



Campus Currents

NEWS FOR THE SAINT MICHAEL'S COLLEGE COMMUNITY

Joining the Elite

SAINT MICHAEL'S INVITED TO ESTABLISH PHI BETA KAPPA CHAPTER

Following a three-year review cycle and a multi-stage assessment, Saint Michael's has been invited to establish a Phi Beta Kappa chapter on campus. The decision on August 9 brought the total number of PBK chapters at U.S. colleges and universities to 270, with other Vermont chapters at Middlebury and the University of Vermont. The oldest national academic society, **Phi Beta Kappa**, founded in 1776, is regarded as the preeminent American honor society. Less than one percent of college graduates nationwide are admitted, and fewer than 10 percent of colleges and universities are privileged to have PBK chapters. Of the 41 colleges applying for admission during this cycle, only eight were invited to form chapters.

"I am delighted to welcome Saint Michael's College to Phi Beta Kappa," said John Churchill, secretary of the Society, in a press release announcing the invitation. "With the establishment of this chapter, we acknowledge Saint Michael's accomplishment in the field of liberal education, and we look forward to a lively partnership in advancing that cause," Churchill added.

Of the 220 Catholic colleges in the country, only 20 have chapters, four of which are in New England: Saint Michael's, Boston College, Holy Cross and Fairfield. In addition to the flagship universities of each of

the New England states and the four Catholic colleges, other regional institutions with Phi Beta Kappa include Dartmouth, Bowdoin, Colby, Bates, Brown, Yale, Trinity of Connecticut, Wesleyan, Connecticut College, Harvard, Amherst, Boston University, Brandeis, Clark, MIT, Mt. Holyoke, Smith, Tufts, Wellesley, Wheaton and Williams. "This puts us in very good company," said Dean **JOHN KENNEY**.

Criteria for selection to PBK include quality of faculty and their research, quality of students and extent of student research, as well as success of students in gaining fellowships and admission to graduate or professional programs. Honors programs, library quality, and number of faculty inducted into Phi Beta Kappa are also considered. To be considered for a PBK chapter, 10 percent of an institution's faculty must be PBK members. Saint Michael's PBK faculty members include Associate Professor of Mathematics **GEORGE ASHLINE**, Professor of Classics **RONALD BEGLEY**, Professor of Biology **DONNA BOZZONE**, Professor of History **GEORGE DAMERON**, Assistant Professor of Physics **SANDY KARSTENS**, Dean of the College **JOHN KENNEY**, Associate Professor of Anthropology **ADRIE KUSSEROW**, Professor of Psychology **SHARON LAMB**, Assistant Professor of Fine Arts **NATHANIEL LEW**, Assistant Professor of Biology **MALCOLM**

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LIPPERT, Instructor of English **WILL MARQUESS**, Instructor of Biology **DENISE MARTIN**, Assistant Professor of Psychology **MOLLY MILLWOOD**, Instructor of Business **JOANNE SCOTT**, Associate Professor of English **KERRY SHEA**, Assistant Professor of Journalism **KIMBERLY SULTZE** and Professor of Religious Studies **JEFFREY TRUMBOWER**.

The committee that coordinated the College's application was chaired by George Dameron, with the support of John Kenney and Provost **JANET SHEERAN**. Professors Jeff Trumbower, Donna Bozzone and Sharon Lamb were also on the committee, assisted by researcher **JOHN KULHOWICK**, and executive assistants **JULIE ELDRED** and **MADELEINE RABIDEAU**.

This formal recognition of the College's academic excellence is an historic moment in the history of Saint Michael's. "This recognition is a testament to Saint Michael's academic quality and reputation," said **PRESIDENT MARC VANDERHEYDEN**. "I hope everyone on campus will join in celebrating this milestone."

Faculty/Staff News

MAHMOUD ARANI and **ELIZABETH O'DOWD** associate professors in SIS, presented a paper, "Student preferences for error correction" at the annual convention of Teachers of English as a Second or Other Language (TESOL) in Baltimore, MD. They also presented a paper at the spring conference of the Northern New England Teachers of English in Portland, ME, "Beyond the Writing Process." In May, O'Dowd and Mia Thomas-Ruzic (CU Denver) presented a linguistics paper at the annual Conference of Language, Interaction and Culture (CLIC) in California at UC Santa Barbara titled, "The Ifs and Buts of Conditionals."

