

CSB|SJU Community

A Newsletter for the faculty and staff of the CSB/SJU undergraduate program

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Smorynski Named as Provost for Academic Affairs

Henry Smorynski, currently vice president for academic affairs and professor of political science at Lewis University in Illinois, has been appointed CSB/SJU provost for academic affairs. CSB President Mary E. Lyons and SJU President Br. Dietrich Reinhart, OSB, announced the appointment, effective July 1.

Smorynski has held his current position at Lewis University since 1991. Prior to that he was dean of the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences at Marywood University in Scranton, Penn., and chair of health services administration at Sangamon State University in Illinois.

He has taught public administration and political science at several institutions, including St. Thomas in St. Paul. He is a graduate of St. Procopius (now Benedictine University) in Illinois, and has master's and doctoral degrees from Georgetown University in Washington.

Smorynski will have overall responsibility for academic matters within the colleges, including curriculum, planning, assessment, budget, rank and tenure, and faculty governance. He will oversee deans of the college at both



Henry Smorynski

CSB and SJU as well as the dean of the School of Theology/Seminary at Saint John's.

He will succeed Neil Thorburn, who has served as interim provost since July 1999.

"Henry Smorynski is an experienced administrator with a proven record of leadership in academic innovations, management and planning, and faculty governance," Lyons and Reinhart said in a joint statement. "His commitment to academic excellence and continuous improvement with measurable outcomes, and his embrace of a diversified campus are assets in tune with our own priorities. We appreciate, as well, his articulation of the changing dynamic that globalization brings to higher education," they said.

In addition to his administrative experience, Smorynski brings more than 18 years of classroom teaching experience at five institutions, a record of research in public health issues, and public service both in public health and in education.

Research Program Links Environmental Study with Benedictine Heritage

prepared by Glenda Isaacs Burgeson, Community editor

CSB/SJU faculty and students will study environmental stewardship within the context of their Catholic, Benedictine tradition, in a pilot program funded by the National Conferences on Undergraduate Research, Inc. (NCUR) and the Lancy Foundation.

"A Sense of Place: Environmental Stewardship in a Benedictine Community" is designed as a team-centered, interdisciplinary summer research program providing students the opportunity to work closely with faculty. Funded in the amount of \$43,484, it is one of only four projects awarded out of more than 40 proposals.

"The program will develop the idea of a 'sense of place' as it has been practiced by our monastic members and by CSB/SJU students since the institutions' founding nearly a century and a half ago," said Marcus Webster, author of the proposal and project director. Webster is CSB/SJU associate professor of biology.

Webster said the program's goal is to expand upon the

Benedictine centuries-old tradition of stewardship, a tradition in evidence throughout the combined campuses of 2,800 acres featuring a restored shortgrass prairie, oak savannah, mixed maple-basswood forests, as well as glacial lakes and potholes. That tradition incorporates both practical and sacred functions, Webster noted. The land has provided the means for food, fuel, water and shelter; it also has served as a source for recreation and contemplation.

Students, along with their faculty mentors, will organize into three teams to investigate the history of environmental stewardship, practical applications in use today and future sustainability of the growing university in its natural setting. By focusing on the sequential interactions — past, present and future — between the inhabitants and the land, the students will discover and document their institutional heritage while working to perpetuate that heritage for the future.

"The sense of place that serves as the linchpin of this research program is grounded in the Benedictine commitment to stability," said Abbot John Klassen.



Carol Johannes



Mary Niedenfuer

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Extraordinary Performance Recipients Named

*prepared by Herb Trenz,
human resources director*

Carol Johannes of the theology and service learning departments and Mary Niedenfuer of the modern and classical languages department were recently selected as the Fall 2000 recipients of the EOP award.

They were recognized at a luncheon held on their behalf on Dec. 18, with their invited guests and those who nominated them for the award. Each recipient received a desk clock, savings bond and a personal day off with pay to commemorate their selection.

Please congratulate them for the contributions they make to our community.

"The understanding that we gain from our scholarly inquiries into environmental stewardship allows us to re-invest in the land, to change harmful or non-optimal practices on campus, and to renew precious habitats. This project, in particular, allows us to situate our efforts within the larger history of stewardship at Saint Ben's and Saint John's."

