Insiders Give Detailed Look at Publishing World in Transition

prepared by Glenda Isaacs Burgeson
Community editor

Publishing insiders described a David vs. Goliath scenario of their industry at the second annual “Inside Books,” a weeklong introduction to publishing held July 16-20, and sponsored by the CSB Literary Arts Institute.

The seminar was moderated by Fiona McCrae, publisher of Graywolf Press, based in St. Paul, and drew participants primarily from Central Minnesota. It also attracted people from South Dakota, Delaware, Illinois, Wisconsin, Missouri and California.

McCrae and other presenters described a publishing world in flux, marked by a decline in independent bookstore ownership with a corresponding proliferation of bookstore chains, amid an increasing global conglomeration of media enterprises. In addition, developments in technology and the Internet’s wild frontier introduce new opportunities and unknown variables.

At times, the picture painted by presenters — agents, publishers, writers, editors alike — seemed utterly grim:

- Fiction writer and essayist Doug Bauer said he currently is seeking an agent who does not regard representing him as “a foredoomed enterprise.”
- Literary agent Ira Silverberg described negotiations between agent and publisher as “a land grab for literary rights.”
- Matt Weiland, project director for American Radio Works in association with Minnesota Public Radio and former New Press editor, delivered a lengthy discourse on the rise of commercial values at the expense of literary values.

“Alas there are a limited number of bestsellers. They can’t all be a hit,” he said. “The conglomerate model goes only for the hit.”

At other times, their stories of people and events in publishing sounded like eccentric characters in a picaresque novel. Tales of cynicism and bravado, idiocy and heroism abounded. Editors and publicists appear, disappear and reappear through a revolving door. They switch positions, becoming writers or agents, quit or get fired.

Bauer described a “manic/depressive quality of treatment” he received at one publishing house. At first, his editor greeted his manuscript with an “infectious enthusiasm,” only to subsequently vanish, never returning phone calls.

Silverberg revealed that he routinely solicits bids from editors he regards as “morons,” because they like to “throw money around,” thereby helping him up the bidding for manuscripts he represents.

Don Leeper, CEO of Stanton Publication Services and BookMobile, an Internet-integrated, digital book printer, provided telling statistics to convey inefficiencies in publishing.

Four million books are returned annually by bookstores to publishers as unsold. Another four million are never shipped to bookstores.

Solutions are emerging, however, because of new technologies, he said.

Print-on-demand — printing smaller quantities of books on digital printing equipment — while currently twice as expensive to print per unit, is one way to reduce waste, and transportation and storage costs.

“When the price comes down, look out,” he said.

Electronic books or e-books — books stored as a special electronic file — have created a buzz in publishing circles. Copyright disputes over electronic rights and digital security remain unresolved issues in electronic publishing.

While the future of e-books is an unknown variable, publishers don’t want to be left out if the market takes off, he said.

Not all was negative, however. Despite their experiences in a cutthroat industry, many of the presenters conveyed a sense of enthusiasm for the literary world and their role in it, working against the currents of commercial power centers.

Overall, their collective efforts, often using not-for-profit economic models, fill a void created by big business. Jay Walljasper, editor-at-large for The Utne Reader, discussed how his publication counters the concentration of ideas expressed in major media outlets by disseminating a variety of less conventional views.

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CSB/SJU will host high school science students in an engineering design competition Oct. 26. Students will compete in teams of two (or individually if they choose). There will be three categories of competition.

The first category involves designing and building a toothpick catapult, using toothpicks, string and glue. They will be judged by how far and how accurately they hurl a ball bearing. The second category relates to electromagnetism. Participants will design and construct a speaker in which both the voice coil and field magnet are electromagnets. The final area of competition will involve a battery-powered climbing device, designed to climb the inside of a smooth plastic tube.

The projects will be completed in the participant’s high school and brought to campus on Oct. 26 to be judged. Design parameters and testing conditions, listed on the physics department Web site, will govern each category of competition.

Since interested students may wish to start on their designs this summer, information is available at www.csbsju.edu/physics. Look for the “Design Competition” link. The students’ teacher, through the e-mail option contained on the Web site, may also register online. Each school will be limited to 20 or fewer student participants.

Starting in early September, help sessions will be held on campus and other locations to assist participants and their advisors. The sessions will be used to answer questions relating to design parameters and testing — not to offer advice about good designs.

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CSB/SJU Alumni and Students Expand Ranks in Asia Programs

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The benefits of the CSB/SJU Asian studies program have far-reaching effects, with a recent jump in the number of CSB/SJU alumni and students volunteering to teach in China.

