

CSB|SJU Community

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

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Faculty Group Seeks Understanding, Gains Insights from Bosnia

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Amid the post-war rubble of human destruction in the former Yugoslavia, amid the grim reminders of human suffering and cruelty, maybe humor helps dull the pain. The group of CSB/SJU faculty who toured the region May 24 through June 5 nicknamed their driver "Rambo."

Noreen Herzfeld, CSB/SJU professor of computer science, recalled the humor that bonded her and her fellow travelers with their driver and interpreter during the tour. The humor helped balance, in some small measure, the devastation and loss they encountered, she said.

Herzfeld was part of a CSB/SJU faculty development team that toured post-war areas in Bosnia — Sarajevo, Banja Luka, Tuzla and Srebrenica — along with visits to Zagreb and Belgrade. Led by Nick Hayes, professor of history and holder of the University Chair of Critical Thinking, the tour was funded with a \$25,000 gift from Dan Whalen, vice chair of the Saint John's Board of Regents and 1970 SJU graduate.

The purpose of the initiative was to grant selected faculty the opportunity to explore global issues of conflict, human rights and international intervention within a specific historical and cultural context and thereby enrich the classroom experience across the curriculum.

For Herzfeld, the tour was a chance to look at Islam in a

Western culture. In addition to her teaching assignments in computer science, she also teaches the spirituality of Islam.

"It's easy for our students to associate Islam with the Middle East," Herzfeld said. She explained that she wanted to gain a sense of that faith tradition within a Western society. She also wanted to explore the possibility for peace and reconciliation and she has since written an article, "Religious Nationalism and Western Intervention: A Letter from the Balkans," that has been accepted for publication by *Christian Centuries*.



From left: Jim Read, Noreen Herzfeld, Martina Talic — a CSB student from Bosnia, Manju Parikh, Christina Tourino and Nick Hayes.

Based on her interviews, she believes the immediate prospects for reconciliation are remote; the feelings of the people she met are still too raw. In some instances, people are still searching for the graves of loved ones.

"They have a long way to go. Everyone we talked with speaks of the need to forgive. Some are more hesitant. They say, 'I'll forgive; but I'll never forget.'

"The pain, fear and mistrust are very much alive in people and for very good reason," Herzfeld said. Only recently, another mass grave was discovered, she said.

Herzfeld spoke of "shells of houses that dot

the countryside," of an entire village destroyed and of an interview with a woman, the first Muslim to return to her neighborhood, who had lost her husband and two sons in a massacre.

She spoke of the sheer intensity of the visit. "It was extraordinary. I hardly slept — two or three hours a night."

The range of human emotion was not limited to the tragic. Juxtaposed with the images of horror she recalled, Herzfeld

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CSB Presidential Search Committee Announced

The Executive Committee of the CSB Board of Trustees recently announced the mission and the membership of the presidential search committee. The committee, under the leadership of the board of trustees chair Susan Lester, is charged with recommending to the Trustees, no later than February 2004, an unranked list of three to five individuals who, in the committee's judgement, are well qualified to lead CSB as its next president. The committee will conduct a full national search to attract a well-qualified and diverse pool of candidates, Lester said. With the assistance of a search consultant, Academic Search Consultation Service, the committee will devise, organize and implement the entire search process. The following were named to the committee:

Susan Lester, trustee, search committee chair

Ed Kocourek, trustee

Janet Fiola, trustee

Harvey Jewett, trustee

S. Emmanuel Renner, OSB, trustee

Dr. Janet Hope, faculty

Dr. Richard White, faculty

S. Christian Morris, OSB, Saint Benedict's Monastery

Iris Cornelius, regent, SJU

Jon McGee, Coordinate Cabinet

Beverly Radaich, CSB staff

Shelly Bauerly Kopel, CSB alumna

Kate Schmucker, CSB student

Dr. Carol Guardo Assumes Her Role as President of CSB

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On July 1 Dr. Carol Guardo, the College of Saint Benedict's new president, assumed her duties in a one-year appointment. She replaced Dr. Mary Lyons,



Dr. Carol Guardo

who is now the president of the University of San Diego in California. The presidential search committee, chaired by CSB Board Chair Sue Lester, has begun its mission to find a long-term president for the college. (See "CSB Presidential Search Committee Announced," at right.)

Guardo says she is settling in comfortably and has been welcomed warmly by the campus community. "In that true College of Saint Benedict spirit," she said. Guardo knows CSB and SJU well, having come here often in the past 10 years to assist college and university leadership in the evolution of the coordinate mission. Her familiarity with the CSB/SJU community makes her ideally suited to oversee this important transition for CSB.

