

Stelzner Works to Increase Student Research

*prepared by Glenda Isaacs Burgeson
Community editor*

The CSB/SJU coordinate strategic plan calls for increased faculty-student collaboration in scholarly and artistic works.

As director of undergraduate research, Steve Stelzner works to help the colleges pursue that goal. While new to the position, Stelzner said his initial assessment is that student research is gaining momentum.

"My impression is that we are strong in some areas and are on an upswing in others," he said.

Since January, when he assumed this position in addition to his regular responsibilities as professor of psychology, Stelzner has been busy reviewing and funding proposals submitted by students.

"My job is to facilitate or create opportunities for our students to engage in research," Stelzner said.

In general, that means he authorizes funds for students to attend academic and/or artistic conferences, as well as mini-grants to support student research projects.

Some examples of the types of student activities funded by Stelzner's office include travel funds for:

- four students to present at a political science conference;
- four students to present at a peace studies conference at Notre Dame University;
- three students to present a paper on "The Saint John's Experience" at an American Men's Studies conference at Vanderbilt University.

Stelzner praised the work of Mary Tamm, department coordinator for the department of communication, the Honors Program

and Undergraduate Research, for her invaluable organizational skills in support of undergraduate research, and he credited individual faculty initiative as the basis for undergraduate research upon which he hopes to build.

"We have a number of faculty who have consistently devoted their time to doing research and other scholarly or creative projects with undergraduates," he said.

In addition to support from his office, Stelzner noted that student research also receives support from external grants. For example, more than two dozen CSB/SJU students will give presentations this month

at the National Conference on Undergraduate Research (NCUR) in Whitewater, Wis. Some of the students are funded by a grant from the Lancy Foundation, with Stelzner's office providing additional support. They will be accompanied by the following faculty: Jim Poff, biology; Joyce Simones, nursing; Ernie Diedrich, economics; Rodger Narloch and Linda Tennison, psychology.

Stelzner said he invites those faculty with expertise in scholarly or creative collaborations with students to offer suggestions on how our coordinate efforts can best support student scholarship as well as ways to encourage and advise other faculty to collaborate with students.

The models already are in place, within a number of diverse disciplines across the campuses, he said. Now, it is a matter of tapping their experience and expertise.

"Student research has always been going on within departments, but now, the idea is to put some money behind it and some thought into it and maybe it will take off."



Steve Stelzner was appointed director of undergraduate research in January.

Celebrating Scholarship and Creativity Day Set for April 20

As director of undergraduate research, Steve Stelzner also has responsibility for coordinating the second annual Celebrating Scholarship and Creativity Day scheduled for the morning of April 20 on both campuses.

The day is intended to recognize and celebrate the scholastic and creative achievements of our students, he said. Individual departments will organize exhibits and/or presentations. The event will be from 9 a.m. until noon and conclude with all-disciplinary luncheon at SJU. The first-ever Clemens and Alcuin Library Research Bibliography Awards will be presented during the day's events. Three \$100 awards will be announced, for the best bibliographic research to come out of upper division courses in the humanities, social sciences and natural sciences during the 2001-02 academic year.

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Wagner-Berger Prize for Excellence in Creative Writing Winner Announced

submitted by Mara Faulkner
associate professor of English

The English department is pleased to announce that Emily M. Holt has won this year's Wagner-Berger Prize for Excellence in Creative Writing for her story "One Minute." Emily is a senior classical languages major from Lancaster, Ohio. The \$1,000 Wagner-Berger Prize is awarded annually for the best original work of fiction written by a CSB student. Look for Emily's story this spring in *Studio One*.

CSB/SJU Nursing NCLEX Pass Rates Ranked

The CSB/SJU department of nursing has received word that its pass rate for first-time test takers for the National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX) ranked second overall in the state and first among Minnesota private colleges for 2001.

Nursing graduates must pass the NCLEX in order to receive licensure as registered nurses. The CSB/SJU program was among eight programs in Minnesota participating in the exam.

College of Saint Benedict Receives \$3.6 Million Gift to Endow Chair

prepared by Glenda Isaacs Burgeson
Community editor

CSB has received a \$3.6 million gift to establish its first academic chair, the Koch (pronounced coach) Chair in Catholic Thought and Culture, President Mary E. Lyons has announced.



