CSB/SJU announce capital campaigns totaling $230 million

CSB/SJU announced during a campus gathering on Thursday, Oct. 6, capital campaigns totaling $230 million dollars—the largest fund-raising drives in their histories and the third largest capital campaign for higher education in Minnesota. The campaigns will run through 2009 and coincide with the 150th anniversaries of Saint Benedict’s Monastery, Saint John’s Abbey and Saint John’s University.

“This is an extraordinary moment in the history of these two great institutions,” commented Dan Whalen, SJU board chair.

“The fact that we have already received leadership gifts totaling $140 million toward a nearly one-quarter billion dollar goal is remarkable and inspiring,” said Ed Kocourek, CSB board chair.

“The College of Saint Benedict and Saint John’s University have a 40-year partnership that is unique in American higher education today, and that clearly defines our distinctiveness and strength in the academic community,” noted Dr. MaryAnn Baenninger, CSB president.

“Today, we are two of the top three rated Catholic liberal arts colleges in the country,” said Br. Dietrich Reinhart, SJU president. “And together we stand stronger than at any time in our history in terms of overall enrollment, the academic profile of our student body, the strength of our faculty, the depth and breadth of our co-curricular programs and the excellence of our campus facilities.”

The principal focus of the campaigns is support for the undergraduate colleges. CSB/SJU seeks significant capital resources—nearly $185 million—to fund endowments for student financial aid, academic programs and educational initiatives.

To ensure quality, affordability and diversity, the two colleges seek to raise $75 million, which will endow scholarships and need-based financial aid. “Our Benedictine founders gave top priority to providing high-quality education for young men and women. That remains our highest priority today,” said Reinhart.

To further a legacy of academic excellence, the two institutions plan to raise $50 million to fund academic centers, establish endowed chairs and professorships and enhance faculty research and development opportunities.

Of the $140 million raised to date, nearly $60 million has already been pledged in support of scholarships and academic programs, including several endowed chairs and professorships.

The two institutions are also seeking to strengthen the spiritual, social, physical and ethical development of students. “This component of the campaign will support leadership and deepen the Benedictine character of student life on campus,” said Baenninger.

In addition to raising endowment support, two major building projects, totaling $20 million, are underway. The Benedicta Arts Center at Saint Benedict is being expanded and renovated to meet the growing space needs for the fine arts. And Saint John’s Abbey is raising funds for a guest house, currently under construction. The Saint John’s campaign also includes support for the Hill Museum & Manuscript Library and the graduate School of Theology and Seminary.

“At Saint John’s and Saint Benedict’s, we are dedicated to preparing students for leadership and service in an ever-changing world,” noted Reinhart. “Our world needs educated, ethical leaders with integrity, courage and conviction.”

“Our campaigns will enable us to achieve our ambitious vision for the future—to be nationally recognized as premier national liberal arts colleges inspired by our Catholic, Benedictine values,” said Baenninger. “Presently, we are members of the Annapolis Group, a consortium of elite liberal arts colleges that includes other renowned schools such as Amherst, Middlebury, Wellesley, Holy Cross and Bryn Mawr.”
Leadership Gifts to Saint Benedict’s and Saint John’s Campaigns

To date, the following leadership gifts to the CSB and SJU campaigns have been announced:

- $10 million from William and Joyce Sexton Family for Sexton Family Endowed Scholarship, Abbey Guest House, and Athletic Program Endowment
- $5 million from Frank and Julia Ladner for the Frank and Julia Ladner Family Endowed Scholarship and Abbey Guest House
- $5 million from Daniel and Katharine Slaggie for the Frey Family Endowed Professorship and International Student Scholarships
- $3.5 million from Barbara and David Koch for the Koch Endowed Chair in Catholic Thought
- $3.5 million from Steve and Barbara Slaggie for the Abbey Guest House
- $3 million from Tom Petters for the Benedicta Arts Center
- $3 million from Benedict and Dorothy Gorecki for the Benedicta Arts Center
- $2 million from Jim and Mary Frey for the Frey Family Endowed Professorship and Jim and Mary Frey Bible Enterprises Fund
- $2 million from Jim and Theo Baustert for The Saint John’s Bible
- $2 million from Jackie Breher and William Jackson for the J. Breher and W. Jackson Abbey Guest House Endowment
- $1 million from Dan and Mabel Coborn and Coborn’s, Inc. for the Coborn Family CSB/SJU Endowed Scholarship
- $1 million from Diane Liemandt-Reimann and Ron Reimann for the Abbey Guest House and SOT/SEM Endowed Professorship
- $1 million from Greg and Peg Palen for the CSB/SJU Entrepreneurial Leadership Program
- $1 million from Guy and Barbara Schoenecker for CSB/SJU Endowed Scholarship

Presidents’ Forum Highlights

Achievements, Presents Challenges

CSB President MaryAnn Baenninger and SJU President Br. Dietrich Reinhart assessed the results of actions taken over the past year guided by Strategic Directions 2010, and discussed plans to address challenges in providing a premier learning experience during the Presidents’ Forum conducted Sept. 21 in the CSB Alumnae Hall.

