Nursing Revisions Address a Changing World

prepared by Glenda Burgeson,
Community editor

The CSB/SJU nursing department will implement extensive curricular revisions beginning with the Fall 2001 academic calendar. Kathy Twohy, professor and chair of nursing, said the program is the first in the state to restructure its curriculum in such a major way, bringing it in line with national recommendations.

“Health care is changing; the role of the registered nurse is changing; and we’re changing to help better prepare our students for the dynamic leadership roles they will assume in health care,” Twohy said.

Recommendations for updated standards in nursing education have been issued by national nursing organizations, as well as by the Pew Commission on Education for Health Professions, in response to a rapidly changing health care environment, she said. Foremost among those changes are demographic factors such as an aging population and increasing cultural diversity, and such health care trends as community-based and population-focused health care.

Nurses are expected to give greater attention to health outcomes and cost containment through managed care. Moreover, there is a greater emphasis on health promotion and disease prevention, and on collaborative health care teams.

Twohy believes the revisions will make an already strong program even better. Nursing is the largest major at CSB, with 131 upper division students. The department has experienced enrollment growth over the past four years. Graduate performance on the nursing license examination achieved 94 percent last year, ranking third in Minnesota.

Not only will the changes provide the basic knowledge and skills for graduates to meet professional expectations in the rapidly evolving health care system, academic rigor will continue to provide a strong preparation for graduate study, Twohy said.

As the curricular revisions are implemented, the current nursing curriculum will remain in effect for currently enrolled students until their graduation in May 2004. The two curricula will be operated simultaneously, with a gradual year-by-year phase-out.

HEALTH CARE IS CHANGING

Significant revisions that address changes in health care include the following:

- Increase in major credits from 46 to 66; the number of non-nursing prerequisite/co-requisite credits remains at 32.
- An introductory nursing course (two credits) in the first year.
- An interdisciplinary healthy lifestyle course in the sophomore year (with dietetics majors).
- Discontinuation of chemistry and sociology/social work pre-requisite.
- Return to a nutrition course requirement.
- Addition of interdisciplinary course on health economics, policy and management.
- Addition of a nursing clinical immersion course in the senior year.
Sisters Re-elect Hollermann as Prioress

preparing by Laura Krueger, communications specialist, Saint Benedict's Monastery

On Sunday, March 25, the Sisters of the Order of Saint Benedict, Saint Benedict's Monastery, St. Joseph, re-elected Sister Ephrem Hollermann OSB, as prioress, the leader of their community. Hollermann was elected for a six-year term in 1995 and has been re-elected for another four-year term.

As monastics, these sisters belong to a monastery where they serve under the Rule of Benedict and a prioress. In accord with the mission of this Benedictine monastery, the Sisters of the Order of Saint Benedict listen and respond to the needs of the Church and the world through their ministry of prayer, work and community living. Thus the sisters seek a prioress who will lead them in carrying out that mission.

Their preparation for the election began in June, when a special committee was established to guide the community in the discernment process leading to the election. The heart of the election process is the spirit of discernment, an openness to the Holy Spirit’s movement within the community as a whole as well as within each individual sister. Since August, prayer, study, and community meetings have remained an important part of the discernment for the election.

Hollermann was born in Melrose, Minn., the daughter of Eleanor (Wiener) and Henry Hollermann, communications specialist for the monastery. The site also has a “What’s New” page that will provide information on the current happenings at the monastery and keep the public updated on ways to partner with the Sisters of the Order of Saint Benedict.

Sister Ephrem

Sisters Re-design Web Site for a New Look

The Sisters of the Order of Saint Benedict are pleased to announce that their web site, created in 1995, has been redesigned with a fresh, new look. It is located at http://www.sbm.osb.org.

According to Patricia Ruether OSB, a member of the committee that worked on the redesign, “The purpose of our web site is to generate excitement about the Sisters of the Order of Saint Benedict.” She explains, “We want to share our love of the monastic way of life, encourage spirituality through prayer and worship, and share our appreciation of art, heritage and education. We hope that those who visit our web site will be inspired to partner with us — by joining us at liturgies, attending a retreat, volunteering their time, or becoming a member of the community.”

The site includes many of the same features of the original web site, such as information on the history and mission of the sisters, a tour of the monastery, an explanation of the process of becoming a sister, sound samples of the schola’s chants, samples of work by featured sister artisans and information about the spiritual ministries programs.

A new feature of the web site is “Meet the Sisters” — a page that features several sisters at a time and shares their personal stories and photos. “The sisters featured will rotate regularly, making this a great way for the public to get to know the women at Saint Benedict’s Monastery and learn about their lives,” says Laura Krueger, communications specialist for the monastery. The site also has a “What’s New” page that will provide information on the current happenings at the monastery and keep the public updated on ways to partner with the Sisters of the Order of Saint Benedict.