Barbara Koch

The gift, the largest in the school's history, was donated by CSB Board of Trustee member Barbara Gray Koch and her husband David Koch of Long Lake, with \$3 million designated for the endowed chair and

\$600,000 for the school's annual fund.

Barbara Koch said they established the chair because of the value and faith-based mission of the College of Saint Benedict, which seeks to "foster every woman's wisdom for a lifetime through discovery of her personal aspirations based in the Catholic Benedictine tradition."

The gift will provide opportunities to place the best of Catholicism's contribution to the intellectual life — in all its plurality — in conversation with the arts and sciences, Lyons said.

The gift marks a turning point in the college's history, according to S. Colman O'Connell, vice president for institutional advancement. "For many years, major gifts to the college had to be designated to build needed new facilities to serve a fast growing enrollment. Now that the campus is complete, it is possible for generous donors to contribute to an endowment to provide scholarships for our students or needed Chairs and Professorships for our faculty," she said.

The concept of the Koch Chair is unusual within Catholic higher education, Lyons said, because most institutions offer Catholic teaching within a single department. The intention of the Koch Chair is to provide professional development opportunities for faculty who, in turn, will offer students, regardless of their major, the opportunity to gain an enriched understanding of the heritage of Catholic thought that has shaped not just the faith tradition but also knowledge across disciplines.

Initially, Lyons said she expects the Koch Chair to attract visiting scholars distinguished by their knowledge of and commitment to bringing the Catholic intellectual tradition into dialogue with the academic disciplines and with culture. This would permit bringing to campus a full range of expertise — from science to the arts and humanities.

"Over time we hope that a 'person centered' rather than 'program centered' approach will enhance our academic mission," Lyons said. "This is a tremendous gift that is profoundly important in helping us to extend the legacy of Catholic thought to all of our students."

Lyons said she and Provost Henry Smorynski, in consultation with faculty, will establish criteria for the selection of the scholars and design the faculty development opportunities that the gift provides.

Fr. Magnus Wenninger Featured in Student Documentary Film

prepared by Communication
and Marketing Services

SJU senior communication majors and student filmmakers Thomas C. Johnson and Ryan Tamm, in collaboration with Dr. Joan Steck, chair of the CSB/SJU communication department, have created an 18-minute documentary film, "Order in Chaos," a biography of the life of the Rev. Magnus Wenninger, OSB. A public premiere of the film was presented last month in the SJU Pellegrine Auditorium.

The film shares Wenninger's story on the mathematics, pedagogy, visualization and artistry of polyhedron (a body or solid contained by many sides or planes) models. Wenninger has created many polyhedral models that have influenced his teachings and are the basis for several mathematical textbooks, including *Polyhedron Models*, *Dual Model* and *Spherical Models*.

Wenninger's passion for polyhedral shapes and their underlying mathematical form to create a "perfect balance of mathematics and art" are united in this video. According to Wenninger, "The study of polyhedra is an area of mathematics in which the ordinarily abstract and speculative considerations of the subject find pleasing and attractive visual applications."

The film, named after one of Wenninger's polyhedron models, also traces his life from his childhood in Wisconsin to his present day occupation as an 82-year-old retired monk and prominent polyhedron creator at the Saint John's Abbey.

Wenninger received his master's degree from Columbia University, taught mathematics for 25 years (1946-1971) at St. Augustine's College in the Bahamas and recently celebrated his 60th year as a monk.

The film is available for purchase through Apex Video Productions at 761-3295 and is a joint production with SJU and The Fashion Institute of Technology (SUNY). It has been entered in various student film competitions throughout the country.

To learn more about Wenninger's polyhedral models, go to <http://www.employees.csbsju.edu/mwenninger>.

CSB Renaissance Award
Presented to United Way Leader

*prepared by Louise Stenberg
Communication and Marketing Services
student worker*

For the first time, the CSB Renaissance Award is being presented to a civic leader in the non-profit sector. Typically, the award has been given to a business leader, but this year it goes to James (Jim) Colville for his ability to motivate and move corporate leaders in the Twin Cities.