Because community is an essential component of Benedictine tradition and sense of place, one defining characteristic of the program is the development of intellectual and social connections among the students and their researchers. Students will live together with 24-hour access to a lounge/library established for group meetings, discussions and social use. Projects will involve individual as well as collaborative efforts; and activities will include nature hikes, field trips and social events.

The NCUR/Lancy Program will enhance an existing institutional commitment to solving environmental problems in central Minnesota through interdisciplinary research and outreach, Webster said. The environmental studies program, an interdisciplinary minor established in 1993, has recently been strengthened with the award of Bush Foundation funding for an Environmental Studies Learning Community to begin in the Fall 2001.

Cheryl Knox, SJU dean of the college, said the NCUR/Lancy funding will reinforce support of undergraduate research across the disciplines. "Since 1997, as a goal of our strategic plan, we have sought to broaden opportunities for students from all disciplines — from the fine arts to physical education — to participate with their faculty mentors in advanced research or creative work. Success of this program will help us achieve that goal," she said.

Faculty mentors represent a broad cross-section of disciplines and a range of experience working with undergraduate researchers in the field, laboratory, libraries and community. They include: Richard Bresnahan, master potter and artist-in-residence; Gordon Brown, associate professor of biology and environmental studies program co-director; Larry Davis, assistant professor of geology; Ernest Diedrich, professor of economics; Karen Ericson, associate professor of French; Kate Graham, associate professor of chemistry; William Lamberts, assistant professor of biology; Derek Larson, instructor of history and environmental studies program co-director; Jamie Partridge, assistant professor of management and environmental studies program co-director; and Stephen Saupe, professor of biology.

The NCUR/Lancy Program aims to build communities of student and faculty scholars spanning the academic disciplines and focused on a unifying theme. Students selected for the program will be designated Lancy Scholars, in honor of Leslie Lancy, whose estate provides the funds and whose memory inspires the effort to launch the program. An electro-chemist and pioneer in chemical recycling, the

founder of Lancy Laboratories and a man of modest origins, Lancy hired dozens of bright, young students with limited financial resources who, like him, were working their way through college.

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.

Kennedy Center Exec to Speak at Saint Benedict's

*prepared by Mike Boerboom, communication
and marketing services student writer*

Barbara Shepherd, program manager of the Partnership Program at the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts in Washington, D.C., will be the keynote speaker when the Minnesota Presenters Network convenes at CSB for its winter meeting Feb. 2, at the Benedicta Arts Center.

The Minnesota Presenters Network (MPN) is a consortium of presenting organizations in Minnesota ranging from small local community groups to large university and municipal presenters. Its goal is to support and enrich the activities of presenting organizations in Minnesota. These activities serve Minnesota communities, both rural and urban, by providing opportunities for public participation, increased exposure, and access to live performances by local, regional and international artists.

The Partnership Program, which began its relationship with the College of Saint Benedict, Saint John's University and District 742 schools in Saint Cloud in 1999, is designed to help cultural organizations develop and expand educational partnerships with their local school systems, with an emphasis on the professional development of teachers. The program is based on the belief that the professional development of teachers is an essential component of any effort designed to increase the artistic literacy of young people. The Kennedy Center's extensive experience with its local professional development program, established in 1976, provides the basis for this national program. Currently the program maintains relationships with 74 communities in 40 states and Mexico. Partnership teams consist of a representative of a cultural organization and a representative of a neighboring school system. The state of Minnesota currently contains two communities in the partnership program: St Paul (Ordway/St. Paul Public Schools), selected in 1991, and Collegeville (College of Saint Benedict/Saint John's University/ District 742-St. Cloud). In 1992, this program was awarded the Association of Performing Arts Presenters' Dawson Award, which recognizes innovative and successful projects.

In addition to her role as manager of the Partnership Program, Shepherd also serves as a liai-

Have a Healthy Heart Month

Since 1963, February has been designated as American Heart Month. At CSB/SJU February is Healthy Heart Month. The information included in the following article reflects the recommendations of the American Heart Association to promote a healthy lifestyle.