The fall faculty workshop was among several notable achievements highlighted. The workshop provided the venue for a conversation about the common curriculum and was the largest single gathering of faculty at these colleges in memory, President Baenninger noted. “The workshop – and the spade work of the New Core Task Force, the division heads, and the Joint Faculty Assembly leadership that preceded it – has provided the spark and momentum to create a new core curriculum that builds on the best and most distinctive elements of a Saint John’s and Saint Benedict education,” she said.

Also highlighted was the recent selection of two interdisciplinary signature programs – international education and environmental studies. The selection process developed by faculty and Academic Affairs leadership is a model for future decision-making, Baenninger said. “We should all take some pride in the quality of our initial signature programs … and we look forward to the identification of new signature programs in the future.”

Br. Dietrich discussed progress in planning and budgeting. “We re-imagined and re-crafted our planning and budget processes to make them more highly integrated and more clearly oriented toward the fulfillment of our strategic aspirations.” These processes are more accessible to the community and open to participation, he said. For example, an admission forum held Oct. 10, and a finance forum scheduled for Nov. 1 provide opportunities both for learning about and contributing to the development of strategic priorities.

Enrollment challenges were met with success this year, he noted, despite an increasingly competitive marketplace. “We made significant progress on all of our major strategic enrollment objectives and again exceeded our overall enrollment goal. In addition to enrolling a new entering class of just over 1,000 students — the second largest among Minnesota’s private colleges — we maintained the class quality, tripled the number of new international students, and met our goals for enrollment of new American students of color” he said, pointing out that this year’s success is “the product of a terrific admission staff and the support and contributions of faculty, coaches and others across the colleges.”

Overall, he said, CSB and SJU are better positioned competitively in terms of total enrollment, student profile, strength of faculty, the depth and breadth of curricular and co-curricular programs, and the quality of campus facilities. “Over the last decade, both the College of Saint Benedict and Saint John’s University have moved up rapidly and significantly in rankings like US News – a reflection of the quality of the choices we have made and the results we have produced.”

Both presidents stressed the important and strategic work of the capital campaigns in securing CSB and SJU as institutions of continued excellence. Each of the three key coordinate campaign priorities — student financial aid, academic
and faculty support, and student development — supports a critical element of Strategic Directions 2010. Building a strong scholarship and financial aid endowment will insure access to CSB and SJU for students from a variety of socio-economic backgrounds and geographic locations and increase the cultural, racial, and ethnic diversity of the student body, President Baenninger said.

Investments in and support for exceptional teaching and learning are planned to create academic centers of distinction, establish chairs and professorships in a select number of departments and interdisciplinary programs, strengthen student learning in the classroom, support faculty research, development and renewal, and recognize faculty achievement,” Br. Dietrich said.

Looking ahead, President Baenninger announced that a series of campus conversations are planned to examine the intellectual culture at CSB/SJU. She urged widespread participation to consider such questions as “What should we expect of our students?” and “What should they expect of us?”

“How we as a community understand and respond to those questions has enormous implications for student recruitment and the student experience,” she said.

Br. Dietrich also spoke of the imperative to promote diversity and prepare students to be culturally conscious and competent. “That is both a demand and an expectation of 21st century higher education institutions — as well as reflective of our Catholic and Benedictine values.” It is also a key priority of both Boards, he noted. “We have for too long placed too much responsibility for ‘being diverse’ on students, faculty or staff from non-majority cultures. It is our intention to begin this fall to more fully engage these two communities in a dialogue about intercultural engagement and competence.”

President Baenninger issued a challenge to put students first as the campus communities confront the challenges ahead. “We have many challenges in front of us – challenges that will continue to require that we listen to each other, think creatively and put the interests of our students first.”

SJU Honors Ed Henry with Professorship in His Name

SJU has announced the establishment of the Edward L. Henry Professorship in honor of Distinguished Service Professor Dr. Edward L. Henry, who developed and chaired SJU’s emerging political science department for 17 years, from 1954-1971, and was later vice president and founder of the university’s development department from 1974-1976. The announcement was made at a reception honoring Henry during homecoming festivities on Sept. 30.

