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Prep School's New Head of School Jon McGee

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Coming soon, a new addition to a very long list: the Prep School’s new Head of School has been announced.

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Logo from http://sjprep.net/
Jon McGee, a Johnnie from Mankato (class of 1980)...

in 1980... ...and today

Right photo from http://sjprep.net/saint-johns-prep-names-new-head-of-school/
His first appearance in the campus press wasn’t exactly auspicious... he was an “also ran” in the 1981 Student Senate election.

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Does it surprise anyone that his first campus job involved talking and persuasion?

The Record March 20, 1981

Admissions Phonethon a Success

The Admissions Office wishes to thank all who participated in the recent phonethon in the Alumni Lounge.

Everyone current students and faculty workers took part in the calling of 650 high school students who had expressed or been accepted at St. John's. Students and parents were extremely appreciative of the calls.

"I guess I chose the right school," one student remarked, "if they care enough to call even after I sent in my $500 deposit."

Community April 2, 1981

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Student Jon wrote articles for Community

Spring 1983 articles by Jon

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Bishops’ Pastorial Discussed

by Paula Cutter

"The Pastoral Letter on War and Peace: What Have the Bishops Accomplished?" This was the question asked by Father Lang and Michael Novak at the symposium sponsored by the CSB Theological Center, February 28. In his presentation, Father Lang and Michael Novak at the symposium sponsored by the CSB Theological Center, February 28. Five student panels presented questions on the issue for the speaker and many filled the Great Hall to hear it discussed. But as the dialogue opened it became evident that both Lang and Novak asked their own questions.

Early in his speech, Rev. Lang has a Research Fellow at Woodstock Theological Center at Georgetown University, met a three questions concerning the Bishop's Pastoral: What happened? What does it mean? What will come after?

He answered his first question by explaining that the bishops have done a public service by bringing visibility to the third role of the public policy-making triangle. The previously more prevalent roles of the war/peace issue have been military technology and strategy considerations. Lang has shown that the Bishop's Pastoral has brought a new key for discourse in the third role: the moral and religious aspect of war and peace.

Lang's answer to his second question about the meaning of the Pastoral by saying that through this American document our social life can be related to theology. To his question of what will happen he answered that much depends upon future U.S. - Soviet relations. He also added that there may be unintended consequences.

In his presentation, Michael Novak, a resident scholar in religion and public life at the Institute for Policy Studies in Washington, D.C., talked mainly concerned with the question "What all the Russkis?" Novak fears that a unilateral freeze may become our "deterrent" equivalent to Neville Chamberlain's appeasement of Hitler in the 1930's. Novak stressed that we must be "peace makers" rather than "peace keepers." He also believes that the Soviet system and the American system are diametrically opposed and incompatible.

Community

May 10, 1984

Marshals chosen

Marshals for Saint John's 1984 commencement ceremonies have been selected. All four students are graduating magna cum laude (4.0 GPA). The marshals are: John C. Guthrie, Paul C. Livernose, Daniel F. Riley and Jon D. McGee.

Daniel Riley and Jon McGee will lead the faculty procession; John Guthrie and Paul Livernose will lead the student procession.

The Cable

March 3, 1984

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May 10, 1984

CONFERREING OF DEGREES

Bachelor of Science Egregia cum Laude
Paul Charles Livermore     Daniel Frank Riley

Bachelor of Arts Egregia cum Laude
John Gallagher Guthrie     Jon David McGee

Bachelor of Science Summa cum Laude
Neal Joseph Bot             Jerome T. Will

1984 SJU Commencement Program

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Seaton and Flynntown

1984 Saints Yearbook

Jon McGee
Government
North Mankato, MN

John Cerners
Accounting
Brainerd, MN

Dave Hermerding
Biology
Croslice, MN

Kevin Angulski
Biology/Natural Science
Albany, MN

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He was back on campus in fall 1984...or maybe he never left?

