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**International Education = Study Abroad = Education Abroad = Global Education**

*The Record* March 1, 2019, p. 4

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# VARIETY

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## THE STACK

### 1 WEEKEND BEST BET

**What:** Johnnie Basketball  
**When:** 7:30 p.m. Friday, March 1  
**Where:** Sexton Arena, SJU  
**Description:** Come support the Johnnies as they take on Northwestern of St. Paul in the first round of the NCAA tournament.  
**Cost:** Free for first 200 students, \$5 for students

### 2 PERFECT FORTWO

**What:** \$5 movie Tuesdays  
**When:** Every Tuesday  
**Where:** Marcus Parkway Cinema, Waite Park  
**Description:** With limited events around campus over Spring break, grab a date and enjoy a \$5 movie on Tuesday.  
**Cost:** \$5

### 3 CAMPUS COMMOTION

**What:** Hike the Saint John's Arboretum  
**When:** Anytime you get bored of heath and need a breath of fresh air.  
**Where:** St. John's Arboretum  
**Description:** Winter hiking can be just as enjoyable as during the warmer months.  
**Cost:** Free

### INSTAGRAMS OF THE WEEK

Use the hashtag #csbsju for your chance to be featured.

## Oh, the places you could go



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CSB/SJU is ranked third in the nation for short-term study abroad and second for semester programs. The countries that students are able to study abroad in are highlighted.

By Lydia Farmer  
lfarmer@csbsju.edu

Hannah Schwietz grins as she scrolls through her friend photos of campus blanketed in snow and then looks out her bedroom window at the sunny and 75 degree day. Schwietz is a junior at St. Ben's, currently spending the semester abroad in Quetzaltenango, Guatemala with nine other Benites and Johnnies. This group is among the 63.5 percent of all St. Ben's and St. John's students expected to study abroad before they graduate.

The College of St. Benedict and St. John's University was ranked among top study abroad schools for the 14th consecutive year in the Open Doors 2018 report released in November. This annual report is done by the Institution of International Education, an authoritative, well-

known approach to educating the whole person but also I think a Benedictine approach to learning is how are we making sure were honoring those among us. Global engagement is very much a part of that."

Each program has its own set of unique qualities that attract students to it and provide the opportunity to be globally engaged. In some programs like Roman-Greco and London, students live with other Benites and Johnnies in houses or apartments. Other programs entail that students move in with a local family in the country they stay in.

"The most memorable thing for me was living with a host family getting to learn Spanish experientially rather than just being taught," CSB senior Ellen Arnold said.

Arnold went abroad to Sep-



PHOTO COURTESY OF QUINCY TOLSON

and culture is often one of the challenges and most rewarding aspects of studying abroad. SJU senior Quincy Trolson studied abroad in the fall of 2017 in Salzburg, Austria.

"I don't speak any German, so just adapting to that and trying to learn the language on the fly