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Props Help Set the Stage for Encounter with this Professor

prepared by Glenda Burgeson, Community editor

Right away, the drum set in Hardy Koenig’s office catches the eye, if not the ear depending on the time of day. The drums send a message: have a seat; give a listen; there are stories in this room.

Koenig is a professional storyteller who spins his tales from the stage. As CSB/SJU assistant professor of theater, he brings to life the stories humans tell about themselves, and each other. Even in simple conversation, his stagecraft may create false impressions. For example, his mild demeanor belies a specialist in stage combat, knowledgeable in the ways of knives and swordplay as well as hand-to-hand combat.

Then again, he cautions with a smile, don’t confuse staged combat with the real thing. Some of his students did, when they enrolled in a course in stage combat expecting to learn how to fight.

Wrong.

Koenig teaches the illusion of combat. Consider, for example, the slap. “It’s all about illusion, timing, angles. It’s a dance,” he said, giving a demonstration. “I raise my arm, cock my hand, get ready to react.”

Koenig studied the techniques in Las Vegas in a national program that focuses exclusively on stage combat. In real life, however, he also is a graduate of the police academy. Koenig worked as a deputy constable for Travis County while he completed his education in Austin at the University of Texas.

At CSB/SJU, Koenig directs one show per semester and teaches acting, with attention to voice, movement and text analysis. Approximately half of his beginning acting students are non-majors. They need a fine arts credit, he explained. Whatever their motivation, Koenig is convinced that they will leave his class with useful skills regardless of their career choices.

“They learn how to have presence, how to feel comfortable with themselves and relate to and connect with others,” he said.

Koenig uses two basic approaches in his acting classes. The Stanislavsky method teaches acting from the inside out, based on motivational needs and wants, he said. The Meisner method emphasizes being in the moment.

In vocal instruction, Koenig said he works with students to help them allow their voices to be the best they can be.

“We stifle our voice production because of what we do with our bodies,” he said. He helps the students improve articulation, and achieve more fullness, greater volume and resonance.

“I teach them to be comfortable with their voices.”

Koenig spoke of his own comfort level with respect to his first impression of Saint Benedict’s and Saint John’s. He recalled how, when he flew into Twin Cities last summer for his interview, his suspense grew as his hosts drove him along the interstate. The metropolitan area receded with, in his view, not much ahead but prairie.

“We drove and drove. Then we passed St. Cloud and kept driving.” However, he said his doubts vanished when he met the students and faculty. “I felt at home. I was myself.”

Koenig looks forward to establishing a more permanent home this summer when his family — wife Lori, son Austin, age 5½, and toddler Savannah — relocates in St. Cloud from North Carolina.

As for the drums, they are relics from an earlier chapter in his life. Koenig spent six years on the road in a rock ‘n’ roll band. More stories, perhaps. Well, the guy can’t tell all his stories in one sitting.

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Scott Cleland Offers ‘An Alphabetic Grand Tour’ for all Ages at SJU

Scott Cleland, a frequent artist-in-residence at many St. Cloud area elementary schools, will present “An Alphabetic Grand Tour” at 1 p.m. on Saturday, April 21, in Audio-Visual Room 1 of the SJU Alcuin Library.

Cleland’s performances are true educational entertainment. His presentation style is unique and engrossing with much audience participation. For “An Alphabetic Grand Tour,” Cleland will present his material on the history of writing for appreciation by all ages.

Young people are invited to stay afterwards for hands-on craft activities relating to manuscripts, books, and writing led by Cleland.

This activity is free and recommended for a weekend recreation, home schooling, and to older students interested in a career in education.

The Hill Monastic Manuscript Library sponsors the event. For more information contact HMML at x3514 or Deborah Shepherd at x2075.
Br. Willie, Saint John’s ‘Night Abbot,’ is Retired and Honored

submitted by Daniel Durken OSB, Abbey publicist

The retirement of Br. William Borgerding OSB, a Saint John's security officer for the past 34 years, was announced last September by Abbot Timothy Kelly. In his monthly letter to the monastic community Abbot Timothy stated, “On a volunteer basis, Br. William still makes occasional appearances. We join in thanking him for his service and his generosity over these years and ask God’s blessings on him now and forever.”

On Feb. 27, Abbot John Klassen and members of Saint John's Life Safety Office honored Br. William for his decades of devoted duty. He was presented a handsome plaque which reads:

*Presented to Officer Br. William Borgerding OSB, in recognition of 34 years of service and dedication to the safety and protection of the Saint John’s Community.*

Br. William, affectionately known as “Brother Willie” and “The Night Abbot,” was born in Freeport 84 years ago. After his graduation from Saint John's Preparatory School he entered the monastic community and made his initial commitment to Benedictine life in 1937. He was assigned to work with Saint John’s herd of Holstein cattle at the dairy barn on campus. When this herd was sold in 1955 he went to St. Mary's Mission, Red Lake, Minn., where he was in charge of a prize herd of Jersey cows until 1966.

