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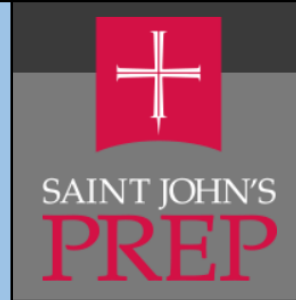
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Saint John's Preparatory Heads, 1857-present

1857-1858	Father Cornelius Wittmann, OSB
1858-1862	Father Benedict Haindl, OSB
1862-1865	Father Othmar Wirtz, OSB
1865-1867	Father Benedict Haindl, OSB
1867-1869	Abbot Rupert Seidenbusch, OSB
1869-1872	Father Wolfgang Northman, OSB
1872-1875	Father Alexius Edelbrock, OSB
1875-1884	Abbot Alexius Edelbrock, OSB
1884-1885	Father Chrysostom Schreiner, OSB
1885-1890	Father Oswald Baran, OSB
1890-1896	Father Herman Bergmann, OSB
1896-1921	Abbot Peter Engel, OSB
1921-1923	Father Virgil Michel, OSB, Dean
1923-1924	Father Lambert Weckwerth, OSB, Dean
1924-1927	Father Walter Reger, OSB, Dean
1927-1928	Father Mark Braun, OSB, Dean
1928-1936	Father Theodore Krebsbach, OSB, Dean
1936-1940	Father Amo Gustin, OSB, Dean
1940-1942	Father Vincent Tegsder, OSB, Dean
1942-1946	Father Philibert Harrer, OSB, Dean
1946-1952	Father Alfred Deutsch, OSB, Dean
1952-1958	Father Stanley Roche, OSB, Dean
1958-1972	Father Gregory Soukup, OSB, Headmaster
1972-1974	Father James Tingerthal, OSB, Headmaster
1974-1980	Father Alan Steichen, OSB, Headmaster
1980-1988	Brother Linus Ascherman, OSB, Headmaster
1988-1994	Father Tom Andert, OSB, Headmaster
1994-1998	Father Mark Thamert, OSB, President
1998-2006	Father Gordon Tavis, OSB, President
2006-2013	Father Timothy Backous, OSB, Headmaster
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Coming soon,
a new addition to a very
long list: the Prep School's
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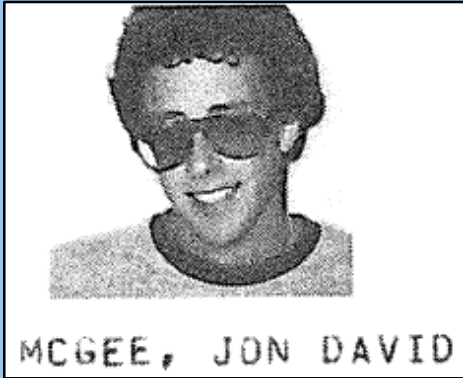
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Jon McGee, a Johnnie from Mankato (class of 1980)...



in 1980...



...and today

1980-1981 and 1981-1982 CSB/SJU *Student Directory*

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THE RECORD
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By Pete Smith

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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?

Admissions Phonathon a Success

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

Forty-one current students and faculty members took part in the calling of 650 high school students who had enrolled or been accepted at Saint 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 \$100 deposit."

Dave Lawry, Jon McGee, Phil Kronebusch, Geoff Brunkhorst, Scott Sinkins, Tim Herwig, and Matt Schwoeb. Justin Lombardo, OSB, Michael Schmidtmann, Dennis Beach, Brennan Gilfoyle, OSB, Otmor Drekonja, Jim Zarr, OSB, Dan Gross, John Kidwell, Peter Guthrie, OSB, John Cagliardi, Tom Wissinger, Dan Steck, Joan Steck, Jim Poff, Frank Rioux, and Alcuin Francis, OSB.

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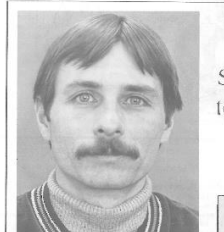
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Student Jon wrote articles for *Community*

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Liberal arts base deemed important to physics study

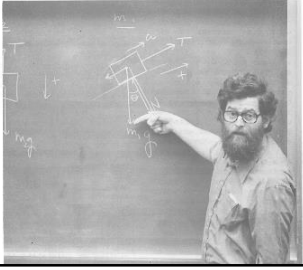
By Jon Moore, '84

Four-year old requirements in the physics major program at Saint John's will be replaced next year with a program designed to be both broader in scope and more flexible.

Until this year, the physics major program had remained relatively unchanged, since 1979 requirements have been eight courses taken in a structured fashion, with associated laboratory work. A note from Charles Levine, associate professor of physics and chairman of the Physics Department at Saint John's, to Academic Affairs

real choices available to students occurred in their senior year when they could decide which area to take their last course in. The new curriculum, to take effect with the 1983-84 academic year, is both broader in scope and more flexible than the old one.

