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A newsletter for the faculty and staff of the College of Saint Benedict and Saint John's University

Professors Use Campaigns as Teaching Tool

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Community editor

There's nothing like an election to perk up student interest in current events. Like the general public, CSB/SJU students were energized by election issues.

"This year, there is an intensity unlike any I have ever seen," said Robert Weber, associate professor of political science. He said he had no trouble engaging his students in discussions in his Politics and Political Life class. In this sophomore-level course, students have been reading the novel, *A Man for All Seasons*, by Robert Bolt. Weber said he uses the novel to raise questions about the separation of church and state.

"It's fun to teach," Weber said. "Students are quite respectful of different viewpoints and it's not hard to generate discussion."

Discussion in his first-year symposium can get more heated as students grapple with issues raised in Bob Woodward's *Plan of Attack*. This book "raises hackles on both sides," Weber said. He said his intent is not to convert anyone's viewpoint but rather to get them to analyze their own viewpoints as well as those of fellow students.

Student passions about the election extended well beyond the classroom. Just days before the election, Kay Wolsborn, professor of political science, received a late-night e-mail from a student who was



CSB President MaryAnn Baenninger met with students at a forum at the BAC to discuss election issues.

upset about arguments with roommates. With a partisan breakdown of two Republicans and two Democrats, political rhetoric was becoming rancorous. The student was unwilling to forego political conversations but asked for advice on a better way to conduct them.

Wolsborn's advice could easily provide counsel to a nation weary from the bruising and divisive campaign now concluded. No matter who wins, she said, "Winning isn't the end of the story — it's the beginning of governing."

She continued: "It's important to be able to talk, to listen to others' deeply held beliefs, to let them be different yet still friends, and to laugh together — in spite of the differences. Whatever you want to do or value in life, you will do it better and value it more if you can learn to listen to and respect folks with ideas

different from your own. (Indeed, it is one of the goals of our course to practice that skill.)"

Wolsborn then forwarded the e-mail — after shielding the student's identity — to the rest of the class on U.S. Parties and Elections and invited students to join the conversation. She asked students to reflect on how we can come back together based on the following premises:

This is a very important election.

It's important to participate.

Half of the electorate will be deeply worried when their candidate loses.

Whoever wins the election will be facing a very difficult task.

Friendships are important, especially among folks who are not alike.

Finally, she reminded her students to look ahead to the next election and start participating early, starting with precinct neighborhood caucuses in February 2006.

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Visiting Fulbright Specialist Provided Insight on Muslim World

SJU is among the first group of U.S. colleges and universities to be awarded a grant to host a Fulbright Visiting Specialist from Morocco in order to expand current understanding and knowledge of Islamic societies and cultures both inside and outside the classroom. From Oct. 25-Oct. 29, Dr. Jamaa Baida visited SJU and CSB. Baida gave a lecture titled "Islamic Fundamentalism in Morocco: A Historical Overview" on Oct. 27 on the SJU campus. His areas of specialty include the history of northern Africa, Morocco and the West, religious minorities in the Arab World and Jews, Christianity, Islam and journalism in Morocco.

Baida is a professor of history at Universite Mohammad V in Rabat, Morocco and has been a visiting professor at Johns Hopkins University, the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee and Harvard. He came to CSB/SJU through the Fulbright Visiting Specialists: Direct Access to the Muslim World program, a new initiative sponsored by the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs of the United States Department of State and administered by the Council for International Exchange of Scholars (CIES) in Washington, D.C.

This new program is supporting 25 grants at American colleges and universities for two- to six-week visits by 23 scholars (two of whom will be teaching at two institutions) and professionals primarily from the Middle East and other Muslim countries who are former Visiting Fulbrighters to the U.S. Through the program, the Fulbright alumni are visiting American institutions that desire to enrich their understanding of Islamic, Middle East, North African and South Asian societies and cultures.

Fulbright Visiting Specialists will visit numerous institutions throughout the country. Other institutions awarded

grants in the Fulbright Visiting Specialists: Direct Access to the Muslim World program are Saint Mary's University of Winona, Minn. and Saint Olaf College, Northfield, Minn.