Since 1998, CSB/SJU has sent 37 alumni and students to China through the Maryknoll China Teaching Program, 24 of these volunteers during 2001-2002.

Maryknoll has two divisions in its China teaching program. In the Summer Intensive English Program, volunteers teach a small group of Chinese students, mostly English majors, for a four-week period in mainland China. This program is set up to help the Chinese students create an English-speaking environment.

The One-Year Teaching Program places volunteers at one of 10 colleges or universities throughout mainland China to serve as full-time English teachers.

"Even though we recruit volunteers from several different colleges and universities around the United States, the majority of our volunteers are from CSB/SJU," said David Harrison, coordinator of the Maryknoll China Teaching Program and a '99 SJU graduate.

Richard Bohr, professor of history, believes that the Asian studies program, which he directs, is a big influence on students. The Asian studies program offers a minor in Asian studies, recruits CSB/SJU juniors to study in China and Japan, and supports an Asian Studies Learning Community and the Asia Club, which offers activities for students interested in Asia and U.S.-Asian relations.

"We have found that offering our recent graduates opportunities to teach in Asia enables them to experience Asia first-hand, immerse themselves in its history, culture and language, and consider academic and professional careers in and with Asia," Bohr said.

Opportunities also exist for CSB/SJU alumni in Japan. CSB/SJU has sent graduates to teach English in Japanese junior high schools and high schools through the Japanese Exchange and Teaching (JET) Program, an official Japanese government program through the Ministry of Education that draws teachers from all over the English-speaking world. The program invites young college and university graduates to participate in international exchange and foreign language education throughout Japan. JET has earned a high reputation for its efforts in human and cultural exchanges.

Also starting in 2001-2002, CSB/SJU will send three graduates to Shogaku High School in Okinawa, Japan, to teach English and help with other school projects such as an English school newspaper. This is part of an annual arrangement in which CSB/SJU provides a summer ESL program and an exchange program with Saint John's Prep School and Cathedral High School in St. Cloud.

For two years, Shogaku has sent adults and students to CSB/SJU during the summer for English and culture lessons. This summer, 41 students and four adults participated in the program.

Roger Young, director of international admission, has been instrumental in nourishing this cooperation between CSB/SJU and Shogaku through visits to the school and meetings with the faculty at Shogaku.

Of these efforts, Bohr commented, "Because of the profound importance of Asia to the world's future, CSB/SJU not only serves its educational mission of preparing our students for an increasingly interdependent world but also our commitment to multiculturalism."

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Historic Meeting Focuses on Nursing Shortage

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Dr. Mary E. Lyons, CSB president, recently hosted the presidents of the St. Cloud area’s institutions of higher education and the president of St. Cloud Hospital at the Saint Benedict’s campus for historic discussion of the critical shortage of nurses and other healthcare workers in this region. Dr. Roy H. Saigo, president of St. Cloud State University, Dr. Joan B. Barrett, president of St. Cloud Technical College, and John Frobenius, president of St. Cloud Hospital, joined Lyons to discuss how their institutions might collaborate to address this problem. Br. Dietrich Reinhart, SJU president and a supportive participant in this partnership, was unable to attend the meeting.

Central Minnesota is affected by the same shortage of nurses that a U.S. Bureau of Health Professions’ Division of Nursing report predicts will reach a crisis level nationally in 30 years if the trend continues. The report cites several factors: the aging of the American population, the aging of the nursing workforce, with fewer than 1 in 30 nurses under the age of 30, and dwindling enrollment in baccalaureate nursing programs. The American Association of Colleges of Nursing reports a six-year enrollment decline nationwide. At the same time, there is a serious shortage of nursing educators in the United States. A recent survey showed that 37 percent of responding schools were forced to reject some qualified student applicants because of a shortage of faculty in their nursing programs.

“Our Central Minnesota institutions of higher education, in partnership with the St. Cloud Hospital, are committed to healthcare education,” Lyons said. “We all agree that we have everything to gain and nothing to lose by working together for the well-being of our community.” The dialog will continue, she added, with another meeting to discuss possible collaborations proposed for early fall.

CSB/SJU’s department of nursing offers a four-year program that leads to a bachelor of science degree in nursing. The program is accredited by the National League for Nursing and approved by the Minnesota Board of Nursing. The goal of the nursing program is to prepare liberally educated women and men who can function as professional nurses in a variety of roles and health care settings and to prepare students for graduate study in nursing.