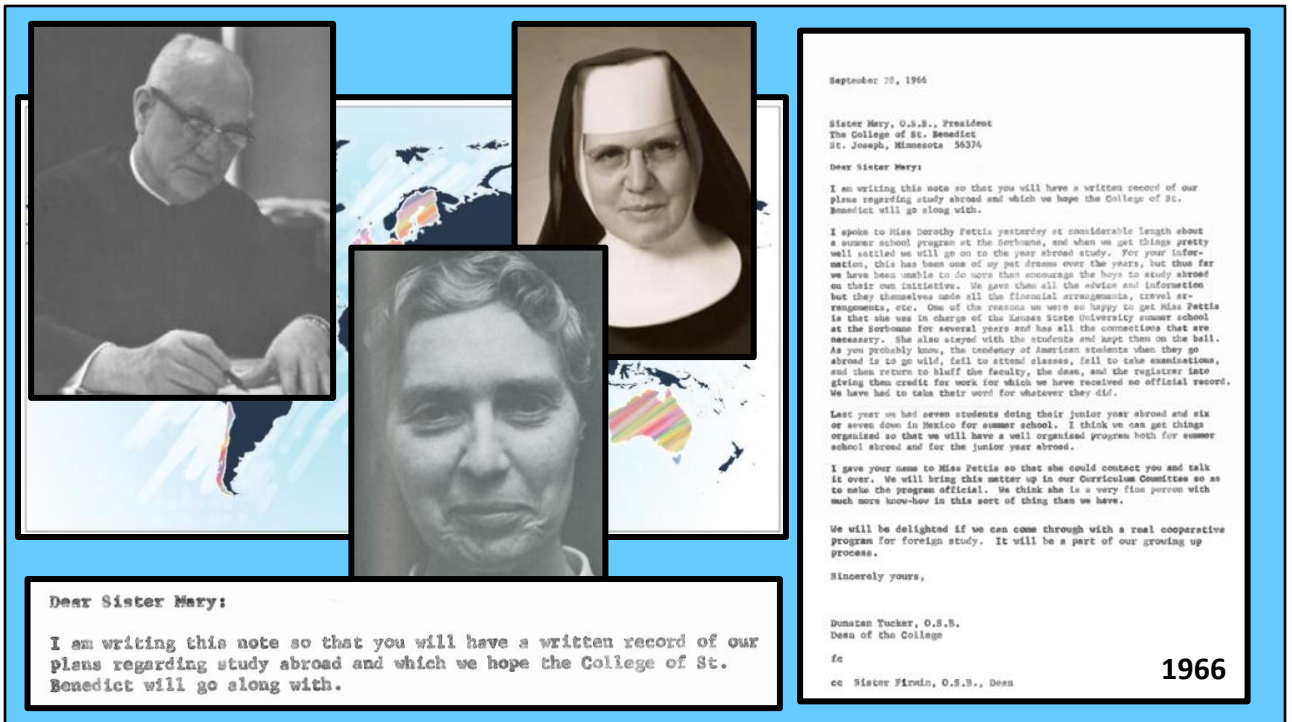
An article in a 2019 *Record* had this graphic about our program. But to start at the beginning...

*The Record* March 1, 2019, p. 4

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SEE ALSO: "Study abroad provides opportunities for 34 years," *The Record*, April 10, 2003, p.5

<http://cdm.csbsju.edu/cdm/ref/collection/CSBArchNews/id/31473/show/31467>



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Dean of the College

fc

cc Sister Firmin, O.S.B., Dean

1966

In my days on campus, in the 1970s, studying in a foreign country for part of your college years was something very special, seemed very expensive, and was just beginning to catch on. One of the earliest documents I've found in the Archives concerning it is this 1966 letter from Fr. Dunstan Tucker, then SJU's Dean of Students, to CSB president Sister Mary Grell, a letter that was cc'd to St. Ben's Dean of Students, Sister Firmin Escher (the namesake of the BAC's Escher Auditorium). He writes about SJU's plans regarding study abroad "which we hope CSB will go along with" [sic].

Photos from the SJU and CSB Archives.

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Fr. Dunstan notes that a year-long study abroad program has been one of his “pet dreams over the years, but thus far we have been unable to do more than encourage the boys to study abroad on their own initiative.” (And yes, “the boys” meant SJU students.) The previous year, 7 Johnnies spent their junior year abroad, and several others did summer classes in Mexico.

Photos from the SJU and CSB Archives.

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HITCH-HIKING may not be the most practical means of foreign travel but these upperclassmen are trying their luck. They are l. to r. Jane Crabtree, Joan Hahn, Jean Filiatrat, Mary Hughes, Sheila Hogan, Margaret Murray and Karen Wells. Not pictured are Barbara McGannon and Carol Uphoff.

### CSB Globe-Trotters Junket Abroad

By Mary Garrity  
Nine Bennies with sample foreign cultures this summer and fall. Joan Hahn, Catherine Ernst, Jane Crabtree and Margaret Murray will spend part of the summer...

### Letters to Editor

To our dear classmates and friends,  
We want to tell you a little bit about our trip to London. We can only remember and hope that some of you will still remember...  
The trip was so heavy in Edinburgh we could hardly walk...  
In Yorkshire we found another different kind of town...  
We returned to Dublin for two days to see our old friends...