James Colville

Colville is the chief executive officer of the Greater Twin Cities United Way, the result of the merger of the Minneapolis and St. Paul United Way branches. In his position, he is the chief professional officer responsible for directing staff and volunteer activities.

CSB President Mary E. Lyons praised Colville for his exemplary leadership. "The College of Saint Benedict takes great pleasure in honoring Jim Colville for his extraordinary leadership of the largest health and human services agency in the state of Minnesota, the Greater Twin Cities United Way. Mr. Colville has earned a reputation for building one of the most successful non-profit organizations in the state by creating effective partnerships among the corporate community, a vast network of volunteers, and community agencies. His personal commitment to renewing and revitalizing our community, reflected in his successful career with United Way, underscores why he was selected as our fourth Renaissance Award recipient," she said.

Part of Colville's focus has been to increase participation by reaching out to more people. His efforts have resulted in the state's largest voluntary effort, with more than 30,000 volunteers each year involved with United Way.

Under Colville's direction, United Way is leading the way in finding creative solutions to human problems. He has been commended by his colleagues and peers for his ability to focus on certain programs. One of these programs, Success By 6®, a community partnership promoting healthy development of children from conception to age six, focuses on the time span when children learn everything to become a healthy member of society — to think, crawl, walk, talk, feel, express and communicate. The success of this program has led to its emulation across the nation.

Besides his work at United Way, Colville serves

on the Twin Cities One to One Leadership Council, the Board of Search Institute, and the Board of Hunger-related Events which sponsors the Taste of the NFL.

Colville was scheduled to be honored on April 11 with a breakfast and orange juice toast at CSB and a reception at the Minnesota Club in Minneapolis.

The Renaissance Award, given for the first time in 1999, honors leaders in the business community for their actions dedicated to the transformation of society. The Renaissance was a period of rebirth — political, economic, religious, artistic and intellectual — and the award represents this diversity of interests and the goal of social change within the context and values of the 21st century. Past recipients of the award include Marilyn Carlson Nelson, chairman and chief executive officer of Carlson Companies, Inc., William W. George, chairman and chief executive officer of Medtronic, Inc., and Michael Bonsignore of Honeywell, Inc.

SJU CAMPUS *CRIME ALERT*

*submitted by Lynette Raymond
SJU Life Safety Services*

Recently, there have been numerous vehicle break-ins on the SJU campus. Multiple parking lots have been targeted.

In an effort to reduce your chances of crime victimization, please read the following tips:

DO:

- Keep all doors and windows locked.
- Lock all valuables in the trunk, out of sight, when your vehicle is parked.
- Have a record of valuables that are in your vehicle (for example, brand, model, serial number of car stereo.)

DON'T:

- Leave purses, wallets, cash, credit cards, checkbooks, keys, auto registration or other important papers in plain view or in the glove compartment.
- Leave valuables such as jewelry, notebook computers, cell phones, stereo face plates, expensive sport equipment in your vehicle.

If you see a suspicious person or vehicle on campus, please report the incident immediately to Life Safety in the basement of St. Thomas Hall by stopping by the office, calling x2144 on campus, or dialing 911 from any on-campus telephone.

If you have any further questions, please contact Life Safety. Thank you.

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'Classrooms of the Future' Set for May 22

Registration is now open for the "Classrooms of the Future (COTF)" symposium, an annual event for faculty and staff scheduled for May 22 at Hamline University in St. Paul. The theme for this year's symposium is "Learner-Centered Teaching," featuring a day of presentations, workshops and discussions about issues and applications of technology in instructional settings in higher education. The day's events are free and include lunch.

Stanley R. Trollip will deliver the keynote address on the topic, "Designing effective online learning environments — the tension between theory and practice."

The symposium is co-sponsored by the Minnesota Private College Council and organized by the Associated Colleges of the Twin Cities (ACTC); its membership includes University of St. Thomas, Macalester College, Hamline University, College of St. Catherine, Augsburg College, MPC, and The Collaboration for the Advancement of College Teaching and Learning.

Information about the event, as well as eight pre-conference workshops scheduled for May 21, and online registration are available at <http://www.associatedcolleges-tc.org/cotf/>.