St. Cloud State University’s proposed new bachelor of science degree nursing program was approved by the Minnesota State College and Universities System Board of Trustees on May 31. Following approval by the Minnesota State Board of Nursing, an official start date will be established. The program will offer a four-year bachelor of science in nursing degree and the state’s first accelerated (15-month) baccalaureate nursing program for individuals with degrees in other disciplines.

St. Cloud Technical College offers a two-year practical nursing program that awards a diploma or an AAS degree for licensed practical nurses. It has been approved by the Minnesota Board of Nursing and is accredited by the National League for Nursing.

WRAP-UP

Grant from American Scientific Affiliation Funds
Two Campus Speakers

Fr. Wilfred Theisen, received a $4,000 grant in April from the Templeton Foundation and the American Scientific Affiliation to bring two noted speakers to campus. Dr. Anne Foerst of MIT and St. Bonaventure’s University, gave a lecture entitled, “Do Robots Have Souls?” Dr. Gayle Woloschak, of Argonne Laboratory in Chicago presented “Unity and Beauty in Creation.” Both lectures were part of the Templeton’s ongoing program to promote dialog between science and religion in colleges and seminaries. Fr. Wilfred received an award from the foundation for teaching his course on science and religion in the spring semester of 2000.
Stopgap Job Turns into Career
prepared by Glenda Isaacs Burgeson
Community editor

When Barb Fahnhorst took a job at the College of Saint Benedict, she planned on staying for a few years as a stopgap measure before moving on to a career. Nineteen years later, she refers to her work with students as her “passion.”

“I love working with students,” she said.

A glance around her office confirms that devotion. Photos of CSB/SJU students adorn the walls, reflecting the same sunny disposition that Fahnhorst brings to her work. As associate director of financial aid, she works with the Student Employment Leadership Team (SELT), which promotes opportunities for personal and professional development through student employment.

SELT is unique in higher education. Established six years ago through a Kellogg Foundation grant, the program promotes a rich student employment environment focusing on community service, leadership development and collaborative teamwork. SELT students provide training with attention to basic employment skills such as communication, customer service and time management. More in-depth training is offered to students after a year of employment. The program also provides training for professionals as well as students who supervise student employees.

Fahnhorst views student employment as a complement to classroom learning, thereby providing the integrative educational experience that lies at the heart of the coordinate mission.

“Student employment is a critical part of student education,” she said. “We support what’s going on in the classroom.”

Fahnhorst’s work brings her in touch with students from their first year through graduation, and the successes she witnesses refuel her commitment.

Sometimes, students wind up making unexpected career choices based on their student employment, she said. Recently, a student decided to work professionally in financial aid in higher education as a result of his experience with SELT.

While Fahnhorst enjoys her role as mentor, she said she gains rewards from the students as well. The students give her a sense of vitality, and keep her abreast of generational tastes, views and traits.

“I feel lucky to work with the caliber of students we have,” she said.

Away from the office, Fahnhorst unwinds at the lakeshore home she shares with husband Ron. She enjoys the simple pleasure of reading beside a cozy fireplace, or watching the birds outside her home. Two of their four children, Felicia and Heather, are CSB grads. Daughter Jacque is a graduate from St. Cloud Technical College. Son Jason pursues his love for music as a drummer in a local rock band, Rocktown.

Fahnhorst appreciates a spiritual dimension both at home and at the workplace. “The values at Saint Ben’s emulate my own. I would never have stayed here otherwise. I really do feel the presence of God here,” she said.

Fahnhorst said spiritual values are incorporated into her work with the students. There is a sense of belonging in SELT, she said.

“We promote a sense of community. We talk about Benedictine values, about developing ethical leadership.”

In fact, the SELT mission statement reflects Benedictine values, embracing open and inclusive dialog, active listening and reflection.

“I feel blessed to be part of the Financial Aid team at CSB/SJU. The environment in our office is caring, nurturing and supportive,” she said.

She extends that positive outlook to her work with faculty and staff across both campuses. “I’m able to see the larger picture of our strategic plan because I work with people on both campuses,” she said.

As a member of a leadership team, Fahnhorst experiences renewal on a regular basis. When you see what a group can achieve when it’s cohesive, she said, it is affirming.
Welcome to Sister Lisa's World

prepared by Glenda Isaacs Burgeson
Community editor

If you could bottle S. Lisa Kittock's wellspring of positive energy, you'd have a best-selling tonic for malaise. Short of that, spend some time with her and you will walk away with a sense of joy.

That is just a hint of what is in store for 190 first-year students assigned to CSB's Aurora Hall, where S. Lisa, armed with an array of three-ring binders, tubs of chocolate cookie dough and a giant cribbage board, is set to begin her eighth year as residence director.