"It is immensely helpful to know a lot of people and to understand the partnership with Saint John's," Guardo says. "For someone who doesn't have that knowledge, it's a lot to learn," she explains. "Furthermore, I have the advantage of knowing Br. Dietrich well, so there is already an established relationship between us. That makes stepping into this role much easier." Because of her fondness for the community, Guardo welcomed this opportunity to return and engage in the mission of the institutions.

Throughout her career in higher education, Guardo has served as dean and provost for institutions of higher education. She has been president of Rhode Island College in Providence and president of the Great Lakes College Association, a consortium of 12 selective liberal arts colleges in Michigan, Indiana and Ohio. She also has 20 years of experience as a trustee of Catholic colleges.

Guardo has held academic administrative positions in secular universities with such professional areas as business, education, pharmacy and engineering. "In this way I acquired many different ways of looking at the world, because each of these professional areas have their own ways of analysis, synthesis and examination," she said, noting that she is, herself, by nature, an analytical person. "I have enjoyed being able to have intelligent discourse with people in

all those professional areas and have learned that they are as strongly dedicated to the liberal arts as we are. It has been an excellent educational experience for me and I have been enriched by it."

A deep commitment to the liberal arts has been another important factor in Guardo's willingness to accept this post. "I have been well-served by the liberal arts," she said, beginning, she noted, with her undergraduate education at a Catholic liberal arts women's college. "Throughout my career I have been a champion of such an education," she explained. "It provides you modes of thinking, analyzing and synthesizing, giving you the ability to engage with the world and your own experiences. It fosters the development of critical thinking skills and offers a frame of reference for making sense of the world. Moreover, it gives you the ability to learn what you need to learn."

The CSB president's charge for the coming year, Guardo explains, is to carry on the work of the college and advance the strategic agenda for the college and the coordinate relationship. She intends to serve as a translator of the coordinate relationship for the incoming president and bring clarity to a unique situation. "I am willing to be helpful in every way that I can" she concluded. While here Guardo will be instrumental in advancing the vital partnerships between the monastery and the college. "These campuses are so incredibly lucky to have the vibrant communities of the monastery and the abbey here. I very much want to make sure that the distinctive Benedictine character remains alive and well during this time of transition and beyond."

Coleman Named as SJU Vice President For Finance and Administration

Carole T. Coleman has been named vice president for finance and administration at SJU. Prior to her appointment, effective July 1, she had served



Carole T. Coleman

since 1996 as executive vice president and chief financial officer at Wheeling Jesuit University in Wheeling, W.Va.

Coleman is an experienced administrator with a 19-year career in higher education at a Catholic institution including positions at Wheeling as director of business operations and director of financial administration. She holds a bachelor's degree in business administration and a master's in business administration from Wheeling.

In announcing her appointment, SJU president Br. Dietrich Reinhart cited not only her strong financial background but her firm belief in the importance of education for life, leadership and service.

Grand Master to Receive Honorary Degree from SJU

His Most Eminent Highness Frà Andrew Bertie, Grand Master of the Sovereign Military Order of Malta, will receive an honorary doctorate from SJU on Sunday evening, Oct. 12.



Frà Andrew Bertie

In making the announcement, SJU president Br. Dietrich Reinhart, OSB cited the longstanding relationship between the Knights of Malta and the Benedictines, which can be traced back to the 12th century. This relationship continues today through Frà Bertie's Benedictine education and teaching career. More recently, through the work of the Malta Study Center of the Hill Monastic Manuscript Library, the Benedictine monks of Saint John's Abbey have sponsored the preservation and filming of the archives of the Knights of Malta, housed in the National Library of Malta in Valletta. The conferral of the degree also commemorates the 30th anniversary of this Malta filming project.

Founded in the late 11th century, the Order of Malta has been dedicated to the medical care of pilgrims and the sick with hospitals first in Jerusalem, then in Rhodes and finally in Malta. Presently, the Order maintains its mission in the field of medical and social care and humanitarian aid with dispensaries, hospitals and relief services to people in the Middle East, Europe, North America and South America. Today, it is a sovereign entity that maintains diplomatic relationships with 92 nations. The Order numbers some 10,000 members who commit themselves to prayer and service to the sick and the poor around the world.

Frà Bertie is of Scottish descent and was educated at the Benedictine school of Ampleforth Abbey in Yorkshire, England. For 23 years, he taught modern languages at the school conducted by the Benedictine monks of Worth Abbey in Sussex. He was admitted to the Sovereign Military Order of Malta in 1956, and, in 1981, he took vows as a fully professed member of the Order. In 1988, he was elected the 78th Grand Master. As the Grand Master, Frà Bertie serves for life and is elected from among the professed Knights of the Order.

