in the Midwest and more specifically, in Minnesota.”

LAI programs include Sister Mariella Gable Prize; Writer’s Writing; Reader’s Theater; and Book
Ronald Bosrock, SJU John H. Myers Chair of Management, was recognized for his June 26 article in the Star Tribune titled “The Minnesota Consular Corps.” In the article Bosrock describes the MCC as “one of the resources available to help the smaller companies get access to global markets, and help smooth the way in dealing with the foreign markets.” Bosrock is serving the country of Austria as local consul in Minnesota, helping with business and government contacts. He is the founder and director of the Institute for Global Expansion, an international advisory group. Bosrock’s Global Executive column appears on the last Monday of each month.

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Newsmakers

CSB/SJU Hosted Chemistry Workshop for High School Teachers

prepared by Brian Johnson, CSB/SJU associate professor of chemistry and chair of the chemistry department
CSB/SJU conducted a workshop this summer for 20 high school chemistry teachers. Robert Fulton, CSB/SJU professor of chemistry; Anna McKenna, CSB/SJU associate professor of chemistry; and Brian Johnson taught the workshop, funded by an Eisenhower grant. The high school teachers spent a week on campus learning about the use of research projects as teaching tools in their classes. Response among participants regarding the quality of our facilities, both academic and residential, and our staff was highly favorable. A summary of the evaluation is available from the chemistry department.

Partnering with the Community:
A Civic Responsibility

During June 8-11, Sheila Nelson and Mary Jane Berger, CSB/SJU faculty members; Cindy Pederson, Liemandt family service learning coordinator; and Nancy Thomas, coordinator of volunteer services at Country Manor, attended the sixth annual National Gathering for service-learning educators. The conference, “Bridging the Gap: Service-Learning to Social Justice” was hosted by the Invisible College at Georgetown University.
S. Mary Jane and Thomas prepared a poster presentation for the conference, which focused on the implications of social justice work and what it means to improve and preserve the quality of life. The poster presentation was created after a successful, highly collaborative project was completed in English 315, a special topics writing class taught Spring semester 2000 by S. Mary Jane. The class entitled “Writing Lives” gave students the opportunity to write the stories of people who have grown up and lived in our local area. Residents and tenants from Country Manor in Sartell partnered with CSB/SJU to remember and record many key moments of the 20th century, as well as key moments from their lives.

The students investigated the world of care centers and retirement facilities in mid-central Minnesota, the state of Minnesota, America and other countries. They explored topics such as ageism, aging in place, growing old graciously, retirement opportunities and retirement agencies. One goal of this exploration was to help students understand an increasingly important contemporary topic, introduce them to writing biographical memoir, and provide them with enough research background to make their writing publishable. The booklet that resulted was shared with the residents at Country manor, local libraries and the county historical society.

Update
CSB Physical Plant/cafities Projects Update

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The following is a brief description of various projects the CSB Physical Plant/cafities Management Department is currently undertaking.
This fall the East Apartments multi-phase project will house 48 students with construction continuing throughout the school year. We anticipate completing space for another 36 beds in November, and we will relocate students from the old Laetner building into the new phase-two section. Once the relocation is complete demolition will take place on the old building, and rebuilding of that phase will begin. This phase is anticipated to be complete in the summer of 2001. The total beds in the new apartments will be 152, which is an additional 33 beds to the campus. The apartments are either two or four bedroom units with potential for overnight housing for summer conferences.
The lower level of Murray Hall has been remodeled from a storage area into two large classrooms, which will seat 40-45 students and will have presentation capabilities. In addition, a smaller classroom will seat 20-25 students. An additional computer lab is also planned for the lower level, which will be completed sometime during the school year.
The chiller plant addition to the powerhouse has been completed, providing chilled water throughout the campus from the central plant. During the next seven to eight years the campus plan is to replace individual aged air conditioning systems. To accomplish this, it is necessary for the college to install several hundred feet of underground piping to the individual respective buildings.
The Gertrude portion of the Main Building (on the second floor) is under renovation for use by the Advancement/Development Department, and for one classroom.
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