The three-ring binders serve as a bulwark for organizing her numerous activities. The cookies and cribbage board are her trademarks for extending respite and hospitality to the residents.

Whenever she bakes a batch of cookies, S. Lisa invites students by e-mail with the succinct message, "Warm chocolate cookies." Students show up with smiles and eager appetites, often ready for a game of cribbage.

"It creates community," she said. On cookies and cribbage nights, students crowd a dozen or so at a time into her tiny kitchen.

At the beginning of the academic year, as first-year students get settled, S. Lisa's first priority is to learn the names and something special about each resident. Over the first few weeks of school, she visits briefly with each student and takes her photograph. On the back of each photograph, she writes the student's name and information. Then, she uses the photos as flashcards to memorize each name.

First-year students experience more than Benedictine hospitality and a sense of community with S. Lisa. They have ample opportunity to learn about service and social justice, from a woman who leads by example.

Mention social justice, and she whips out her social justice three-ring binder. She lives on the social justice floor, where she mentors the Service Learning & Social Justice Community. The program, limited to 33 residents who apply for admission, provides a residential experience for first-year women who desire to be agents for change through participation in service learning and social justice activities.

Mention the monthly Benedictine values program, and she grabs a three-ring binder bulging with information. She co-coordinates the monthly program with Becky Rawe, residence director for Lottie Hall. The program promotes explorations of Benedictine values in daily life and involves CSB and SJU students, faculty and staff. It operates in collaboration with members from the monasteries of Saint Benedict and Saint John's, and students from CSB Campus Ministry. Last year, the program focused each month on a specific theme: listening, community, value of peace, awareness of God, justice, stability and stewardship.

Yet another three-ring binder contains information about the Women's Guild's annual campus collection, coordinated by S. Lisa. This project encourages students to donate items as they empty their dorm rooms at year's end. Donated items include personal care products, kitchen utensils, clothing, food and furniture.

S. Lisa also is active with her monastery's social justice committee. "They are mentors to me," she said of her fellow committee members. Through them, she keeps abreast of such issues as Welfare reform, Iranian sanctions, sweatshops and the death penalty, and she shares that awareness, as well as resources, with her social justice floor residents.

Last year, in appreciation of her leadership, the residents of Aurora Hall created and presented to her their own three-ring binder, filled with first-year memories, photos, poetry, artwork and personal thank-you notes. Some mention the cookies; others recall her ever-present smile; but unanimously they describe S. Lisa as "an inspirationally, awesome, phenomenal woman."

Despite such tributes, she describes herself in more modest terms, "I would describe myself as an encourager and affirmer and a positive presence."

In return, what does she receive for her efforts? "I learn a lot and get energy to be an asset for justice in our world."
MONASTIC NEWS

Saint John's Abbot Elected President of Benedictine Congregation

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Abbot Timothy Kelly, OSB, ninth abbot of Saint John's Abbey, was elected president of the American-Cassinese Congregation of Benedictine Monasteries of Men on June 22. The election came at the conclusion of the Congregation's 47th General Chapter held June 17-22 at Saint John's.

As Abbot President, Kelly, 67, will serve an initial six-year term of office. He will function as the personal representative of the American-Cassinese Congregation in relations with other Benedictine groups and with authorities in the Catholic Church. Some of his specific responsibilities include presiding at the election of an abbot of a monastery of the Congregation, maintaining vigilance over the financial situation of monasteries, providing for the periodic visitation of such monasteries, granting dispensations and accepting the resignation of an abbot.

Born in Milwaukee, Wis., and growing up in Minneapolis, Abbot Kelly made his initial commitment to the monastic way of life in 1955, and was ordained a priest in 1961. Before his election in 1992, as the ninth abbot of Saint John's Abbey, he had been a teacher of English and theology, a chaplain of Benedictine women monastics, the director of novices at Saint John's, the administrator of an abbey in North Carolina, and the rector of Saint John's Seminary. He is currently a member of the Board of the United States Catholic China Bureau. He will maintain his office as Abbot President at Saint John's Abbey.

The American-Cassinese Congregation is composed of 21 autonomous Benedictine abbeys and 10 smaller communities called priories that are dependent on larger abbeys. These monastic communities are located in the United States from Minnesota to Puerto Rico and from New Hampshire to Washington as well as in the countries of Bahamas, Brazil, Canada, Colombia, Japan, Mexico and Taiwan.

The abbot or prior and a delegate from each of these communities meet every three years to discuss and act on common concerns and issues. Much of the recent meeting focused on the strengthening of the Benedictine character of the schools these communities sponsor.