Established in 1946 under legislation introduced by former Sen. J. William Fulbright of Arkansas, the Fulbright Program is the flagship international educational exchange program sponsored by the U.S. Department of State. The Fulbright Scholar Program is administered by the Council for International Exchange of Scholars in Washington, D.C. Since the establishment of the Program, 43,000 Fulbright Visiting Scholars have conducted research or taught in U.S. universities, and more than 41,000 Fulbright U.S. Scholars have engaged in similar activities abroad.

New Board of Trustees Named at CSB

CSB has appointed five new members to its Board of Trustees: John Albert, president of John J. Albert, S.C.; Gloria Perez Jordan, executive director of The

Jeremiah Program; S. Jean Juenemann, OSB, member of Saint Benedict's Monastery and retired CEO of Queen of Peace Hospital; Willard Oberton, president and CEO of Fastenal Co.; and Robbin Rouillard, executive vice president of Carlson Companies.

Albert is a graduate of SJU and Marquette Law School. He worked briefly as an associate at a civil litigation firm before beginning his own firm in 1973. He was president and senior attorney at a five-person litigation firm from 1978 until 1998, when he established a sole practitioner law firm. He is co-founder of Societies Assets, Inc. and has served for 12 years on the board and is the current director of the program. He served for 10 years on the board and is current director for the SE Wisconsin Tri-County Chapter of the American Red Cross. In addition, he co-founded and served on the board for the Downtown Racine Development Corporation, Alliance for Drug and Alcohol Management and the Alliance for the Mentally Ill.

Spirituality Center Celebrates 20-year Anniversary

submitted by Katie Perry, publicist, Saint Benedict's Monastery

To commemorate the 20th anniversary of the Spirituality Center, the sisters of Saint Benedict's Monastery will host an open house from 2-4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 12, at the center, 104 Chapel Lane, St. Joseph. The event, which will feature live musical entertainment, is cosponsored by the Spirituality Center and the CSB Companions on a Journey, a program funded through the generosity of Lilly Endowment, Inc. The event is free, and the public is encouraged to attend. Freewill offerings will be accepted.

The Spirituality Center is an outgrowth of a formalized intent to provide spiritual programs, direction and retreats in an intentional and more extended manner. The first retreat for women at Saint Benedict's Monastery occurred Aug. 28, 1920.

For more information, please call 363-7116 or e-mail dmanuel@csbsju.edu.

Jordan is the executive director of The Jeremiah Program, a self-sufficiency program that helps low-income mothers and their children complete their education and achieve economic self-sufficiency. She is involved with the Minnesota Council of Non-Profits and the Minnesota Council on Foundations. She has served as a trustee for Ripley Memorial Foundation, Family Housing Fund and the Irwin Andrew Porter Foundation and is involved with many other boards and programs. Jordan is a graduate of Macalester College.

Juenemann has been a professed member of Saint Benedict's Monastery for 45 years. She was the CEO of Queen of Peace Hospital in New Prague, Minn. from 1977-2003, where she was also the director of nursing for more than 10 years. She is involved with the New Prague Rotary and is president of the American Association of University Woman (AAUW), New Prague Chapter. Her previous board affiliations include American College of Healthcare Executives, College of Saint Benedict's Board of Trustees, Small/Rural Hospitals Advisory Council and St. Cloud Hospital's Board of Directors. Juenemann graduated from Seattle University and the University of Minnesota.

Oberton has worked at Fastenal Co. since 1980, in various sales and operations positions, and is currently the president and CEO. He is a director at Merchants National Bank and Merchants Financial Group. Oberton is a graduate of St. Cloud Technical College.

Rouillard graduated from CSB in 1975. She has worked at Carlson Companies since 1983, where she is currently executive vice president for Carlson Marketing Group. She has been a board member for various organizations, including Mixed Blood Theatre, Minnesota Head Injury Association and Golden Valley Human Services Foundation.

SJU Names New Board of Regents Members

SJU recently named Ann Huntrods, Donald Schumacher, Dean Phillips, Linda Hoeschler, the Rev. Eric Hollas, OSB, and Br. Doug Mullin, OSB, to three-year terms and alumni representative R. Patrick Maxwell to a one-year term on its Board of Regents, beginning this fall.