"There are at least three groups of interests in our department - traditional physics, applied physics, and applied physics and computer systems," said Dan Steck, assistant professor of physics. "Each all three of those groups weren't really being taken care of in an educational sense in



yet flexible'

their efforts, the department sought to take into account shifts in the disciplines, changes in the liberal studies requirements, changes and shifts in interests of the staff, and the changing interests and needs of students.

"What we've done is a conscious sort of way to do those things is to increase the requirements and introduce the idea of supporting courses," said Murphy. "Now, instead of students making and taking eight courses pretty much in a vacuum or lock-and-key fashion, they come and take one or two courses in the department in a fairly structured, though in no way prescribed fashion. Then they get something course two or three of them. Our senior department then fit



Murphy: "We have planted a great big tree and now we

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Admissions
phonathon
February 22,
24, 28 and
March 8, 83

Students

Tony Anzola
Mike Clark
Brian Cole
Steve Froeschl
Paul Gernscheid
Joe Heller
Greg Jaurich
Dennis Keenan
Pat Kelly
Pete Lawyer
Marty Long
John Long
Jon McGee
Mike McGowan
Tom Ohmann
Claire Pawlak
Willie Randall
Mike Ryan
Bob Seng
Mike Smith
Christina Valenti
Paul Warleski
Ed Yanisch
Ted Yank
John Young
Jeff Zander

**Faculty/
Administrators**

Fr. Peregrin Berres

Marlin Boeckmann
Geoff Brunkhorst
Tim Buckley
Lockwood Carlson
Jack Dempsey
Oltmar Drekonja
Joe Flary
Dan Finn
Norm Ford
Clayton Gesarhardt
Lisa Gernscheid
Fr. Eric Hollas
John Kulas
Jack Lang
Jerry Lenz
Dave Lyndgaard
Mark McCarthy
Tim Miles
Bill Muldoon
Tom Murray
Brad Neary
Fr. Roman Paur
Bela Petheo
Chuck Rambeck
Julio Ramirez
Frank Riboux
Dan Steck
Joan Steck
Axel Theimer
Vera Thiesen
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introduction/
Government professor Edward Fitzgerald

Former Boston gears in 'fa

by Jon McGee '84

It is a long way from Boston to Cloud -- especially if you're driving. Just ask Dr. Edward Fitzgerald, new government professor at Saint John's. He did the 1,500 mile in 23 hours, driving 24 hours Boston to Chicago, spending a night in Chicago, and then driving 10 hours to St. Cloud, arriving in St. Cloud late the night before he was to be teaching.

"It's just a long drive. I would recommend it," said Fitzgerald. "It was fun in Chicago, but the drive itself was no fun. I think I'd do it with somebody, all by yourself it gets to be kind of a drag."

Fitzgerald has since settled into apartment he rented this summer, Saint Rapids. He describes his location "as close to the urban center as possible." Living away from an urban center is something Fitzgerald has to grow accustomed to. He up and went to school on the Coast, and lived just outside Boston before coming to Saint John's.

"I utilized Boston," he explained. "I used to go to all the jazz and I used to know all the music. I used to see the theater all the time both the commercial theater and the smaller companies around catching some of the experience stuff as well as some of the theatrical stuff. I had movie theaters -- I had at my fingertips God knows how many movie theaters. Then there were vacuum art museums and a lot of restaurants. I took advantage of all those."

Saint John's
government professor assesses Nicaraguan society, FSLN

by Jon McGee, '84

Nicaragua, today, one of the focal points of in the world. Newspapers and television reports of the actions of the Nicaraguans for the counter-revolutionary war, and the response to what is viewed as a hostile new power in Central America.

Special report:
Prevost on Nicaragua

Gary Prevost, assistant professor of government at Saint John's, spent three weeks in Nicaragua this summer, talking to a variety of citizens and government and church officials and the next trip came about as a result of a MacFarlane grant proposal Prevost wrote, protesting a con-

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New chemistry prof
revels in questioning

by Jon McGee '84

Fr. John Klassen, OSB, chemistry professor at Saint John's, is no stranger to the Collegeville academic community. The new arrival to the faculty ranks is a 1971 graduate of SJU and a 1978 graduate of Saint John's School of Theology. He also taught chemistry six years ago at the Prep School, taking a leave of absence to get his doctorate in chemistry.

Though Fr. John enjoyed teaching at the Prep School, he wanted to go on to teach in the more challenging and stimulating university environment.

in chemistry. There is also a sense of commitment to have some non-academic presence in the Science Hall."

Chemistry has been a love of Fr. John's since high school. He said people become scientists because they are curious about the world around them. Science offers an attempt to explore and understand the world -- the way things work in the body, in ecosystems, and in cells, Fr. John said. People are driven to find the unity of things, he added.

When I was in high school, chemistry was like a broad new world -- a whole new imagination about the world."

Every question you answer opens five more."