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OSB Business Office Sports Unified Office Shirts

As you may already have seen, the Order of St. Benedict Business Office has unified office shirts! Each OSB Business Office employee purchased a short sleeve polo shirt and/or a long sleeve rugby style shirt through Dan Wessel with embroidery done by Ginny Vickerman.

If anyone in any other area would like more information on purchasing unified office shirts, you may contact Geri Kampa. Also, you may contact Ginny Vickerman for information on embroidery, if interested.



The Need for Health Plan Design Changes

*prepared by Herb Trezn
director, Human Resources*

One of the benefits of having a self-insured health plan is the ability to make plan design changes to protect the plan from volatile short-term fluctuations and position the plan for at least some degree of stability over the longer term.

Since 1998, health care costs nationally have been rising by an average of 12-14 percent. To respond to this, we have adjusted our premiums each year and in 1999 made modest plan design changes.

Projections indicate that, for at least the next three years, health care inflation will continue to increase by 14-16 percent while inflation in the prescription drug area will increase at 15-20 percent.

In the fall of 2001, the administration and members of the Joint Benefits Committee began reviewing several plan design options, all of which were intended to save the health plan money by reducing the amount spent on claims. The plan design changes that ultimately were brought forward were those that would save the plan approximately \$225,000 without placing too much of a burden on each employee. For example, one of the plan design options discarded for this year was reducing the co-pay from 80/20 percent to 70/30 percent. This was discarded because it was deemed to shift too much of the cost of health care onto the employee, especially in light of the agreed upon change in deductible from \$150 to \$250.

Some of the plan design changes will impact a large number of our employees while it is anticipated that other changes will impact very few. For example, in 2001, 61.5 percent or 1,235 of the 2,009 people covered by our plan met their \$150 deductible. We anticipate that if we made no change to the deductible, nearly 80 percent of those covered by our plan would reach their deductible in FY '03, primarily due to the increase in medical inflation. A doctor's office visit of \$100 today will cost \$115 for the same visit next year. The impact of this would place added stress on the health plan as it would be paying out increased claims dollars than in the previous year.

Another plan design issue is increasing the out-of-pocket maximum from \$650 to \$1,250. In 2001, only 327 or 16.3 percent reached their out-of-pocket maximum. Of this group, only 162 or 8 percent would have reached the new \$1,250 out-of-pocket maximum. Last year one family, or .33 percent, reached the family out-of-pocket maximum of \$1,950. Their expenses were such that they would have met the new maximum of \$3,750. This plan design change, while seemingly significant, should

have little impact on the 2,000+ participants in our plan.

We feel the 15 percent premium increase and \$225,000 of plan design savings is a better strategy to control health insurance costs in FY '03 and beyond than the 20 percent premium increases for the following reasons:

- Merely increasing our premiums would only delay the issues we face with our health plan.

- The plan design changes allow for an increase in the base pay of all employees which in turn impacts retirement contributions.

- About 25 percent of our employees are not on our health plan, so they derive no benefit from putting most of the compensation dollars into benefits.

- It will help control plan expenses and actually reduce our re-insurance premiums, which the 20 percent premium increase would not have done.

We will need to continue to work and dialog on our health plan and will provide updates during the year as we have more information.

Kelly Receives Recognition for Poetry

*prepared by Communication
and Marketing Services*

Bill Kelly, CSB soccer coach and assistant hockey coach, won first prize for his poem, "Stigmata, White River State Hospital," in the poetry category of a



Bill Kelly

competition titled "Kilian at Eighty," sponsored by the Institute for Ecumenical and Cultural Research and the Saint John's School of Theology•Seminary (SOT). Seventeen winners from 10 states, the District of Columbia and the

Canadian province of Saskatchewan were chosen to receive various levels of prizes in four categories.

The competition was named for the Rev. Kilian McDonnell, OSB, who founded the Institute in 1967 and continues to serve as its president. He taught at the SOT from 1964-92, when he retired as professor emeritus. In 2001, Rev. McDonnell turned 80 years old and celebrated the 50th anniversary of his ordination and his 55th anniversary of monastic profession at Saint John's Abbey. To celebrate these milestones, the institutions honored Rev. McDonnell with an invitation to younger people to write a poem, or submit an essay in one of the areas of Rev. McDonnell's scholarship — the Holy Spirit, ecu-



Carol Howe-Veenstra (left) and S. Dolores Super.