Returning to Saint John's he began his work as a nighttime security officer. His job, as he put it, was “to make sure the night started on time and ended at the right time, because if someone doesn’t watch it, how will everyone know when it’s done?” Dressed in plaid shirt and overalls while he patrolled the residence halls, classrooms and offices, the “Night Abbot” dispensed generous doses of his spiritual and worldly wisdom to studying students who came to welcome the interruption of his visits. He considered it a privilege to mix with students and young people, “because they are the life going on and the ones who carry on after the others are gone.” The proof of his popularity came when a section of the Sexton Commons, the student social center, was named “Willie's Pub.”

During his spare time Br. William works in the woodshop of Saint John’s. There he refinishes and recycles castaway furniture and makes wooden toys for children and coat racks.

As for the future, he has one objective left on his agenda, and that is to go to heaven.

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Celebrate the First Volume of The Saint John’s Bible

On April 20, Saint John’s University will host a Celebration of the First Volume of The Saint John’s Bible-The Gospels and the Acts of the Apostles. The celebration will take place in the Abbey Church at 8 p.m., and pages from the first volume will be on display. All friends of The Saint John’s Bible are welcome to attend.

In addition, all faculty, staff and students are invited to preview the manuscript pages in Quad 264 on Wednesday, April 18 from noon to 3 p.m. Included will be the illuminations of The Birth of Christ, the Raising of Lazarus, the Crucifixion, and The Road to Emmaus. In addition, there will be sketches and calligraphy tools used by Donald Jackson and members of his scriptorium.

http://www.saintjohnsbible.org
Wedl Nationally Recognized as Counselor of the Year

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Communication & Marketing Services

Sister Lois Wedl, assistant professor of education and residence director at Margretta Hall on the CSB campus, has been named “Counselor of the Year” by the American Counseling Association. Wedl was awarded the Gilbert and Kathleen Wrenn Award for Humanitarian and Caring Person, the most prestigious given by the ACA. She was presented with a plaque and a $1,000 honorarium at the ACA annual conference on March 18 in San Antonio, Texas.

According to ACA selection criteria, the award is given to a person “who gives to others without fanfare or expectation of reward other than the personal satisfaction of seeing other people made happier,” making Wedl a perfect candidate for this award.

“She has been a source of inspiration for me as well as the many students that she touches each day in the residence halls and her classes,” said CSB basketball coach Mike Durbin. “Lois attends nearly every home athletic contest and travels with our team whenever possible. It is not only her love of athletics, but the individuals that participate in them.”

Wedl’s involvement in student life extends far beyond athletics, however. As a residence hall director, she is responsible for interacting with her 155 residents on a daily basis. “I am a very compassionate person, and because of that I really get involved in so many lives,” she said. “I’ve been here 15 years. If you multiply 150 people times 15 years you have a lot of people.”

In her role as part counselor, part mother and part friend, Wedl offers an open door, gentle listening and patient questions. She’s even been known to cook chicken soup and stockpile Popsicles when illness swept through the residence hall. “Last year we had so many people who were sick and there were several who were so far away from home,” Wedl recalled. “They just need someone to be there for them.”

In her roles as both a counselor and a teacher, Wedl is careful to build on the foundation of values that guides her own life. “In the Benedictine life, community is heart and center,” she explained. “Being part of the Benedictine community has shaped and formed me because being with people is so important.” She also credits a close family and a loving upbringing in the tight-knit community of Cold Spring for her approach to life. “It’s the history of my life — being cared for and loved — and I have been placed in many positions where I needed to reach out to others and show love,” Wedl said. “I have been given this gift.”

Wedl, whose academic specialty is exceptional learners, takes seriously her role in helping students reach their highest potential. “I keep thinking, How can I meet their needs? What can I challenge them to?” said Wedl, who recognizes that life for today’s students is very different from the way it was when she was their age. “I love to learn, and one of the greatest things in working with students and residential life is that I am constantly learning,” Wedl noted. “I am always reaching out for new knowledge, but am very rooted in my culture and traditions, my own history. That's what we need for this new century. If you are rooted in tradition, you also are able to take risks.”

Although she has been shaping and re-shaping her role in the CSB community for many years, Wedl has no immediate plans to pass her duties on to a younger mentor. “As long as I’m able to, I want to continue,” she said. “What would I do that I love more than what I’m doing? As long as I have the energy and as long as I’m loved and people want me, I’ll be here.”