Today, however, chemists have a kind of "public relations problem" on their hands, Fr. John reported. He said 10 years ago chemists were honored members of society, and that a company like Monsanto could say "without chemicals, life itself would be impossible" with a straight face. Things are different today -- though people still recognize that chemistry has great potential, he said, they also know it can produce hazardous wastes and chemicals.

Fr. John recently completed his doctoral work in chemi-

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Bishops' Pastoral Discussed

by Paula Cutter

"The Pastoral Letter on War and Peace: What Have the Bishops Accomplished?" This was the question addressed by Rev. John P. Langan and Michael Novak at the symposium sponsored by the CSB/SJU Forum on Tuesday, February 28. Five student panelists prepared questions on this issue for the speaker and many filled the Great Hall to hear it discussed. But as the dialogue opened it became evident that both Langan and Novak asked their own questions.

Early in his speech Rev. Langan, a Research Fellow at Woodstock Theological Center at Georgetown University, outlined 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 side of the public policy-making triangle. The previously more prevalent sides of the war/peace issue have been military technology and strategy considerations. Langan believes that the Bishop's Pastoral has brought a pattern for discourse to the third side — the moral and religious aspect of war and peace.

Langan answered 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 admitted that there may be unintended consequences.

In his presentation, Michael Novak, a resident scholar in religion and public policy at the American Enterprise Institute, seemed mainly concerned with the question "What about the Russians?" Novak fears that a unilateral freeze may become our decades' equivalent to Neville Chamberlain's appeasement of Hitler in the 1930's. Novak stressed that we must be "peace makers" rather than "peace sayers." He also believes that the Soviet system and the American system are diametrically opposed and incompatible.

This discussion on the nature of the Soviet regime and the United States' options later continued into the dialogue between Novak and Langan following their speeches.

The student panelists brought the discussion back to the original questions about the bishops. Each of the students had participated in a seminar conducted by Dean Robert Spaeth for two months prior to the symposium where they discussed the implications. Jon McGee began the questioning and was followed by Oliver Orth, Karen Moser, Greg Larson and Mark Lambert.

Terry Koch, Forum co-chair, felt that the students had the most important role since their goal is to gather information. Koch was pleased with the turnout, but disappointed that many left before the questioning.

News, people

No early exams

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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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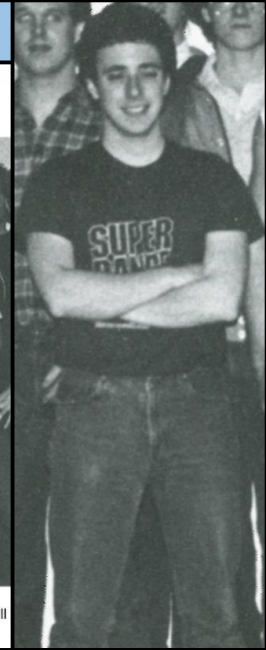
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Seaton and Flynntown



Left to Right: Mario Bannister, Brad Plante, John McGee, John Lenczewski, Steve Urich, Dave Elkens, Norman Tyrrell, Greg Hildebrand, Bill Lynch, John Exline, Dave Tiffin, Tom Krammer, John Keane.

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Jon McGee
Government
North Mankato,
MN

John Cremers
Accounting
Brainerd, MN

Dave Hermerding
Biology
Crosslake, 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

Nominations are being sought for the Commencement speaker. Commencement is scheduled for Sunday, May 26, 1985, and all nominations should be turned in to Jon McGee in the President's Office by Wednesday, November 21. The President's Advisory Council will review the list of nominations and made a recommendation to the President.

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Features



The Board of Regents: deciding the future of SJU's education

By Shawn Reilly

Who are the Board of Regents?

In order to understand the Board of Regents, it is important first to look at the structural set up of the university.

SJU operates under agreement with the Order of Saint Benedict, Inc., a non-profit corporation structured in many ways like IBM, Control Data or any other corporation. Jerome Theisen, OSB, is the *ex officio* president of the corporation and chancellor of the university; he is also a member of the Board of Directors which includes 10 other members from the Abbey. The Board of Directors is responsible for setting up statutes for "the governance and management of St. John's University," according to the *Governance Documents* of the corporation.

The statutes create the Board of Regents with the specific goal of conducting "the affairs of St. John's University subject to the corporation." To accomplish this goal, the Board is broken down into a variety of six committees: finance, membership, planning, academics, student life, audit and the executive committee. Through these committees, the Board accomplishes its goals of formulating policy directions and keeping an eye on the financial welfare of the university. Any educational program changes, such as January Term, changes in tuition and fees, and university planning and

fundraising, require approval by the Board.

The present Board consists of 33 members: 10 from the monastery and 23 others from various careers. The 23 are recruited by the membership committee and are not all business executives. New member Nickle Carpenter, one of the four women on the Board, works as an educational consultant. The present Chairman of the Board is Gerry Dillon. Also new, he chairs the full Board meetings and is an individual member of the other six committees. Each separate committee also has faculty and student representatives that do not vote; the students are members of the SJU Senate and are appointed to serve on the committees.