The Malta Study Center of the Hill Monastic Manuscript Library was established in 1973, with

the mission to preserve and make accessible archival materials related to the history of the island of Malta and the Knights of Malta. The goals of the Malta Study Center are to foster in the United States the study of the military and hospitaller religious orders and to generate awareness of the island of Malta's unique role in the Mediterranean history.

In close cooperation with the government of Malta, with the National Library in Valletta and with the Cathedral Museum in Mdina, the Center assembled and maintains a microfilm collection of more than 16,000 documents and dossiers of documents from Malta, covering the period of the 12th to the 20th century. The materials include the Archives of the Knights of Malta, the Cathedral Museum in Mdina, the Archives of the Inquisition, ecclesiastical records of the dioceses of Malta and Gozo and musical compositions. This is the largest collection of Maltese archival materials available outside the island. The Center also contains one of the most extensive libraries in the United States of antiquarian and modern publications dealing with Malta's history, literature and culture, as well as materials pertaining to the Knights of St. John and the history of the Crusades.

CSB Appoints New Hockey Coach

David Laliberte has been named head ice hockey coach at CSB. A native of Wausau, Wis., Laliberte is a 2000 SJU graduate with a bachelor's degree in social science, with minors in secondary education, history and coaching.



David Laliberte

Athletic Director Carol Howe-Veenstra is excited about the addition of Laliberte to the Blazer staff. "Dave is an alum of SJU and I love the fact that he has spent time on campus. He has an appreciation for Blazer athletics and has clearly identified with the values of the educational and developmental experience here." Howe-Veenstra is also pleased with Laliberte's work ethic. "He is organized, with great communication skills and exhibits a high level of professionalism. I'm excited to work with him."

Laliberte comes to the Blazers from Woodbury High School, where he was a social studies teacher and head girls hockey coach from 2000-03. Prior to that, he served as assistant varsity hockey coach for the St. Cloud Icebreakers from 1998-2000. In addition, he has served as a clinician at numerous hockey camps in the state of Minnesota.

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Clemens Lecture Announced

Harvard economist Professor Michael Kremer will deliver the 2003 Clemens Lecture at 8 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 11 in the Stephen B. Humphrey Auditorium on the SJU campus. His address is titled "New Approaches to U.S. policy in the Developing World: Addressing Neglected Diseases and Odious Debts."

Kremer has earned a reputation for unconventional approaches to persistent economic and social problems. For example, he has proposed formally warning banks that debts contracted by non-democratic regimes would not need to be repaid by successor governments, leading banks to either raise interest rates for such regimes to cover the increased risk of default or to not lend at all.

As always, the Clemens Lecture is designed for general audiences; students will understand what Kremer has to say.

Two Assistant Coaches Join CSB Volleyball

Heather Evans and Paige Karno have joined the Blazer volleyball team this fall as assistant coaches.

Evans has been the student assistant coach at Division II North Dakota State University. She is a 2003 NDSU graduate with a bachelor's degree in human performance and fitness. She was a four-year letter winner at NDSU, where she earned honorable mention in the conference and All-NCC 1st team in 2001.

Karno has experience in coaching at all levels. She was the club director for the Sartell Junior Olympic Volleyball Program and has also served as head coach for the Junior Olympic Team. Karno played her college volleyball at Southwest State, where she holds records in career kills, career digs and single-season digs. She was also a two-time all-conference pick at Southwest State.

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Fadiman to Speak at SJU

Award-winning author Anne Fadiman will speak at 8 p.m. Sept. 22 in the SJU Pellegrine Auditorium, Science Center. Her lecture is the fifth in the lecture series, "Ethical Thinking in Global Times."

Fadiman is the editor of *The American Scholar* and author of *The Spirit Catches You and You Fall Down* and *Ex Libris: Confessions of a Common Reader*. A recipient of a National Magazine Award for Reporting, she has written for *Civilization*, *Harper's*, *Life* and *The New York Times*.

Her campus visit is sponsored by the University Chair in Critical Thinking, the Schirber Lecture Series and the Asian Studies Learning Community. Her visit will include a reception, dinner and dialog with the faculty and community.

Her public lecture will address the making and themes of *The Spirit Catches You and You Fall Down*, an account of the tragic encounter of the Hmong community with the American medical system.

For information about her program and opportunities for students, faculty and staff, contact Norma Koetter at #2770.