A 1943 SJU graduate, Henry has a prolific and distinguished record in education, public service, journalism, business and the military. In addition to his tenure as professor and vice president at SJU, he served as chief executive at four higher education institutions, was mayor of St. Cloud for seven years and headed a variety of state organizations and associations in Minnesota and Vermont.

In addition to developing and chairing the university’s emerging political science department, he launched a foundation-funded honors program between Saint John’s, the College of Saint Benedict and St. Cloud State University (the first cooperative effort between these three institutions) and, with funds from a Ford Foundation grant, founded the first small-city research center in the nation—the Center for the Study of Local Government—which operated at Saint John’s from 1968-1979. Henry was named a Distinguished Service Professor in 1975.

While a professor at SJU, Henry was elected mayor of St. Cloud for two terms from 1964-71. He launched the city on a vigorous program of civic renewal that brought it All-American City status in 1973. He led a successful fight against the state’s largest utility to impose a franchise tax on St. Cloud and another to protect the city water supply. Social concerns led his administration to launch the first elderly and low-income housing program in rural Minnesota, to set up the still active St. Cloud Housing Authority and to found Tri-Cap, the first multi-jurisdictional anti-poverty program in rural America, also still active. St. Cloud Mayor John Ellenbecker declared Friday, Sept. 30, 2005, as Ed Henry Day in St. Cloud.

Henry’s career at SJU paused in 1972, while he began another career as president of St. Mary’s College, Notre Dame from 1972-74, at a time this college suffered declining enrollments and budget deficits. Under his leadership, it recovered fully and began receiving consistently high marks in national college rankings.

Henry returned to SJU to a position as vice president and founder of the university’s development department.
CSB Names New Trustees

CSB has appointed the following new members to its Board of Trustees: Harvey Chase Jewett, IV, president of The Rivett Group, LLC; Thomas L. Schlough, president of Park Industries, Inc.; James Phillip Roers, president of Roers’ Construction and Development; Gregory J. Duppler, senior vice president of merchandising at Target Stores; S. Nancy Bauer, prioress at Saint Benedict’s Monastery; Beth Ann Dinndorf, senior vice president, chief financial officer, and treasurer of Nash Finch Company; and CSB student trustee Sara Honkomp, a senior in social work from St. Cloud.

Jewett serves as president of the Rivett Group, LLC. He is a member of the Board of Directors at D&K Healthcare Systems and is involved with Hatterscheidt Foundation; University of South Dakota Law School Foundation; Super 8 Motels, Inc. Franchisee Advisory Board; Catholic Foundation for Eastern South Dakota, as well as other organizations. He received his undergraduate as well as his law degree from University of South Dakota.

Since 1969, Schlough has been owner and CEO of Park Industries Inc., where he currently serves as president. He graduated in 1965 from the University of Minnesota with a degree in mechanical engineering and served in the U.S. Army from 1967-1969.

Roers serves as president of Roers’ Construction and Development. He is active with the Association of Building Contractors, S.E. Workforce Training Board, N.D. Board of Higher Education Roundtable and the N.D. Realtors’ Association. Roers earned an associate degree in 1974, at the University Of Minnesota, Crookston, and graduated in 1976, from North Dakota State University with a degree in animal science.

Duppler serves as senior vice president of merchandising at Target Stores. His professional affiliations include the Private Label Manufacturing Association, Grocery Manufacturers of America, Royal Horticulture Society and Retail Industry Leaders Association. He holds de-
degrees in marketing and management from the University of Wisconsin.

Bauer is the prioress at Saint Benedict’s Monastery. Prior to her recent election in February as prioress, she was vice chancellor for the Diocese of St. Cloud. Previously, she worked for two decades as a reporter/photographer and editor for the St. Cloud Visitor. She holds a bachelor’s degree in photojournalism from the University of Minnesota, a master’s degree in theology from SJU and a doctorate in canon law from The Catholic University of America. She is a member of the Canon Law Society of America.

Dinndorf serves as national sales manager for student loans and senior vice president of Wells Fargo Bank. She previously held positions as division manager and vice president at American National Bank in St. Paul and as division manager and senior vice president at U.S. Bank in Minneapolis. She is a member of the Minnesota State Bar Association. She previously served on the CSB Board of Trustees, 1988-1997; Minnesota Private College Council Board, 1998-1999; and as chair of the CSB Alumnae Council, 1985-1988. Dinndorf earned a bachelor’s degree in mathematics from CSB in 1973, and a law degree from William Mitchell College of Law in 1982.