CSB/SJU Inaugurates Celebrating Scholarship Day

John N. Swift, professor and chair of the department of English and comparative literary studies at Occidental College in Los Angeles, will deliver the keynote address at 1:30 p.m. SJU Quad 264, during the CSB/SJU inaugural Celebrating Scholarship Day, May 5.

Swift will reflect on the ways in which research-based education transforms our approach to teaching, learning, scholarship, and discipline itself, in a lecture titled “Research and Transformation.”

The campus-wide event will honor and publicize the scholarly and creative achievements of our undergraduate students in all disciplines. The day will highlight our students’ best work through poster presentations, brief talks, as well as artistic displays in the visual, theater and musical arts.

Presenters will range from senior majors discussing their Research Seminar papers to talented sophomores who have collaborated with a faculty member on a research project.

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Swift teaches courses in early twentieth century British and American fiction, psychoanalytic approaches to literature, and the history and culture of Los Angeles. From 1988 to 1997 he served as associate dean of the faculty at Occidental, and in that capacity, coordinated the development of a college-wide program in undergraduate research. In 1997 he was elected to the Board of Governors of the National Conference on Undergraduate Research.

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Saint John’s Featured in Full-Page Ad

prepared by Daniel Durken OSB, Abbey publicist

A full-page advertisement of Saint John’s in the Sunday, March 18, issue of the St. Paul Pioneer Press (page 24A) was a contribution of John Pellegrone, recently retired executive vice president of marketing for the Target Corporation.

Last August, the Pioneer Press contacted Mr. Pellegrone about the desire to do an ad congratulating him on his retirement. He responded by saying he did not want an ad to focus on himself but asked if the paper might do an ad featuring his favorite charity, Saint John’s. The paper agreed to do so.

Entitled “Rare and Unusual Treasures in a Most Unexpected Place,” the ad begins: “An hour and a half from the Twin Cities, in the heart of Minnesota forest and prairie, is a profoundly different place. Here, rare medieval art such as [the] twelfth-century wooden Maben Madonna is part of the regular decor. The treasures of Saint John’s will inspire even the most casual visitor.”

The ad highlights such Collegeville treasures as the Saint John’s Bible, “the monastery at the heart of the campus,” Saint John’s University in partnership with the College of Saint Benedict, the graduate school and seminary, the prep school, arboretum, pottery studio, Ecumenical Institute and The Liturgical Press, 10 buildings designed by Marcel Breuer, the Arco Atrium and college football’s winningest coach.

Rob Culligan, SIU vice president of Institutional Advancement, estimates that the preparation and publication of this ad are equivalent to a contribution of at least $20,000.

Atkins Awarded Michael Blecker Professorship in the Humanities

Annette Atkins, CSB/SIU professor of history, has been awarded the Michael Blecker Professorship in the Humanities at SJU.

The Blecker Professorship, named in memory of the late Michael Blecker OSB, a former president of SIU, recognizes a senior faculty member for excellence in teaching, scholarship and service and provides for an uninterrupted three-year term. All full professors in the humanities are eligible for nomination, and the appointment allows a partial release from normal teaching responsibilities in order for the recipient to pursue a project of his or her own design.

Applicants are nominated by CSB/SIU faculty members and the recipient is chosen by a six-member faculty committee based on past achievements and a proposed project.

Atkins was recommended to the professorship by Ian R. Stewart, deputy director of the Minnesota Historical Society. “She is a scholar of great intelligence and understanding, a highly respected teacher, and a person of the utmost integrity,” Stewart said. Atkins is currently a trustee with the Minnesota Historical Society and has also been associated with the Society for over 15 years as an academic advisor, author and teacher.

For her project, Atkins will work toward the completion of the research and writing of a one-volume history of Minnesota. “It is a synthetic narrative of the state’s history grounded in current historical scholarship, based on substantial primary research, and intended for a public audience,” Atkins said.

CSB Renaissance Award Honors Marilyn Carlson Nelson, CEO of Carlson Companies

CSB President Mary E. Lyons announces that Marilyn Carlson Nelson, chairman and chief executive officer of Carlson Companies, Inc., will be the third recipient of the Renaissance Award. Nelson will be honored on April 19 on the CSB campus with a 9 a.m. breakfast at the Haehn Campus Center. Eight student representatives will present an orange juice toast to Nelson. A Minneapolis reception in her honor is scheduled from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. at Radisson Plaza Hotel in Minneapolis.

“Marilyn Carlson Nelson is an extraordinarily successful business leader who is noted for her generous contribution to society,” said Lyons. “She is one of the country’s top CEOs whose corporate leadership contributes significantly to the quality of life of both employees and the community.”

Nelson is a regular on Fortune magazine’s list of the Most Powerful Women in Business and has been selected by Business Week as one of the top 25 executives in business. Under her leadership, Carlson Companies in 2000 was chosen by Corporate Report as one of the best places to work in Minnesota.

