Lilly Endowment Awards Saint John's University $1.9 Million for Vocational Exploration Program

prepared by Glenda Isaacs Burgeson, communication and marketing services writer

Saint John’s University, in partnership with the College of Saint Benedict, will launch a comprehensive program for educational leadership in church and society, funded by a $1.9 million grant from Lilly Endowment Inc.

Saint John’s is one of 20 colleges and universities in the country receiving grants in excess of $1 million from the Endowment to begin or enhance programs that encourage young people to consider the ministry as a career or consider their faith commitments in whatever career they choose.

Craig Dykstra, vice president for religion at the Indianapolis-based foundation, explained the basis for the grants: “These exciting grants directly address one of the major themes of the Endowment’s grant-making in religion, and that is to help identify, recruit, call and nurture into Christian ministry a new generation of talented pastors.”

Totaling $39.7 million, the 20 grants were selected from 31 schools that were awarded planning grants in May 1999. The Endowment’s board of directors also approved a $50 million commitment for a second round of grants in this invitational, competitive initiative for church-related schools.

“The caliber of proposals that we received in this initiative was absolutely outstanding,” Dykstra said. “It is clear to us that these schools have thought deeply and productively about this issue of encouraging young people to consider questions of faith and commitment when they choose their careers.”

Saint John’s project, “Theological Exploration of Vocation: Educating for Leadership in Church and Society,” is an institution-wide effort to cultivate reflection about meaningful life work that is rooted in faith. Activities are aimed at integrating curricular and community life experiences among students, faculty and staff.

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“The institutional focus makes this project unique and exciting,” said Regina Wolfe, CSB/SJU associate professor of theology and project director. “The program includes all members of our campus and monastic communities. This broad-based effort will enable us to further strengthen our institutional commitment to prepare young people for leadership in church and society,” she said.

The program draws from the strengths and resources of both institutions; centering, in particular, on Benedictine monastic traditions and expertise, and on the unique partnership of the two residential, liberal arts campuses, one all male and the other all female. The joint mission of the two institutions serves to focus and unify all aspects of the program, Wolfe said.

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hope they will understand the centrality of discipleship in their roles as leaders in society,” she said.

The program offers a number of learning opportunities, not just for students but for interested faculty and staff as well.

Training for faculty and staff will include both professional and personal dimensions. Professional development will focus on ongoing theological education, facilitator training for theological reflection groups, and enhancing advising and mentoring skills. On a more personal level, faculty and staff also will have opportunities to pursue spiritual growth through days of reflection and retreats.

In addition, training based on the unique partnership of the two institutions will give faculty and staff the advantage of
understanding the differences between men's spirituality and women's spirituality, Wolfe said. “Exploration of gender differences with respect to faith is an ongoing process that is appropriate to our institutions. We are fortunate to be able to take advantage of it and enhance it by incorporating it into our program design,” she said.

For students, the program proposes to enhance learning and faith development in and out of the classroom in a number of ways. With the adoption of a learning community — a model of interdisciplinary, extended learning now being developed on both campuses — students may opt to explore monastic vocation through academic study in combination with community living and spiritual practice.

The course will be taught by members of Saint John's Abbey and Saint Benedict's Monastery for upper division students. Participants and facilitators will live in intentional communities on their respective campuses and commit themselves to regular monastic practice.

In addition, curricular adjustments are being considered to reinforce Catholic Benedictine values, according to Kaarin Johnston, CSB/SJU professor of theater and director of the core curriculum. "Implementation of the Lilly Endowment grant is an exciting step in making stronger connections between our mission and academic programs, specifically the core curriculum. Our faculty is taking a new look at First-Year Symposium, required of all students, and discussing introducing the Benedictine values and nature of our institutions," she said.

The goals are to provide students with the knowledge and awareness of the Benedictine tradition and the skills needed for theological reflection, said John Klassen, chemistry professor and SJU coordinator for mission advancement. Klassen will spearhead the development of a Benedictine values component.

"The educational experience of our students takes place in a unique environment in which the monks and sisters of the two sponsoring monastic communities model a life of prayer and service to church and society. This tradition of ora et labora (prayer and work) is grounded in the Catholic Benedictine values of hospitality, stability, community and service."

"Introducing our students to this tradition and its values will heighten their awareness of the monastic life as one way to fulfill the Christian vocation to discipleship and service. More broadly, it will challenge them to explore the various ways to respond to the call of Christian discipleship in a life of service to church and society," he said.

Monastic participation in the education and lives of students, while not new, will be more intentionally integrated into the total educational experience in and out of the classroom, said Emmanuel Renner OSB, CSB president emerita.

Members of the monastic communities will be involved in a vocation awareness program to provide students structured opportunities for personal spiritual and theological development, she said. This program will feature two components. First, a scholar in residence program will allow students to interact with nationally known people of faith in both formal and informal settings. The second component will provide theological reflection and retreat opportunities for students so that, in light of the life's work of the visiting scholars, they might contemplate their own call as disciples.