Stewart has been with Nash Finch Company since 1999, serving as senior vice president, chief financial officer and treasurer. Prior to that, she held positions with Ernst & Young, and Enron Europe. She is a member of Financial Executives International, American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and Institute of Management Accountants. She earned a bachelor’s degree in accounting from CSB in 1987, and a master’s degree in finance in 1997, from the Wharton School in Philadelphia.

Honkomp is serving in her second year on the CSB Student Senate, where her duties include but are not limited to an executive board position and a seat on the Student Development Committee. She is also the president of the social work club, a member of College Democrats and a student representative to the social work advisory board.

While at CSB, she has interned at the St. Cloud Area Crisis Nursery and at the St. Cloud Hospital as a social work intern. She currently works at the St. Cloud Hospital and at the career resource center as a career assistant. Her volunteer work has included tutoring through VISTO, serving on an alternative spring break trip and assisting as a child’s advocate at Anna Marie’s in St. Cloud. In the fall of 2004, Honkomp studied abroad in Australia. She plans to attend law school after graduation.
SJU recently named Jackie Breher, Steven T. Halverson, William H. Kling, Diane Liemandt-Reimann, Kathleen Norris, Fred Senn and Fr. Robert Koopmann, OSB to three-year terms on its Board of Regents, beginning this fall. Faculty representative Dr. Richard Albares was named to a two-year term, while student representative Cody Fischer was named to a one-year term.

Breher serves as a community volunteer and has been a trustee of The College of St. Catherine, and a board member of the SJU Hill Museum & Manuscript Library. Breher majored in library science/information management and education at St. Catherine.

Halverson is president and chief executive officer of The Haskell Company, an integrated design-build organization with operations throughout the United States and Latin America. Halverson received his bachelor’s degree from SJU in 1976, his law degree from American University in Washington, D.C., and has completed postgraduate work at Dartmouth College Tuck School of Business.

Kling is president and CEO of American Public Media Group (APMG). APMG is the non-profit parent company of Minnesota Public Radio (MPR), Southern California Public Radio (SCPR), American Public Media (APM) and the sole shareholder of the for-profit Greenspring Company. Kling also serves as chief executive officer of MPR/APM and of Greenspring Company. He holds a bachelor’s degree in economics from SJU in 1964, and completed graduate studies at the Graduate School of Communication Arts at Boston University.

Liemandt-Reimann is chair of the Liemandt Foundation of Texas, a director of Trilogy Software of Austin, Texas. She is vice-chair of the Saint John’s School of Theology•Seminary Board of Overseers. Liemandt-Reimann served as a SJU Regent from 1995-2004. She was educated at the College of St. Scholastica, Duluth, and the University of Illinois.

Norris is an award-winning writer, poet and essayist. Her books, including Dakota: A Spiritual Geography, The Cloister Walk and Amazing Grace: A Vocabulary of Faith, have inspired and encouraged untold numbers of modern-day spiritual pilgrims. Norris has been published in anthologies, magazines and journals, including The New Yorker and The New York Times Magazine. Norris received her bachelor’s degree from Bennington College. She was the 11th recipient of the Colman J. Barry Award at SJU.

Senn is the founding partner of Fallon Worldwide. Today, Senn’s role at the agency is less involved with account management and more involved with talent development as Fallon expands both its scope of services and its geographic reach. In this capacity, he is the “Chief Learning Officer,” runs Fallon University, and guest lectures at the University of Minnesota’s Carlson School of Management. Senn graduated from SJU in 1964 with a bachelor’s degree in art and a minor in English.

Koopmann, a 1968 graduate of SJU, is professor of music at CSB/SJU and has been on the faculty since 1975. Koopmann is active as a concert pianist, and is also organist and director of music for Saint John’s Abbey. A faculty resident in the student residence halls since 1981, Koopmann has also directed and taught many cultural tours for college students and teachers’ groups to New York City and places in Europe and Africa, including the CSB/SJU Salzburg and South Africa programs. His doctorate is from the University of Iowa, with other degrees from the University of Wisconsin and SJU, and post-doctoral work at The Royal Academy in London and The Juilliard School in New York. Koopmann was a SJU Regent from 1993-2003.

Dr. Richard Albares, faculty representative, is associate professor of sociology at CSB/SJU and vice-chair of the Joint Fac-
Faculty Assembly. A native Californian, Albares did his undergraduate study at the University of California at Riverside, the UC Study Center in Göttingen, Germany, and finally at UC-Berkeley, where he graduated Phi Beta Kappa in 1965. He earned his doctorate at the University of Chicago with a dissertation on politics and social structure among German-Americans in the early 20th century. Albares came to CSB/SJU in 1975 after a few years of teaching at the University of Chicago and Northwestern University.