Do You Have a Valentine Heart?

by Margy Hughes, physical education department, and Diane Veale Jones, nutrition department

You have a Valentine Heart when you

Add physical activity to your life

- Exercise everyday for a total of 30 minutes or more
 - Recent research shows that even short bouts of exercise make a difference
 - 10+10+10=30 minutes
 - 15+15=30 minutes
- Increase your heart rate
- Select enjoyable activities
- Vary activities to prevent boredom
- Have fun!

Eat a heart healthy diet

- Eat slowly
- Eat for pleasure and for health
- Select lean meat, poultry and fish
 - Limit yourself to 6 ounces per day
- Eat 5 or more servings of fruits and vegetables per day
- Select fat-free (skim) serving of dairy products
- Eat six or more grain foods per day
- Use fats, oils, nuts and sweets sparingly

You may find the following resources helpful:

American Heart Association Home Page — <http://www.americanheart.org>

Gasser. Glenn A. The Spark. Simon and Schuster, January 2001.

(A new book on the benefits of even short bouts of physical activity).

Editor's note: This column is produced by partners of the CSB/SJU Healthy Learning Community, an interdisciplinary, co-curricular collaboration working to transform attitudes about learning and its relationship to health. The CSB/SJU Learning Communities Program, "Extending the Classroom Walls," was envisioned by the late Professor Tom Creed as a multi-year faculty development initiative funded by the Bush Foundation to integrate and coordinate classroom learning and out-of-class experiences. The Healthy Learning Community, directed by Diane Veale Jones, incorporates expertise from nursing and nutrition faculty with that of health educators and residence hall staff to develop programs to promote healthy living. For more information, see: <http://www.csbsju.edu/extending/healthylearningcommunity>

son with the Department of Defense Dependents Schools (DoDDS), where she has produced two summer Humanities Institutes for educators from around the world.

For more information on Shepherd's visit, call Anna Thompson at 363-5030.

Lyons' Five-Year Review Gets High Marks

*prepared by Anne Ford Nelson,
Chair, CSB Board of Directors*

The Board of Directors of the College of Saint Benedict has completed the five-year performance evaluation of President Dr. Mary Lyons. Mary Lyons had been reviewed annually by the Chair and the executive committee of the Board. It is customary for a more comprehensive review to be performed

after service of four or five years. President Lyons is in her fifth year of service to the college.

The Leadership Review Committee offers the following conclusions based on the extensive interview-based input and a review of the president's self assessment. In all areas of presidential endeavor, the assessments were generally positive and complimentary. Dr. Lyons is perceived to have and exercise good leadership skills, to be an effective manager and conscientious steward, and to have good relationships with members of the major constituencies of the college. Virtually all of those interviewed perceive her to be a most effective spokesperson and capable of creating the vision and strategic plans necessary to achieve desired future outcomes for the college. Her leadership is admired in both substance and style; she is highly regarded for her intelligence, competence, articulateness and passionately evidenced commitment to the college, its future and well being. Her academic credentials and past

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Gear Up for Second Annual Garage Sale

Donate your old clothes, dishes, CDs, small furniture items, crafts, or other gently used items that are in good condition to the ASB service trips' second annual garage sale. Proceeds benefit spring-break participants so they can provide service to others.

Any unsold items will be donated to Anna Marie's House. Bring donations to CSB Campus Ministry in Murray Hall (HCC) through March 2. Thank you for your support!

Direct questions to Carla at 5074.

Connections Bulletin Board

Visit the Connections Bulletin Board today at <http://www.csbsju.edu/bulletinboard/> and share your events or items of interest with the rest of the CSB/SJU community. And don't forget, the Connections Bulletin Board can be bookmarked for easy reference to ensure you receive the latest information about campus events and activities each and every day.

It is easy to submit information to the Connections Bulletin Board. Faculty, staff, and student organizations can post information about events and activities to the Connections Bulletin Board 24 hours a day. Submitted items are posted the next day. If you have an event or item of interest you would like to publicize, submissions can be made to the Connections Bulletin Board located at: <http://www.csbsju.edu/bulletinboard/>

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administrative experiences have prepared her to meet the challenges confronting the College of Saint Benedict, to seize its opportunities, and especially to ensure its educational excellence. She is an outstanding communicator and is quick to develop important relationships.

