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

Community April 2, 1981

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Student Jon wrote articles for Community

Spring 1983 articles by Jon

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Bishops' Pastoral Discussed

by Paula Cutter

"The Pastoral Letter on War and Peace: What Have the Bishops Accomplished?" was the question asked by Michael Langen, a professor of religion, to a group of students and faculty at St. John's University, on February 8. A second session, March 2, and Langen and Michael Novak at the symposium sponsored by the CSB Arch News. The discussion centered on the theme of nonviolence in the current world situation.

Langen began with a question regarding the abuse of the pastoral letter on war and peace. "Are we ready to accept the responsibility that goes with this letter?" he asked. "Are we ready to accept the challenge of nonviolence and to work for it?"

Langen then turned to the question of the role of the church in the current world situation. He suggested that the church must take on a more active role in the political arena, and that this involves both education and action.

The discussion was lively and well received by the audience. Langen was able to introduce the students to a number of key issues, and to encourage them to think about the role of the church in the world today.
CONFERRING 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

May 10, 1984

News, people
No early exams

Community

May 10, 1984

Marshals chosen
Marshals for Saint John’s 1984 commencement ceremo-
nies have been selected: all four students are grad-
uating Egregia cum laude (4.0 GPA). The marshals
are: John G. Guthrie, Paul C. Livermore, Daniel F.
Riley and Jon D. McGee.

Daniel Riley and Jon McGee
will lead the faculty pro-
cession; John Guthrie and
Paul Livermore will lead
the student procession.

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Seaton and Flynnstown

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

Nominations sought

Nominations are being sought for the Commencement speaker. Commencement is scheduled for Sunday, May 28, 1984, and all nominations should be turned in to Jim McDon in the President’s Office by Wednesday.

Community Nov. 15, 1984

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March 8, 1985

"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."

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Presentation of the award was made by Fr. Alberic Cuilhane, OSB, 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 unswerving 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, 15 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, Sauk Centre and Sauk Rapids elementary schools attended two one-hour classes taught by college professors. Courses offered include All That Jazz, Talking to Computers, Waves in Science, It’s in the Genes, Learning French and Chemical Magic.

The project was coordinated by Sandy Borey, program assistant for District 712 community education, and Jon McGee, assistant to the president at Saint John’s.
Women’s Week set

By Elizabeth Hendler

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, OSB, 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.”

“One unique aspect of this year’s Women’s Week is the involvement of alumnae. On Friday CSB alumnae will award classes as well as a career fair and dinner at which they’ll discuss their career field with students.”

“Alumnae Day is a fine addition” said O’Connell. “Women who’ve tried 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 to have this speaker coming,” said Jon McGee, of the SIU President’s office.

“I thought Women’s Week was a great thing when I was a student, and it still is now,” said Jon McGee, of the SIU President’s office.

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

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Master Plan for SJU campus released

By Tim McNeill

In 1981, when this year’s seniors come back for their 25-year reunion, they may be surprised by what they see. This January the first draft of a Master Plan for the SJU campus is to be presented to the University. The three architectural 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 on reserve 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 administration will work with the architects to finalize what they see as flaws in the current draft. Although the plan which was submitted will not be the final plan, it is expected that it will not be changed drastically. The plan is designed to be completed over a 10-15 year span. The work during that time will be spread out so that it will be beneficial to the students as well as to the students. The plan is currently available on reserve 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.

Around campus they would find a few other changes. To start with there would be trees everywhere. The plan calls for landscaping which, according to Jon McGee, could cost around five million dollars. Access to the prep school would be cut off to vehicles except by one entrance road near the Palaestra. The prep school would be given its own gym and refector which would virtually eliminate prep students’ need to be on the university campus.

Additions are planned for the library and science center as well as the Palaestra. All parking lots would be moved to the perimeter of the campus and hidden as well as possible with trees and shrubs. Joe Hall will be eliminated and replaced with a student center in nearly the same location.
1988-09 SJU Alumni Magazine Volume 28 Number 01 Fall p.20
Oops! They made him two years younger in Summer 1991:

1986

John Wodin
3546 Girard Ave. S.
Minneapolis, MN 55408
Mark Best
13600 Zenith Lane
Eagan Prairie, MN 55144-6841

John Klein's new bus address:
Klein Agency, 1821 University Ave,
S-354, St Paul 55104. Thomas
Maresch opened a law office in Elk River in March. Jon McGee
replaced Pat Belisle as STAR
chairman of Region 5. Frank
Munshower is a law clerk in the 9th
judicial district, Thief River Falls.

1984

Troy Amaris lives in Ann Arbor, MI
where he is an ass't men's
basketball coach at the U of
Michigan. His address: 322 S
Division #1, Ann Arbor 48104. Jon
Munshower replaced Pat Belisle as
STAR chairman of Region 5 (NE St
Paul). Michael Schneider is an
interior design ass't for Interior
Design Partners, 7100 France Ave

McGee '86

...but fixed the goof in the Fall issue.
Prague. Jon McGee is a vp research/policy dev for the Minnesota Private College Council in St Paul.

Marriages

Raymond Schumacher '73 to Nancy June 16, 1994.
Michael Schroepfer '83 to Susanne Keter Feb. 6, 1994.
Gregg Hennien 86 to Amy

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1994-09 SJU Alumni Magazine Volume 33 Number 04 Fall 58 p. 20
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Jon comes back to campus in 1999 as Director of Institutional Planning and Research.