CSB Honors OSB Sisters

CSB honored the sisters of the Order of Saint Benedict recently at the Haehn Campus Center with a festive afternoon of toasts and tributes, music and memories, as CSB faculty, administrators and staff took turns at the podium reading poetry and recalling the many special ways the sisters have touched their lives. The event also featured friendship party pics, with CSB employees posing with their monastic friends, as in the above photo of CSB athletic director Carol Howe-Veenstra with S. Dolores Super, an avid Blazer fan. In the following message, S. Ephrem Hollermann, prioress, expresses appreciation for the event.

Dear Members of the Staff and Faculty of the College of Saint Benedict,

On behalf of the Sisters of the Order of Saint Benedict, I wish to convey our sincerest gratitude for the "Saint Benedict's Eve Party" held in our honor at the Haehn Campus Center on March 20th. The invitation described the event as "an opportunity for the people of the college to demonstrate appreciation for both the institutional connection and the many personal relationships we cherish between the monastery and college communities." Be assured that the invitation itself, as well as the splendid party will linger in our collective memory for a very long time. We were deeply touched by your varied expressions of appreciation, and we want you to know that we count you as cherished members of our extended Benedictine family. Your Benedictine hospitality, sense of community, and skill in throwing a great party far exceeded our expectations! You are always in our prayer.

Gratefully,
Sister Ephrem Hollermann, OSB
Prioress

menism or the renewal of theology.

The criterion of "younger" refers to anyone born on or after Jan. 25, 1959, the day that Pope John XXIII publicly announced that he would call an ecumenical council. The Second Vatican Council (1962-65) decisively shaped the life of the church and set the context for Rev. McDonnell's ecumenical activi-

ty. Rev. McDonnell has participated in seven international and national dialogues and consultations and served as a consultant to the Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity.

A complete list of contest winners can be viewed at <http://www.iecr.org>.

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Appointment Announced at Saint John's Prep

Saint John's Prep alumna Jane Sowada Mott, '83, has been named associate director of development and alumni/ae relations for the school. The appointment took effect April 1, 2002.

The Welcome Mat

We welcome the following new CSB/SJU faculty and staff to our community:

Justin Braulick, Food Service (temporary)

James Proell, Food Service (temporary)

Shirley Richardson, Academic Affairs (temporary)

Trudi J. Anderson, music, adjunct instructor

Michael J. Andert, education, adjunct instructor

Michael J. McCarty, theology, adjunct assistant professor

Farewell to Friends

Joe Wotzka, Food Service (temporary)

Due to reallocations/restructuring the following positions have been eliminated:

Eileen Bitzan, director, HCC

Elisa Schneider, office manager, HCC

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CSB/SJU Asian Club to Participate in Program on Vietnamese Culture

The CSB/SJU Asian Club will display an information booth about Vietnamese culture at a presentation on "Vietnamese Culture and Values" sponsored by the Training Opportunities Team of United Way of Central MN.

The event is scheduled for two half-day repeat sessions, 9 a.m. until 12 or 1 until 4 p.m., May 2 at Hoppe Auditorium at St. Cloud Hospital. It will feature as keynote speaker Jasmine Dinh, president of the Vietnamese Community of Minnesota.

The program will present information about Vietnamese culture, values, family structure, history and health care, and will suggest ways to enhance communication and relationships. Leaders in education, human services, law enforcement, business, health care, faith communities, judicial systems and government are encouraged to attend. Registration is \$15 and the deadline is April 24. For more information, contact United Way at 252-0227.

SJU Men's Chorus Performs at NBA Game

The SJU Men's Chorus, under the direction of CSB/SJU Music Professor Axel Theimer, sang the national anthem at the Minnesota Timberwolves/Memphis Grizzlies NBA basketball game on Wednesday, April 3, at the Target Center in Minneapolis.