Nominations sought

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“The middleman between the university and the Board is Jon McGee, the Administrative Assistant to the President…”

“McGee graduated last year from SJU and says he has learned a great deal about the functions of the university that he did not even know existed.”

1985-03-08, The Record p.10
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Presentation of the award was made by Fr. Alberic Culhane, CSB, Vice President for Institutional Advancement. Approximately 30 Bismarck-Mandan area Saint John’s alumni, their spouses and other guests attended the dinner ceremony.

The award consists of a wood plaque with a laser-etched depiction of the Saint John’s Abbey/University Church and a citation which reads: “For your unwavering sense of values; for your leadership in the agricultural community; for your citizenship and service to the people of North Dakota; the Saint John’s University Alumni Achievement Award is presented to George Sinner, Class of 1950, 13 February 1986.”

Area school kids have ‘Children’s Day’ at Saint John’s

Approximately 200 students from five St. Cloud area elementary schools participated in the first-ever “Children’s Day” at Saint John’s Saturday, Feb. 8.

The first through sixth graders from Albany, Eden Valley, Holdingford, St. Joseph and Sauk Rapids elementary schools attended two one-hour classes taught by college professors. Courses offered included All That Jazz, Talking to Computers, Waves in Science, It’s in the Genes, Learning French and Chemical Magic.

The project was coordinated by Nancy Cooley, program assistant for District 742 community education, and Jon McGee, assistant to the president at Saint John’s.

Elementary school children were thrilled by the Chemistry Department’s Magic Show presented by Dr. John Kistler, O.S.B., left. St. Cloud Visitor photo by James H. Erpeld.
Women’s Week set

By Elizabeth Henderson

The CSB and SIU campuses will soon experience a change of seasons. That is, “Seasons of Change” this year’s Women’s Week, will be here next week bringing with it a busy schedule of events.

“Most of the things we have planned this year deal with women and relationships,” said Pam Frericks, Women’s Week Steering Committee chair.

In the past, Women’s Week has focused on many different aspects of the challenges women face. It began as a result of a suggestion to the Student Administration Board by the CSB administration. Since that time, it has remained a student-run event sponsored by the SAB, according to Frericks.

“My guess is that Women’s Week began about 10 years ago” said Colleen O’Connell, CSB CSB executive vice president. “It seems to me, as long as we live in a society that denies women the chance to utilize their potential, Women’s Week will continue to be important.”

Women’s Week committee member. “As much as we’d like to think so, we do not live in an era in which there’s no gender problem. We want to address these issues that both men and women need to face.”

Women’s Week committee member. “Alumnae Day is a fine addition” said O’Connell. “Women who’ve noted what they’ve learned here (at CSB) in work and home lives as it pertains to society can share their experiences with present students.”

Another special advantage of this year’s Women’s Week is Wednesday evening’s keynote speaker, Rebecca Hill, whose presentation is entitled “Building Relationships on What We Know: Legacies of Love and Rejection.”

“It’s exciting for us to have the speaker coming,” said Jon McGee, of the SIU President’s office and:

1986 Women’s Week Steering Committee
Pam Frericks, chair Mary Lytle
Kisten Berg Jon McGee
Barb Carlson Diane VanOverbeke
Kristi Fuller Mary Wiener
Melissa Kass

The Record March 6, 1986

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Master Plan for SJU campus released

By Tim McNeill

In 2001, when this year's juniors come back for their final exams, they may be surprised by what they see. This is the first draft of the master plan for the campus released to the University. The three architect firms involved were commissioned last year to come up with a plan which would unify and enhance the campus while allowing for future expansion. The plan is currently available in the library for any student who is interested in seeing it. In addition, the SJU is trying to set up a display somewhere on campus to get student input on the plan.