"The emphasis on reflection is essential in terms of theological and spiritual growth. The retreats will help students establish reflection as a lifelong habit," she said.

Overall, Wolfe said the support from the Lilly Endowment allows the institutions to invigorate their existing commitments to the totality of students' lives.

Lilly Endowment is an Indianapolis-based private family foundation, founded in 1937, that supports its founders' wishes by supporting the causes of religion, community development and education.

**Minnesota State Grant Program Needs Your Voice**

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

Financial aid plays a vital role in helping make our colleges accessible to students of all family incomes. CSB and SJU are partnering with the Minnesota Private College Council to raise awareness about the continuing importance of the Minnesota State Grant Program. For more than 33 years, the State Grant Program has helped ensure that private and public colleges remain financially accessible to students from lower-income and middle-income families. The program encourages students to attend the private or public college that best meets their educational goals and aspirations. Unlike the vast majority of funds appropriated for higher education in Minnesota, state grants are awarded exclusively on the basis of demonstrated financial need. Last year more than 1,300 CSB and SJU students, representing more than one-third of all undergraduates, received $4.7 million in state grant aid. The average grant was $3,500. It would take almost $100 million in endowment to replace the amount our students receive annually from the State Grant Program.

The Minnesota State Grant program is among the best in nation, both in terms of total funding and participation. Nonetheless, funding for the program...
represents less than 10¢ of every dollar appropriated for higher education in the state. In addition, there have been continuing attempts by some in the legislature to decrease or at least limit the amount of funding available to students attending private colleges. A healthy and viable state grant program is vital to the success of our financial aid strategies and, ultimately, our financial accessibility to students. With that in mind, the goal of our partnership with the Minnesota Private College Council is to raise the level of understanding among key stakeholders — including faculty, staff, and students — and encourage them to stress the importance of the program with their legislators. The upcoming legislative session is particularly important because 2001 is a budget year. Legislative decisions made next spring will set higher education funding levels for the next two years. What can you do? We encourage you to call your local legislator or send them an e-mail note to express your support for state grant aid for private college students. If you would like additional information about how to get involved or contact legislators, please write me at jmcee@csbsju.edu.

New University Chair in Critical Thinking Embraces Global/Local Issues

prepared by Jo Ann Shroyer, communication and marketing services account manager

This fall Nick Hayes, professor and chair of history at Hamline University in St. Paul, joined the CSB/SJU department of history as professor of history and holder of the University Chair in Critical Thinking. He was appointed last spring. Hayes holds a doctorate in Russian and European history from the University of Chicago and has published widely in the academic and popular press. In 1994-95, with a Fulbright Fellowship in journalism, Hayes filed reports from Zagreb, Croatia on the war in the former Yugoslavia. He has been a frequent contributor to Star Tribune coverage of the former Soviet Union and has worked with TPT/Twin Cities Public Television since 1985, winning an Emmy in 1991 for his work on Russia. Hayes has appeared on such national news programs as ABC Nightline with Ted Koppel and CBS Sunday Morning.

As University Chair in Critical Thinking, Hayes intends to use his interest and experience in international studies and media to bring programs to the CSB/SJU campuses. “I want to make opportunities for faculty and students to hear prominent international journalists,” said Hayes, who is also director of Making the Global Local, an international journalism initiative whose objective is to inform citizens on the global effects of local issues. Now in its fourth year, Making the Global Local is a formal partnership between Hamline University and TPT/Twin Cities Public Television in association with the College of St. Benedict/St. John’s University, the Star Tribune, the University of Minnesota, the American Refugee Committee, and others.

An important element of the initiative’s activities is an annual conference that brings together area scholars, working journalists, students and community representatives to discuss better ways to understand and report on global issues. This year’s keynote speaker is Brenda Wilson, a senior correspondent and editor for National Public Radio, who reports on social and political issues, public health, legislation and the White House. “Brenda Wilson is an outspoken, insightful, thoughtful Public Radio correspondent covering a wide range of topics from science to such difficult subjects as the Africa AIDS epidemic and the post-apartheid period,” said Hayes.

In conjunction with this year’s conference at Hamline University, Oct. 26-27, Wilson will visit the CSB campus on Thursday, Oct. 26 to speak about her experiences reporting on the social, cultural, and political forces driving the AIDS epidemic in South Africa. Wilson’s talk is at 1 p.m. in the Fireside Room, second floor of the Main Building on the CSB campus. A buffet luncheon and reception at noon and Wilson’s talk are open to all.

Future speakers in the series include Fred de Sam Lazaro, a correspondent with TPT/The Newshour with Jim Lehrer, and Robert McChesney, author of “Rich Media, Poor Democracy: Communication Politics in Dubious Times.” For more information, contact Nick Hayes at 363-2623 or nhayes@csbsju.edu.

CSB Announces New Board of Trustees Members

CSB has appointed four new members to its board of trustees: Dana Badgerow, vice president of global operations and customer access at Honeywell; Kathleen M. Cooney, senior vice presi-

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Mike White Announces His Retirement

Mike White, director of financial aid at SJU, has announced his retirement for personal reasons to spend more time with his family, effective July 1, 2001. White has worked in financial aid for 35 years, the last 26 in the SJU aid office.