CSB/SJU Economics Faculty and Former Students Attend Midwest Economics Association Annual Meetings

submitted by the department of economics

CSB/SJU economics faculty members Joe Friedrich, Sharon Eicher, Louis Johnston and John Olson attended and participated in the annual meetings of the Midwest Economics Association on March 14-16, in Chicago.

Eicher presented her paper, "Twenty Years Later ... How Feldstein and Horioka are More Right than Ever" at a poster session. She also participated in a discussion of papers at a session on foreign direct investment. Johnston was chair and discussion participant at two paper presentation sessions. The first was on "Productivity Shocks and Technological Progress," while the second session was for presentation of undergraduate research papers. Olson chaired a paper presentation session on "Debt and Debt Restructuring." He also presented his paper, "Assessing Student Learning in Macroeconomics: A Case Study," at a session on "Teaching College Economics."

In addition, two recently graduated CSB/SJU economics majors presented research papers at the conference. Erik Leaver (SJU '97) is currently an economics graduate student at the University of Notre Dame. He presented his paper, "Do Resources in High-Poverty High Schools Affect the Academic Performance of College Bound Students," at a session on "Education and Human Capital." Lee-za Ballman (CSB '01) is an economics graduate student at Miami University (Ohio). She presented a revised and extended version of her CSB/SJU economics senior capstone research paper, "An Explanation of Postwar Japanese Economic Growth."

Jerome Foundation Panelists Selected

Richard Bresnahan and Leigh Dillard have been selected by the Jerome Foundation of St. Paul as selection panelists for its annual Travel and Study Grant awards. Bresnahan, artist-in-residence and master potter at the Saint John's Pottery, has been selected for the visual arts panel and Dillard, assistant professor of dance, the dance panel. Both have participated in previous Jerome Foundation activities. Three-person selection panels in each of six disciplines — dance, literature, media arts, music, theater and visual arts — are annually selected and review more than 100 applications in each of the categories. There are two programs — one for Twin

City area artists, where \$115,000 is available, and one for Greater Minnesota, which has \$25,000 available.

The Jerome Foundation program is also underwritten by the General Mills Foundation and the Art and Martha Kaemmer Fund of the HRK Foundation.

The Travel and Study Grant Program awards grants to artists and arts administrators. Funds support periods of travel for the purpose of professional development. The program supports dialogue on aesthetic issues, the experience of seeing artistic work outside of Minnesota, time for reflection and individualized study, the development of collaborations, participation in specific training programs and research leading to the creation of new work.

The Jerome Foundation, created by artist and philanthropist Jerome Hill (1905-1972), makes grants to support the creation and production of new artistic works by emerging artists, and contributes to the professional advancement of those artists.

CSB/SJU Takes Home Award from Harvard National Model United Nations

prepared by Communication and Marketing Services

CSB/SJU sophomore Sayma Chowdhury won the "First Mention of Most Honorable Delegate" at the 48th Harvard National Model United Nations (HNMUN), held Feb. 14-17, in Boston. This year marked the 20th anniversary of CSB/SJU involvement in the HNMUN.

Chowdhury was delegate of the social, humanitarian and cultural committee and part of a group representing Egypt in HNMUN; their topic was "Slavery and Forced Labor in the 21st Century." Chowdhury is a member of the CSB/SJU International Affairs Club.

"It is wonderful that Sayma has won an award. This speaks very well of her abilities and reflects well upon the whole club," said Gary Prevost, professor of political science and faculty advisor to the International Affairs Club.

Members of the International Affairs Club who are currently taking political science 395, Model UN Seminar, attended the conference, and more than 300 CSB/SJU students have participated in the past 20 years. Each year, approximately 2,000 college students and faculty from all over the world participate in the event.

At the HNMUN, students discuss, debate and negotiate with each other about issues in international relations, allowing them to experience several duties and tasks of the United Nations. Committee sessions run from 3-4 hours each and

Healthy Relationship Month

by CJ Renner, Saint John's Health Initiative

Editor's note: Each month the Healthy Learning Community and the Partners for Healthy Living promote a health theme to the CSB/SJU campuses. These groups are involved in the promotion of physical, intellectual, emotional, social, occupational and spiritual health.