The Board meets three times a year: once in the fall, winter and spring. Before the full Board meets, the committees debate issues and prepare information that must be approved before the full Board. Each committee can choose to invite outside individuals or keep their proceedings private. This is also true for the full Board meetings.

The Board considers a variety of issues. Every year the budget of the university requires approval by the full Board which can vote to accept or deny it. After the Board approves the budget, however, it also must be approved by the Board of Directors of the corporation (Abbey). Other issues this year include the rewriting of the faculty Handbook; this is done in coordination with various faculty commit-

tees before reaching the full Board for the final approval. There is also a new long term strategic planning project underway, as well as the continuing debate of January term. (See related article on page 7 for details of board's decision on these issues). It is also possible for student originated issues to work their way up to a full Board vote, like the Reserve Officers Training Corps question last year. Students made enough noise about the issue to put the ROTC debate on the Board's agenda. Last fall, the Board voted to let ROTC stay.

The middleman between the university and Board is Jon McGee, the Administrative Assistant to the President. He handles most of the informational aspects of the Board: compiling reports and information pertinent to the committees and full Board, also taking minutes at the full Board sessions. 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.

He stressed the point that awareness of the Board's functions are or should be important to students since the Board eventually handles the majority of student issues that require approval.

Finally, McGee also stressed the point that the Board is "not uninterested in students at all" and feels their policy decisions reflect that viewpoint.

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Presentation of the award was made by Fr. Alberic Culhane, 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 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, Sartell 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 Becky Doherty, 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 Fr. John Klassen, O.S.B., left.

St. Cloud Visitor photo by James M. Engel.

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1986 Women's Week Steering Committee

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Kirsten Berg	Jon McGee
Barb Carlson	Diane VanOverbeke
Kristi Fuller	Mary Wiener
Melissa Kaus	

The Cable March 4, 1986

Women's Week set

By Elizabeth Hensler

The CSB and SJU 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 Colman 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 attend 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 tested 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 speaker coming to book [Among B] Fuller.

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."

"I thought Women's Week was a great thing when I was a student, and it still is now," said Jon McGee, of the SJU President's office and,

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Master Plan for SJU campus released

By Tim McNeil

In 2011, 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 the architectural master plan was submitted 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 on reserve in the library for any students who are interested in seeing it. In addition, the SJS 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 eliminate what they see as flaws in the current draft. Although the plan which was submitted will not be the final word on what it contains, it will probably come to pass. According to Jon McGee, assistant to the president, all of the priorities is being compiled and some work will move forward this summer. But sudden changes should not be expected since the

plan is designed to be completed over a 50-75 year span. The work during this coming summer will probably not be noticed by the students as it will be limited by the funds available in the capital renewal fund. The projects which have been considered are the renovation of the utilities tunnel from the power plant to the quad, which was originally built in the early 1900s, and a renovation of the entrance area in front of the Great Hall.

If this plan were to be implemented, students returning in 2011 would be surprised. They would begin their approach on the I-94 entrance ramp, but the road would have evergreens growing on either side. At the beginning of the long road in, just as SJU's property begins, they would see two 25-foot pylons saying "Entrance" Lining the entrance to road all the way up to the Abbey Church would be columns of poplar trees in discreet intervals (they would hide some of the utility poles). Passing Flyntown, they would notice that only the earth homes remain standing. The bridge crossing lake Watab would have been expanded to give the campus an island-like ap-

pearance. There would be four more 25-foot pylons, two on each side of the bridge. After crossing the bridge visitors would come to a circular four-way intersection. To the left would be the only road to the prep school and to the right the road would lead back to the power plant and butcher shop (yes, it would still be there). Straight ahead would lie the Abbey Church.

On the way to the church they would see the expanded Warner Palaestra which might even have an indoor hockey arena. To the left all the parking lots would have been replaced with park-like fields for student recreation. The road which the Bessie bus now takes to Mary Cafe would also be missing. When these returning students finally reach the church they would park in the 95-car underground parking lot which will be directly in front of the church. From there they would be able to enter the church, auditorium, library, or even the science center via underground passages.

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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 refectory 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 is scheduled to 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.

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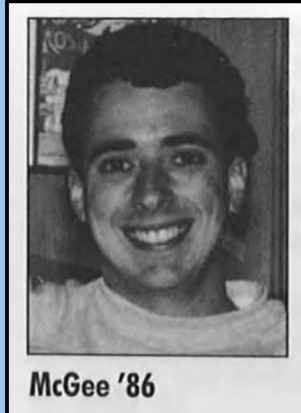
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John Klein's new bus address: Klein Agency, 1821 University Ave, S-354, St Paul 55104. **Thomas Maresh** opened a law office in Elk River in March. **Jon McGee** replaced Pat Belisle as STAR chairman of Region 5. **Frank Munshower** is a law clerk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

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Prague. **Jon McGee** is a vp re-
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Baynes Sept., 1993.