Fischer, student representative, is a junior economics major from Owatonna, Minn. Fischer is a Saint John’s senator, resident assistant, president of the Investment Club and coordinator for the VISTO Big Brothers Big Sisters program. He is involved with the Entrepreneurial Scholars Program and spent four weeks in China last summer. As part of the Entrepreneurial Program, he’s part of the group that is opening a coffee shop in Clemens Library this October. Entirely a student project from conception to launch, it will be the first continually operating student business sponsored by the CSB/SJU Donald McNeely Center for Entrepreneurship. After graduation, he hopes to enroll in graduate school to study international relations.

Lilly Endowment Awards
Sustainability Grant to Saint John’s

The Vocation Project at Saint John’s has recently been awarded a $500,000 sustainability grant through Lilly Endowment Inc. The grant is part of a larger award recently announced by the Indianapolis-based Endowment, in the amount of $17.8 million, to extend the programs in colleges that received earlier grants for its Programs for the Theological Exploration of Vocation initiative.

In 2001, SJU received a grant from the Endowment, in the amount of $1,999,155, that funded the program Theological Exploration of Vocation: Educating for Leadership in Church and Society Project, more familiarly known at CSB/SJU as the Vocation Project. Since then, programs for students, faculty and staff have been initiated to strengthen SJU’s institutional commitment to prepare young people for leadership in church and society.

The Vocation Project is an institution-wide project integrating campus and community life experiences among the students, faculty and staff of CSB/SJU. Its purpose is to create and sustain an environment where the call to serve the church and society is reflected and acted upon, so that students will be prepared for meaningful life work that emerges from and is rooted in faith commitment. Programming for students emphasizes ministerial formation for theology majors and minors, and collaborative programming with the Men’s Center incorporates a vocational element. In addition, faculty and staff are prepared to effectively guide and direct students in vocational discernment through programs such as Community Conversations, Lunch and Learn, and reading groups focused on a Benedictine value.

“The center of our sustainability proposal is the establishment of the Office of Mission, Vocation and Ministry, an office which will help us sustain the Benedictine charism on our two campuses as the number of Benedictine monks and sisters declines,” said Maureen Otremba, director of the SJU Vocation Project.

“This grant will allow us to embed the most fruitful of the activities sponsored by that project these last years into the ongoing life of CSB/SJU,” said Dietrich Reinhardt, SJU president. “It is a powerful support for our efforts to preserve and perpetuate the Catholic and Benedictine character of the two institutions.”
Tom Kroll went to San Antonio to assist with Hurricane Katrina relief efforts. He returned home inspired by the very people he went to help. Kroll, director of the Saint John’s Arboretum and Abbey land manager, volunteered to work with the U.S. Forest Service, which was asked by FEMA to assist with the hurricane disaster.

Kroll left for Texas on Sept. 6, assigned as an information officer to an Incident Command Team for a two-week rotation at a shelter for evacuees. Incident Command Teams consist primarily of foresters and were organized originally to fight major forest fires. However, because of its organizational expertise in mobilizing these teams on short notice, the U.S. Forest Service is often asked to assist with other emergencies, Kroll explained.

As an information officer, Kroll helped process the dozens of media requests for information and interviews. On his busiest day, for example, his team of two Red Cross volunteers and another forester from Denver led 37 separate local, national and international media tours through the shelter. His team also published a daily newspaper outlining the important meetings or services that were scheduled at the shelter.

Prior to his arrival, the San Antonio police and fire departments, the Red Cross and other emergency personnel had set up shelters in four abandoned buildings, housing a peak of 12,000 evacuees by Sept. 1. That number dropped to approximately 5,000 by Sept. 12, including 980 in the building where Kroll worked. He described the facility as a 1/4 mile-long warehouse in the decommissioned Kelly Air Force Base. The evacuees slept on cots in a large room that accommodated 500. Each cot was allotted 40-square-feet, in accordance with Red Cross standards. “It was all very clean, neat and orderly, considering the situation,” Kroll said.

He said he was most impressed by the “unassailable human spirit” he encountered. Many of the people he met told stories of their survival, enduring days without food, escaping flooded homes on rooftops or in boats, or sharing what little they had with others.

