



# Celebrating a New Year— and Our History

By President Marc A. vanderHeyden

We have now entered 2004—Saint Michael's College Centennial year. First, I want to repeat my best wishes for a happy and a healthy new year, but then, I quickly want to turn our joint attention to the year ahead. Clearly, we will be faced with the usual diverse responsibilities and tasks related to teaching and serving our students. In that sense, 2004 will be simply another in a long string of years of superior service to Saint Michael's College students. Nevertheless, many additional enhancements will be included in the customary attention we pay to teaching and scholarship and helping our students grow through myriad activities in residential life, athletics and volunteer services.

Because of the extraordinary work done by the Centennial Committee—under the leadership of Marilyn Cormier and with the participation of many people in our community—a comprehensive program of events and materials has been planned. Even before the Centennial is off to a good start, some of these have come to fruition, such as a wonderful calendar and a pictorial history that highlights the major achievements of the past 100 years at Saint Michael's College. All of the faculty, staff and students who have worked diligently to bring forth these beautiful mementoes deserve our hearty congratulations and sincere thanks.

As you all know, we will begin the celebratory events on Saturday, January 10, with our postponed holiday party, which has been combined with a kickoff dinner for the Centennial. This will be followed by the Centennial Opening Convocation, dinner and Student Talent Show on Friday, January 23. It is my hope that all of you will be able to share in the joy of these special occasions.

Throughout the next year and a half, we have dedicated each month to celebrating a different academic department or aspect of the institution. Therefore, we will have a long list of special events and guests visiting our campus, which will culminate in the fall with the true anniversary celebration period between the Feasts of Saint Michael and Saint Edmund (September 29 to November 16, 2004). At times, there may appear to be an overload of programs, but we should not forget that this is, indeed, a highly special occasion, of which all of us can be justifiably proud and in which as many as can possibly manage should participate. Therefore, in addition to our students, staff and faculty, we must ensure that parents, alumni, trustees and friends are an equal part of the celebration. Further, much of what occurs on campus in the coming 18 months will be visible and open to the larger

community that surrounds us here in Chittenden County as well as those connected to the institution in the rest of the country.

I truly hope the coming year is marked by high spirits and exceptional optimism so that we may begin our second century with the kind of confidence that inspired our founding fathers 100 years ago to initiate—in a very daring fashion—a new institution of higher learning that has grown into the Saint Michael's College of today. Much has been accomplished in the past century, and yet, there is an extraordinarily long list of what each of us as individuals and all of us as a community want to achieve.

Therefore, my plea at this momentous point is that all of us may join hands to make certain that we begin the next 100 years with the same sense of adventure and commitment to principles that guided the founding fathers. While we may not possess the same religious inspiration, we do share their enthusiasm for excellence, for respect and care for one another, and for an acceptance of the role of the divine in our own lives and the life of our community. At all times, we must display the desire to grow, the intellectual honesty in the search for truth, the commitment to help our students succeed and the willingness to assist one another in our respective roles. In that way, we can guarantee that Saint Michael's College will have an even better second century. ■



## News

**CHRISTINE BAUER-RAMAZANI**, instructor in the School of International Studies, just completed organizing the 2004 online sessions of TESOL's Electronic Village (see [http://www.geocities.com/tesol\\_evonline/](http://www.geocities.com/tesol_evonline/)). These free, six-week sessions allow teachers of English as a Second/Foreign Language all over the world to participate in professional development. The sessions include readings, discussions, chats, guest speakers, and task-based activities. Training for the moderators of these sessions in communicating, interacting, and collaborating in an online environment was conducted through the YahooGroups online environment. Christine was also nominated to the Technical Advisory Committee of the international TESOL organization and was asked to conduct two four-week online courses as part of



Christine Bauer-Ramazani

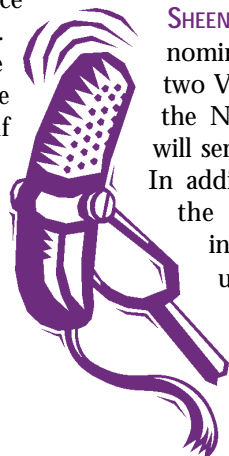
TESOL's "Principles and Practices of Online Teaching" series. Her courses will focus on "Online Learning for Campus-Based Teaching" and "Teaching Reading and Writing Online."