GEORGE ASHLINE, associate professor of mathematics, was an instructor during July and August of 2003 for the Vermont Mathematics Initiative (VMI) and Vermont Mathematics Partnership (VMP). The VMI is a three-year, statewide, comprehensive professional development program in mathematics for elementary teachers in Vermont. The VMP is among a small number of mathematics and science partnerships, nationwide, that were selected to receive National Science Foundation and US Education Department funds for a major 5-year initiative intended to meet the challenges posed by the recent federal "No Child Left Behind" legislation. Ashline created written materials for the team-taught courses, including the VMI course *Number Theory for Elementary Teachers* in July, and the VMP course *Introduction to Mathematics as a Second Language* in August that is continuing into the fall of 2003 at Milton Elementary School.



George Ashline

Ashline was also a faculty consultant at the 2003 Advanced Placement (AP) Calculus Readings, held June 1-8 at Colorado State University. Representing various universities, colleges, and high schools from around the world, faculty consultants graded the free response portions of over 200,000 AP Calculus exams during the week-long reading.

VALERIE BANSCHBACH, associate professor of biology, announced that the Department of Biology had five students doing summer research projects. Three of the students were listed in May's Campus Currents. The other two students were: **REBECCA YEAMANS '04**, a Clare Booth Luce Fellowship recipient who worked with Banschbach on research on the effects of habitat fragmentation on species diversity and competition; and **AIMEE AHARI '05**, recipient of the John C. Hartnett Fellowship from the biology department, who worked with biology instructor **DECLAN MCCABE** researching the invasive zebra mussels in Lake Champlain.



Valerie Banschbach



ALAIN BRIZARD, assistant professor of physics, was awarded a \$50,000 grant from the National Science Foundation for support of his project, "Applications of Lie-Transform Methods in Plasma Physics."



Alain Brizard

SHAUN BRYER '03, presented a session titled "Promoting Youth Involvement: Empowering Youth, Preserving History & Building Healthy Communities," on May 21 at the Vermont Library Conference in Burlington. As a sophomore at Saint Michael's, Shaun published *Around Morristown*, a pictorial history of his hometown. Shaun worked on his book for more than a year, conducting research, collecting photographs, and writing the book's text. In his presentation Shaun discussed the importance of promoting youth involvement through caring adults, ways to interest and involve youth in preserving history and the important role we each play in building healthy communities. Shaun recently completed work in the Office of Marketing & Communications on a pictorial history coffee-table book that will be published to help celebrate Saint Michael's Centennial. *Saint Michael's College: Celebrating A Century* will be available for pre-order this fall and, together with a commemorative calendar, will be out in time for Christmas this year.

GEORGE DAMERON, professor of history, has learned that his book, *Rise to Supremacy: Medieval Florence and its Church in the Age of Dante*, has been accepted for publication by the University of Pennsylvania Press (The Middle Ages Series). The book is interdisciplinary in nature, assessing the role of ecclesiastical institutions and culture in the institutional, economic, social, cultural, and political history of medieval Florence during the lifetime of Dante.



George Dameron



Faculty/Staff News continued

MIKE DONOGHUE, long-time lecturer of journalism and executive director of the Vermont Press Association, is one of the first three journalists in the nation to be inducted into the “Heroes of the 50 States:



Mike Donoghue

The State Open Government Hall of Fame,” a program sponsored by the Society of Professional Journalists and the National Freedom of Information Coalition. The award recognizes continued efforts to protect the free flow of information about state and local government.

At the Vermont Library Conference in Burlington on May 21, **ELIZABETH INNESS-BROWN**, professor of English and director of the Writing Center, gave a talk entitled “On Becoming a Novelist” and signed copies of her novel, *Burning Marguerite*, which has recently been released in paperback.



MAE HARRINGTON, associate director of physical plant for facilities, was a panelist at the Vermont Business Leadership Network’s new initiative to welcome motivated workers on June 4. The event included a panel discussion with employers and people with disabilities talking about challenges and successes on the job, followed by discussion groups to deal with real-life challenging situations that all employers face. Harrington was chosen because of her success in working with mentally challenged individuals on the custodial staff.

In April, **SHARON LAMB**, professor of psychology, gave a talk at Swarthmore College sponsored by the Women’s Resource Center on “The Secret Lives of Girls.” In May, the Brooklyn Law Review published her paper, “The Psychology of Condemnation: Underlying Emotions and Their Symbolic Expression in Condemning and Shaming.”