In a joint statement, Warren Janzen, vice president of administrative services for SJU and Mary Milbert, CSB/SJU dean of admissions, asked the campus community to join in thanking Mike for his years of service and dedication to the students, parents, faculty and staff who have benefited immensely from his work over the years.

“We wish to gratefully acknowledge and thank Mike for his tireless contributions to students over the years and wish him much success and happiness in his retirement.”

The process to find a replacement for Mike’s position in the SJU financial aid office will begin immediately.
CSB Names Molly Renslow 
Associate Vice President 
for College Relations

CSB has named Molly Renslow the associate vice president for college relations. In this role, Renslow will oversee the communications, public relations and marketing efforts for the college.

Prior to joining CSB, Renslow worked in marketing, development and event planning for G.R. Herberger's corporate offices in St. Cloud. She has been a board member for the Women's Shelter, a member of the advisory group for Journey Home and has chaired fund-raising events for the Central Minnesota Sexual Assault Center and the May Bowle Benefit.

“We are very pleased and feel extremely fortunate to be working with Molly,” said David Hoffman, vice president for college advancement. “Her enthusiasm and commitment to the community and higher education will definitely be an asset to CSB.”

Renslow has a bachelor's degree in speech communications from Saint Cloud State University. She has been the recipient of the Alum Services Award and is a Saint Cloud Hospital Board member.

dent and chief financial officer at Health Partners; Kara Hennes OSB, director of finance and treasurer of the Sisters of the Order of Saint Benedict; and Edward J. Kocourek, business consultant and former executive vice president at The Egan Companies.

Badgerow, who resides in Minneapolis, is a 1965 graduate of Principia College in Elsah, Ill., with a bachelor's degree in English. She received a juris doctor degree in 1968 from the University of Missouri and a master's degree in business administration in 1981 from Loyola College in Baltimore. She started at Honeywell in 1985, and is based in Golden Valley, Minn.

“CSB is a magical place, full of energy, positive affirmation and physical beauty. Its spirit — the overwhelming atmosphere of people caring about people and making a difference in their lives — is tangible and uplifting.” Badgerow said. “I was struck by the College's emphasis on leadership development, an area where I think I can contribute.”

Cooney, a Bloomington, Minn., resident, received her bachelor's degree in nursing in 1979 from Northern Illinois University and went on to Northwestern University to receive her master's degree in business administration in 1981. After graduating, Cooney worked as a management consultant at Ernst & Young until 1986 when she started at Health Partners.

“I love the [CSB] mission statement!” Cooney said. “I am committed to a liberal arts education with an emphasis on the development of women as leaders with the values of the Benedictines.”

Hennes, a resident of the Saint Benedict Monastery in St. Joseph, received her pre-nursing from CSB in 1970 and her bachelor's degree in nursing in 1973 from the College of St. Teresa, Winona, Minn. She then received a credential in patient care administration from the University of Minnesota in 1979, and a master's of science degree in administration from the University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, Ind., in 1986. From 1972 to 1994 (excluding 1973-1979), Hennes worked for the St. Cloud Hospital at various positions. During the years of 1973-1979, she served as the director of Benton County Public Health Agency, East St. Cloud and Foley, Minn., and from 1994-1999 served as the director of nursing/associate administrator at Queen of Peace Hospital, New Prague, Minn.

“CSB has a warm place in my heart because it carries out the Benedictine values in a beautiful way. I strongly support the efforts to develop women leaders for work in our world,” Hennes said. “I am very impressed with the student development emphasis here. The Benedictine values emphasis will help these women build community, be hospitable to others and walk with God in their lives.”

Kocourek, an Edina, Minn., resident, received his bachelor's degree in accounting in 1960 from the University of St. Thomas. Recently retired as executive vice president at Egan Companies, he now serves as a business consultant.

Kocourek has served on a number of non-profit boards including the College of Saint Benedict, the Children's Theatre, the Archdiocesan Board of Education, the John Ireland School where he served as the chair, and Benilde-St. Margaret's High School. He and his wife Julie have committed their lives to Catholic education. “Saint Ben's is among the best liberal arts Catholic colleges in the United States. In that light, we renew our commitment to CSB and its mission by my returning to the board and various committees,” Kocourek said. “We hold a deep respect for Benedictine values and their impact on students and faculty, and we recognize the opportunities for leadership available at an all women's college and, most importantly, we value the opportunity for spiritual growth.”

Three ex-officio trustees are also being welcomed to the board. Kay Wolsborn, professor of political science, is vice chair of the CSB/SJU faculty assembly; Rebecca Schafer, CSB student senate trustee, is a junior computer science major; and Laurie Rivard, president of the CSB Alumnae Council, is a principal with Lowry Hill — Private Wealth Management.