The Renaissance Award, given for the first time in 1999 by the College of Saint Benedict, honors leaders in the business community for their actions dedicated to the transformation of society. The Renaissance was a period of rebirth — political, economic, religious, artistic and intellectual — and
the award represents this diversity of interests and the goal of social change within the context and values of the 21st century.

Individuals receiving the Renaissance Award are successful leaders in successful businesses. They have endeavored through word and deed, in both their professional and personal lives, to be agents of social change, to support education and the arts, and to show leadership in business and corporate responsibility. Previous recipients are William W. George, chairman and chief executive officer of Medtronic, Inc., and Michael Bonsignore of Honeywell, Inc.

Engel Science Center Auditorium to Be Renovated
prepared by Jean Scoon, development writer, Institutional Advancement

Students, faculty, and staff will all benefit from the renovation of the auditorium in the Peter Engel Science Center into a high-technology, multimedia lecture hall and movie theater. The Target Corporation recently made a gift to Saint John’s for the renovation, in honor of John Pellegrene and his wife Connie, on the occasion of John’s retirement as executive vice president, marketing at Target. The renovated auditorium will be called the Pellegrene Auditorium.

The science auditorium seats 300 and is the second largest theater space at the University. Although the science center was renovated in 1998, the auditorium was not part of the construction project due in part to the challenge of adequately improving acoustics while maintaining the architectural integrity of the Breuer design. Renovation is now scheduled to begin in summer 2001; the auditorium will be fitted with the necessary sound abatements, a high quality sound system, a full-size projection screen, multimedia projection system and digital film projectors.

The renovated Pellegrene auditorium will be used for both educational purposes and the cinema arts.

“We are excited about the teaching possibilities the auditorium renovation will open up,” said Dr. Cheryl Knox, SJU academic dean. “It will be ideal for large class lectures and demonstration-learning experiences that can be enhanced by video or multimedia. It will also give us a better space for visiting lecturers who need multimedia equipment.” As Saint John’s expands its educational reach beyond its four walls, the Pellegrene auditorium may also become a site for teleconferencing and distance learning.

In addition, the Student Activities Committee is planning to host its weekly student movie series in the renovated auditorium. “This is a dream come true for our student programming,” said Gar Kellom, SJU vice president of student development. “Dr. Janet Anderson, our joint director of student activities, and the students on the committee did a super job of getting the information together for the proposal to Target. We eagerly anticipate the time when we will have a first-class movie theater on campus.”

John and Connie Pellegrene have been involved with Saint John’s for 20 years. John is a former member of the Hill Monastic Manuscript Library Board of Overseers and has been a member of the SJU Board of Regents since 1993. They are the parents of five children, three of whom attended Saint John’s University. In recognition of all that John and Connie have meant to both Saint John’s and the broader community, Saint John’s will present them the Colman J. Barry Award for Distinguished Contributions to Religion and Society on Saint John’s Day, April 20.

“It is a signal honor for us to have the opportunity to create a legacy to the Pellegrenes on the occasion of John’s retirement from Target,” said Rob Culligan ’82, vice president, Institutional Advancement. This gift will honor them for generations to come and is a fitting tribute to a career characterized by creativity and generosity.”

Sisters Hire New Director of Gift Planning
submitted by Laura Krueger, communications specialist, Saint Benedict’s Monastery

The Sisters of the Order of Saint Benedict are pleased to announce that Mark Lease joined the staff of the Development and Communications Department at Saint Benedict’s Monastery as director of gift planning. This is a new position.

Lease’s professional experience includes serving as the director of development for Cathedral High School/Foundation, St. Cloud; president of a company that offered consulting resources to non-profit and Native American communities; and, most recently, as director of development for the Diocese of St. Cloud. Lease has a bachelor’s degree from St. Cloud State University and is a member of both the Central Minnesota Estate...
Planning Council and the International Catholic Stewardship Council.

Lease grew up in St. Cloud and attended St. Augustine’s Catholic School where the Sisters of the Order of Saint Benedict were a significant part of his Catholic education and formation. Lease said, “The importance of ‘Christian values’ was a key factor in this education which, I feel, had an impact on the reason I have spent my career working with religious and non-profit organizations as well as economically impoverished Native American tribes.”

“We look forward to having Mark Lease use his expertise to help advance the mission of the Sisters of Saint Benedict — to constantly seek God in their daily lives through prayer and work of service to others,” said Gen Maiers OSB, director of development and communications at Saint Benedict’s Monastery.

**Philips Center Program at SJU Features Rabbi Alan Lew**

Rabbi Alan Lew will present his lecture “On the Healing Power of Simply Being Present” at 8 p.m. on Thursday, April 19, in the SJU Centenary Room (Quad 264).