During the next several months, the architects will work with the students to finalize what they see as flaws in the current draft. Although the plan which was submitted will not be finalized until spring, its design and consideration of a project that has been proposed by the students is expected to develop. The plan has been designed to reflect the needs of the students as well as the needs of the university community. The plan includes a number of improvements to the campus, including the construction of a new dormitory, the expansion of the student center, and the creation of a new outdoor amphitheater. The plan also includes the expansion of the library and the addition of a new fitness center. The plan is designed to be completed over a 10-15 year span. The work during this coming semester will probably not be noticed by the students as it will be limited to the south end of the campus.

The new library will be located at the north end of the campus and will be connected to the existing library by an underground walkway. The library will be the first of its kind in the United States and will feature state-of-the-art technology. The library will also include a number of study rooms and a large lecture hall. The student center will be located at the south end of the campus and will include a cafeteria, a bookstore, and a number of other facilities.

The new dormitory will be located at the west end of the campus and will be connected to the existing dormitories by a skywalk. The dormitory will be the largest on campus and will include a number of study rooms and a large lecture hall. The new fitness center will be located at the east end of the campus and will include a number of fitness facilities, including a swimming pool and a gymnasium.

In addition to the improvements to the campus, the master plan also includes an expansion of the student center and the creation of a new outdoor amphitheater. The student center will be expanded to include a number of additional facilities, including a theater, a café, and a number of other spaces.

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Br Paul Colloton, OP, made solemn profession in St Louis MO in Sept. Mark Herold moved to 363-4 Pembroke Ln, Glen Ellyn, IL 60137. He is an ass’t source mgr for General Mills in W Chicago. Greg Heymans is a stock broker for E F Hutton in Bloomington. Greg Hildebrand has received his masters in aeronautical engineering from San Diego St U. He and his wife, Kerry, live in San Diego. Greg McTee is a mktg consultant with Businesland in NE. Greg, his wife, Renee’ and their daughter live at 1314 Hilda St Ave, Omaha, NE 68139: Jon McGee recently completed grad school at the Hubert Humphrey Institute of Public Affairs and is working as an exec budget officer with the Minnesota Dept of Finance. George Sullivan is in his 3rd year at the U of
Oops! They made him two years younger in Summer 1991:

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...but fixed the goof in the Fall issue.
Marriages

Raymond Schumacher '73 to Nancy June 16, 1994.
Gregg Hennen '86 to Amy

Prague, Jon McGee is a vp research/policy dev for the Minnesota Private College Council in St Paul.
Jon McGee was named the new director of institutional planning and research at CSB/SJU. In this newly designed position, McGee will assist in the development and management of strategic information for decision-making at the two institutions and will play a lead role in the colleges’ strategic planning processes.

Since 1992 McGee served as vice president for research and policy development with the Minnesota Private College Council. There his research and analysis focused on key demographic, economic, enrollment and financial trends influencing higher education and private colleges.

McGee was a budget analyst with the Minnesota Department of Finance from 1988 to 1992. During this time he was responsible for Executive Branch development of higher education operating and capital budgets.

McGee graduated egregia cum laude (4.0) from SJU in 1984 and received a master’s in public affairs from the Hubert H. Humphrey Institute of Public Affairs at the University of Minnesota in 1988.

McGee and his wife Ann, a 1986 CSB graduate, live in St. Paul with their son, Andrew.
...and jumps right into Strategic Planning
– with an office in Clemens Library.
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The Director of Institutional Planning and Research becomes the VP of Research, Planning and Communication

Jon McGee named Vice President of Research, Planning and Communication.

Jon McGee was recently named vice-president of research, planning and communication at CSB/SJU. Most recently McGee was director of institutional planning and research at CSB/SJU.

McGee graduated cum laude from SJU in 1984 and received a master’s in public affairs from the Hubert H. Humphrey Institute of Public Affairs at the University of Minnesota in 1988.

From 1992 to 1999, McGee served as vice-president for research and policy development with the Minnesota Private College Council. McGee was a budget analyst with the Minnesota Department of Finance from 1988 to 1992.