“I am thrilled to be able to be a part of the board of trustees for the College of Saint Benedict,” said Rivard. “It has been great to watch the College grow and develop over the years. I think the time to truly flourish has come, and the future looks very bright for the college.”
Event is Part of Ongoing Discussion of Gender Issues on Both Campuses

prepared by Jo Ann Shroyer, communication and marketing services account manager

A forum on the meaning of masculinity and femininity in student life, set for 7:30 p.m. Monday, Oct. 23, in the SJU Alumni Lounge, is part of a year-long series of events exploring women's and men's roles in twenty-first century society. The CSB Women's Lives Series, "Exploring Feminisms: Re-imagining Our Lives," established in 1995, offers speakers, fora, and other events illuminating the strengths and unique perspectives of women, as well as the societal obstacles they face. The Women's Lives Series was funded last year by a three-year Bush Foundation "Extending the Classroom Wall" grant, and aims to give women the opportunity to integrate their spiritual, psychological, physical, emotional and intellectual selves and use the resulting self-understanding as a basis for taking action in the world.

The Women's Lives program has its roots in the College of Saint Benedict's Women's Week, begun in 1975 to give students and faculty an opportunity to explore the effects of remarkable mid-twentieth century cultural changes on many facets of women's lives, including careers, spirituality, marriage and family, according to Nancy Hynes, OSB, CSB/SJU professor of English and coordinator of the current Women's Lives series. Over the years, attention to gender issues took various forms, with a joint CSB/SJU symposium in 1987, "Gender and Curriculum: Theory and Practice," the culmination of a three-year project supported by the Fund for Improvement of Post-Secondary Education. The grant enabled faculty at both campuses to incorporate analysis of gender issue into their courses. A Gender and Women's Studies minor was established in 1994, offering men's studies within that context.

An important focus of the Women's Lives series has been to increase further the integration of co-curricular events with the curriculum. "We try to connect speakers to the curriculum, so that they are more than entertainment," said Mary Geller, CSB dean of students and vice president for student development. "We were not expecting to focus on feminism, but rather on the different aspects of being human and examining them through a feminist perspective," Geller said.

Monday evening's forum is co-sponsored by Saint John's University's Men's Lives Series, begun in the mid-90s and one of several co-curricular programs designed to address the issues that men likewise face in our rapidly changing society. Saint John's is ideally suited to a leadership role in men's issues, according to Gar Kellom, vice president for student development, because it is one of only a few men's colleges in the nation and has a unique partnership with the College of Saint Benedict, with its own rich history and expertise in gender research. The SJU model centers on redefining or developing new masculinities in the learning environment, Kellom said. "Our faculty, coaches and staff are redefining masculinity for our students away from what popular culture dictates, towards a more Benedictine definition of masculinity, with values such as building community, listening, respect for the sacred journey of all individuals and working for justice."

One of the goals of the Women's Lives Series, involving faculty, staff and students, is to create a dialogue between the two campuses on gender issues generally, and with the Men's Lives Series in particular. "While the men's and women's institutions are obligated to study gender explicitly, with Saint John's looking at men and men's development, and St. Benedict's looking at women and women's development," Geller noted, "we can't operate in isolation. Both programs look at how men and women work together in society."

Future events in the Women's Lives Series include an appearance on March 21 of VIDA, an a cappella quartet that combines four distinct and powerful women's voices, a discussion on April 4 of what it means to be a woman in the Catholic Church today, and on April 25, an address by Chandra Talpade Mohanty, who teaches feminist and antiracist studies at Hamilton College. She will speak on global capitalism and the ethics and politics of women's work.

For more information, contact Nancy Hynes OSB at 363-5995 or nhynes@csbsju.edu

Creativity Conference Features Look at Learning Communities

prepared by Glenda Isaacs Burgeson, communication and marketing services writer

Learning communities are growing in popularity across the CSB/SJU campuses. The concept was fostered by the late psychology professor Tom Creed, whose vision and enthusiasm helped secure a Bush Foundation grant to formalize the idea. For faculty, one of the advantages is the oppor-
Gergen Named Director of Alumnae and Parent Relations

Susan Gergen, ’88, has been named as the new CSB director of alumnae and parent relations.

Gergen’s responsibilities include strengthening campus and regional alumnae programs, as well as setting the direction for creative new initiatives that engage alumnae, parents and friends of the College. She will work with the Saint Ben’s Alumnae Council, the regional alumnae chapters, our Class Representative program, and the Career Networking program, in an effort to promote the vision and mission of the College. In addition, Gergen will coordinate the components of the Parents Council program to enhance current parents’ learning about and connection with the College.

Gergen’s previous experience includes a 12-year history with the Minnesota Department of Transportation where she was the planner, program manager, educator and public relations specialist for a variety of projects. She has led and organized a team of public and private partners on a nationally recognized project, has worked with the Minnesota Safety Council to help administer a non-profit safety education program for schools, civic organizations and the general public. She launched a statewide public service campaign, has experience with securing funding resources, and market research experience, and has made numerous national conference presentations.