Rabbi Lew is the spiritual leader of Congregation Beth Sholom in San Francisco and is one of the leaders in the Jewish meditation movement in America. His highly acclaimed book, One God Clapping: The Spiritual Path of a Zen Rabbi, is the story of his spiritual odyssey. In it he shows what Buddhism and Judaism have to offer each other and how Eastern and Western ways of thinking and living can be fruitfully integrated.

Rabbi Lew contends, “The charged stillness at the center of our experience is a primary source of creativity and healing.” He will draw on both Buddhist and Jewish sources to explore pathways to this center.

This event is sponsored by the Jay Phillips Center for Jewish-Christian Learning, and is free and open to the public.

**Junior Open House Planned**

High school students, their parents and friends are invited to attend the CSB/SJU Junior Open House program on Saturday, April 21.

The programs will begin with registration at 9 a.m. in the Alumnae Hall Lobby in the CSB Haehn Campus Center. Activities include an introduction to Saint Benedict and Saint John’s, tours of both campuses, a current student panel, a presentation on financial aid and scholarships, and a complimentary lunch. Activities are expected to end around 3 p.m.

For more information on the Open House for Juniors programs, contact: Admission Office, 363-5308 at CSB or 363-2196 at SJU.

Guests can RSVP online and print out details and directions from our website at http://www.csbsju.edu/prospective/tour_visit/specialdays/junioropenhouse.htm.

**Faculty/Staff News**

**Chris Schaller**, assistant professor of chemistry, was recently awarded a PRF-G grant from the Petroleum Research Fund (PRF). The PRF is a trust that was established in 1944 by seven major petroleum companies. The American Chemical Society administers several grant programs using this trust. This award, for $25,000, will make it possible for four undergraduates to conduct summer research with Schaller over the next two years. Schaller’s research is in the area of organometallic chemistry, and focuses on the syntheses of alkyl metal hydride complexes that are relevant to industrial catalysis.

This grant follows another recent award to Schaller from Research Corporation for $26,000. The Research Corporation grant will support six additional undergraduates in their summer research with Schaller over the next two years.

**John Merkle**, CSB/SIU professor of theology, recently presented the lectures “Christianity in Relation to Judaism: New Catholic and Protestant Perspectives” and “Enriching Christian Life Through Encounter With Judaism” at Texas Lutheran University in Seguin, Texas, where he also served as guest professor. Merkle has also recently presented lectures on Christian-Jewish relations at Temple Israel in Duluth, Bethel Lutheran Church and Salem Lutheran Church in St. Cloud, Corpus Christi Church in Roseville, and St. Joseph Catholic Church, St. Joseph.

**Fr. Columba Stewart OSB**, associate professor of theology and curator of research collections, published “Origen on the Journey to the Promised Land” in the January-February issue of The Bible Today (Vol. 39, 27-32). Pending publications include “We”? Reflections on Affinity and Dissonance in Reading Early Monastic Literature” in Spiritus, and “Imageless Prayer and the Theological Vision of Evagrius Ponticus” in Journal of Early Christian Studies. He gave a lecture on “Truist Confessions: Passions and Prayer in Early Medieval Monasticism” last Nov. 13 as part of the Medieval Studies Series at Loyola University, Chicago. Early last December he spoke at an SJU School of
Theology Lifelong Learning Program on the topic of “What Does a Spiritual Life Look Like from a Benedictine Perspective? Sense of Self: Humility as a Holistic and Integrating Virtue.” From Jan. 13-17 he conducted the community retreat at Holy Trinity Benedictine Monastery, Fujimi, Japan, where nine members of Saint John's Abbey now reside since their move from Tokyo almost two years ago to the more contemplative setting of a small town in the foothills of the mountains of central Japan. Fr. Columba has also curated the exhibit of “John Trithemius, Monastic Theologian, Bibliophile, and Cryptographer” displayed at the Hill Monastic Manuscript Library from March 1 through May 31. He also served as the co-visitor of Our Lady of Montserrat Abbey, Manila, Philippines, on March 3-10.

Lynn Bye, assistant professor of social work, and Jamie Partridge, assistant professor of management, have recently had their paper “Factors Affecting Mental Illness Hospitalization Rates: Analysis of State-level Panel Data” accepted for publication in The Social Science Journal. Lynn and Jamie presented this paper in the spring of 2000 at the Midwest Sociological Society Meetings in Chicago and at a Friday Faculty Forum at CSB/SJU.

K.R. Kasling, professor of music, returned to campus March 1 after completing his fourth San Francisco-area Wil Russell Annual Festival of Sacred Arts as co-director, organist and keyboardist. The festival comprised music, dance, ritual and the photographic arts under the themes of transfiguration and reaffirmation of Baptism. Drawing artists, theologians and general participants from all over northern California, the festival has recently received national attention via two articles in USA Today appearing over the last two years.