Emotions ranged from despair and grief to joyful reunions. Despite the trauma and loss they had suffered, Kroll said the evacuees had an amazing resiliency. During his 14-day tour, there were 12 weddings at the shelter conducted by Army chaplains.

In addition to medical and other emergency services on hand at the shelter, Kroll described both the ordinary as well as extraordinary routines, provisions and activities that created this temporary community. The U.S. Postal Service established separate zip codes for each building and provided evacuees with new addresses. Free local and long-distance phone service was provided, along with internet access. A strong police and National Guard presence enforced a sense of security. Three chaplains were on duty. Recreational activities and day care were provided. A library was established, along with a beauty salon and barbershop. The U.S. Customs Service donated several truck loads of confiscated counterfeit designer clothes, which, along with other donations, were distributed by the Salvation Army and Red Cross.

“There was almost a carnival atmosphere at times,” Kroll said, explaining that so many well-wishers wanted to help that there was a steady stream of visitors — including the New Orleans Saints football team — stopping by to entertain or interact with the evacuees.

“The place was not depressing. In fact, most evacuees I talked to were grateful. “They were gracious, grateful and thoughtful,” he said. “They were always thanking us.”

And yet, Kroll said, he too is grateful for the opportunity Saint John’s provided him to participate in such an outpouring of human empathy.
Read Any Good Books Lately?

The CSB/SJU Bookstores has an exhibit featuring book titles recommended by Bishop John Kinney, Abbot John Klassen, CSB President MaryAnn Baenninger, former Prioress Ephrem Hollermann and SJU President Dietrich Reinhart. Their recommendations are listed as follows:

Bishop John Kinney
Master and Commander and the seafaring series by Patrick O’Brien
Paul, His Story by Murphy O’Connor
The First Ladies Detective Agency and series by Alexander McCall Smith
Five Loaves and Two Fishes by Cardinal Francis Xavier Thuan
Silence by Endo

Abbot John Klassen
The Fabric of the Cosmos by Brian Green
Swift Lord, You are Not! by Kilian McDonnell
The Life You Save May Be Your Own by Paul Elie
At Home in the Cosmos by David Toolan
The Other Hand of God by Kilian McDonnell
Deeper Than Darwin by John Haught
Believe that I am Here by Nicole Gaussserson
The Last Report on the Miracles at Little No Horse by Louise Erdrich

President MaryAnn Baenninger
The Beekeeper’s Apprentice by Laurie King
Folly by Laurie King
Gaudy Night by Dorothy Sayers
Strong Poison by Dorothy Sayers
Markings by Dag Hammarskjöld
Peace Like a River by Leif Enger

Former Prioress Ephrem Hollermann
Poverty of Spirit by Johannes Baptist Metz
Madeleine Delbrel: A Life Beyond Boundaries by Charles F. Mann
The Stream and the Sapphire by Denise Levertov
Survival or Prophecy? The Letters of Thomas Merton and Jean Leclercq ed. Patrick Hart

President Dietrich Reinhart
The Angel with One Hundred Wings by David Horch
The Sparrow & Children of God by Maria Doria Russell
A Trip to the Stars by Nicholas Christopher
Peace Like a River by Leif Enger
Dark River & Nightland by Louis Owens
Station Island by Seamus Heaney
Atlantis by Mark Doty
Selected Poems by Rainer Maria Rilke
(Ed. Stephen Mitchell)
The Essential Rumi Trans. Coleman Barks
Holocaust Poetry by Hilda Schiff
Voices in the Night by Dietrich Bonhoeffer
Writings by Pierre Teilhard de Chardin
Opening to You by Norman Fischer
Rabbi Paul by Bruce Chilton
Paul: His Story by Jerome Murphy-O’Connor
What’s Right with Islam by Imam Feisal Abdul Rauf
Family Matters by Rohinton Minstry
CSB/SJU Sports Medicine Program Receives National Recognition

The CSB/SJU Sports Medicine program was formally recognized last July by the National Strength and Conditioning Association for successfully meeting established educational program criteria in strength and conditioning. The NSCA is a worldwide authority on strength and conditioning which supports and disseminates research-based knowledge and its practical application to improve athletic performance and fitness.

Donald McNeely Center for Entrepreneurship to Expand Outreach

Submitted by Amy Leither, coordinator, Donald McNeely Center for Entrepreneurship

The Center for Entrepreneurship has received a confirmation of a five-year partnership with BestPrep, a statewide non-profit organization whose mission is to provide all Minnesota students with the knowledge and skills to face future economic challenges. The Center for Entrepreneurship and BestPrep share a commitment to build alliances among students as future entrepreneurs, faculty, and experienced entrepreneurs in service to communities, organizations and individuals.