Sharon Lamb

DAN COUTURE, associate director of financial aid and **PRISCILLA MILLER**, associate director for advancement services, recently completed Leadership Champlain, a nine-month leadership training program. Priscilla was also recently appointed to the board of directors of the Converse Home, a retirement home in Burlington which will be launching an expansion to add additional rooms for residents. Other familiar names on the board are Tom Little and Judy Stroh.

JOHN A. TRONO, professor of computer science, was one of six panelists at the Eighth Annual Conference on Innovation and Technology in Computer Science Education, sponsored by the Association for Computing Machinery, held in Thessaloniki, Greece, from June 30 to July 2. Faculty from Iona, RIT, UMASS Lowell, the University of Southern Denmark and the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire presented their “Experiences with IDEs and Java Teaching: What Works and What Doesn’t.”



Lunchtime Fitness

This semester, there are two great ways to fit in some fitness at lunchtime. On Mondays and Wednesdays at 12:00 p.m. in the Tarrant dance studio, join Jenni Johnson for an energizing class featuring aerobics, light weight-lifting and floor exercises.



The first seven weeks are \$70 for a full session, \$32.50 for a half session. Contact Amy Abare at aabare@smcvt.edu if you’re interested in attending.

On Tuesdays and Thursdays at noon, the dance studio features yoga, taught by Collection and Instruction Librarian Kristen Hindes. Suitable for beginners in yoga as well as more experienced practitioners, classes cost \$4 each, with no preregistration required.



September Calendar

ALL MONTH

A **Faculty Publications Exhibit** will be on display in the current periodicals area on the main floor of the **Durick Library**. The exhibition showcases publications from faculty and staff from the 2002-03 academic year, including fiction, nonfiction, poetry, and scholarly articles.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

10:00 a.m.

The cross-country team presents **The Cross-Country Challenge 5K**, open race at **Catamount Family Center** in Williston. The \$15 entry fee benefits the XC teams. The race will be followed by a collegiate women's 5K at 10:45 a.m. and a collegiate men's 8K at 11:30 a.m.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

7:30 p.m.

Mass in Spanish in the **Saint Michael's Chapel**.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

7:00 p.m.

Cari M. Dominquez, chair, U. S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, is speaking on "The Glass Ceiling in the 21st Century" in the **McCarthy Arts Center**. Dominquez and her five-member commission are responsible for enforcing the Civil Rights Act, the Equal Pay Act, the Age Discrimination in Employment Act, the Pregnancy Discrimination Act and the Americans with Disabilities Act.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

9:00 a.m.

The **Seeds of Peace** organization program, **Empowering Children of War to Break the Cycles of Violence**, is being held in the **McCarthy Arts Center**. The

program brings together youth from warring countries to build trust and communication "before fear, mistrust, and prejudice permanently shape their vision of 'the enemy'."

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

12:00 p.m.

Former Governor of Vermont, the Honorable **Madeleine Kunin**, lectures on "Gender and Leadership" in the **International Commons**.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

3:00 p.m.

The annual **Academic Convocation** with **Dr. Paul J. Griffiths**, Schmitt Chair of Catholic Studies, University of Illinois, Chicago, speaking on "Quarrying the Granite Rock with Razors: Catholic Colleges and Liberal Arts" will be held in the **McCarthy Arts Center**. Professor Griffiths is the author of *Problems of Religious Diversity* (2001), *Lying: An Augustinian Theology of Duplicity* (2004, in press), *On Being Mindless: Buddhist Meditation and the Mind-Body Problem* (1986), *Christianity through Non-Christian Eyes* (1990) and many other publications.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

10:00 a.m.

An **Open House for Prospective Students** will be held in the **Hoehl Welcome Center**, including an admissions presentation, Q & A with Saint Michael's students, campus tour and lunch in the dining hall. To register call 802.654.3000 or go online to www.smcvt.edu/admissions

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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

8:00 p.m.

Mass with music led by the 50-student **Selma High School gospel choir** in the **Chapel** at 8 p.m.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

4:30 p.m.

Celebrate the **Feast of Saint Michael the Archangel** with a Mass in the **Chapel**. The 50-student **Selma High School gospel choir** will lead the music.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 1

7:00 p.m.

The **Selma High School gospel choir** directed by **Alvin Tuck**, holds a concert in the **Chapel**.

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