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SHEILA AND BURO AMID THE PEAT BOGS IN CONNEMARA

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A few Bennies had also found ways to study abroad, though with little institutional support. For example, Mary Hughes and Sheila Hogan traveled around Europe when they spent a term at Trinity College in Dublin in fall 1965. They wrote about it in the CSB student newspaper, *The Torch*. Apparently, they didn't get much academic credit, though; Mary told me she got 3 credits for writing a paper. "CSB Globe-Trotters Junket Abroad," *The Record* May 7, 1965, p. 3 <https://cdm.csbsju.edu/digital/collection/CSBArchNews/id/376/rec/4> Mary Hughes & Sheila Hogan, "Letters to Editor," *The Torch* January 7, 1966, p. 2. <https://cdm.csbsju.edu/digital/collection/CSBArchNews/id/390/rec/5>





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But Fr. Dunstan hoped for a year-long established study abroad program, *with faculty oversight*, because (quote) "...the tendency of American students when they go abroad is to go wild, fail to attend classes, fail to take exams, and then return to bluff the faculty, the dean, and the registrar into giving them credit for work for which we have received no official record."



## CSB's European Campus

Fifteen women from the College of Saint Benedict will be in Europe this fall to become the first students to participate in the newest phase of the College's curricular program — a European campus in Luxembourg.

The College of St. Benedict, with five other colleges, has accepted an invitation to develop an extension program in Luxembourg. Vita International Association, a non-profit organization in Chicago has leased a castle for this purpose.



Marshal St. Omer, CSB sophomore, enjoyed visiting with the Count of Ansembourg from Luxembourg during his visit to Saint Benedict's on February 19.

Under the plan, the European campus will offer opportunities to the students of the founding colleges for a semester's work with credit under the College's auspices. Faculty from these colleges will teach courses in the performing arts, the humanities, and social studies. While language proficiency is not a requirement for a European semester, native teachers will be procured for those who wish to develop their proficiency in French or German.

Slated to begin in the fall of 1969-70, the formal college program will include many opportunities for travel to historic and cultural centers to increase the significance of the particular subjects under study.

Each of the six founding colleges is expected to send one faculty member who will teach in one of the semesters. Sister Incarnata Girgen and Sister Clarus Himsl

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will be the faculty members from the College of St. Benedict spending a semester in Luxembourg. Sister Incarnata will teach History of Civilization and History of Modern Europe, while Sister Clarus will teach Interior Design and Cultural Influences of Fashions and Furnishings.

In Luxembourg the students and faculty will live in a 300-year-old castle leased by the Count of Ansembourg. The structure, situated 12 miles from the city of Luxembourg, has adequate classroom space and enough bedroom space to house 150 students and from 10 to 25 faculty members. A library and facilities for the performing arts will be developed with the program.

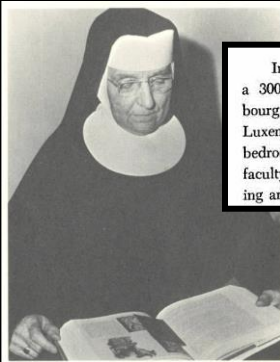
Participating in the program in addition to the College of St. Benedict are St. Leo's College for Men in Fla.; Marycrest College in Davenport, Ia.; Southern Illinois University in Carbondale, Ill.; Mercy College in Detroit, Mich.; and Avila College in Kansas City, Mo.

Other colleges belonging to the Vita International Association of Colleges will be invited to send students to the European campus if accommodations allow.

Vita International has assumed responsibility for the maintenance of the building and property, and will provide food service, health service, transportation and guides for study trips connected with the educational program.

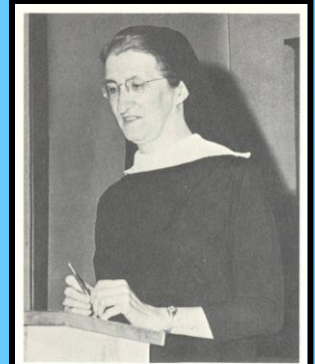


Sister Incarnata Girgen and Sister Clarus Himsl will be on the staff in Luxembourg during first and second semester, respectively, of the 1969-70 school year.