Two Make First Profession at Saint Benedict's Monastery, Another Begins The Novitiate

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Saint Benedict's Monastery

The Sisters of the Order of Saint Benedict are pleased to announce that two women, Denise Rigby and Janine Mettling, have made their first profession, and one woman, Margaret Wurm, has entered the novitiate.

During the celebration of Evening Prayer on July 11, in the Sacred Heart Chapel at Saint Benedict's Monastery, Novices Denise Rigby and Janine Mettling came before the monastic community and promised “stability, conversion of life and obedience” (Rule of Benedict 58:17). This ended their novitiate and began the three years of first profession.

S. Denese is from Houston, Texas, where she taught high school. Her parents are deceased. She will be teaching at CSB/SJU in the fall.

S. Janine is from Pine City, Minn., where her parents, Paul and Mavis Mettling, reside. She has two sisters and three brothers. Prior to coming to the monastery she taught at Cathedral High School, St. Cloud. She will go back to Cathedral High School this fall.

The year of novitiate, under the director of novices, S. Laureen Virnig, has been a time to help these women begin what will be a lifelong journey of becoming grounded in the essentials of Benedictine monastic life as lived at the monastery.

The time of first profession is one of continuing discernment by each woman and by the community. Living the monastic life, experienced as a novice, will continue. The director of women in first profession, S. Katherine Kraft, will guide and support them as they balance living the monastic life with a full-time ministry.

Margaret Wurm was received as a novice on July 8, in a Rite of Entrance into the Novitiate at Saint Benedict's Monastery.

As a postulant, Margaret worked as a media assistant at Cathedral High School. Her parents, Roger and Marilyn Wurm, live in Maple Lake. She has two brothers and three sisters.

The novitiate is a time to continue to discern if the novice is called to this way of life. It includes common and personal prayer, living the common life, classes, study, work and individual direction.
Henry Jakubowski, CSB/SJU associate professor of chemistry, has received the first Tom Creed Memorial Award for Effective Electronic Pedagogy from the Committee on Academic Computing at CSB/SJU. The annual award recognizes the efforts of CSB/SJU faculty who strive to effectively incorporate information technology and Web applications into their teaching.

Jakubowski developed his own Web-based material for his biochemistry class. He started working with online texts and graphics for his classes in 1996, and he has continually added to the site to the point where he no longer requires the students in his biochemistry class to buy a textbook.

The text is more concise than a normal textbook would be, Jakubowski said, but the site also includes a discussion forum, online quizzes, molecular graphics and links to other sites. “I’m always looking for ways to make the site more interactive,” said Jakubowski, who will continually update the site in order to keep up with the constantly changing field of biochemistry.

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

Creed was diagnosed with colon and liver cancer on Feb. 15, 1999, and died on March 8, 1999, three weeks later. Creed chose to keep teaching until a week before his death, saying “It’s because this is what I truly love to do.”

For several years prior to his death, Creed had worked to develop effective pedagogies using computer and Web applications. His efforts were recognized nationally, within American Association of Higher Education (AAHE), the Bush Collaboration and Professional and Organizational Development Network in Higher Education (POD). He published extensively on this topic and presented many regional workshops to other faculty on the value and use of “Virtual Communal Spaces.”

On campus, his courses had strong electronic components, with text readings largely offered online. The readings were interspersed with interactive exercises to reinforce student comprehension, and with electronic discussions to engage students in reflective discussion. The online components of his class discussions gave students an equal voice in the discussion and allowed class discussion to be less bound by the time constraints of a 70-minute class period. Creed believed that the electronic components of his courses allowed him to focus class time on areas where students demonstrated, during out-of-class discussion, that more instruction was required.

CSB/SJU Psychology Professor and Students Honored

Aubrey Immelman, CSB/SJU professor of psychology, and 17 CSB/SJU student collaborators recently received awards from the Minnesota Chapter of the Society of Professional Journalists. The 2000 Page One Awards recognized columns that appeared in the St. Cloud Times and were the product of the CSB/SJU honors class, “Psychological Assessment of Presidential Candidates,” taught by Immelman.

The group received third-place honors in the category for newspapers with circulation less than 50,000 for its “Political Profiles” series, while Immelman placed first in the general column category for his article, “Personality May Overpower Pundits, Polls in this Election.”

The series of election-year columns was a faculty-student collaboration, in association with the St. Cloud Times, designed to conduct psychological assessments of political candidates and disseminate the findings to the voting public during fall 1999. The project produced 17 in-depth reports and 14 articles written by Immelman as a political columnist.