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- William P. Lynch, 113 Indian Hills Lu, Circle Pines, MN 55014-4592
- Jon D. McGee, 122 541st St, Cold Spring, MN 56320
- Patrick M. Ryan, 1375 Iowa Ave. W, Falcon Heights, MN 55108-2122

Dean Coppin is currently a regional education manager for ION Technology Services. He developed a bachelor's degree in business with an emphasis in system administration and web mastering/e-commerce. This program ties in Microsoft and Novell certifications as well as business/internship on the back end. Bill Lynch is the director of business development with Internet Broadcasting Systems (www.ibsys.com).
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Sept. 14, 2000

Reaction mixed on mass email policy and new bulletin board

By BRIDGET D. KELLY
STAFF WRITER

Returning students to CSB/SJU may have noticed a change when checking their email this year. The new 2000-01 no-mass-email policy has reduced the daily accumulation of 15-20 plus mass emails.

Instead, a new website, the Connections Bulletin Board, has been implemented for public use. The bulletin board is open to faculty, staff and student clubs for posting announcements and messages. It can be accessed from links on the CSB/SJU homepage or at www.csbsju.edu/bulletinboard.ca

Greg Hoye, executive director of Communications and Marketing Services at CSB/SJU, explained the decision. “With everyone in tune with technology the amount of email was compounding,” he said. “It was a stress on the system and on people. This is a place for everyone to obtain and share information.”

Student reaction has been mixed. Lindsay Schweb, a CSB senior, said that she feels student involvement will be hurt. “Groups are striving for student involvement...how can this happen when people aren’t aware?” SJU junior Jeff Markwardt said that he finds the new bulletin board to be an improvement. “Reading the bulletin board is just another ritual that I’ve incorporated into my daily schedule.”

Hoye said the feedback has been mixed. “One problem,” he said, “is people not understanding the changes being made. We are providing a place that everyone knows to go to...we would never hinder the communication between students and faculty.”

As of now, there are two different bulletin boards. The official bulletin board is for the purposes of announcing upcoming events, while the personal bulletin board will be for postings such as apartments for rent, etc.

Hopes are that people outside of the CSB/SJU community will utilize the bulletin board, according to Jon McGee, vice president for Institutional Planning, Research and Communication. “In theory mass emails get to everyone,” he said, “but they actually only get to the people on the mailing list.” Since the time the page was employed, Hoye said that he has already received emails and inquiries from people around the globe. “The goal,” he said, “is to make people aware and connected.”

As for the future of the bulletin board, McGee said that it is all evolutionary. “As technology develops, we develop,” he said. Another goal of ours is to continuously improve. Plans for future improvements include the possibility of a student bulletin board, a weekly or monthly calendar of events, and a Real Time news scroll. But, as Mary Lemmeier, training/web coordinator for IT services, noted, feedback is very important for improving the bulletin board. Students, faculty and staff are all encouraged to check out the site, utilize it, and share their opinions. “See what the web has become,” says Hoye, “we have technology, let’s use it in an efficient and purposeful way.”

The future of the bulletin board is “evolutionary,” McGee said.

“As technology develops, we develop...”

Future plans include “a weekly or monthly calendar of events...”
Behind the Pines

CSBS/JU Make Jump in Latest US News and World Report Rankings

SJU, along with CSB, moved up from tier three to tier two in the latest US News and World Report “Best Colleges” rankings. CSB-SJU are listed in the Liberal Arts Colleges – Bachelor’s category, which comprises the nation’s 258 liberal arts colleges that emphasize undergraduate education. Tier two includes schools ranked between 52 and 114 in the Liberal Arts Colleges – Bachelor’s category.

CSBS/JU have been ranked together in the third tier for at least the last five years. The only Catholic liberal arts institution ranked more highly than CSB/SJU is the College of the Holy Cross, which is in a tier one institution. No other Catholic liberal arts colleges are included in tier two.