All too often, relationships are either the cause of or the solution to many of life's stresses. Unhealthy relationships contribute to a sense of frustration, ill will and a generally negative outlook. Conversely, healthy relationships create opportunities for mutually reinforcing positive self-esteem, support through difficulties and sustained growth through companionship. Here are a few ways to help build positive relationships.

The first step to developing and maintaining a healthy relationship is examining the current nature of the relationship. Healthy relationships are built on trust, fairness, respect, autonomy and joy.

How do you know if a relationship is grounded in these virtues? When you think about the relationship, consider these questions:

- Can you safely reveal your weaknesses to one another?
- Do you consider yourselves equals and act accordingly?

Please visit the Partners for Healthy Learning Community Web site at <http://csbsju.edu/extending/healthylearningcommunity/index.htm>.

● Are you able to discuss disagreements in a compassionate manner?

● Are you comfortable with your friend's other relationships?

● Do you enjoy each other's company?

Usually a problem in a relationship is solvable. Communication is the key to rebuilding and maintaining solid relationships. It is important for both parties to be willing to share their feelings and concerns about the status of their relationship. It can be difficult to explain to a friend that there are problems that need to be solved in the relationship, but this kind of communication sets a strong foundation for the years to come.

With a willingness to examine and communicate, it is possible to develop a healthy relationship. Strong relationships are doubly important when dealing with life's unexpected curveballs, and they are doubly rewarding when experiencing life's joys.

delegates try to maintain their national views in the midst of challenging opposition. Delegates also work to resolve issues and vote on formal written resolutions. "Countries must unite to get work done for the sake of humanity," Chowdury said. "We all had to put ourselves in another country's shoes to accomplish our goals. The teamwork was magical."

CSB/SJU Professor Attending
Governor's Mission to China

prepared by Communication
and Marketing Services

John Hasselberg, CSB/SJU associate professor of management, is a member of Gov. Jesse Ventura's China Advisory Committee and the Governor's Business Delegation to China from June 7-15.

While he has taught courses such as principles of management and administrative policy, Hasselberg's specific interests lie in international, strategic

and ethical dimensions of organizational work. Hasselberg had the opportunity to lead the CSB/SJU semester abroad program in Beibei, Chongqing, People's Republic of China in fall of 1999.

The governor's mission will include meetings with business and government leaders and several public events in Beijing and Shanghai to promote Minnesota exports, especially agriculture and processed foods, information technology and medical products. China is currently the state's third largest export destination, with exports having increased 88 percent over the past five years.

In The Media

Fr. Nathanael Hauser, art instructor and doctoral candidate in art history at the University of Minnesota, was featured in the cover story, "Icons, Sacred Images to Nourish the Spirit," by Irene Voth in the Feb. 21 issue of *The Saint Cloud Visitor*. Fr. Nathanael has been an iconographer for 25 years.

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May Bowle Scheduled

Mark your calendar for the return of May Bowle, the annual gala benefiting student scholarships for the College of Saint Benedict, Saint John's University and St. Cloud State University. The 36-year-old community ball resumes this year after a one-year hiatus and will be celebrated 6-11:30 p.m. on May 4, at SCSU's Atwood Center, with the theme "Café Americana."

Organized jointly by CSB/SJU and SCSU, the event celebrates and strengthens the bonds among the campuses and the community. Scholarships raised by the event support fine arts and theater students at the three institutions.

The event will feature a festive evening of fine dining, entertainment, dancing and black light bowling for a bit of whimsy. Faculty and student performances and art work will highlight the entertainment. Tickets are \$65 (\$40 of which is tax deductible) and are available from Communication and Marketing Services (CMS). At CSB, CMS is located in G20 Main, x5407. At SJU, CMS is in Annex II, x2594.

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Deadline for the May issue is April 19. To share your information and story ideas, simply e-mail them directly to Community at: community@csbsju.edu.

Bro. David Rothstein, assistant professor of English and a student of Fr. Nathanael, was pictured on the front page of the issue as he worked on his first attempt at creating an icon of Jesus Christ Pantocrator (Almighty Ruler).

Larry Davis, associate professor of biology, was mentioned in the March 2002 issue of the *Green Backed Gazette*, newsletter of the Central Minnesota Audubon Society. The title of the article was "Nautilus: 500 Million Years of Evolution" and talked about Davis' work on the chambered nautilus in the Philippines and New Guinea.