Through this partnership, SJU will host one of BestPrep’s premier programs, Minnesota Business Venture (MBV). MBV provides an experiential opportunity for high school students to learn about starting a business, career opportunities, how to invest and how to make the most of their money. During MBV, students improve their communication and teamwork skills as their “company” works together to create a business plan from conception and production to marketing and sales.

Through MBV, the Center for Entrepreneurship will coordinate opportunities for alums to spend time on campus with hands-on student involvement, college student volunteers from the current E-scholars (Entrepreneurial Scholars) program, highlighting current student-run campus businesses and offering expert resources to increase student awareness of social entrepreneurship and social responsibility. MBV will also provide CSB/SJU the opportunity to demonstrate to college-bound students an example of higher education that not only embraces and supports entrepreneurial spirit, but has an innovative program dedicated to the education of successful entrepreneurship, and recognizes entrepreneurship as a life-long career in any industry.

Faculty/Staff News

Maribeth Overland, director of student activities and leadership development at CSB/SJU, has been selected to attend the National Forum on Leadership Education: A Focus on Authenticity Dec. 4-6, at George Mason University in Fairfax, Va.

John Brandl, professor of economics, discussed “A Public Policy Response to Hurricane Katrina” on Sept. 29, in the Alcuin Library. During the discussion, he considered the appropriate policy responses to Hurricane Katrina’s devastation in light of other recent U.S. disasters.

Anna Thompson, executive director of fine arts programming at CSB/SJU, attended the Dance/USA On Tour conference in Minneapolis Oct. 1-2. Dance/USA On Tour is the national service organization for professional dance. Thompson, who serves on its national board, introduced the keynote speaker at the conference. In addition, she recently presented at a conference for Arts Midwest in Indianapolis, IN on “Presenting 101: a Hitchhiker’s Guide to the Galaxy.”

The State Indoor Radon Grant (SIRG) awards for the Oct. 2005 to Oct. 2006 period have been announced, and, despite a drastic reduction in program funds, the program directed by physics professor Daniel Steck will be fully funded based on a competitive review. New program activities began on October 1.

Gar Kellom, SJU vice president for student development, was the John Henry Hobart Fellow in Residence at Hobart College on Oct. 18 - 19.

Addy Spitzer, director, CSB/SJU International Student Program Office, hosted a gathering of the Minnesota International Educators Sept. 20, in the Theresa Reception Center, CSB Main Building. The group consists of international educators from all colleges in Minnesota who gather to exchange ideas, get updates on immigration and share other new information. The gathering included Judith Labrosse from the IRS and Scott Borene an immigration lawyer. CSB President Dr. MaryAnn Baenninger gave opening remarks to welcome the group. Also attending from CSB/SJU were Roger Young, director of international admission, and Amy VanSurksum, academic advisor to international students. Alex Schleper, from the Saint John’s Preparatory School, also attended.

Kenneth Jones, professor of history and director of Learning Enhancement Service (LES), was invited to Salish Kootenai College in September to give a presentation at their opening faculty workshop on “Best Practice: Reminders on Strategies that Enhance Student Learning.” SKC was founded by the
Confederated Salish and Kootenai tribes in 1976, on the Flathead Indian Reservation and currently serves approximately 1,200 students from 55 tribes at its campus in Pablo, Mont. He also did a formative evaluation for SKC on its Bush faculty development grant as part of his role in the Consulting/Evaluation Service of the Collaboration for the Advancement of College Teaching and Learning. In August, he presented on the same topic at the fall faculty workshop for Bethany Lutheran College in Mankato.

Leigh Dillard, assistant professor of theater, will perform in "From the Horse’s Mouth: Magical Tales of Real Dancers" at Southern Theater in Minneapolis Oct. 27-30.

Heidi S. Harlander, director of SJU Career Services, Jason Kelly, associate director, CSB/SJU Academic Advising, and Mark Shimota, assistant director, CSB/SJU Academic Advising, presented their invited talk, ATLAS: Achieving Through Learning and Searching, at the annual National Academic Advising Association conference held Oct. 5-8, in Las Vegas. The talk was selected as a two-hour preconference workshop. Mary Harlander-Locke, director CSB Career Services, assisted in preparing the workshop.