Only two other Minnesota institutions are recognized as tier two national liberal arts colleges – Gustavus Adolphus and St. Olaf. Carleton and Macalester are tier one institutions.

Jen McGee ’84, vice president for planning, research and communication at CSB/SJU, commenting on the move to tier two, “I think the colleges and our students have a lot to be proud of. To be recognized as peers of some of the finest colleges in the land is a tremendous achievement. Having said all of that, though, we can’t lose sight of our institutional values and aspirations. While rankings do help us define our peers, our principal objective is to provide our students with an exceptional educational experience. Perhaps more than anything else, the rankings help to validate that commitment.”

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In the past few years, CSB/SJU has attempted to increase the diversity of the student population and this year is no exception. Although the official numbers will not be available until next week, it is projected that nearly 10 percent of new students enrolled at CSB/SJU this fall will add that desired diversity to our campuses.

“We’ve made a lot of progress in a short amount of time,” said Vice President of Planning & Affairs Jon McGee. “Since 2004, the number of American students of color has more than doubled at SJU and tripled at CSB.”

“Vice President of Planning & Affairs” ?!!
Get Outside - A Win, Win, Win

Fall 2014

WHAT YOU CAN DO

SEASONS

Sarah Hussey

What

Get Outside...

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• Walking, hiking
• Biking, folding
• Running, skiing
• Gathering, swimming
• Birdwatching
• Hunting
• Take pictures
• Host a picnic
• Go for a local hike
• Campfire
• Work to protect gan
• Take a canoe outing
• Volunteer
• Host an informal dance or a block party
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The changing marketplace for higher education
Jon McGee
Second Place Winner of the Typographic Jacket from Washington"
As one of the speakers for last year’s Liberal Arts Illuminated conference, he had his own page on the csbsju website:

https://www.csbsju.edu/liberal-arts-illuminated/speakers-2018/mcgee

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As a VP, he gets his own web biography anyway:

https://www.csbsju.edu/about/college-of-saint-benedict/csb-presidents-cabinet/jon-mcgee
...and a spot on both presidents’ Cabinets pages
SAINT JOHN’S PREP NAMES NEW HEAD OF SCHOOL

JON MCGEE BRINGS ACADEMIC LEADERSHIP, COLLEGE PREPARATION EXPERTISE TO SAINT JOHN’S PREP AT HISTORIC MOMENT

After a nationwide search, Saint John's Preparatory School in Collegeville, Minn., is proud to announce Jon McGee as its next head of school. McGee, who currently serves as the vice president for planning and strategy at the College of Saint Thomas and Saint John’s University (CST/JSU), will take office on July 1. He will be the first lay leader of the school following 25 monastic members of Saint John’s Abbey who have successively led the school since its founding in 1917.

“Jon McGee is an excellent educational leader with extensive experience in the private college and university market not only at Saint Ben’s and Saint John’s but across the country,” said Chris Twomey, chair of the Saint John’s Preparatory School Board of Regents and a member of the class of 1966. “His years of dedication to education and students’ preparation for the next, and his passion for prep and the therapeutic values, was evident throughout the search and interview process. We are thrilled he will lead the school at this historic moment.”

After current Headmaster Fr. Jonathan Ueckel, CRStB, announced his retirement last fall, Saint John’s Prep enlisted Canley, Sandoe and Associates, a national educational search firm, to help with the head of school search. Tom Glack, a member of the CST/JSU Board of Regents, chaired the head of School Search Committee made up of parent/faculty, alumni, monastic and board of regent representatives. The four-month search produced an outstanding response from education leaders from across the United States and abroad. After thorough vetting of many highly qualified candidates, Saint John’s Preparatory School Board of Regents voted unanimously and enthusiastically on Feb. 21, 2019, to approve the search committee’s recommendation to appoint McGee as its next head of school.

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Best Wishes, Jon!
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