Jamie Partridge, associate professor of management, was featured on Feb. 11 in the *Grand Forks Herald*, in an article titled "Farmers Facing an Insurance Crisis, Fingerhut's Closing to Have Great Impact on Central Minnesota Ag Producers." She was also interviewed for an article titled "Trickle Down Trouble, Layoffs at Fingerhut Could Bring a Health Care Crisis to Central Minnesota Farm Families That Rely on Second Jobs for Health Insurance," which appeared in the *Saint Paul Pioneer Press* on Feb. 3. The articles can be viewed at http://www.csbsju.edu/news/media/02_01_02.htm#Grand%20Forks%20Herald4.

Bernie Evans, professor of theology, appeared in *The Bismarck Tribune*, on Feb. 8 and 9, in articles titled "Community responsibility changes with globalization" and "Lutefisk: 'I was running a pint low.'" Evans spoke on the final day of a two-day conference on rural development sponsored by the North Dakota Association of Rural Electric Cooperatives and the North Dakota Association of Telephone Cooperatives. The articles can be viewed at http://www.csbsju.edu/news/media/02_01_02.htm#The%20Bismarck%20Tribune3.

Ron Pagnucco, assistant professor of peace studies, was featured in the *National Catholic Reporter* on Jan. 18, in an article titled "Globalization of a different sort: two rural dioceses, Kenyan and Minnesotan, minister to each other." The article described Pagnucco's involvement with developing an African Learning Community that would take place in Kenya and would include three-week-internships and longer stays for CSB/SJU students.

Mary Geller, vice president of student development and dean of students, was interviewed by WJON regarding Women's Week activities at CSB and featured speaker Kerry Kennedy Cuomo.

Faculty/Staff News

Larry Schug, CSB recycling coordinator, will have an essay published in *Voices for the Land: Minnesotans Write About the Places They Love* to be published by the Minnesota Historical Society Press in October 2002. He also has a poem published in *The Cancer Poetry Project: Poems by Cancer Patients and Those who Love Them*, which has been nominated for a Minnesota Book Award. In addition, he was artist-in-residence at Bismarck State College on April 8 and 9.

Janet Neuwirth, associate professor of nursing, and **Mary Kay Becker**, assistant professor of nursing, have had their article, "Teaching Strategy to Maximize Clinical Experience with Beginning Nursing Students," published in the February 2002 issue of the *Journal of Nursing Education*.

Bruce Campbell, assistant professor of modern and classical languages and literatures (Spanish), presented a paper titled "Verse and Reverse: Contesting Public Authority in Nicaraguan Newspaper Poetry" at the annual conference of the Popular Culture Association in Toronto, Canada, on March 13-17.

Marina Martin, MCL professor, has had her article, "Borges the Apologist for Idealism," published on-line at <http://www.bu.edu/wcp/Papers/Lati/LatiMart.htm>. Her paper, published by The PAIDEIA Project On-Line, is included in the Proceedings of the Twentieth World Congress of Philosophy. This paper was originally given at the PAIDEIA Twentieth World Congress of Philosophy, in Boston, Mass., Aug. 10-15, 1998.

Martin has also delivered her paper, "Sueño y realidad: Borges y la producción filmica de A. Amenábar en Abre los ojos," at the Congreso Internacional de Literatura Hispánica (CILH), Lima, Peru, Feb. 27- March 1. This event was sponsored by the Pontificia Universidad Católica del Perú and Lock Haven University of Pennsylvania.

Clayton Gearhart, professor of physics, participated in and helped lead a discussion of Max Planck and the introduction of the quantum into physics, on Feb. 28, in a graduate seminar in the History of Science Program at the University of Minnesota.

Fr. Daniel Durken, professor of theology, spoke on March 6 about the Blessed Virgin Mary and why Catholics pay her special tribute to adults and students of the Adult Faith Formation Program of the Church of the Immaculate Conception in Rice, Minn. A previous speaker for this program was **Fr. Eric Hollas, OSB**, executive director of the Hill Monastic Manuscript Library, who spoke on Dec. 5 on "A Look at the Church's Defining Moments."