For a complete index of the articles, visit the Web site at <http://www.sctimes.com/Election/articleindex.htm>.

CSB/SJU will celebrate the holiday season at 8 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 8, with the traditional “Celebrating the Season” concert at the Basilica of Saint Mary in Minneapolis.

Over 200 musicians will perform in the concert, which will include a selection of seasonal music, from classical works to Gregorian chant.

A special tradition at the concert is the donation of 400 loaves of Saint John’s and Saint Benedict’s bread to Catholic Charities of Minneapolis and the Dorothy Day Center of St. Paul.

Because this event has historically sold out, purchasing advance tickets is strongly encouraged. Tickets are available through SJU’s fine arts ticket office at 363-3577. Ticket prices are $13 for adults and $11 for seniors and children under 12. Doors open for the concert at 7:30 p.m.
Fine Arts Series Offers Group Rates For Classes

Fine arts programming has extended its group rate to include the CSB/SJU campus rate. Bring your classes to events on the 2001-2002 Fine Arts Series for less!

CSB/SJU classes of 20 or more when ordering at the same time may purchase tickets at 15 percent off the already 50 percent off-campus rate!

Call Mary Keltgen, box office systems manager, at #5700 to arrange for seating and payment or e-mail her at mkeltgen@csbsju.edu. All tickets must be purchased at the same time in order to receive the group rate. This group rate is intended for CSB/SJU classes and their respective professor. Additional policies will apply for tickets purchased for friends and family. Contact Keltgen with questions.

Note: Single tickets and group rate orders became available Aug. 10.

Fr. Jerome Tupa Appointed Artist in Residence at SJU

Fr. Jerome Tupa, CSB/SJU professor of MCL, has been appointed an artist in residence at SJU for 2001-2002 by Br. Dietrich Reinhardt.

The appointment is recognition of Fr. Jerome’s achievements as a painter, which have been recognized by experts in the field and manifest in the many exhibits which he has presented over several decades in North America and Europe, as well as the books which have accompanied a number of these exhibits.

This appointment is yearly and renewable.

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the Kappa Phi chapter of Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing Spring Scholarly Meeting. Wilcox also presented “Reflections and Images of South Africa” at the Central Minnesota Nurse Recognition Celebration on April 30, in St. Cloud.

Wilcox and Judy Knutson, associate professor of nursing, presented “Our Journey Into Community-Based Clinical: The Development of Non-Traditional Sites in Mental Health and Community Health” at the annual Minnesota Colleges of Nursing Conference in St. Paul.

For the third time in six years, the SJU Men’s Chorus and Axel Theimer, professor of music and director of the Men’s Chorus, have received an invitation to join the Minnesota Orchestra and the Minnesota Chorale in two performances at Orchestra Hall, Oct. 24 and 26.


She was invited by the Instituto Internacional de Literatura Iberoamericana (IILI) to submit her work on Mexican author Juan Rulfo for publication in “Revista Iberoamericana.” Her book review on Borges’s Humor, by René de Costa (Madrid: Cátedra, 1999) is also forthcoming in “Revista Iberoamericana.”

Her book review on Objetos Interiores. Cuentos, by Myriam Bustos (San José: EUNED, 2000) is forthcoming in the journal “Alaluz.”

She was invited by the Academia Mester in Salamanca to deliver a talk on June 9, on “Study Abroad Programs in Spain & Latin America Sponsored by US Universities.”

Martin was a visiting professor at the University of Wyoming (Laramie) where she participated in an intensive course on “The Young Spanish Cinema: From Almodóvar Towards the New Century,” July 9-13.

Anna Thompson, executive director of fine arts programming, was one of 15 selected out of 130 presenters to participate in a summer dance forum at Jacob’s Pillow Aug. 8-11.

The forum focused on three areas: talking dance — an aesthetically-based discussion about experiencing, understanding and articulating dance in its various forms; building relationships — nurturing the matrix of presenter partners, managers, artists, the community and others vital to making and presenting this art form; and delivering dance — the issues, methods, resources and mechanisms of dance presenting and audience building.

On May 19, fine arts programming staff Thompson and Deb Lehman presented with Cheryl Nielsen of District 742 at the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts in Washington D.C. As 1999 Kennedy Center partnership teams, they were asked to address the 2001 team members on what makes for a successful partnership between school district and performing arts organizations.

Fr. Anthony Ruff has accepted an invitation to join the Bishops’ Committee on the Liturgy Subcommittee on Liturgical Music. This committee of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops will be involved in the formulation of national liturgical policies and directives in the light of recent documents from the Holy See.