**JIM BYRNE**, associate professor of religious studies, recently published a chapter in *The Blackwell Companion To Modern Theology* (Oxford, 2004). The book features 32 Chapters by contemporary theologians and is a major reference work of modern Christian thought. Byrne, whose main area of expertise is religious thought since the Enlightenment, wrote on Rudolf Bultmann and Paul Tillich, two of the leading theologians of the 20th century. His previous works include books on the Enlightenment and on the question of God in modernity and postmodernity.

In November, members of the Biology Department (**MALCOM LIPPERT**, **MARK LUBKOWITZ**, **DONNA BOZZONE**, **DOUGLAS GREEN**, and **VALERIE BANSCHBACH**) received a Vermont Experimental Program to Stimulate Competitive Research (VT EPSCoR) Equipment Grant to fund the purchase of an Autoclave (Steam Sterilizer). An autoclave, similar to a pressure cooker, creates a high pressure, high temperature environment that is lethal to microorganisms.



Saint Michael's College is again quite well represented in the states of Maine, New Hampshire, and Vermont through Saint Michael's faculty participation in (NNE) Northern New England affiliate to TESOL (Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages). Instructors **CHRISTINE BAUER-RAMAZANI** and **HIDEKO FURUKAWA**, and **SUSAN JENKINS**, all presented their own workshops at the conference on November 17, 2003, in Manchester, New Hampshire at Southern New Hampshire University. **POLLY HOWLETT** finished her year as Conference Chair/President Elect (for the second time in 15 years) with that conference and now serves as president.



**SHEENA BLODGETT** accepted the nomination to be one of the two Vermont Representatives to the NNE Executive board and will serve for the next two years. In addition to faculty service in the organization, SIS has involved the MATESL graduate students **MARY LYNNE LOBELLO** as a Vermont Representative to the Executive Board and

Tracy Magel as a presenter at the conference. Graduate student **NIKO KOBEPA** submitted written work to the NNE Newsletter which was accepted and published this fall in November of 2003.

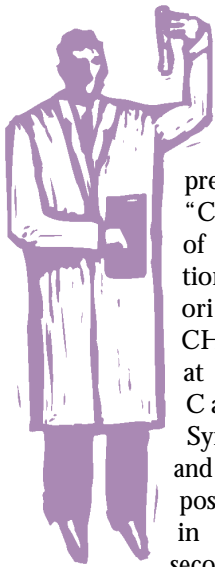
**DECLAN McCABE**, instructor in biology, traveled to SUNY Plattsburgh on November 17 to present his research on the effects of disturbance on river insect communities to the faculty and students at the Lake Champlain Research Institute. The presentation resulted from experiments run in the LaPlatte River demonstrating that physical disturbance in can increase community diversity in streams.

A new book by **FRANK NICOSIA**, professor of history, *Business and Industry in Nazi Germany*, co-edited with Jonathan Huener of UVM, will be published in January 2004 by Berghahn Books of Oxford and New York. A new paperback edition of his book *The Columbia Guide to the Holocaust*, co-authored with Donald Niewyk and published by Columbia University Press in 2000, was published by Columbia in September 2003.



**JOANNE A. SCHNEIDER**, director of Durick Library & Information Services, served as a panel convener for "Artistry through Technology - Integrating Creative and Technical Skills" at the EDUCAUSE 2003 Conference in Anaheim, California, November 4 to 7, 2003. The conference theme was "Balancing Opportunities, Expectations, and Resources" related to the mission of EDUCAUSE, which is to transform education through information technologies.

## News continued



**ALAYNE SCHROLL**, associate professor of chemistry, and UVM collaborator Nicholas Heintz presented a poster titled "Chemical footprinting of structural and functional elements of dhfr ori beta during the CHOC 400 cell cycle" at the 18th Regional Cancer Research Symposium October 2 and 3 in Burlington. The poster is now on display in the hallway of the second floor of Chery.

**TERRI SELBY**, director of parent programs in institutional advancement, sent out the first issue "Parent Talk," an electronic newsletter that was created as a way to reach out to parents and provide news, information, advice and helpful links. The first issue, which was sent out to all parents for whom the college has e-mail addresses (approximately 900) was focused on parents of new students. The next issue (March/April) will be more geared for senior parents, with Ingrid Peterson planning to write an article on the career planning at the Student Resource Center. The Saint Michael's community can view the newsletter at [www2.smcvt.edu/pt/](http://www2.smcvt.edu/pt/).