Huntrods is a lawyer and shareholder in the firm of Briggs and Morgan, P.A. She is based in their St. Paul office and is chair of the Labor and Employment Law Section. Huntrods, a member of the Federal and Minnesota State Bar Associations and Minnesota Women Lawyers, is a former chair and member of the St. Paul Foundation Board of Directors and a board member of the Minnesota Community Foundation.

Schumacher, SJU class of 1965, is the executive vice president of Cretex Companies, a diversified manufacturing company based in Elk River, Minn., with operations in the Upper Midwest. Schumacher has served as a director and chair of the board of the Minnesota Chamber of Commerce and as a director and officer of Guardian Angels of Elk River, Inc. His community involvement has been primarily in the areas of public policy and senior care and housing.

As president and CEO of Phillips Distilling Company, Phillips represents the fifth generation of his family to manage the Minneapolis-based beverage alcohol company and third generation on the University's Board of Regents. Phillips identifies community service as an integral part of his life. He is a trustee of Temple Israel, Minneapolis and a member of the Grants Committee of The Jay & Rose Phillips Family Foundation.

Hoeschler consults with not-for-profit organizations on management and program design. Hoeschler, who served as the executive director of the St. Paul-based American Composers Forum from

1991-2003, once served as vice president of the Dayton Hudson Corporation, group vice president of National Computer Systems and president of Landmark Investors, Ltd. She currently serves on the boards at Great Lakes Higher Education Corporation and United Theological Seminary.

Hollas is a monk and priest of Saint John's Abbey and currently senior associate in the Office of Institutional Advancement at SJU. Hollas is a member of the Medieval Academy of America and serves on the executive committee of the Centers and Regional Associations of the Medieval Academy. Hollas is also a member of the Order of the Holy Sepulchre and chaplain in the Western Association of the Order of Malta. Since 1980, Hollas has been a member of the faculty at Saint John's School of Theology•Seminary and department of theology at SJU. From 1993 to 2002, Hollas was executive director of the Hill Monastic Manuscript Library at Saint John's. Among his many activities, Hollas was instrumental in initiating The Saint John's Bible and has spoken on that project at venues throughout the United States.

Mullin, SJU class of 1976 and 1982 graduate of Saint John's School of Theology•Seminary, is assistant professor of education at CSB/SJU and a monk of Saint John's Abbey. Mullin is a member of the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics and the American and Minnesota Associations of Colleges for Teacher Education. Mullin is former chair of the education department at CSB/SJU, dean of students and director of residency at Saint John's Preparatory School, principal at Saint Mary's Mission School in Red Lake, Minn. and sub-prior for Saint John's Abbey.

Maxwell, SJU class of 1966, has more than 30 years of experience as a turnaround management specialist, an entrepreneur and executive in both the busi-

ness and non-profit sectors. In the last 18 years, he has founded or purchased 10 companies. He has held various management positions, including board chairman, director, chief executive officer, chief financial officer, vice president and general counsel. He has served as executive director of two membership associations and one charitable organization. Maxwell has served on numerous boards of directors of both business and charitable organizations. He has executive management experience in starting, buying, selling, operating and turning around several businesses. The organizations he has worked with represent a variety of industries, including manufacturing, insurance, personnel placement, education, business services, medical, legal, membership and charities. The companies are located throughout the United States, Europe and the Pacific Rim.

Faculty/Staff News

Richard Bresnahan, artist-in-residence, Saint John's Pottery, was the University of Minnesota-Morris opening day convocation speaker and conducted a three-day workshop for first-year students there. Recently, he delivered a lecture on cross-cultural ties at Macalester College, on the occasion of the 150th anniversary of U.S. — Japan relationships. Former U.S. Vice President and Ambassador to Japan Walter Mondale delivered the keynote address. The gathering was co-sponsored by Macalester, the Japan-America Society and the St. Paul Nagasaki Sister City organization.