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History

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Sister Clarus Himsl, M. S.  
Home Economics

**THE BENET**  
Alumnae Publication of the  
College of Saint Benedict  
St. Joseph, Minnesota 56374  
Vol. 34, No. 2 April, 1969

**Fr. Dunstan's 1966 dream was deferred for a few years, but in 1969-70, the first official CSBSJU semester-long, faculty-led study abroad program got off to an auspicious (but ultimately shaky) start with a program in Luxembourg. It was through Vita International, a non-profit organization in Chicago. CSB, SJU and four other colleges accepted an invitation to develop an extension there. The other colleges were: Marycrest College (Davenport, Iowa), Dominican College (Racine, Wisconsin), Mercy College (Detroit), and Avila College (Kansas City, Missouri). (Two of those colleges have since closed.) Sister Incarnata Girgen shepherded the group for the fall 1969 semester with 15 Bennies and 5 Johnnies; and Sister Clarus Himsl did so in spring 1970, with 15 Bennies and 15 Johnnies.**

**"CSB's European Campus", *The Benet*, April 1969, p. 20**

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# Landmarks

COLLEGE OF SAINT BENEDICT

VOL 4, NO. 1 OCTOBER, 1969

## FIFTEEN CSB STUDENTS HELP INAUGURATE EUROPEAN CAMPUS



Sister Incarnata Girgen

"We all love the old castle..."

Handwritten: Annual Book 1969-70

Saint Benedict's European extension campus welcomed the first contingent of students this September. Sister Incarnata Girgen, a faculty member to represent Saint Benedict's International Study Center in Luxembourg during the fall semester: Renaissance and Enlightenment, and the World War II Century. She was accompanied by five Johnnies: Susan Haeg, Robbin Le Sueur, Judith Yaggle, Breckner Belle Plaine, Judith Guild, Litta Falls, Mary Mahoney, Devils Lake; Mary Nitz, Belle Plaine; Judith Sitarz, Pydzrowski, Hopkins, Mary Sexton, Wolff, Anako, Sheila Murphree, Madeline White Bear Lake, John Gasser, Michael Schmitz, Wadena; Steven Blum, Madeline Duluth; and David Van Sant, Lonsdale.

Saint Benedict's is one of seven colleges in the European study program. The association with Vita International Association in Chicago, are responsible for the Count of Ansembourg has leased the Association a 300-year-old castle to use as living quarters.

The European campus offers students of the founding colleges for a semester's work with credit under the College's auspices. Faculty from these colleges teach courses in the performing arts, the humanities, and the social studies. Language proficiency is not a requirement for a European semester. Seminars with outstanding teachers from such universities as the Sorbonne, Louvain, Bonn, and other important cities in the area are a part of the experience. The program likewise includes many opportunities for travel to historic and cultural centers to increase the significance of the particular subjects under study. Meetings with officials of European governments and U.N. agencies are also being arranged.

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1969 October v.4 n.1 CSB's *Landmarks*, p. 1-2

"Fifteen CSB Students Help Inaugurate European Campus," *Landmarks*, October 1969, p. 1, 4.

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THE COLLEGE OF SAINT BENEDICT  
PART OF A EUROPEAN CAMPUS

*Int'l Education*  
1969

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The program will begin in the summer of 1969 when the castle will be ready for occupancy. In the fall semester of 1969-70, the formal college program will begin. Though staffing arrangements are not yet definite, one faculty member from each of the founding colleges will be expected to teach in at least one of the semesters. Approximately 20 students from each college will have an opportunity to register for one of the fall or spring terms.

Colleges participating in the planning are Saint John's University, Collegeville, Minnesota; Marycrest College, Davenport Iowa; Dominican College, Racine, Wisconsin; Mercy College, Detroit, Michigan; Avila College, Kansas City, Missouri, and the College of Saint Benedict, Saint Joseph, Minnesota. Other colleges belonging to the Vita International Association of Colleges will be invited to send students to the European campus if accommodations allow.

The castle is a 300-year-old structure situated about twelve miles from the city of Luxemburg. It has very adequate classroom space, forty bedrooms (3 or 4 students each) and eleven bathrooms. It can comfortably accommodate approximately 150 students and 10 to 25 faculty members. A library and facilities for the performing arts will be developed with the program.

The Luxemburg government has given approval for such a program to be conducted in this country. The castle has been leased by its owner for a ten-year period with the possibility of another ten years if so desired.

An approximate calculation of fees per student for a semester in Luxemburg are as follows: Regular tuition of the college to be paid to the college  
Board, room, and travel in Europe using the cars and guides provided, \$550  
Round trip air fare from Chicago to Luxemburg, \$295

The deans of the colleges are presently engaged in further planning and development of the project.

