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NEWS FOR THE SAINT MICHAEL'S COLLEGE COMMUNITY



LESSONS & CAROLS

a SAINT MICHAEL'S YULE TRADITION

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 7

7:00 p.m.

Chapel of Saint Michael the Archangel

The Annual Christmas concert will feature performances by The Saint Michael's Chorale, directed by **NATHANIEL LEW**, and will be joined by the Johnson State College Choir. Traditional readings alternate with seasonal choral music and carols sung by the congregation. Highlights include "O Magnum Mysterium" and Daniel Pinkham's "Christmas Cantata." The Saint Michael's Concert Winds, College Organist Susan Summerfield, and a brass ensemble will also perform.

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MICHAEL BATTIG, associate professor of computer science and department chair, attended the Information Systems Educators Conference, the largest continuously running conference for



Michael Battig

Information Systems education, in Pittsburgh, November 1-4 and presented the paper "Examining the Impact of a New Information Systems Program and NSF STEM Funding on Computing Enrollments," which also is to appear in the *Journal of Information Systems Education*. Mike will continue his work addressing declining enrollments in the computing disciplines during his sabbatical for the fall 2008 semester.

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World AIDS Day Events

The campus community will host and participate in programming to observe World AIDS Day, which is December 1, with activities all the following week. Here's the calendar:

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 1

6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. ■ Downtown Burlington Firehouse Gallery reception followed by reflection with Vermont CARES on Church Street.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2

7:00 p.m. ■ Chapel

Mass. After Mass, candle-light vigil in remembrance of those in the community and around the world who have lost their lives to AIDS.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 3

7:00 p.m. ■ Cheray Hall, Room 111

T. Richard Corcoran, AIDS activist, speaking of his own life as an openly HIV-positive person, and of the accomplishments and challenges of the global AIDS movement. Corcoran has been the North American delegate to the program coordinating board of the Joint United Nations Program on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS).

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 4

8:00 p.m. ■ Women's Center

Film, *Yesterday*. Nominated for an Academy Award for best foreign film, *Yesterday* tells the story of a 30-year old, rural South African woman whose husband toils in the mines of Johannesburg. After learning both of them have AIDS, she battles enormous odds to try to ensure that her daughter Beauty can attend public school.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 5

7:00 p.m. ■ Cheray Hall, Room 101

SGAC (Student Global AIDS Campaign) Alumni Panel: Continuing Social Justice Work after SGAC. **SIHAM ELHAMOUMI '07**, **ASHLEY GEORGE '05**, **ANGELA MADONIA '04** and **ROB MEALEY '05**, former student leaders of the Student Global AIDS Campaign, will talk about the skills they developed through participation in SGAC and AIDS advocacy and how they have been able to continue social justice work as professionals and volunteers.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 7

Noon ■ Church Street at Main, Burlington

Rally to remind the Vermont Congressional delegation of its promises and obligations. Students and community members will visit each Congressional office to remind them of the grave challenges ahead that need addressing in Congress to help the world's most vulnerable people struggling with HIV and AIDS.



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Mike Donoghue

MIKE DONOGHUE, long-time adjunct professor of journalism, was a 2007 Yankee Quill Award winner, considered the highest award in New England journalism for TV, radio, newspaper, magazines and wire services. Donoghue, who is a fulltime staff writer for *The Burlington Free Press*, started at Saint Michael's in 1985 and also serves as an academic adviser. The award is for a lifetime of work and not for a single specific story or event. Among the work cited were his ongoing efforts for the First Amendment and Right-to-Know-the-Truth issues in the state and country along with his work with students. Also noted was Donoghue's award-winning writing that includes helping to send killers in two homicides to jail, uncovering a major hockey hazing scandal, and for exposing the nation's largest deadbeat parent.

JOANNA ELLIS-MONAGHAN, assistant professor of mathematics, and **KATHLEEN MONDANARO**, formerly associate professor of chemistry, have had a paper "Hydrocarbon Links in an Octet Truss" accepted for publication in *The Journal of Mathematical Chemistry*. This paper was co-authored with two University of Vermont scholars and provides design heuristics for constructing knotted hydrocarbon molecules. The research was supported by the National Security Agency and the Vermont Genetics Network.