In her free time Gergen enjoys gardening, travel, the outdoors and walking her dog “Bailey.” She is a member of a new singing group from St. Paul and has been active in community theater and church choirs. Gergen is excited to be coming back to St. Ben’s and says she “can’t wait to enhance and continue the strong bond that alumnae experience at St. Ben’s!”

The presentation will include an outline of the program and goals for each of the communities already established, and an explanation of how the learning community model can offer insights on environmental issues. Faculty presenters are Davis, Larson, Partridge and James Poff, professor of biology. Also, student members of the learning communities will provide their perspective.

Other SJU/CSB learning communities focus on healthy living, gender issues, Asian studies, as well as a Twin Cities Internship Learning Community. For more information about these, visit the web site at http://www.csbsju.edu/extending/.

Full details on the Creativity Conference can be found at the conference’s web site: http://www.csbsju.edu/creativity.

Division Updates
SJU Student Development Staff Updates

prepared by Jim Hardwick, SJU associate dean of students

The Saint John’s Student Development division would like to notify the community of staff on administrative leave and welcome new staff members.

Br. Isaac Connolly, dean of students and director of residential life, is on an administrative leave for the 2000-01 academic year. During the year, Br. Isaac will be visiting other college and university residence life programs to study residential learning communities. In Br. Isaac’s absence, his responsibilities are divided among other staff members as noted below.

Fr. Tom Andert is serving as the acting director of residential life in addition to his roles as a first-year symposium instructor and a faculty resident for Vincent Court, Seton Apartments, Metton Court, and Edelbrock. Barb Frank, coordinator of residence life, is continuing with her responsibilities with housing assignments and is overseeing residential life marketing. Jim Hardwick, associate dean of students, is continuing with his responsibilities with student conduct, town and gown relations, and Sexton Commons, and is working with CSB Residential Life, human rights, and student issues during Br. Isaac’s leave.

John Sandahl is serving in a one-year appointment as the assistant dean of students in addition to his roles as a faculty resident in Patrick and Boniface Halls. John will be coordinating diversity...
Two SJU alumni received the Fr. Walter Reger Distinguished Alumnus Award at SJU’s recent homecoming festivities. Bill Sexton, ‘55, and Thom Woodward, ‘70, were recognized for their years of service to SJU at a banquet during the weekend, which also featured the Alumni Association brunch, post-football game reception and class reunion dinners.

The Fr. Walter Reger Award is named after the long-time secretary of the SJU Alumni Association. Known as “Mr. Saint John’s,” Fr. Walter was a dean, history professor, prefect, member of the University orchestra and purveyor of Johnnie Bread. He befriended hundreds of Saint John’s students and kept up personal correspondence with scores of them after they graduated. Fr. Walter died in January 1971, and the Alumni Association launched the award program later that year. Presented by SJU Alumni Association President Cary Musech, ‘80, it is the highest award given by the Alumni Association.

Sexton, a member of the SJU Board of Regents since 1989, was lead volunteer in several University fund drives in the 1980s and ’90s. In accepting the award, he said Saint John’s has given him much more than he could ever give his alma mater.

Woodward is the Alumni Association secretary and has been the lead staff representative with alumni since 1982. He has been working in institutional advancement at Saint John’s for 27 years. He said he shares the award with the many dedicated SJU employees in the dining service, grounds crew, support staff, faculty, athletic department and other areas who have made Saint John’s their life’s work.

**SJU Presents Two Alumni Achievement Awards**

SJU Alumni Achievement Awards were presented recently to Andrew Biebl, New Ulm, and Richard Nigon, Wayzata. Biebl is a partner in the accounting firm of Biebl, Ranweiler CPAs, while Nigon is chief financial officer for Dantis Inc. in Minnetonka. Both are members of the SJU class of 1970. The presentations were made by Br. Dietrich Reinhart OSB, SJU president.

Biebl is a past president of the Minnesota Society of CPAs. He is recognized nationally among accountants for his presentations, particularly on farm taxes.

Nigon is a former partner with Ernst and Young who helped numerous small businesses develop into large, publicly traded companies.

The SJU Alumni Association Board of Directors selects up to four alumni each year for recognition of their professional careers and community service. Past recipients include former Sen. Eugene McCarthy; Johnny “Blood” McNally, a charter member of the NFL Hall of Fame; Roger Birk, former chairman of Wall Street’s Merrill Lynch; Jim Scheibel, vice president of the Corporation for National Service; and Steve Seidel, executive director of the Twin Cities Habitat for Humanity.

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**The Welcome Mat**

Theis Named Alumnae and Parent Relations Associate

Jenny Theis, ’94, has been named alumnae and parent relations associate at CSB.

Theis will be responsible for working with the director of alumnae and parent relations in developing, strengthening, and implementing creative campus and regional programs, outreach programs, services and communications with alumnae and parents of the College. She will assist with managing the Alumnae Association volunteer program and help maintain our alumnae and parent communications network, work with current students for planning and implementing a student “Senior Pledge” campaign, and serve as lead staff for the reunion planning team.