Raymond Schumacher '73 to
Nancy June 16, 1994.

Peter Faulhaber '76 to Lynne
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Michael Schroepter '83 to
Suzanne Jaure Feb. 5, 1994.

Jon McGee '84 to Ann Nicklawske
'86 July 24, 1993.

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Jon comes back to campus in 1999 as
 Director of Institutional Planning and Research

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K.R. Kasling, professor of music, performed and participated as partner in the first Sacred Arts Festival, San Anselmo (San Francisco) Organ Festival, February 1999. The Festival was held at First Presbyterian Church, San Francisco, the campus of San Francisco Theological Seminary.

Kasling played the organ in solo works, works for voice and for liturgical dance, performed by the Omega Graduate Theological Union, Berkeley.

The Festival, consisting of ecumenical worship, sacred art, expressing the theme of Labyrinth of Faith, will become an annual event.

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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.

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Strategic Plan, 2000 to 2004

To view a draft of the Strategic Plan for the College of Saint Benedict and Saint John's University for FY 2000 to FY 2004 click on the following link: [Strategic Plan](#). Drawn from deliberations with the whole campus community in fall 1998, the plan is intended to provide the first steps toward the long-term vision for the colleges articulated by Mary Lyons and Br. Dietrich Reinhart OSB. The goals outlined in the plan will serve as a baseline for institutional action beginning in FY 2000.

The Strategic Plan for 2000 to 2004 rests on a series of integrated actions building to an excellence capstone. The plan has been constructed in four stages: Institutional Analysis, Discussion and Debate, Institutional Improvement, and Institutional Excellence. While many of the objectives associated with the plan will be carried out simultaneously, they are best considered collectively as pieces of a vertically integrated pyramid whose capstone goal is institutional excellence.

The Coordinate Cabinet reviewed drafts of the Strategic Plan at its Jan. 21 and Feb. 11 meetings and is now in the process of preparing action plans for FY 2000. The action plans will be designed not only to engage the issues defined in the Strategic Plan, but also to include the participation and input of the whole campus community. The Coordinate Cabinet will review those plans at its March meeting. There will be an all-campus forum this spring to provide an opportunity to review the plans of action for FY 2000. The Joint Governance Committee of the CSB/SJU Boards did review the draft Strategic Plan at its Feb. 18 meeting, in preparation for full Joint Board action on the plan at its May meeting.

Community discussion and input provided the foundation for development of the Strategic Plan. We value and seek additional participation as the plan is developed. [If you have comments about the Strategic Plan](#), please contact Jon McGee, director of institutional planning and research, at jmcgee@csbsju.edu.

To view the draft of the Strategic Plan go to: [Strategic Plan](#)

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If you have comments about the Strategic Plan, please contact Jon McGee, director of institutional planning and research, at jmcgee@csbsju.edu.

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— 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 luncheon of the new year's series is free, but those wanting to attend should RSVP to Dolores Schuh at 3366 or by e-mail (dschuh) 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 Tegeder, OSB, 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
Oct. 13	Report on Institutional Advancement (Jon McGee)
Nov. 10	Physical Plant - long term plans (Br. Linus Ascheman OSB)
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

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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 *egregia 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.

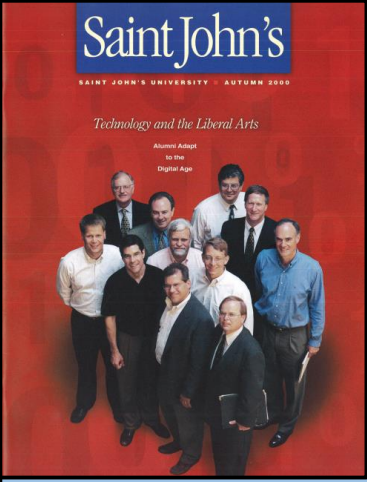
From 1992 to 1999, McGee served as vice-president for research and policy development with the Minnesota Private College Council. McGee was a budget analyst with the Minnesota Department of Finance from 1988 to 1992.

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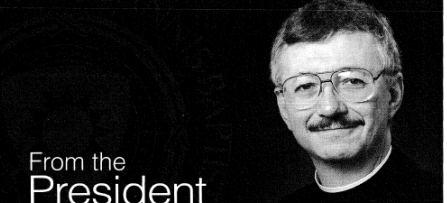
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From the President

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 15) to GTE Academic All-American honors (page 25). They also continue a long-standing tradition of service during spring break. 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 3). 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

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Trends

Jon McGee, '84

Vice President for Institutional Planning,
Research and Communication

High quality and value are cornerstone objectives at Saint John's University and the College of Saint Benedict. Last spring we participated in a comparative alumni survey designed to help us evaluate how well we achieve those objectives. The research also permitted us with relative equality to identify differences between the experiences of our graduates and the experiences of graduates of other private and public colleges.