LAURIE GAGNE, director of the Edmundite Center for Peace and Justice, presented a paper entitled "The Artist as Peacemaker: *Babette's Feast* as a Narrative of Reconciliation," at the Conference on Christianity and Religion, Northeast Region, held at Regis College, October 26-28. She has been invited to submit it for publication in *Renascence: A Journal of Values and Religion*, produced at Marquette University.

Student Personnel Administrators Honor Michael Samara for His Record of Service

MICHAEL SAMARA, vice president for student affairs and dean of students, received a major award from the National Association of Student Personnel Administrators (NASPA) November 6 at the regional NASPA conference at the Sheraton Hotel and Conference Center, Burlington. Mike was singled out for extraordinary and consistent work as a model for others in the field of service to college students.



Michael Samara

He was presented with the Scott Goodnight Award for Outstanding Performance as a Dean, which goes to a student affairs leader who is "innovative in meeting students' needs, effective in mentoring junior staff, and a leader in community and university affairs." The award was presented by **DEB CADY '92**, an associate dean of students at Fairfield University.

"Dean Samara is worthy of this award," Cady said, "not only for the vision he has imparted upon the student affairs division, but also because of the impact he has made on the lives of countless graduates of Saint Michael's College." She pointed out Mike's major part building the Saint Michael's student affairs office through the addition of student activities, new student programs and multicultural student affairs offices.

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WILLIAM GROVER, professor of political science, chaired the 60th anniversary Inter-Institutional Meeting of the Washington Semester Program at American University in Washington, DC, November 2-3. Saint Michael's has a long-standing affiliation with the Washington Semester Program as a Study Abroad option for our students.



William Grover

JOANNE LABRAKE-MUEHLBERGER, Academic Internship Program director, has completed her tenth year working with the Loaned Executives of the United Way of Chittenden County. Prior to each campaign Joanne gives a Presentation Skills Seminar designed especially for the loaned executives from the program here at Saint Michael's. This presentation is an integral part of the campaign kick-off.



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SHARON LAMB, professor of psychology, has been given the 2007 "Professional Book Award" by the Society for Sex Therapy and Research for her book *Sex, Therapy, and Kids: Addressing their Concerns through Talk and Play*. The group's Award Committee "by unanimous vote, felt this book to be a pioneering contribution to the health professional library," stated Peggy Kleinplatz, chair of the panel, who further noted the book's value for both professional and lay readers.

DAVID MINDICH, professor of journalism and mass communication, gave the keynote speech at the Conference on antebellum and Civil War Press at University of Tennessee at Chattanooga, where he received its highest honor, the Hazel Dicken-Garcia Award for Excellence in Journalism History. Mindich recently published two articles, a video game review in *Journalism History*, and an essay, "To Be Neutral on a Moving Train': What Should Journalism and Journalism Educators do in Response to Attacks on the Press," in *Journalism Studies*.

MARK NIGRINI, associate professor of business administration and accounting, had a paper titled "Benford's Law applied to hydrology data: Results and relevance to other geophysical data" published in a recent issue of *Mathematical Geology*. In November he presented a paper titled "Monitoring sales reports using the Location Information Audit Risk Score (LIARS) system" at the 14th World Continuous Auditing and Reporting Symposium held at Rutgers University in Newark, New Jersey.

MARILYN SCOVILLE and **MICHELE McCAFFREY**, reference and instruction librarians, attended the 11th annual Dartmouth Biomedical Libraries October conference on October 12. The theme of this year's conference was surveys and focus groups in gathering information from academic



Marilyn Scoville

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Original Student Show to be Performed at Festival

Immediately after their production Nov. 17 of *The Summoning of the Flamingo of Love (The Epically Epic Original Comic Masterpiece)*, the student cast and crew were invited to perform the show at the American College Theatre Festival regional event January 29, 2008.