Prior to coming to Saint Ben’s, Theis worked for three years as a paralegal for the Rinke Noonan law firm in Saint Cloud. For the past two years, she was employed at the Clemens Library on the CSB campus.

Theis is excited to now be working in the Alumnae and Parent Relations Office, where she gets to communicate with her fellow “Bennies,” and plan fun events like Reunion and the Blazer Open. Theis currently resides in Cold Spring with her husband and two children.
Fast Facts

CSB and SJU together awarded 11 percent of all baccalaureate degrees conferred by Minnesota's private colleges in 1998-99. CSB graduates represented nine percent of all women receiving degrees at private colleges in 1998-99. CSB and SJU together awarded 11 percent of all baccalaureate degrees conferred by Minnesota's private colleges in 1998-99. CSB graduates represented nine percent of all women receiving degrees at private colleges in 1998-99.

Fr. Timothy Backous, college chaplain/director of campus ministry, is off-campus for the Fall 2000 semester as the leader of the Greco-Roman study program. Aaron Miller, associate director of campus ministry, is coordinating the administrative functions in the office in Fr. Timo’s absence. Fr. Francisco Schulte is providing a Benedictine presence in the office and assisting with the Sunday evening student Eucharist.

Chris Thompson is serving as the assistant campus minister and coordinating community service activities for the SJU Campus Ministry Office. Chris is a graduate of Saint John's and previously served as a volunteer at the Refugee and Resettlement Project in Hartford, Conn.

Matt Caires joins the staff as the assistant director of student activities and leadership. Matt is working with the Joint Events Council, student leadership, SJU parent programs, and Sexton Commons student employees. Matt is a graduate of Washington State University and completed his master's degree at the University of Vermont.

Lynette Raymond is serving as the assistant director of Life Safety Services and is supervising the department's patrol officers. Lynette was previously employed as a police officer with St. Cloud Police Department and taught the D.A.R.E. program in District 742 schools. Todd Vierzba is serving as a patrol officer. Todd was previously employed as a security officer at Granite City Armor Car and as a part-time patrol officer at Saint John's. Carol Schleicher is working as the overnight dispatcher. Carol was previously employed with Crossroads Mall security in St. Cloud.

Sherry Smolik-Day is serving as the joint director of student human rights and diversity. Sherry was previously employed as the executive director of the St. Cloud Area Violence Prevention Council (which is now called the Safe Communities Partnership). She is responsible for educational programming on human rights and diversity issues and will coordinate the sexual assault and human rights conduct processes for incidents involving students.

Kate Kamakahi is in a one-year joint appointment in multicultural/international/diversity services. She is working with the multicultural student consultants, diversity programs, and coordinating INS paperwork for our international students.

Heather Anderson is serving as the receptionist at SJU Counseling and Career Services Office. She was previously employed at the Antioch Company in St. Cloud. Counseling interns for the academic year are Bob Gäch and Jeremy Rondorf.

Campus Notes

Study Abroad for Grownups

Employees of CBS and SJU, as well as friends and family members, are invited to participate in Tom and Willene's Theatre Tour of London and Stratford, set for Jan. 11-22. Tom Darnel, CSB/SJU theater professor, and Willene Mangham, CSB/SJU associate theater professor, will choose six plays for the group to view and discuss together. The hotels are located conveniently for city touring on your own. In other words, there will be as much or as little structure as you like.

You might want to go on this trip yourself or encourage your friends to go because:

- This kind of travel is much cheaper in January than in spring, summer or fall.
- Tom and Willene's expertise and appreciation of theater ensure a great experience.
- Everything has been arranged for you except meals.
- All the major London department stores, such as Harrod's, will have sales.

The price of $2,395 includes airfare and all other transportation, tickets for six plays, good hotels in London and Stratford (The Strand and the Grosvenor House), and daily breakfast. To request an itinerary, please contact the CBS Alumni Office at 363-5800 or theis@csbsju.edu. For more information, visit the web site at http://www.csbsju.edu/alum/events/londontour.htm.

Confidentiality Required for Student Records

All employees of the College of Saint Benedict and Saint John's University (administrative, academic faculty, staff, and student employees) are required to abide by policies governing review and release of student education records. The Family Education Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) of 1974 mandates that information contained in a student's education records be kept confidential.

Confidential information should be given to students in person, with proper identification, or via their individual e-mail accounts. Confidential information should not be given over the phone.

Confidential information should not be given to
Keep it Confidential

Please be aware that confidential information includes:
1. Student's Class Schedule
2. On-track Reports
3. Academic Transcripts
4. Grade/GPA Information
5. Student ID number (SSN) — may not be given out or posted in any manner

The Welcome Mat

Opitz Named Director of Donor Relations

Maureen Opitz has been appointed to the new position of director of donor relations in the College Advancement Office. Her responsibilities include creating, planning, executing and evaluating major donor stewardship activities and programs which recognize the contributions of alumnae and friends of the College.