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http://cdm.csbsju.edu/digital/collection/SJUArchives/id/20950/rec/31
...and jumps right into Strategic Planning

– with an office in Clemens Library.
September 9, 1999 Connections

**NEWS FLASH**

Saint John’s Administrative Assembly’s 1999/2000 OPENING LUNCHEON

Wednesday, Sept. 8, 11:45 a.m.-1 p.m., Quad 264

This first lunch of the new year’s series is free, but those wanting to attend should RSVP to Denise Schield at 3366 or by e-mail (dshields) no later than Monday noon, Sept. 6 (Labor Day).

Saint John’s strongly encourages attendance at these luncheon meetings, which are informative, fun and an ideal way to meet administrators from all departments on the Saint John’s campus. Fr. Vincent Lepage, OSA, again has been invited to present a brief clip of the history of Saint John’s at each month’s session.

For each subsequent luncheon, you will receive an e-mail invitation 7-10 days in advance. You are asked to RSVP on the Monday preceding the luncheon. The cost of each lunch, excluding the free September kickoff, is $3.

Following are the dates of the Administrative Assembly luncheons for 1999-2000, all of which will take place in Quad 264:

- Sept. 8  Kick-Off and welcoming of new administrators
- Nov. 10  Physical Plant - long term plans (Br. Linus Aeschmen OSA)
- Dec. 8   Saint John’s Over the Past Century
- Jan. 12  Benedictine Values at Saint John’s
- Feb. 9   Saint Cloud Convention/Visitors Bureau
- Mar. 8   Assembly’s Business Meeting
- April 12  Summer/Special Events Office
- May 3    Recognition Luncheon

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 summa cum laude from SJU in 1984 and received a masters 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.
Dear Friends:

Greetings and welcome to the latest issue of *Saint John’s* Magazine. As you will read, it has been an eventful spring and summer at Saint John’s University – an auspicious beginning to a new year and a new century. To begin, our students continue to receive a variety of academic honors – from the Young Botanist Award (page 13) to GTE Academic All-American honors (page 20). They also continue a long-standing tradition of service during spring breaks. This year, more than 270 students participated in 23 service project trips around the country. And one of our students studying abroad in South Africa made headlines by donating his worldly possessions to the poor he encountered (see page 10). We can be proud, indeed, that our students have such kind and generous hearts.

For the second straight year, Saint John’s and Saint Benedict’s have experienced a sizable increase in the number of applications for admission. As a result, again this year we filled our incoming class in early May. You can read all about this success in Enrollment...
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

CSB/SJU 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 238 liberal arts colleges that emphasize undergraduate education. Tier two includes schools ranked between 52 and 114 in the Liberal Arts Colleges – Bachelor’s category.

CSB/SJU 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 tier one. 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 ’94, vice president for planning, research and communication at CSB/SJU, commented 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.”
Get Outside - A Win, Win, Win

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- Running, skiing
- Camping, swimming
- Bird watching
- Hiking
- Take pictures
- Hike in pairs
- Go for a team ride
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- Work to your pace
- Take in the views
- Waterfall
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...on the move

Stuart Harvey '83 has become a partner in the Piper Jaffray merchant banking group. Harvey most recently served as CEO of Credian Corporation. “Stuart has a proven track record for building successful companies and he will be highly valuable as we expand our portfolio,” said Tom Schnettler ’79, merchant banking director and vice chairman of Piper Jaffray & Co.

Jon McGee ’84 was appointed to the board of trustees for the College Board. College Board is the group that creates and manages AP classes and the SAT. McGee is CSBSJU vice president of planning and public affairs.

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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:

Jon McGee

Jon McGee is Vice President for Planning and Strategy at the College of Saint Benedict and Saint John’s University. He is responsible for research and analysis in support of enrollment and budget decision-making, state and federal government relations, and strategic planning. He has worked in higher education research and policy for 30 years. Prior to joining the College of Saint Benedict and Saint John’s University in 1999, he worked as a budget analyst with Minnesota’s Department of Finance and as Vice President for Research and Policy Development with the Minnesota Private College Council.

McGee is a frequently invited speaker nationally on demographic trends, the economics of higher education, and the intersection of mission, market, and institutional values. His book, Breakpoint: The Changing Marketplace for Higher Education (Johns Hopkins University Press), examines key forces of disruption in higher education and offers a framework to colleges and universities for addressing those issues. His new book, Dear Parents (Johns Hopkins University Press), offers parents and families of college-bound students a guide for navigating the complex and often emotional challenge of preparing for college. McGee serves as a trustee of the College Board. He also is a member of the faculty of the Harvard University Summer Institute on College Admissions.

McGee is a 1984 graduate of Saint John’s University and lives in Cold Spring, Minnesota – a small town with a real hardware store, a small craft brewery, and a great bakery – with his wife and their four children. In fall 2015, he and his wife began 13 consecutive years of undergraduate tuition payments.
...and a spot on both presidents’ Cabinets pages

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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 introduce Jon McGee as its next head of school. McGee, who currently serves as the vice president for planning and strategy at the College of St. Thomas and St. John’s University (CST/SJU), 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 successfully led the school since its founding in 1877.

“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 student preparation for life, and his passion for life and the liberal arts 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 Lucas, OCSB, announced his retirement last fall, Saint John’s Prep entrusted Canady, Sandrie and Associates, a national educational search firm, to help with the head of school search. Tom Glack, a member of the CST Board of Regents, chaired the head of School Search Committee made up of parent faculty, alumni, monastic and board of regent representatives. The five-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. 25, 2019, to approve the search committee’s recommendation to appoint McGee as its new head of school.

http://sjprep.net/saint-johns-prep-names-new-head-of-school/
Best Wishes, Jon!
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