Flamingo, written by Saint Michael's student **JONATHAN ANDERSON '08** of Bar Harbor, Maine, and two of his friends, "will launch the week-long theater conference," said **CATHY HURST**, associate professor of theater, who was adviser to the production, along with **JOHN DEVLIN**, assistant professor of theater. The show, which was an entirely student created and produced undertaking, will be staged to open the festival to be held at Fitchburg (Mass.) State College, and at the Four Points Sheraton in Leominster, Massachusetts, January 29 to February 3, 2008.



Statue Salutes War-Hero Alumnus

A new statue of war hero **DONALD COOK '56** was placed and dedicated in September in a quiet spot across Route 15 from campus adjacent to the Merrill Cemetery. Attending the dedication were more than 125 alumni classmates, AFROTC graduates, family and friends of the late Col. Cook, a Brooklyn native and U.S. Marine who served in Vietnam, where he died a hero after being held as a prisoner of war for three years.



Col. Cook already has been awarded the Medal of Honor posthumously in 1980 and has earned the U.S. Navy's commissioning of the USS Donald Cook, an AEGIS Destroyer, in 1998. Military detachments and a military color guard participated in the Saint Michael's ceremonies with a POW/MIA flag that flew from the USS Donald Cook when the ship was dedicated. The stalwart, life-size standing statue was carved in granite by Ryan Mays of Celestial Memorial Sculpting Studio in Barre, home of Vermont's famed granite mines. Cook's widow, Laurette, called the piece an excellent likeness. As stated on the statue's base, it is dedicated to all the alumni, faculty, staff and students and the Society of Saint Edmund who have served in the military.

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CALENDAR

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 1

7:00 p.m.
McCarthy Arts Center

Recital of student brass players, including students of brass musician Stuart Carter: David Besserer, trombone; Nathan Adams, trumpet; Zachary Bensen, trumpet; with support from Holly Morton, piano, Joe Kwiatkowski, piano. There will be a trumpet choir, trombone choir, and brass choir at the end.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 1 THROUGH THURSDAY, DECEMBER 6

Saint Michael's College hosts and participates in **World AIDS Day programming**. (See details in box on Page 1).

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2

4:00 p.m.
McCarthy Arts Center

Counterpoint, Vermont's 12-voice professional vocal ensemble, performing "Christmastide," a concert of a cappella carols and Christmas music. Tickets at the Flynn box office or the door: \$18 for adults; \$15 for seniors, \$12 for students; discount for SMC community with IDs.



FRIDAY, DECEMBER 7

4:45 p.m.
Chapel

Vigil Mass for the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception. (Holy Day of Obligation).

7:00 p.m.
Chapel

Annual Christmas concert **Lessons and Carols**. (See details in box on Page 1).

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 15

2:00 p.m.
McCarthy Arts Center

The Magic of Christmas performed by the Essex Children's Choir. A program of holiday traditions for children, particularly those ages 7 to 11. Admission is \$6 for children; \$8 for adults. Free to children of Saint Michael's faculty and staff who are accompanied by a parent. For information, call 802.863.9161.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16

3:00 p.m.
Chapel

A Festival of Gregorian Chant and Seasonal Music with the Vermont Gregorian Chant Schola directed by William Tortolano, emeritus professor of music. The program includes music by Pachelbel, Schubert, "O Come, O Come Emmanuel," "Chants in Honor of Mary," "Carol of The Little Drummer Boy," and Christmas carols with the audience.

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MONDAY, DECEMBER 24

8:00 p.m.
Chapel

Christmas Eve Mass

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 25

11:00 a.m.
Chapel

Christmas Mass

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Michele McCaffrey

library patrons. Conference sessions included survey design, legal issues involved in using human subjects, using online survey tools, effective use of focus groups, and a report and discussion of an anthropological study of students' use of library and other campus spaces.

PATRICIA SIPLON, associate professor of political science, presented the paper "Ensuring Health Care Workers and Strengthening Health Systems for HIV/AIDS Treatment in sub-Saharan Africa" on November 5 at the annual meeting of the American Public Health Association in Washington, DC. ■



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