Originally a secondary school English teacher, Opitz was first employed by CSB in 1984 to coordinate the national symposium held in spring of 1985. She then became the volunteer coordinator for the College’s first capital campaign — which funded the Clemens Library. She has also served as director of parent relations and associate director of alumnae relations.

Opitz is the spouse of Mike Opitz of the CSB/SJU English department. Her son Andy, ’98, and daughter Maria, ’01, are graduates of the English department. She enjoys almost any activity that does not require getting in a car; reading, cooking and walking are almost always a part of her daily plan. She reads primarily fiction, literary theory and books about evolution; she cooks everything but desserts, and she has worn a walking path through central Stearns County.

The parents of any student unless you verify with the Registrar’s Office that they claim the son or daughter as a dependent according to the IRS tax laws. This includes the student's schedule of classes.

A complete policy statement on the CSB/SJU implementation of FERPA guidelines can be found in the Registrar’s Office. In part, the policy states that officials of the University may be given access to student education records on a “need to know” basis and that such access must be limited to job-related, legitimate educational interests. The information contained in a student’s education record may not be released to a third party without the written consent of the student. The only exception would be directory information defined by FERPA as the student’s name, address, telephone number, dates of attendance, class, date of birth, major field of study, participation in officially-recognized activities and sports, degrees conferred, and the most recent previous educational institution attended.

Inappropriate use or misuse of student records is a violation of CSB/SJU Statutes and could result in civil and/or criminal prosecution.
Faculty/Staff Notes

Terry Bernardy, HCC food service director, received a first place award on behalf of McGlynn's for appearance on the Minnesota Dietary Managers Newsletter. He was given the award at the National Conference held last summer in Minneapolis. The 28 state newsletters entered in the competition were judged on content, appearance and overall excellence.

Tony Cunningham, CSB/SJU professor of philosophy, was recently awarded a Minnesota Humanities Commission Scholar's Grant for work on a book manuscript entitled Quiet Virtues. In connection with this grant, he presented a talk on fortitude at the Whitney Senior Center and will present another talk on wit at St. Cloud State University this fall. His book, The Heart of What Matters: The Role for Literature in Moral Philosophy, is due for publication by the University of California Press in fall 2001.

S. Eva Hooker, CSB/SJU professor of English, has published a chapbook of poems titled The Winter Keeper. The book is available in CSB/SJU bookstores.

K.R. Kasling, CSB/SJU professor of music, served as music director/organist for morning worship at First Presbyterian Church, San Anselmo, Calif., on Aug. 27. The church, affiliated with adjacent San Francisco Theological Seminary, celebrated the opening of the academic year.

Kasling also appeared as featured soloist in a concerto program for organ and orchestra Oct. 15 at Nativity of Mary, Bloomington. The program was sponsored by the Twin Cities American Guild of Organists Chapter.

Vera Eccarius-Kelly, Political Science Department, presented “Political Strategies for the Kurdish Workers Party in Germany,” at the Comparative Interdisciplinary Studies Section of the International Studies Association (CISS/SA), in Washington, DC, in August. She also participated in a panel on Middle East security prospects, strategic alliances and the search for security.

Patricia Kent, CSB/SJU music department, received a Distinguished Artist award during last summer’s Ibla Grand Prize International Music Competition in Ragusa, Sicily.

Fr. Anthony Ruff OSB, assistant professor of theology and liturgical music, has been invited to participate in the national theological dialogues sponsored by the Catholic Common Ground Initiative. This program, founded by the late Joseph Cardinal Bernadin, seeks to promote dialogue and greater understanding among people of differing opinions within the U.S. Catholic Church. Fr. Anthony will be a part of a group of 25 theologians from across the country who will gather in Chicago in November and in Worcester, Mass., next January to discuss liturgical art and architecture.

Work by Stephen P. Stelzner, CSB/SJU psychology professor, was recently published in the Handbook of Community Psychology. He contributed to Chapter 7, Understanding and Changing Social Systems: An Ecological View. The authors of the chapter were James G. Kelly, Ann Marie Ryan, B. Eileen Altman, and Stephen P. Stelzner. The book was published under Kluwer Academic/Plenum Publishers and was edited by Julian Rappaport and Edward Seidman.

Anna M. Thompson, CSB/SJU executive director of fine arts programming, has been asked to serve as a panelist to review grants this year for the Mn State Arts Board.


Fr. Daniel Durken OSB, CSB/SJU professor of theology, is teaching a survey course on the New Testament for 35 adults at Sacred Heart Church in Glenwood, Minn. This three-hour, once-a-week class is sponsored by the Pastoral Ministry Office of the St. Cloud Diocese and continues for eight consecutive Monday evenings.

Marina Martin, CSB/SJU associate professor of Spanish in the Dept. of MCL, attended The Summer Institute on Argentine Literature that took place at Resistencia, (ARGENTINA) from July 17 to August 4. This cultural activity was sponsored by the University of Virginia & the Centro de estudios literarios y sociales at El Chaco.