CSB/SJU Faculty Honored

CSB/SJU faculty members were honored in May at the Academic Affairs awards ceremony.

Manuel Campos, associate professor of biology, received the S. Mary Grell Teacher of Distinction Award.

S. Mary Grell, a noted biologist, served students for more than 35 years with intelligence, skill, dedication and genuine affection for them. The difference S. Mary made in her lifetime of teaching at Saint Benedict is celebrated through the recognition each year of a faculty member who represents the best of teaching and learning at CSB/SJU.

Campos views teaching and learning as interdependent events with teaching being also an ongoing dedication to learning, a willingness to always remain a student. He believes that only through his own continuing search for knowledge is he able to keep up with the ever-changing face of science and convey to students his own excitement and interest in the field. His research has led to his active participation in summer undergraduate research for students.

Campos' collaboration and collegiality is evident in his support of the academic community. Many of his colleagues know of his quiet hard work and the energy he invests in tasks or projects that go beyond his own scholarly and professional interests to benefit the larger community.

Michael Livingston, associate professor of psychology, received the SJU Robert L. Spaeth Teacher of Distinction Award.

The award is named in honor of Spaeth, who died in 1994. He served as dean of the college at SJU for nine years in addition to offering lengthy terms of service as professor of liberal studies and director of freshman symposium. Each year, Spaeth's commitment to excellent teaching is remembered by honoring a faculty member who brings a special passion and mastery to the classroom and the learning community.

Livingston has been an active scholar, with more than 60 publications to his credit and more than 20 professional papers and presentations. He is active both within his professional field of psychology and with the American Association of University Professors (AAUP), which he serves as vice president of the Minnesota Conference of the AAUP and as editor of the *Minnesota Academe*, the organization's newsletter.

It is Livingston's dedication and success in teaching, however, that is recognized and celebrated with the Spaeth Award. Many students have completed internships, externships, individual learning projects, senior research projects and honors theses under his supervision and direction. Livingston is sought out by students for both his classes and for experiential learning experiences.



Manuel Campos (left) and Michael Livingston.



Daniel Steck

Daniel Steck, professor of physics, received the CSB/SJU Teacher-Scholar Award.

This award is given annually to a faculty member who exemplifies demonstrated excellence in scholarship as well as teaching, conducts student/faculty collaborative research or creative work and excels in the mentoring of students.

This past summer marked Steck's 22nd consecutive year collaborating on research with CSB/SJU students. Beyond the impressive number of years his commitment represents, Steck has served as an exceptional role model for aspiring scientists.

Steck's research — notably his investigations in radon gas exposure and lung cancer — is impressive and substantial. He served as associate editor of *Health Physics* from 1993-96 and has approximately 50 publications to his credit in journals and reviewed papers. He has received the Clean Air Research Award from the American Lung Association, as well as the Young Investigator Award Indoor Air. He has been awarded 14 external grants for radon-related research and is the recipient of 20 faculty research grants from CSB/SJU. He is a recognized expert in his field, and his work has brought honor and better health to the greater community.

Advising awards were presented to: Matt Callahan, cross divisional, symposium; S. Dennis Frandrup, fine arts, professor of art; Fr. Rene McGraw, humanities, associate professor of philosophy; Elizabeth Wurdak, natural science, associate professor of biology; and Janet Hope, social science, associate professor of sociology.

The following tenure awards, appointments and promotions were announced.

Tenure and promotion to associate professor: Manuel Campos, biology; Chris Freeman, English; Bill Lamberts, biology; Br. Doug Mullin, education; and Greg Schroeder, history.

Tenure and promotion to professor: Larry Davis, geology and biology; and Laura Rodgers, nursing.

Promotion to associate professor: Richard Albares, sociology.

Promotion to professor: Charles Bobertz, theology; Noreen Herzfeld, computer science; and Elena Sanchez-Mora, modern and classical languages.

Appointment of professor emeritus: Shobha Deshmukh-Gill, mathematics; Fr. Roger Kasprick, theology; Kerry Lafferty, theater; Jerry Lenz, mathematics; and Tony Sorem, psychology.

Also recognized for their service were the following:

Outgoing department chairs: Dave Bennetts, professor of history; Phil Byrne, professor of mathematics; Margaret Cook, professor of modern and classical languages; S. Dennis Frandrup, professor of art; Ozzie Mayers, professor of English; Br. Doug Mullin, associate professor of education; Jamie Partridge, assistant professor of management; and Fr. Bruce Wollmering, associate professor of psychology.