Michael Hemmesch, SJU director of communication/sports information, was the co-presenter of a workshop titled “Broadcasting on Your Web Site” at the College Sports Information Directors of America summer workshop on July 4, in San Diego, Calif. Hemmesch presented on how and why SJU broadcasts selected athletic events on its Web site. SJU was one of the first Division III institutions in the country to broadcast athletic events on its Web site, beginning in 1997.

Roger Kasprick OSB, CSB/SJU professor of theology, was one of four Northwest School of Agriculture (NWSA) alumni honored as “Top Aggies” for 2001 at NWSA Reunion at the University of Minnesota, Crookston (UMC). The Top Aggie Awards were established in 1970 to honor Northwest School of Agriculture alumni, faculty, and staff who, in the eyes of the NWSA Alumni Association, have had a significant impact on the lives of their fellow citizens through professional and service contributions in their occupations, community, church, education and other service and non-profit organizations.

Chris Freeman, CSB/SJU assistant professor of English, won a 2001 Lambda Award in Gay Studies for The Isherwood Century. For more information, see the Lambda Award’s Web site at http://www.lambdalit.org/index.htm.

CAMPUS NEWS

IECR and SOT Sponsor Writing Contest

The Institute for Ecumenical and Cultural Research on the Saint John’s campus, invites the “new generation,” those born on or after Jan. 25, 1959, to partake in “Kilian at Eighty,” a writing contest in honor of the 80th birthday of Fr. Killian McDonnell, OSB.

CSB/SJU Faculty and Staff Send Earthquake Relief to Gujarat, India

On Jan. 26, 20,000 persons lost their lives and 200,000 were injured during an earthquake that caused enormous damage and devastation in the western state of Gujarat in India. The earthquake, measured at 7.9 on the Richter Scale, also left tens of thousands homeless.

Manju Parikh, CSB/SJU associate professor of political science, sent out an e-mail appeal for donations to help out in the relief work. Many professors and staff members from our two institutions offered generous donations, which totaled $2,000. This donation was sent to SETU: Centre for Social Knowledge and Action, which is an officially recognized non-profit organization engaged in welfare and development work in the region.

The donations were used to provide shelter materials, food grains, blankets and cooking pots to about 4,000 families in 30 villages of two major districts most affected by the earthquake. Special care was taken to reach out and assist low-income communities in the region, such as the Dalits, (formerly called Untouchables) and who are at the bottom of the social hierarchy), Kolis, who are an indigenous tribal community, and Maldharis, who are nomadic pastoralists and Muslims.

The staff at SETU also emphasized the help offered to women within these communities. “We are making special efforts to locate widows and ensure that materials reach them. This is because in some communities widows do not come out often in public and therefore get left out.” In addition, short-term home stays were provided for orphans, widows and children separated from their parents. SETU is now engaged in planning long-term rehabilitation in these villages.

SETU has expressed great appreciation of our community for its generous donations.
Fr. Kilian is founder and president of the IECR and professor emeritus of the Saint John's School of Theology Seminary. The contest also marks his 55th anniversary of monastic profession and 50th anniversary of ordination.

An essay in one of the three categories of the Holy Spirit, the renewal of theology, and ecumenism, or a poem may be submitted to the IERC by Dec. 14. The three categories in the contest are central concerns of McDonnell's scholarship.

In each of the three essay categories, and in the poetry category, there will be a first prize of $2,000, two second prizes of $1,000 each, and two third prizes of $500 each, for a total of $20,000 in prizes for 20 winners. In the spring of 2002, the winners will be brought to Collegeville to meet each other and McDonnell.

The essays and poems will be judged by committees chosen by, and including members of the boards of the IECR and the SOT. Judging will be done anonymously.

For more information on McDonnell, visit www.iecr.org/kilian.osb.html.

Information about “Kilian at Eighty,” including instructions about submitting an essay or poem, can be found at the Institute's Web site, www.iecr.org, and at the Web site of the School of Theology Seminary, www.csbsju.edu/sot. E-mail queries may be sent to phenry@iecr.org, or bcahoy@csbsju.edu.

IN THE MEDIA

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Nick Hayes, McNeely Chair and professor of history, did a one-hour program for MPR's Midday via telephone from Belgrade on June 4. On June 8, the Star Tribune ran an op-ed piece that he wrote.

Roger Young, associate director of admission, was mentioned in an article titled “Visa Denials in China Squeeze School Programs in Minnesota” that ran in the Monday, July 9 issue of the Star Tribune.