Martin also visited Buenos Aires and continued her research on the most distinguished author from Buenos Aires: J. L. Borges. This experience was made possible through a fellowship granted by Faculty Development.

Also during the summer, Martin presented a
paper at the International Conference on Iberoamerican Literature, sponsored by the Instituto Internacional de Literatura Iberoamericana (IILI). The conference took place at the Universidad de Salamanca in Spain. Martín read a paper on Mexican author Juan Rulfo and she incorporated in her talk a recent publication of Rulfo’s Aire de las colinas (May 2000).


Newsmakers

Aubrey Immelmann, CSB/SJU associate professor of psychology, was interviewed by Paul Stacke on WJON on Friday, Sept. 1, concerning the Bush/Gore presidential race.

Nicholas Hayes, professor of history and University chair in critical thinking, did a sixty-minute commentary for MPR’s MIDDAY on Thursday Oct. 5, on the crisis in Belgrade. He also did an interview on the same subject for WCCO 800 AM Radio and for the morning WCCO News. Hayes also did a commentary on Friday, Oct. 6 for TPT/MPTV’s ALMANAC, also on the topic of the crisis in Yugoslavia.

Richard Ice, associate professor of communication, was interviewed on Wisconsin Public Radio Tuesday, Oct. 3, and on WJON on Wed. Oct. 4. The interviews were about the presidential debates.

Richard Bohr, CSB/SJU associate professor of history and director of Asian studies, was featured last month on MPR’s “Midday” to speculate on the implications of the Senate passage of the bill granting China Permanent Normal Trade Status with the United States.

K.R. Kasling, CSB/SJU professor of music, provided the primary material and was quoted extensively in a feature article in the Sept. 6, USA Today. “Who Will Play God’s Music?” presented an interview with Kasling about the nationwide shortage of organists and church musicians. He pointed out causes and voiced optimism, based on the success of the liturgical music programs here on our campuses.

CSB was mentioned in the story “A Mission To Redirect Money Used For Defense” by Gustav Niebuhr in the Tuesday, Oct. 3 issue of the New York Times. The story was about the effort of the Pax Christi USA to redirect money to health care and education by way of the “Moneymobile.” The “Moneymobile” stopped at CSB on Wednesday, Sept. 27, on its tour of college campuses, Catholic high schools and public parks in California, New Mexico, Texas, Missouri and Minnesota.

Campus Notes

English Department Seeks CSB Student Entries

The CSB/SJU English department is sponsoring the Louis A. and Mary Wagner Berger Memorial Prize for Excellence in Creative Writing. This prize is awarded for the best original work of fiction by any full-time CSB student. The winning author will receive $1000, and her story will be published in Studio One.

Stories should be from 1500-3000 words. Entries must be double-spaced, typewritten, and previously unpublished.

The submission deadline is Feb. 9. Submit stories to Bev Radaich in the CSB English Department, Richarda N28 or Quad 354A. The winner will be selected by a panel of judges and announced in March.

Clemens Library Art Show to Open

The annual CSB Clemens Library Art Show will once again showcase works by CSB/SJU students. Sponsored by the joint libraries, the juried show features an exhibition of winning entries in the libraries’ annual student art contest. The exhibit opens Nov. 1 in the gallery space of Clemens Library.

Alcoholics Anonymous Meetings to be Held at SJU

On Sundays, starting at 7:30 p.m., Alcoholics Anonymous meetings will be held in the basement of the Old Gym, room 31, SJU.

Alcoholics Anonymous is a fellowship of men and women who share their experience, strength and hope with each other that they may solve their common problem and help others to recover from alcoholism. The only requirement for membership is a desire to stop drinking. There are no dues or fees for A.A. membership; we are self-supporting through our own contributions. A.A. is not allied with any sect, denomination, politics, organization or institution; does not wish to engage in any controversy; neither endorses nor opposes any causes. Our primary purpose is to stay sober and help other alcoholics to achieve sobriety.

Fast Facts

In 1972, 50 percent of all eligible voters aged 18-to-24 voted. By 1996, that number had fallen to just 32 percent. A recent poll by the Pew Research Center indicates that only 55 percent of all 18-to-29-year-olds nationally are registered to vote this fall, compared to almost 90 percent of those over age 50. Encourage students to vote on November 7th!
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Deadline for the November issue is October 27. To share your information and story ideas, simply e-mail them directly to Community at: community@csbsju.edu.

Summer Wrap-Up

Student Research - Summer 2000

Begun in 1980, the CSB/SJU Summer Student Research Assistant program gives qualified students an opportunity to work as paid lab assistants under the mentorship of science professors engaged in research in their respective disciplines. During the 10 weeks of the program, students design and carry out independent research projects in the lab or field.

This year's group of 31, the largest in the program's history, worked on an impressive set of projects in biology, chemistry, computer science, nutrition and physics. Below is a table showing each student's project title, scientific discipline and faculty mentor.

For more information on undergraduate faculty-mentored independent projects in any discipline, contact Professor Marcus Webster, coordinator of student research and creativity, ext. 3176.

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