Service as acting department chair: Wendy Klepetar, professor of management; and John Merkle, professor of theology.

Service as joint faculty assembly chair: Jennifer Galovich, associate professor of mathematics.

Service as core director: Kaarin Johnston, professor of theater.

Service as dean, college of arts and sciences: Cheryl Knox.

Ten years of service: Charles Bobertz, professor of theology; Jose Antonio Fabres, associate professor of modern and classical languages; Fr. Kevin Seasoltz, professor of theology; and Joyce Simones, associate professor of nursing.

Fifteen years of service: Shobha Deshmukh-Gill, associate professor of mathematics; Karen Erickson, professor of modern and classical languages; Carolyn Finley, associate professor of music; Henry Jakubowski, professor of chemistry; Janet Neuwirth, associate professor of nursing; Lisa Ohm, professor of modern and classical languages; Jim Read, professor of political science; S. Mary Reuter, associate professor of theology; Wendy Sterba, professor of modern and classical languages; and Richard Wielkiewicz, professor of psychology.

Twenty years of service: Annette Atkins, professor of history; Gary Brown, associate professor of mathematics; Michael Gass, associate professor of mathematics; S. Eva Hooker, professor of English; S. Helen Rolfson, associate professor of theology; Vera Theisen, professor of modern and classical languages; and Fr. Bruce Wollmering, associate professor of psychology.

Twenty-five years of service: Dan Steck, professor of physics; and Charles Thornbury, professor of English.

Thirty years of service: S. Dennis Frandrup, professor of art; and Kerry Lafferty, associate professor of theater.

Thirty-five years of service: Fr. J.P. Earls, associate professor of English; Margy Hughes, professor of physical education; Frank Rioux, professor of chemistry; Charles Villette, associate professor of modern and classical languages; and Robert Weber, associate professor of political science.

Forty years of service: Robert Dumonceaux, Regents professor of mathematics.

Fifty years of service: John Gagliardi, Regents professor of athletics.

Retiring: Shobha Deshmukh-Gill, associate professor of mathematics; Fr. Roger Kasprick, theology; Kerry Lafferty, associate professor of theater; Jerry Lenz, associate professor of mathematics; and Tony Sorem, associate professor of psychology.

Froehle Named Saint John's Administrator of the Year

Saint John's Prep physics teacher, Peter Froehle, has been named the Saint John's 2003 Administrator of the Year. SJU president Br. Dietrich Reinhart made the announcement in May at the annual Saint John's Administrative Assembly recognition luncheon. This award is given annually to a member of the Saint John's community whose work exemplifies service and excellence.



Peter Froehle (right) and Jason Kelly.

He was presented with a plaque to commemorate the award and a tree was planted in his honor on the Saint John's campus.

Also nominated for the honor were: Michael Hemmesch, SJU director of communication/sports information director, Communication and Marketing Services; Ken Osborne, SJU assistant director of accounting, Business Office; and Jeff Wubbels, SJU events coordinator, Dining Service.

New Steering Committee members were announced and out-going members were recognized for their service. New members are: Sarah Pruett, ESL coordinator, modern and classical languages; Carol Marrin, project director, Saint John's Bible Project; and John Geissler, assistant director, Saint John's Arboretum. Outgoing members are Burdette Miller-Lehn, associate director for media

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Body of Clay, Soul of Fire Receives Publishers Award

Body of Clay, Soul of Fire: Richard Bresnahan and the Saint John's Pottery was recently awarded first place in the Art/Photo/Coffee Table category at the Midwest Independent Publishers Association awards program. The Midwest Independent Publishers Association serves the upper-Midwest publishing community in a collaboration of publishing, production, promotion and marketing information.

Body of Clay is the story of Richard Bresnahan, artist-in-residence at SJU and director of the Saint John's Pottery program. The author of the book is Dr. Matthew Welch, curator of Japanese and Korean Art at The Minneapolis Institute of Arts; the designer was Barbara J. Arney and the publisher was the Afton Historical Society Press in Afton, Minn.

Body of Clay accompanies a traveling exhibition of Bresnahan's and his apprentices' work that opened at SJU in December 2001 and continues to tour museums in Minnesota, the Dakotas and Wisconsin.