Results from the SJU and CSB alumni survey indicate that our graduates were overwhelmingly rate the quality of their undergraduate experience very highly. Just as important, we were able to identify several sources of strength at SJU and CSB vis-à-vis other private and public colleges.

The vast majority of our alumni had very positive experiences at Saint John's and Saint Benedict's. More than half indicated that they were "completely satisfied" with the overall quality of their undergraduate education. Two-thirds rated the quality of their SJU or CSB experience as "excellent." When asked to consider their educational investment almost 70% of our graduates strongly agreed that their educational investment was worth it. Equally important, about 9 in 10 said that the value of a Saint John's or Saint Benedict's education justified the cost.

The opportunity to learn in an environment where students and teaching are the focus is a hallmark of a private liberal arts education. More than 80% of our alumni said they benefited from the high-quality

teaching-oriented faculty at Saint John's and Saint Benedict's. These quotes said their college experiences typically included graduates who challenged them academically but who also helped them to meet those challenges. About half strongly agreed that faculty were interested in them both academically and personally.

The academic quality and personal attention our alumni received as students clearly had an impact after college. Eight in 10 SJU and CSB graduates said that the overall quality and benefits of their academic preparation played an important role in their acceptance into graduate school or in finding their first job. Almost half indicated that they were better prepared for life after college than their peers graduating from other colleges. Six in 10 alumni said that Saint John's and Saint Benedict's effectively prepared them for career change or advancement. Our alumni were significantly more likely to say that their college experience prepared them for career change or advancement than graduates of other private colleges in Minnesota or graduates of Midwestern public flagship universities.

Results from the alumni study also indicate that the focus on the whole person, the balance between academic and social development, the integration of personal values and ethics, and the sense of community have clearly distinguished Saint John's and Saint Benedict's from other colleges. More than 8 in 10 alumni said they benefited from a good balance between academic, social, and personal development at SJU and CSB.

Our graduates were significantly more likely to say they benefited from emphasis on both academic and personal development than graduates of other colleges in the state or nation.

A high quality liberal arts education focuses not only on the pursuit of knowledge but also on the search for meaning and wisdom. More than 10 SJU and CSB graduates said the colleges were effective in helping them to develop a sense of purpose in life. About two-thirds also said they benefited very much from the college's emphasis on values and ethics. SJU and CSB alumni were much more likely to point to the emphasis on meaning, values, and ethics than graduates of other private or public colleges.

Community has historically been a valued part of the Saint John's and Saint Benedict's experience. More than two-thirds of our alumni strongly agreed that there was a sense of community among SJU and CSB students. Our alumni were much more likely than alumni of other colleges, private or public, to identify a sense of community as an important part of their educational experience.

Results from the comparative alumni survey clearly indicate that Saint John's and Saint Benedict's consistently have provided a high quality, high value. As we seek to improve the quality of the educational experience for the next generation of SJU and CSB students, we will continue to build on that solid foundation.

Results from the SJU and CSB alumni survey indicate that our graduates overwhelmingly rate the quality of their undergraduate experience very highly.

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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.csbju.edu/bulletinboard/campus.asp.

Greg Hoyer, 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 Schwab, 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."

Hoyer 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, Hoyer 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 possibilities of a student bulletin board, a weekly or monthly calendar of events, and a Real Time news scroll. But, as Mary Lenzmeier, 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 Hoyer, "we have technology, lets 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..."

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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 218 liberal arts colleges that emphasize undergraduate education. Tier two includes schools ranked between 52 and 114 in the Liberal Arts Colleges – Bachelor's category.