Six students collaborated with Aubrey Immanuel, associate professor of psychology, during January term to investigate the political and leadership implications of presidential candidate Ralph Nader’s personality. They are Dale Fredrickson, Peter Habenczius, Krystle Klema, Richard Martinson, Susan Schulzetenberg, and Julian Tasev. Their work resulted in the following two publications: “It isn’t easy being Green with Nader,” St. Cloud Times, Feb. 11, [available online at http://www.sctimes.com/Election/nader021101.htm] and “Childhood denied: The roots of Ralph Nader’s Righteousness,” by Peter Habenczius and Aubrey Immanuel, in the March 2001 issue of Clio’s Psyche, the journal of the Psychohistory Forum [available online at http://www.csbsju.edu/uspp/Nader/Crusader.html].

Marina Martin, associate professor of Spanish, was invited by the department of Spanish, Italian & Portuguese of the University of Virginia to give a talk on Feb. 22 on “Borges y los escritores argentinos contemporáneos.” Professor Martin also visited and studied unpublished manuscripts at the University’s rare book collection — the largest existing Borges collection.

Three CSB/SJU psychology professors are the authors of a book chapter in Student Assisted Teaching: A Guide to Faculty-Student Teamwork put out by Anker Publishing in 2001. Stephen P. Stelzner, Michael G. Livingston, and the late Thomas Creed penned chapter 27 entitled “An Introductory Psychology Laboratory Designed and Taught by Undergraduate Teaching Interns.” The chapter outlines the procedure and outcome of Introduction to Psychology Laboratories at CSB/SJU that are instructed and planned by upper division psychology majors.

Immediately after returning from a 3% week concert tour to Europe (56 CSB/SJU students performed extensively in Germany and Austria), Axel Theimer, professor of music, presented several sessions at the Ohio Music Educators’ Association Conference, in Columbus, Ohio, Feb. 2-4. His presentations addressed efficient and healthy voice use and how the level of efficiency can influence our ability to communicate effectively in the classroom. A session presented at the Minnesota Music Educators’ Conference on Feb. 16 addressed the same subject.

On March 9, 10 and 11 he conducted a choir festival and choral clinics for high school and church choirs in Sheboygan and Sheboygan Falls, Wis. On March 10 he presented an “Evening of Austrian and German folk songs” at the "Waelderhouse” (House in the Woods), sponsored by the Kohler (of faucet fame) Foundation.

Larry Schug, CSB recycling coordinator, has published his fourth book of poetry. The Turning of Wheels was published by Northstar Press. The book is available from Larry, the Whitby Gift Shop, the CSB/SJU Bookstores and Barnes & Noble. Larry will give a poetry reading at Barnes & Noble in St. Cloud at 7:30 p.m., on April 24.

Tony Cunningham, professor of philosophy, presented an invited paper, “Beloved and the Bounds of Human Endurance,” at the University of Regina in Saskatchewan on February 1. The talk was an element of his Minnesota Humanities Scholar’s Grant project involving the preparation of a book manuscript entitled Quiet Virtues.
CAMPUS NEWS

Retreats Offered

The Spirituality Center at Saint Benedict’s Monastery offers one-day and two-day retreats, educational programs, personal retreats, and spiritual direction.

Following is a listing of scheduled retreats and programs:

**Evenings at the Monastery**

Thursdays: April 26 and May 24, 4:45 to 9 p.m. Fee: $15 (includes dinner)

Do you wish you could have a quiet evening, have someone to cook your meal, do some reading, reflecting, and praying? Spend an evening that includes the Eucharist and dinner at the monastery, followed by prayer (facilitated lectio divina) and quiet at the Spirituality Center. Optional: Bed and breakfast is possible for those who wish to stay overnight.

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IN THE MEDIA

**Ronald M. Bosrock**, professor of management, regularly publishes a column for the Minneapolis Star Tribune dealing with global issues entitled Global Executive. Bosrock holds the John H. Myers Chair of Management at SJU, and is the founder and director of The Global Institute, a research center also based at SJU. His Global Executive column appears the last Monday of each month.

**Michael Hemmesch**, CSB/SJU associate director of communication, was quoted in an April 4 article, “Event coordinators say Final Four is tough task,” published in The State News, the student newspaper of Michigan State University. The article was titled “Event coordinators say Final Four is tough task” and focused on what it takes for the University of Minnesota and the Metrodome to host the NCAA Division I men’s basketball championship Final Four. Hemmesch was on the media relations staff for the Final Four, which was held at the Metrodome on March 31 and April 2. The complete article can be found at http://www.statenews.com/article.phtml?pk=3534

**Gar Kellom**, SJU vice president for student development, was quoted in an April 5 article, “Morehouse symposium will examine college gender gap,” published in The Atlanta Journal-Constitution. The interview occurred while Kellom participated at the symposium sponsored by Morehouse. He gave a presentation, along with colleagues from the nation’s three other men’s colleges, during a session entitled “Learning from All-Male Institutions”. Also, Kellom recently attended an American Men’s Studies Association conference in Albuquerque. He was accompanied by SJU students **Bryan M. Bohlman** and **Matthew S. Steele**, who presented a paper, “The St. John’s Difference: Students’ Perspective of a Post Secondary Environment Designed for Men”.