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The Welcome Mat

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

Gary Feldhege, Liturgical Press
John Mathews, Admission
Andrea Terhaar, Admission
Rachel Wolinski, Philosophy
Nancy Tong, Institutional

Advancement

Carole Coleman, Business Office

Kate Hand, Athletics
Jennifer Schwichtenberg, Library
Janelle Sietsema, Library
Ann Belanger, Food Service
Dave Laliberte, Athletics
Lynn Mueller, Student

Development

Farewell to Friends

Doris Frey, Development
Jill Holbrook, Vocation Project
Margaret Derksen, Development
Kate Kamakahi, Student

Development

Stacy Wiener, Food Service
Jeff Bretherton, Institutional

Advancement

Linda Rhode, Health Center
Stephen Burmeister-May,

International Education

Shobha Deshmukh,

Mathematics

Gaynor Claire Haeg, Political

Science

Samuel Hull Jr., Theater
Marian Johnson, Education
Gerald Lenz, Mathematics
Abigail Meyer, Biology
Christina Prom, Psychology
Christopher Ruddy, Theology
Robert Wilde, Art
Angela Wood, Admission
Kelly Kierzek, Dining Service
Natasha Thiede, Fine Arts
Michael Dreher, Life Safety
Alexander Collen, Life Safety
Katina Bruggman, Theology
Chris Thompson, Campus

Ministry

Jeffrey Hutson, OSB, Library
Christian Breczinski, Arboretum
Gael Fonken, Health Center

services, SJU Media Center; Pam Kotzenmacher, assistant director of accounting, SJU Business Office; and Jason Kelly, management and academic advising, CSB/SJU Academic Advising.

Faculty/Staff News

Kathleen A. Ohman, professor of nursing, recently attained CCRN certification after successfully completing the nationally recognized examination.

CCRN certification is one of the most advanced professional credentials that can be achieved by a nurse in the field of critical care. As a result, the CCRN designation is highly regarded as recognition of advanced knowledge and clinical expertise in the care of critically ill patients and their families. Most importantly, the CCRN credential signals that these individuals have been acknowledged by their peers as being among the very best in the critical care nursing profession. There are currently 45,000 neonatal, pediatric and adult CCRN-certified nurses practicing worldwide.

Vilma Chiu-Walter, instructor of modern and classical languages, presented a paper at the XXIII International Conference of the Poetics and Linguistics Association in Istanbul, Turkey, on June 23. Her paper was titled "Linguistic Environmental Considerations in Second Language Acquisition: Natural vs. Formal Environment." The synopsis of the paper has been published in the PALA 2003 Book of Abstracts.

Jon McGee, CSB/SJU vice president for institutional planning, research and communication, has joined the Board of Directors for the Collaboration for the Advancement of College Teaching and Learning, a regional membership organization that supports and promotes outstanding college teaching at public, private, and tribally-affiliated colleges and universities. The Collaboration offers programs and services that provide professional support for those who want to enhance student learning through involvement in an inter-institutional and interdisciplinary community of peers; identify trends and issues that affect student learning and prepare faculty and staff to meet them; identify, disseminate and foster approaches to teaching, learning and faculty development; and engage members of the academic community in the collaborative, scholarly examination of their practice. **Rita Knuesel**, CSB dean of the college, also serves on the board.

Fr. Anthony Ruff, OSB, assistant professor of theology, translated several Gregorian chant texts from Latin to English for a CD booklet released in Austria, "Bearing Fruit," sung by members of Zwettl monastery and the chant schola of the Hofburg (former royal palace) in Vienna.

Mark Conway, director of the CSB Literary Arts Institute and Project Logos, was a final judge for the Minnesota State Arts Board Fellowship program for poetry in April. The MSAB Fellowship program is designed to recognize, reward and encourage outstanding individual artists. Twelve-month fellowships are awarded to provide time, materials and living expenses for artists working in the visual, literary and performing arts.

Louis Johnston, assistant professor of economics, is the author of three articles published in *The Oxford Encyclopedia of Economic History*. They are "Balance of Payments"; "James J. Hill"; and "National Income Accounts: Exports and Imports."

Ronald M. Bosrock, Professor/Myers Chair in Management, gave an address on Aug. 8, before the Minneapolis Rotary Club on the "Issue of International Trade and New Competition."

Gina Wolfe, associate professor of theology and director, Vocation Project, has been named to the Board of Directors of the United States Catholic China Bureau (UCCB) for a three-year term. The UCCB works to promote understanding of Catholics and other religious believers in China, seeking to re-engage the U.S. Catholic Church in a new missionary partnership with the Catholic Church in China.

The 2002 SJU football game program has received top honors in publications. The program covers for 2002 were listed as best in NCAA Division III and the program was judged second-best in NCAA Division III. The awards were announced at the College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA) annual workshop held this summer in Cleveland.