Academic Advising hosted the Private College Advising Network conference on Oct. 14, on the SJU campus. A number of Minnesota private colleges were represented. **Mark Shimota**, **Jason Kelly**, **Heidi Harlander** and **Mary Harlander-Locke** presented the ATLAS planning

guide to conference participants. In addition, guests also attended the address by MCPA conference keynote speaker Susan Komives. Both sessions highlighted the collaboration between Academic Affairs and Student Development on the CSB/SJU campuses.

Gary Prevost, CSB/SJU professor of political science, was an invited participant in the symposium on Interamerican Relations in the Age of Unilateralism sponsored by Latin American and Caribbean Studies Program at the University of South Florida in Tampa, Oct. 3-5. He presented a paper titled "Contesting Free Trade: The Development of the Anti-FTAA Movement." Professor Prevost also chaired a panel titled "Social Movements and Civil Society in the Context of the Bush Doctrine and the Washington Consensus" at the Latin American Studies Association meeting in Las Vegas, Nev., Oct. 7-9.

Jane Kathman, CSB/SJU professor of management, was awarded a Coleman Scholarship for the second year in a row to attend the United States Association for Small Business and Entrepreneurship Conference.

Daniel Finn, Clemens Chair, professor of economics and professor of theology, presented a lecture entitled "Catholic Perspectives on Globalization" at Benedictine University in suburban Chicago on Oct. 20. Finn was the university's first "Visiting Scholar," a program to assist in the ongoing development of the Catholic character of the institution. Over three days, he led faculty development sessions on the issue and visited a number of classes to address the ethics and economics of globalization. Finn also recently published a review of *Is the Market Moral? A Dialogue on Religion, Economics, and Justice* by Rebecca M. Blank and William McGurn (Commonweal, Oct. 8, 2004). In June,

Richard Virden Appointed Diplomat-in-Residence at CSB/SJU

SJU alumnus Richard Virden '63 was recently appointed as diplomat-in-residence at CSB/SJU for the 2004-05 academic year. Virden is recognized for his 38 years as a U.S. Foreign Service officer, including appointments as deputy chief of mission in Brazil and diplomat-in-residence at Georgetown University. Virden taught for three years at the university level, at Georgetown University and the National War College, and was chairman of bilateral Fulbright commissions in Romania and Portugal.

In his work at CSB/SJU, Virden will provide advice to students interested in careers in international relations, including, if there is sufficient interest, an informal workshop for students interested in preparing to take the Foreign Service Officers exam, guest lectures, consultation to the Latin American Studies Learning Community, consultation to the CSB/SJU Model United Nations team and consultation in support of CSB/SJU international programs and projects.

he was elected vice president of the Catholic Theological Society of America.

Carole Coleman, SJU vice president for finance and administration, presented a workshop “CAO and the Budget” at the National Institute for Independent College and University Chief Academic Officers and Chief Financial Officers meeting, which was held Oct. 30-Nov. 2 in San Francisco. The workshop was presented by Coleman and Dr. Charles Perkins, provost at Alvernia College in Pennsylvania. The discussion centered on understanding financial statements and the review of various budget models. More than 530 institutions are members of the Council of Independent Colleges.

Marina Martín, associate professor of MCL, read her paper, “Ficción, realidad y mitos borgesianos de transgresión en Tango de Carlos Saura,” at the Cincinnati Conference on Romance Languages & Literaturas at the University of Cincinnati on May 13-15. She also presented “Visiones de Madrid en el pincel de Antonio López” at the III Congreso Internacional: Madrid en la literatura y en las artes, Asociación Hispánica de Humanidades & The Dept. of Foreign Languages and Literaturas at the University of Alabama in Madrid, Spain on June 10-13. She had published a book review on *Obra poética (1965-2000)*, in *Letras Peninsulares*, V 15.3 (Winter 2000-2003). She also published the article “Entre lo real y lo soñado en el cine de Alejandro Amenábar” in *Literatura y otras artes en América Latina, Actas del XXXIV Congreso del Instituto Internacional de Literatura Iberoamericana (IILL)*, University of Iowa, (2004) 91-102.