**PATRICIA SIPLON**, associate professor of political science, presented a talk at Princeton University cosponsored by the Princeton AIDS Initiative and the Center for Health and Well-Being. The talk, entitled "Crisis and Confrontation: The Cross National Politics of AIDS Activism" was presented on October 20. She also presented a paper entitled "AIDS and Patriarchy: Ideological Obstacles to Effective Policy Making" at the African Studies Association's national convention in Boston on October 31.

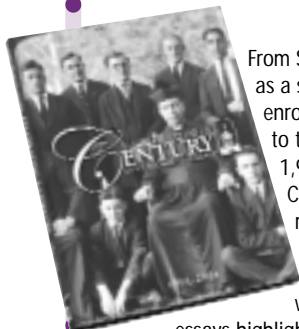


Patricia Siplon

## 2004 Centennial Wall Calendars and Commemorative Books are available at the Bookstore

Celebrate a century of Saint Michael's College memories with this commemorative 2004 wall calendar. Each month will delight you with carefully selected photography presenting a "then and now" snapshot of Saint Michael's students and traditions. The calendar is 12" x 12" and includes all national holidays and Saint Michael's Centennial events.

\*\* Please note: if you pre-ordered a calendar, you will receive it in the mail shortly.



From Saint Michael's founding days in 1904 as a small school for boys and men, to the enrollment boom after World War II, to today's dynamic college of more than 1,900 undergraduates, Celebrating a Century shares the story of the College's remarkable past and its exciting present and future. This 9" x 12" 144-page hardcover volume is filled with over 220 photographs and six essays highlighting the history, people, architecture and accomplishments of Saint Michael's College.

# CENTENNIAL OPENING CONVOCATION

Friday, January 23, 2004

*You are cordially invited to the following events*

**4:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.**

**CONVOCATION**

Chapel of Saint Michael the Archangel

**5:00-7:00 p.m.**

**DINNER FOR STUDENTS, FACULTY AND STAFF**

Green Mountain Dining Room, Alliot

**7:30 p.m.**

**STUDENT TALENT SHOW**

Ross Sports Center

# EVENTS

## January Calendar

### THROUGHOUT JANUARY

Saint Michael's College presents **Archival Treasures – Incunabula and Rare Books Exhibit** through March in the **Durick Library**. Archival Treasures will feature recently uncovered rare books called "incunabula" that were printed prior to 1500. Dating from the birth of printing, these rare volumes were produced on a moveable type printing press invented by Johann Gutenberg around 1450.

### MONDAY, JANUARY 19

3:00 p.m.

Saint Michael's presents the annual **Martin Luther King Convocation** in the Chapel, featuring **Danzy Senna** author of the best-selling novel *Caucasia*, the story of two bi-racial sisters growing up in racially charged Boston during the 1970s. Ms. Senna, who holds the Jenks' Chair of Contemporary American Letters at the College of the Holy Cross in Worcester, MA, will discuss her views and experiences as part of a bi-racial culture.

7:30 p.m.

The community is invited to celebrate **Mass in Spanish** in the Chapel.



### FRIDAY, JANUARY 23

4:00 p.m.

**THE COLLEGE'S CENTENNIAL OPENING CELEBRATION** is held in the **Chapel**. The ceremonial opening of the Centennial celebration features an academic procession, original student musical presentations and readings, and a keynote address by **President Marc A. vanderHeyden**. The campus community is invited to dinner in **Alliot** following the celebration, featuring food from 100 years ago.

7:30 p.m.

**The CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION Student Talent Show** is held in the **Ross Sports Center**, featuring the college's best talent. Members of the Board of Trustees will judge.

### TUESDAY, JANUARY 27

12:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

**A Blood Drive** will be held in the **Ross Sports Center**. Pizza and Hershey's Hugs and Kisses will be provided.

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### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 29

4:00 p.m.

**Alan F. Segal**, professor of Jewish Studies at Barnard College, Columbia University, is speaking on "**From Here to Eternity: The Afterlife in Judaism**" in the **Hoehl Welcome Center** as the annual Rabbi Wall lecture. Professor Segal is the author of numerous books including *Rebecca's Children: Judaism and Christianity in the Roman World*, *Two Powers in Heaven: Early Rabbinic Reports about Christianity and Gnosticism*, and *Paul the Convert: The Apostolate and Apostasy of Saul the Pharisee*.

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