All SJU athletic game programs are a collective effort among **Michael Hemmesch**, SJU director of communication and sports information director, Communication and Marketing Services; and **Tom Stock**, director of athletic marketing/merchandizing, and **John Biasi**, advancement Web/publications designer, Institutional Advancement.

Off to a Good Start: Laughter is the Best Medicine

by Norma, Dickau, public services librarian, CSB/SJU Libraries

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.

Have a hearty laugh. That is the perfect way to start a semester. First of all it's a new beginning, and there is the excitement of meeting a whole bunch of fresh, eager students — not to mention hearing of the summer adventures of our returning students. It always causes us to smile and greet them warmly. From that warm greeting it is not a long jump to laughter. Stop and listen to the waves of laughter that are a part of Benedictine hospitality heard all around the campuses.

Laughter is a very good thing for our students, and also very healthy for the rest of us. Let's look at the ways a simple laugh benefits us. First of all, physiologically, it gives us a grand workout. One study indicates that a single minute of hearty laughter gives the same aerobic benefits as fifteen minutes on a rowing machine! Laughing is sometimes referred to as "internal jogging" and gives a gentle massage to our internal organs. Further, the cardiovascular system is stimulated during laughter, and while the blood pressure and heart rates go up temporarily, this is followed by relaxation and vasodilatation, which lowers our blood pressure numbers.

Stress reduction is another real benefit. We all know that laughter can ease tension in interpersonal relations, but it can also help us relax as well. As

the laughter expands blood vessels, it increases blood flow to tense muscles in our bodies, and that aids the relaxation process. Finally, it gives a boost to our immune system. After hearty laughter, immunoglobulin A is found in increased levels in our saliva.

Ideas to help us laugh more:

- Be alert to funny situations; make it important to find humor every day and share it.

- Save some of the good jokes that come via e-mail in a folder called "Humor Research."

- Have a "Mirthday" party, where all participants share a good laugh.

- Try laughing out loud for no reason. I have been practicing, and I can go on for about three minutes. It's much more fun than that rowing machine!

- Several good reads on the subject are: *Humor and the Health Professions, The Therapeutic Use of Humor in Health Care* by Vera M. Robinson, and *Laugh For No Reason* by Madan Kataria (who started Laughter Clubs in India which are now worldwide.)

- For more information contact ndickau@csbsju.edu, or go to www.worldlaughtertour.com ("Think globally, laugh locally.")

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spoke fondly of long conversations the group had with Rambo and their interpreter as those two consumed massive quantities of coffee and cigarettes. The group had bestowed the nickname Rambo based on his war-time experiences. An ex-patriot, he had returned home to join the Special Forces to defend Sarajevo during the siege.

During one leisurely dinner, "fueled by alcohol, everybody relaxed and told jokes and stories" Herzfeld noted. And there was singing. She recalled the joy of singing a pop tune with the translator.

Political science professor Manju Parikh remembers a vivid moment in a quiet pasture, sheltered by forested hills, as the point when she found common ground with the group's Muslim driver and interpreter and also felt the full import of the tragedy in the Balkans. "We went to Srebrenica to see a monument, still in construction, for the thousands of innocent victims of the war," she said. "We stopped in this beautiful little pasture, surrounded by hills and forests — so peaceful and green. But then you

begin to notice little wooden sticks, markers of some sort, and you wonder what they are. Suddenly it occurs to you that each stick is a marker for a grave." The forested hills were where Muslim men ran to hide and were hunted down and killed, Parikh explained. Through DNA testing the bodies are being identified and given proper burial in this green place. "I began to weep, and the driver and interpreter understood my grief."

Parikh found this juxtaposition of so much tragedy with such great beauty to be particularly moving and a common experience in the Balkans, where whole villages and house after house were destroyed amidst the overarching natural beauty of the region.

"It is an incredibly beautiful place," Parikh said, "with rocky terrain, virgin forests, hidden valleys and absolutely deep blue rivers."

At the same time, the former Yugoslavia's cities are sophisticated, urbane cultural centers, Parikh said, wishing to dispel any image Americans may have of the place as savage and backwards. "The Russians used to call Belgrade the "Paris of the East." It's a beautiful city,

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Liturgical Press Earns Awards from Catholic Press Association

The Liturgical Press won five first-place awards at the Catholic Press Association's annual convention in Atlanta. The awards were received in pastoral ministry, professional books, direct mail promotion, best feature story in prayer and spirituality magazines for *The Bible Today* and best essay in religious order magazines for *The Abbey Banner*.