Rodney Cunningham, assistant professor of political science, was featured on NewsNight Minnesota on Wednesday, July 11.

An article featuring John Gagliardi, SJU football coach, titled “Just saying no” ran on the Friday, July 13, issue of the Helena, Mont. Independent Record. The article was about Gagliardi's coaching style and success. The story coincided with the reunion weekend at Carroll College, where Gagliardi coached before coming to SJU.

Noreen Herzfeld, associate professor of computer science, was quoted in a June 29 article of The San Diego Union-Tribune titled “Artificial Issues.” The article discusses the recent movie “A.I. Artificial Intelligence” and how the movie challenges viewers to face some of the future's tough questions about religion and ethics. The complete article can be found at <http://pqasb.pqarchiver.com/sandiego/main/document.html?qDesc=&qVpid=6416399881206&FMT=FT&FMTS=FT&FrameName>=

Herzfeld was also mentioned in a March 2001 article in Research News titled “Cyborgs at the American Academy of Religion.” The article mentions that “the highlight of this excellent session was a paper by Noreen Herzfeld.” Herzfeld's paper was titled “Creating in Our Own Image: Artificial Intelligence and the Imago Dei.”

Fr. Jerome Tupa, CSB/SJU professor of MCL and SJU artist in residence, was featured in a June 10 article in The Los Angeles Times, marking the opening of an exhibit, “An Uncommon Mission: Father Jerome Tupa Paints the California Missions,” at the Los Angeles Central Library. The exhibit runs through Nov. 25. The complete article can be found at<http://www.calendarlive.com/top/1,1419,L-LA Times-Search-X IBIblendedSearch,00.html?search_text=jerome%20Tupa& template=search%2Fr esult_list.html&x=40&y=11>

Daniel Finn, CSB/SJU professor of economics and theology, was featured in a July 8 article in the Pioneer Press about his role in representing to the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops the views of theologians about the mandate.

The complete article can be found at http://www.pioneerplanet.com/news/mtc_docs/800 20.htm.
Inside Books

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“Our goal is to amplify other voices that are not being heard,” he said.

Alice Quinn, poetry editor at The New Yorker, expressed optimism about developments in poetry. “So many people are writing well. I see a lot of good writing,” she said.

The Internet provides new ways to reach and connect readers. Online chat groups, fostered by bookstores and The Utne Reader, for example, help generate information and enthusiasm about books readers recommend.

Mark Conway, director of Inside Books, said partnerships among people who value a literate society are a way to combine and conserve resources, improve outreach and strengthen relationships among readers and writers.

“Collaboration is a good model,” he said, pointing out that Inside Books serves as only one example of that model.
Call of the Loon Sets the Tone for Wilderness Walk

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Community editor

The call of the loon launched a recent walking tour of the Saint John’s Arboretum’s Habitat Restoration Project. Of course, there wasn’t a loon in sight. Instead, John Geissler gave his imitation of Minnesota’s favorite bird. Geissler, environmental education coordinator for the Arboretum, led the tour, which was sponsored by Saint John’s Health at Work.

The group was joined by a family visiting from Ireland, and included four youngsters, one of whom mastered the loon’s call at first try, while the adults around him blew hot air into their cupped hands on a hot, humid August day.

The Habitat Restoration Project encompasses a 150-acre area of prairie, wetlands and oak savannah, thereby preserving three increasingly rare native Minnesota habitats, while serving as a living laboratory for CSB/SJU faculty and students.

Less than 1 percent of Minnesota’s original native prairie survives, Geissler said, and Saint John’s tiny preserve offers a glimpse of a grandeur that once was, providing spiritual nourishment for the soul, inspiration for the poet, and data for the scientist.

This unique and complex eco-system sustains a diversity of flora and fauna. Student researchers conduct surveys of the area, and have identified 187 native plant species, 97 species of birds, and 27 butterfly species.

Along the way, the group observed a small, fenced enclosure that Geissler said was installed to protect eggs laid by a snapping turtle.

The group hiked across the wetlands on recently installed boardwalks that provide access to the area without disturbing the fragile wetland. The boardwalks were dedicated on May 19, in a joyous ceremony that paid tribute to the visionary thinking of the late Fr. Paul Schwietz. The founding director of the Arboretum, Fr. Paul first conceived of the idea for the boardwalks 12 years ago.

Along the final leg of the tour through hardwood forest, the group startled a deer, which, in turn, startled the group as it dashed across the path and fled into the trees.

Perhaps inspired by that brush with wildlife, group members swapped stories of chance encounters with bears, giving the children a bit of Minnesota lore to carry back to Ireland.