Congratulations to the following CSB/SJU faculty/staff for being recognized in the following articles:


CSB/SJU representatives attending the National Conference on Undergraduate Research held at the University of Kentucky included from left, Nicholas Charboneau, M.I.S.; Thomas Warrington, chemistry; Michael Scham, assistant professor of Spanish; Emily Holt, classics; Jeffery Friehammer, English. Also pictured is Richard Townley, Willamette University. Established in 1987, NCUR is a nonprofit organization committed to the promotion of undergraduate research and creative activity in all academic disciplines and at all institutions of higher learning. The conference gave students the opportunity to explore student research within and beyond their respective fields.
Take Care of Yourself
submitted by Molly Goers, health advocate

Editor’s note: Each month the Healthy Learning Community and the Partners for Healthy Learning promote a monthly health theme to the CSB and SJU campuses. These groups are involved in the promotion of physical, intellectual, emotional, social, occupational and spiritual health. To learn more about the Healthy Learning Community and the Partners for Healthy Learning, please visit the web site at http://www.csbsju.edu/extending/projects.htm

Now that spring is here, you may be thinking about spring-cleaning your home. You may not, however, think about spring-cleaning yourself. Taking the time to dust and reorganize your life can be a scary process, but with just a few simple steps, it can be very painless and actually quite fun.

Reorganize your life by making a commitment to exercise. Regular physical activity helps a person to
- Improve blood circulation throughout the body (lungs, heart and other organs and muscles work together more effectively).
- Improve the body’s ability to use oxygen and provide the energy needed for an active lifestyle.
- Handle stress better.
- Bolster enthusiasm and optimism.
- Release tension, relax more and sleep better.
- Along with a proper diet, control body weight.

If you have been inactive, don’t go “all out;” begin easy. After getting used to a certain level of activity, increase the intensity or duration (or both) of your exercises. More importantly, enjoy being active. Do something that makes you happy, thus improving your body, and your attitude.

Not only do you need to be physically active but you must also have a positive mental outlook about your body. Dr. Margo Maine (a doctor for the Eating Disorder and Prevention Clinic) suggests ways to love your body. It might sound a little silly at first, but try a couple of her suggestions and see how your attitude is affected.
- Create a list of all the things your body lets you do. Read it and add to it often.
- Walk with your head held high, supported by confidence in yourself as a person.
- Every morning when you wake up, thank your body for resting and rejuvenating itself so you can enjoy the day.
- Every evening when you go to bed, tell your body how much you appreciate what it has allowed you to do throughout the day.
- Find a method of exercise that you enjoy and do it regularly. Don’t exercise to lose weight or to fight your body. Do it to make your body healthy and strong because it makes you feel good.
- Choose to find the beauty in the world and in yourself.
- Lastly, start saying to yourself, “Life is too short to waste my time hating my body.”

Resources:
www.edap.org <http://www.edap.org/> (Eating Disorders Awareness and Prevention, Inc.)
www.americanheart.org <http://www.americanheart.org/> (American Heart Association)

“Thoroughly modern Machiavelli,” The Orange County Register, Eugene Garver, Philosophy, Feb. 6, 2001.

For copies of the articles, go to http://www.csbsju.edu/news/media/
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Deadline for the May issue is April 27. To share your information and story ideas, simply e-mail them directly to Community at: community@csbsju.edu.

What Do You Think?

Editor’s note: Word-of-mouth opinions about Community, while appreciated, do not give us a reliable measure of reader satisfaction. With only one more issue of Community scheduled for this academic calendar, we invite you to give us your views on your faculty/staff newsletter:

1. When you receive Community, do you read:
   ○ most of it   ○ some of it   ○ hardly any of it

2. I am better informed about our institutional goals as a result of Community. True or false.

3. I appreciate the opportunity to get to know my colleagues through Community Profiles. True or false.

3. The announcements and news briefs keep me up-to-date about campus events and developments. True or false.

4. Given the overall purpose of Community to enhance communication among internal community members, how would you rate Community?
   ○ it achieves its purpose   ○ it needs improvement

5. We appreciate your comments: ______________________________________________________
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After you’ve taken a moment to fill out the above opinion survey, send it to G Burgeson, 128 Luke Hall, via intercampus mail.