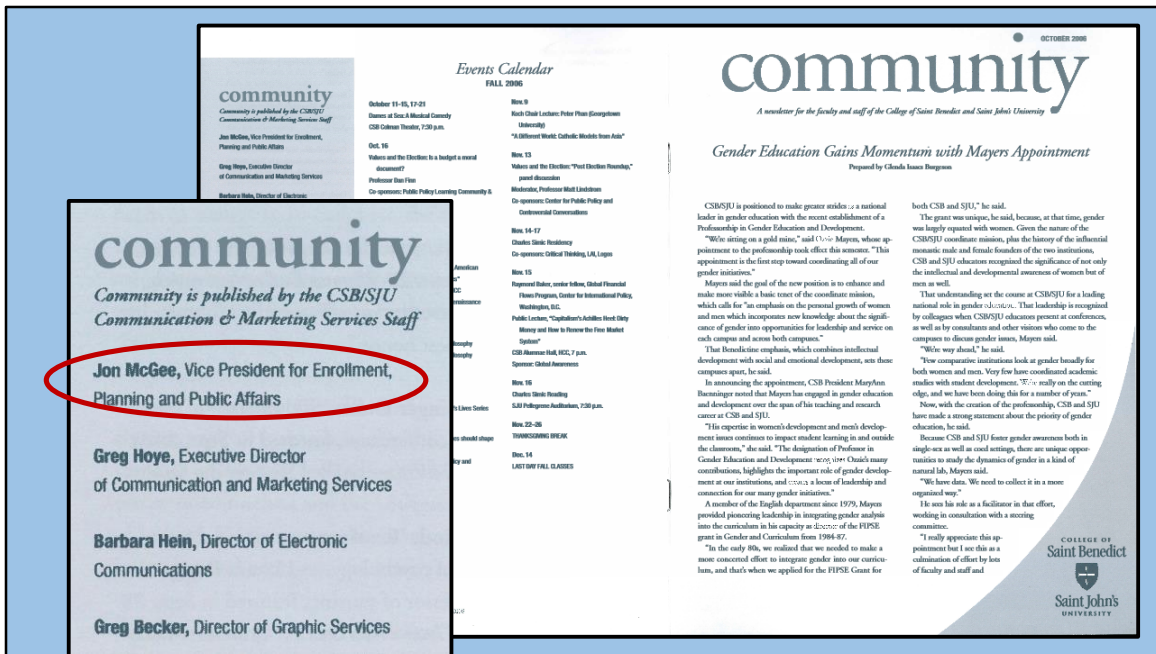
CSB/SJU have been ranked together in the third tier for at least the last five years. The only Catholic liberal arts institution rated more highly than CSB/SJU is the College of the Holy Cross, which is a tier one institution. No other Catholic liberal arts colleges are included in tier two.

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.

Jon 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."

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"Vice President of Planning & Affairs" ?!!

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4. Explore, clarify and propose a structure to align administrative authority with fiscal responsibilities for the Prep School in relationship to the Abbey and implement any changes by the end of FY14. (proposed)

For the first 154 years of the Prep School's existence, the business functions of the school have been handled by Saint John's Abbey. Saint John's Preparatory School operates as one of the units of the Order of Saint Benedict. For that reason, it made the most sense for the business functions of the school to be handled through Saint John's Abbey so that the Prep School could focus on its primary mission of providing academic rigor and spiritual growth for its students. With the addition of a full-time Director of Finance and Facilities, the necessity of financial flexibility and the change in financial dependence on the Abbey, the school is in a strong position to internalize all administrative functions. Administrative autonomy will let us be more creative and attentive to the broader needs of our students, both today and into the future.

This strategic path is our path, created with all who care about the future of SJP, through the first word of the Rule of Saint Benedict, **listen**. The Cabinet and the Board of Regents have carefully listened and invite you to travel with us down this path into an incredible future for Saint John's Prep.

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Get Outside - A Win, Win, Win TANNER RAYMAN '16

If you've ever thought that you enjoy the outdoors, there is no time like now to prove it. Last spring Outdoor U told the people at Outdoor Nation that we have the ideal students, staff, alumni and community at CSBSJU and in Minnesota to compete in and win a national competition among a select group of universities across the U.S. They believed us.

Now CSBSJU and our surrounding community has the opportunity to become National Champions during an 8-week challenge this fall and it's up to you to help make it happen.

The CSBSJU community, which actively includes Outdoor U members, is the prime population to compete in a challenge of this nature. We believe our network of alumni, community members, and affiliates is unparalleled among the nine other schools competing in the Outdoor Nation Campus Challenge. We are a community that is diverse, far-reaching, and sincerely passionate about supporting both the campus community we associate with and the affluant natural Minnesota setting that our campuses are situated upon.

We individuals who go to school, live, work or grew up in Minnesota are some of the hardest and most passionate explorers of outdoor life anywhere in the U.S. Outdoor U will host many incredible events this fall, but we need to appeal to our extended network, that's you, to truly have a chance of becoming National Outdoor Champions. If you want to see the campuses, outdoor programming, and educational programs that you support receive the national spotlight you know they deserve then it is time to gear up and begin planning your daily outdoor activities now.

Tired feet master up one last batch of adrenaline to reach the crest of the hiking trail. Brevets are rattled away mid-trip as the incline proves to be the last. The Grand Canyon lays grandeur out before sleep-encumbered eyes. The mist continues to descend on the trail-sweat explorers of the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness. Their socks are soaked, their muscle dips low. A fire is struck and a guitar chord is sounded in a pre-emptive. The trail converges and a pure inner warmth is kindled in each individual as voices are raised. Birds and small critters flee in shock. A gaggle of young children comes stamping through the woods. The children are identifying bugs, trees and picking their noses in an excited huff. They learn about the forest and begin to cherish it.

The possibilities for outdoor activities are endless. Outdoor Nation has offered this grant and competition in the hopes that we can begin a national grassroots culture shift towards healthier outdoor living that brings nature back into the forefront of humanity's gaze. I have been yearning for a chance to strike back at the Millennial Generation's creeping slide toward a sedentary, indoor lifestyle ever since I came to college and saw how apparent the decay truly was. This is our chance

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WHAT YOU CAN DO
SEPT. 27 - Nov. 22

Get Outside...
...Whatever you are!