The Liturgical Press also received second-place awards in pastoral ministry, professional books, Spanish language titles, reference books, general catalog and best Web site; third-place awards in theology, liturgy, reference books and direct mail promotion; and honorable mentions in spirituality and theology; general excellence for prayer and spirituality magazines for *The Bible Today*; and general excellence for religious order magazines for *The Abbey Banner*.

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very European, with wonderful cultural offerings, boutiques, cafes, department stores and bookstores of the caliber you'd find in New York or Los Angeles."

The contrast between this sophisticated culture and the violence that erupted there is puzzling, said Jim Read, also a political science professor. "As a political theorist, I am interested in how something like this could happen in such a place." It was a society in which Bosnians, Serbs and Croats — Muslims and Christians — were able to live and work together, were friends and intermarried. "Then it all came apart very quickly to the point that people were just slaughtering members of other groups, or driving them out and destroying their houses. It was not a war between armies, but a war between populations."

Parikh thinks the region's leaders capitalized on post-Cold War political and economic uncertainties by using nationalist feelings to undermine what harmony existed among the various populations in Bosnia, Serbia and Croatia. "And of course, there were some gripes from the past that they could resurrect," she said, adding that, even so, many citizens of the region were opposed to what was happening. "However, I have to say, when we asked people there why they thought it had happened," Read said, "they themselves seemed kind of puzzled by it all."

For Christina Tourino, assistant professor of English, the experience challenged what she described as her uniquely American sense of ethnicity and citizenship. "Americans tend to believe that citizenship is something that can be acquired through conversion. In our nation's history, it's been possible to come here, either willingly or against your will, learn another language, pledge your allegiance to the flag, become a citizen and your nationality is American." But in the former Yugoslavia, there are three different groups of people who look similar and speak roughly the same language, "really three different dialects of the same language," Tourino said. "But you can get into trouble with someone depending on how you order a cup of coffee." The Bosnian, Croatian or Serbian nationalist identity is tied to place, language differences, religion and other factors that seem to be absolute, Tourino said. "National identity is tied to a concept of difference, rather than agreed-upon shared values and vision," she explained.

Like her colleagues, Tourino found tremendous utility in actually visiting the region in order to viscerally understand such fine lines of demarcation between people and politics. Read and Parikh both teach classes and symposia on the nature of war and peace and will have a better understanding of what happened in this particular instance and will look for the universal experiences of war, reconciliation and nation-building that can be applied to the experiences of others wars and other peoples. Tourino's focus in research and teaching is mainly the literature of unheard voices, multi-ethnic

expression in the U.S. and Latin America, particularly literature arising from cultural crisis.

"Truthfully, my mind had worn a groove in this regard and I went on the trip to try and get my mind to jump its tracks," Tourino said. "And it sure worked."

Read came away from the experience impressed with the people who escaped the bloodshed and have chosen to return to their homeland to help put it back together again. "These are courageous, committed people who, having been driven out, are coming back from living in the United States or Canada or some other place where they have been living safely to try and rebuild their homeland," Read said. "I think there's something to be learned both from what went wrong and the efforts to piece it back together again."

For Hayes, the visit was a return to familiar people and places. He has reported extensively from the area for the Public Broadcasting System (PBS) and Minnesota Public Radio. In 1994-95, as a Fulbright Fellow in Journalism, he was based in Zagreb, Croatia, filing reports on the war in the former Yugoslavia.

"I was asked to arrange the trip, and I was delighted to do so," he said. "For 20 years, I have had an obsessive personal and professional fascination with the area."

Based on this recent visit, he has filed a report for airing on the PBS program, "NewsHour with Jim Lehrer."

What compels his attention, he said, aside from the area's absorbing beauty is a dreadful combination of human dignity and abominable behavior. He returns to the area in search of answers to universal questions: "I am forever puzzled how people can commit such atrocities."

Prior to this trip, Hayes last visited the area in May-June of 2001. This time, he said he "went with cynicism but that tempered a bit. The process underway gives grounds for more hope than I had thought."

Politically, the area has stabilized, he said, and power is shifting into better hands. He worries, however, about repercussions associated with what he calls the "economic meltdown."

"That's my nightmare and immediate concern because of the corruption it fosters. Bosnia is a major source in illegal arms trafficking and the human sex industry is deeply troubling," he said.

Still, he believes the economy will recover, and that, once the American troops withdraw, the European community will maintain security.

As for the lessons he will bring to the classroom, Hayes said he wants his students to consider the ethical question of how ordinary people can commit extraordinary crimes of genocide. Also, he will challenge them to consider the responsibility of the United States to intervene.

Long term, he believes the area offers opportunities for service learning and ecumenical dialog.