Dr. Marian Diaz has been named as interim director of the Companions on a Journey Program. In making the announcement, Henry Smorynski, CSB/SJU provost, cited the balance of



Internationally respected ceramicist and sculptor Koie Ryoii spent 10 days at the Saint John's Pottery Studio this past summer. Described as a “pottery master-star” and “the enfant terrible of potters, whose absolute dedication to his own quirky individuality serves him well,” he recently received the prestigious Oribe Award, Japan's highest honor for a contemporary living artist in architecture, music and fine arts. During his time here, Koie created 400 pieces, to be fired in the October 2005 Johanna Kiln firing. Many of the pieces will be sent to two major shows in 2005-06; one at the National Museum in Tokyo and the other at the Korean National Museum in Seoul.

both academic and pastoral experience she brings to the position. Diaz has a research-oriented master's degree in scripture from Catholic Theological Union. She completed a doctor of ministry degree with a focus on practical theological method at Barry University. She has taught at the undergraduate level at both the University of Dayton and Barry University. Most recently, she directed the School of Christian Formation, an adult lay ministry formation program, for the Diocese of Palm Beach, Fla.

“Marian's wide experience in different ecclesial and educational contexts will guide her as she directs the Journey Program,” Smorynski said. “Her background dealing with academic, spiritual, human and pastoral concerns will enable her to engage the whole of the human person in the process of accompaniment that has already begun through the Journey Program.”

Kelly N.S. Crue, CSB residential director of Regina Hall, and **Jody Terhaar**, CSB dean of students, were recognized by the Minnesota College Personnel Association at its annual fall conference as 2004 recipients of MCPA awards. The conference was held Oct. 14 at CSB/SJU. The New Professional of the Year Award was presented to Crue. This award recognizes an ambitious and dedicated new student development professional. The most prestigious award, the Lud Spolyar Distinguished Service Award, was presented to Terhaar. This award recognizes a current or past MCPA member for outstanding service to the association, the student affairs profession, or in representing Minnesota at the national level.

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Enjoy the Fresh Minnesota Air

by John Schapman, Saint John's Health Initiative

As fall ends and winter begins many people try to get out and enjoy a crisp breath of fresh air. Regretfully, there are times when that first breath of air can be clogged with pollutants of tobacco smoke. Fifty-three thousand nonsmoking Americans die each year from illnesses attributable to exposure to second-hand smoke. What are the effects of second-hand smoke? What are the efforts on campus and in the nation to reduce exposure to second hand smoke?

Second-hand smoke is known to cause:

- Lung cancer — each year in the U.S., 3,000 nonsmokers die from lung cancer.
- Heart disease — 35-40,000 people die from heart disease who are not current smokers, exposed to second-hand smoke.
- Bronchitis and asthma (particularly in children) — It causes 300,000 cases of pneumonia and bronchitis in children every year.
- Low birth weight births — Babies of parents who smoke are twice as likely to die from Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS).

Rules on campus that help cut down on second-hand smoke:

- No smoking in any building on CSB/SJU campuses
- Must be at least 25 feet away from any entrance/exit

U.S. and second-hand smoke

The United States is making a big push to cut down on second-hand smoke exposure. Two national health objectives for 2010 are:

1. Reduce cigarette smoking among adults to 12 percent.
2. Reduce the proportion of nonsmokers exposed to environmental tobacco smoke to 45 percent.

The United States is on its way to becoming a more smoke-free country. We should help in the fight to decrease the rate of smoking and exposure to second-hand smoke. Let's enjoy the fresh Minnesota air without the worries of breathing in cigarette smoke.

Additional information about second-hand smoke is available at the following Web sites:

- Association for Non-smokers MN
<http://www.ansrmn.org/>
- MN Smoke Free Coalition
<http://www.smokefreecoalition.org/index.asp>
- MDH Tobacco Prevention and Control Section
<http://www.health.state.mn.us/divs/hpcd/tpc/tpc.html>
- Campaign for Tobacco Free Kids
<http://www.tobaccofreekids.org/>
- Center for Disease Control and Prevention
<http://www.cdc.gov/health/tobacco.htm>

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