- Walking, hiking
- Biking, blading
- Running, skiing
- Camping, swimming
- Bird-watching
- Hunting
- Take pictures
- Have a picnic
- Go for a boat ride
- Cut firewood
- Work in your garden
- Take a class outside
- Volunteer
- Host a street dance or a block party
- Gaze at the stars

Endless possibilities!

Report Your Activity!

- Log on: oncampuschallenge.org

- Upload a photo
- Get credit for the activity
- Win prizes
- Tell everyone!

REPEAT.

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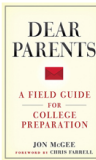
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Jon the author	 JOHNS HOPKINS UNIVERSITY PRESS		Dear Parents
	Breakpoint The Changing Marketplace for Higher Education Jon McGee	2018	A Field Guide for College Preparation Jon McGee foreword by Chris Farrell
<p>The challenges are profound and complex. Fortunes are made in a dynamic marketplace. In <i>Breakpoint</i>, Jon McGee presents a broad and integrative assessment of the importance of decisive campus influence higher education and professional leadership in the aftermath of the Great Recession.</p> <p>Although McGee avoids endorsing a number of concrete strategies for handling prospective students and developing pedagogical practices, curricular content and delivery, and management structures. Practical and compelling, <i>Breakpoint</i> will help higher education leaders make choices that advance their institutional values and serve their students and the common good for generations to come.</p>	 <p>Jon McGee</p>	2015	<p>TABLE OF CONTENTS</p> <p>Written for parents and families of college-bound students, Jon McGee's <i>Dear Parents</i> is an essential tool you'll need to navigate the complex and often emotional challenge of getting your daughter or son prepared for—and through—college. Organized chronologically, from childhood leading up to college, as well as the process of setting up their dorm room, wisdom, and guidance about college decisions, all with children, frame personal and professional empathetic advice about preparing for college without sending children off to college without the experience these children formed by on-the-ground insight, form while demystifying the college process.</p> <p>Don't need convincing that there is a lifelong return from a college education. You want to understand the process better and you'd like to help your teen smartly navigate their choices. You picked wisely if that's the case.... Jon McGee is a wonderful guide, shedding light on the mysterious process of applying to college while bringing much insight to the inevitable trade-offs."—from the foreword by Chris Farrell, <i>Marketplace</i></p>
	...on the move		
	<p>Stuart Harvey '83 has become a partner in the Piper Jaffray merchant banking group. Harvey most recently served as CEO of Ceridian 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.</p> <p>Jon McGee '84 was appointed to the board of trustees for the College Board. College Board is the group that created and manages AP classes and the SAT. McGee is CSB/SJU vice president of planning and public affairs.</p>		
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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:

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Jon McGee

Mr. Jon McGee is vice president for planning and public affairs at the College of Saint Benedict and Saint John's University. He has worked in higher education research and policy for 24 years. He serves on the cabinet of both colleges and is responsible for research and analysis in support of enrollment and budget decision-making, state and federal government relations, and strategic planning. His book, *Breakpoint: The Changing Marketplace for Higher Education* examines key forces of disruption in higher education and offers a framework to colleges and universities for addressing those issues. McGee is a trustee of the College Board. He also serves on the faculty of the Harvard Summer Institute on College Admissions.



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...but he may have liked this photo on the right better; it's the one that was used for the Administrative Assembly Food Drive "Stuff the Box" Contest in 2016.

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

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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.

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 <p>Jon McGee vice president planning and strategy jmcgee@csbsju.edu (320) 363-5287</p>		<p>...and a spot on both presidents' Cabinets pages</p>

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SAINT JOHN'S PREP NAMES NEW HEAD OF SCHOOL

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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 Benedict and Saint John's University (CSB/SJU), will take office on July 1. He will be the first lay leader of the school following 29 monastic members of Saint John's Abbey who have successively led the school since its founding in 1857.

"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 life, and his passion for Prep and the Benedictine 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 Licari, OSB, announced his retirement last fall, Saint John's Prep enlisted Carney, Sandoe and Associates, a national educational search firm, to help with the head of school search. Tom Stock, a member of the SJP 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. 25, 2019, to approve the search committee's recommendation to appoint McGee as its next head of school.



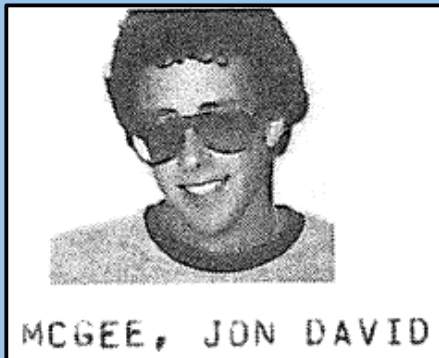
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