Miguel Diaz, associate professor of theology, has been invited to give the address at the 2007 Landregan Lecture, presented by the Institute for Religious and Pastoral Studies at the University of Dallas. The Landregan Lecture was inaugurated in 1999 to honor Steven T. Landregan, UD alumnus, prominent churchman, former editor of the Texas Catholic, and patron of permanent deacons in the diocese of Dallas. Speakers are nationally prominent figures whose area of expertise reflects the many interests that have animated Mr. Landregan throughout his long, distinguished, and continuing career of service to the Church in North Texas. Previous speakers have included Joseph Martos, the Rev. Joseph A. Fitzmyer, S.J., Archbishop Michael Sheehan, R. Scott Appleby, Toni Craven, and Robert Barron. This year’s speaker is Margaret Steinfels.

### In the Media

**Peggy Gagliardi**, retired SJU athletic department administrative assistant and wife of head football coach John Gagliardi, had a recipe for “Peggy’s Meatballs” featured in a September issue of *Sports Illustrated*. Gagliardi’s recipe was featured with four others submitted from the wives of NCAA Division I head football coaches at Penn State, Wisconsin, Tennessee and Florida State.

**Jason Laker**, dean of campus life at SJU, was quoted in a Sept. 28 *St. Cloud Times* article titled “Sons celebrate reunion with father, embrace educational opportunities.” In the article, profiling five Somali brothers who enrolled in area schools this fall, Laker is credited with helping to raise money for the boys’ reunion with their father.

**Victor Klimoski**, director of lifelong learning at the St. John’s School of Theology, was mentioned in the Sept. 24 *New York Times* article “Ban on Same-Sex Attraction and Sexual Activity Could Be a Crucial Issue for Catholics’ Attitudes.”

**Mike Ewing**, director of counseling at CSB/SJU, was quoted in the Sept. 19 *St. Cloud Times* article “Counselors give advice for dealing with tragedy.”

Tom Kroll, the SJU arboretum director and Abbey land manager who has been aiding Hurricane Katrina evacuees in Texas, was profiled in the Sept. 14 *St. Cloud Times*. He was also recently featured on WCCO-AM Radio, the Minnesota News Network and in the *St. Cloud Visitor*.

Kay Wolsborn, professor of political science, was quoted in the Associated Press State & Local Wire article “For new conservatives, a new source of information.”

CSB/SJU Associate Professor of Economics **Louis Johnston** was a guest Sept. 21 on Minnesota Public Radio’s Midday Program “Will Katrina have lasting economic impact?” The archived version of the program is available on the MPR Web site at http://www.publicradio.org/tools/media/player/news/midday/2005/09/21_midday1. There also is a link to the site on the CSB/SJU News Web page at http://www.csbsju.edu/news/

### The Welcome Mat

*We welcome the following to the CSB/SJU community:*

- Patrick Hegel, Admission
- Elizabeth Owens, Liturgical Press
- Stephanie Lancour, Liturgical Press
- Meghan Orgeman, Psychology Department
- Joseph Rogers, Asian Studies
- Kathleen McCarney, Admission
- Adam Seifermann, Life Safety
- Michael Garvey, Life Safety
- Celest Stang, Communication and Marketing
- Brian Woods, Liturgical Press
- Susannah Zitur, Institutional Advancement

### Farewell to Friends

Jennifer Anderson, Dining Service
An Ounce of Prevention...

By Nichole Erpelding & Michele Naegeli, nursing majors

October is cancer awareness month; however, cancer prevention and early detection are important year-round. Be aware of lifestyle factors which could impact your health. Gender, race, age and family history you’re stuck with, but it is important to act on the factors that can be modified to reduce the risk of cancer.

A good place to start is by taking the Great American Health Check found at www.cancer.org. It only takes a few minutes and provides a personalized wellness plan as a guide to modifying specific risk factors.

The following are general ways to reduce your risk of cancer:

Diet
- At least 3 ounces of whole grains per day
- 2-1/2 cups vegetables and 2 cups of fruit per day
- Limit red meat consumption
- Consume low-fat dairy products
- For more information visit www.ring.com/health/food/food.htm

Exercise
- Consult your health-care provider before beginning any exercise program.
- Engage in moderate activity for at least 30 minutes five days per week or more. Simple things like taking the stairs can make a difference.
- For tips on how to get started visit www.acefitness.org

Social habits
- Limit alcohol consumption to one drink per day which is equivalent to 1.5 ounces of 80 proof liquor, 12 ounces of regular beer, or 5 ounces of wine.
- QUIT SMOKING!!!
- For help with smoking cessation visit www.quitplan.com

Early detection saves lives! Self-screenings like breast self-exam and testicular self-exam are important tools for cancer prevention. Equally as important are physical exams. If you detect irregularities or changes in health status, make an appointment to see your health care provider.