The Board is happy to report that in light of all of the foregoing observations and information, the Leadership Review Committee is pleased to conclude that both the college and the president are well-positioned for the future.

Mammograms Available in January

Beat breast cancer with three simple steps: See your doctor regularly. Do monthly self-breast exams. Schedule a yearly mammogram.

Early detection is critical in the fight against breast cancer. Know your body and report anything abnormal to your doctor immediately. Breast cancer can be cured if caught in time.

The St. Cloud Hospital Mammography unit will be at Saint John's Health Center Jan. 29-31. Mammograms are available for CSB/SJU faculty, staff, and staff dependents. A baseline mammogram is recommended for women ages 35 to 39; and an annual mammogram is advised for women age 40 and over.

Total charges for the screening mammograms will be paid at 100 percent for those meeting the criteria for a recommended screening mammography and having Sheffield, Olson and McQueen medical benefits. Benefits will be paid by other insurance providers according to benefit schedule. Please consult your insurance provider for details.

Call the Health Center (363-3142) to schedule an appointment or with questions regarding the screening process. Health Center hours are Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Warren Janzen to Retire

*prepared by Mary Jo Beuning,
executive secretary, SJU president's office*

Br. Dietrich Reinhart, OSB, announces the retirement of Warren Janzen, vice president of administrative services, at the end of this fiscal year, June 30.

Warren has served our community well for almost 34 years, starting his career in the business office in January 1967 as the office manager.

He will be greatly missed and we wish him the best in his retirement.

A search will begin immediately with help from the services of R.H. Perry and Associates.

Faculty/Staff News

Kathleen Ohman, CSB/SJU professor of nursing, published "Critical care managers change views, change lives" in *Nursing Management, Critical Care Edition*, September 2000.

K.R. Kasling, professor of music, and five students from the CSB/SJU Liturgical Music programs performed on Nov. 12 a special dedication program on the newly-restored and very rare 1887 Lorenz pipe organ at SS. Peter and Paul, Richmond, Minn. The only known example of this German-American builder's work (save for a very small example in southern Minnesota), the organ was restored by K.C. Marrin of Cold Spring. Kasling served as advisor to the project as well.

John R. Yoakam, assistant professor of social work, presented a workshop, "Researching Hidden Populations: Lesbians, Gay, Bisexual, and transgender Elders," for the Minnesota Conference on Social Work Education, Oct. 13, at Camp Koinonia. Yoakam also gave a presentation, "Changing Times, Advancing Years, Emerging Needs" with other members of the Generations Task Force on GLBT Aging for the Open Door Conference in Rochester, Minnesota, on Oct. 14. Yoakam attended the Board meeting of the American Society on Aging in New Orleans, Oct. 20-22. He serves as the chair of the Lesbian/Gay Aging Issues Network.

Marina Martín, CSB/SJU associate professor of Spanish, published "Espacio y metáfora en Juan Rulfo" in *Ciudades vivas/ciudades muertas: espacios urbanos en la literatura y folklore hispánicos*, 4. Colección Cultura Iberoamericana. This journal is published by *Universitas Castellae* (Spain). Martín has also delivered her paper "Identidad y parodia en Carlota Fainberg de Antonio Muñoz Molina" at *Spain in the Twenty-First Century: Literature, the Arts, and Culture. An International Symposium*. This conference took place on Nov. 1-4, at Columbus, Ohio, and was sponsored by the Ohio State University, the Consulate General and Embassy of Spain and the *Instituto Cervantes*, Madrid.

Anna M. Thompson, CSB/SJU executive director, Fine Arts Programming, has been elected to the Board of Directors of the Boys & Girls Club of Central Minnesota.

Mark Conway, CSB director of special projects, has poems appearing in upcoming issues of the *Paris Review*, *Ploughshares*, *Prairie Schooner*, *The Journal*, and *The Laurel Review*. He also has work in the current issues of the *Harvard Review*, *Columbia: A Journal of Literature and Art*, and the *Florida Review*.