- One faculty member from each of the founding colleges would teach one of the semesters.
- 3-4 students per room
- Regular tuition paid to each college
- Room, board and travel: \$550
- Air fare from Chicago: \$295

1969

**This is a fact sheet about that fall '69 program. One faculty member from each of the six founding colleges would teach in at least one of the semesters. About 20 students from each college could enroll; they would live 3-4 per room and pay tuition to their college, plus \$550 for room, board and travel; at that time, air fare from Chicago was \$295.**

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# LA BURGERS TO LUXEMBURGERS



Mr. Will Kohner of Vita International presented the Count of Ansemburg to Marcia St. Onge, one of many students interested in a semester in Luxemburg, at a tea in the Count's honor February 19th.



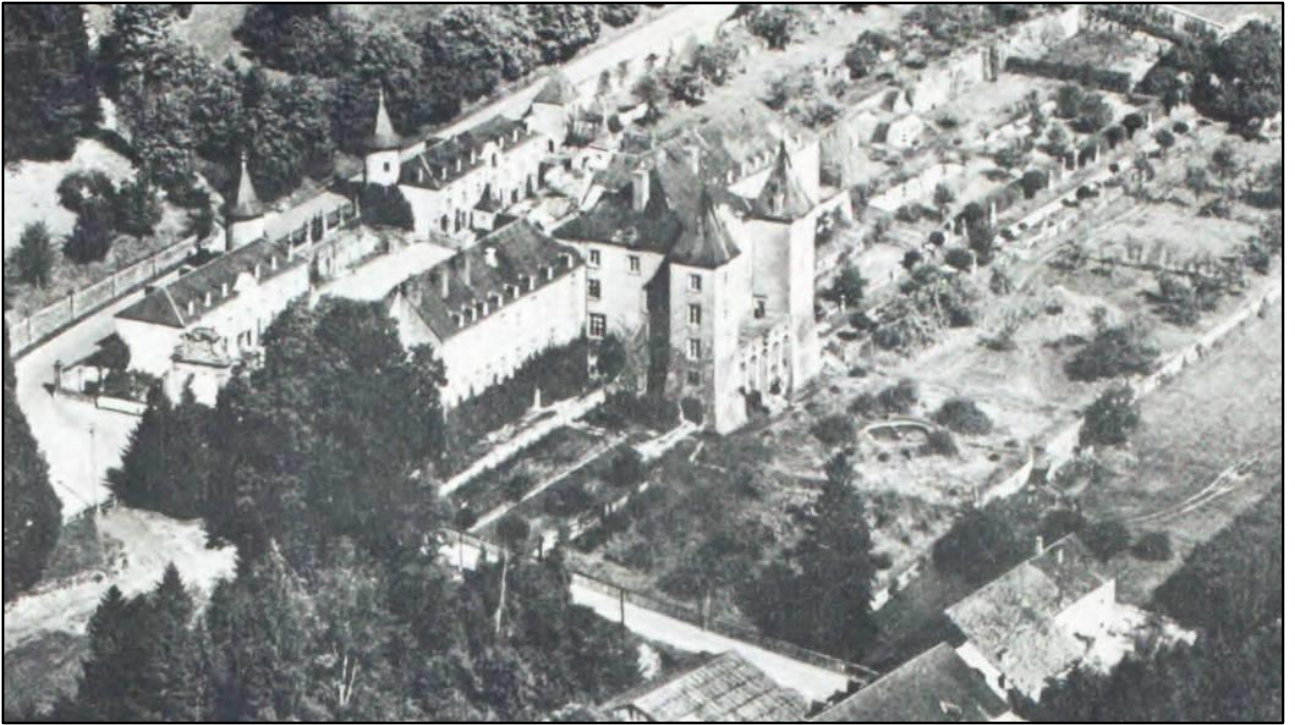
## Count Our Luxy Stars

by Kathleen Cyrus

All of us have heard of the new and exciting things taking place on our campus. Most of us would be hard put to enumerate them. There is one, however, that we are all aware of. This exciting new endeavor

**An article in the CSB student newspaper, *The Torch*, had promoted the opportunity for Bennies to go from “La [i.e. La Playette] Burgers to Luxemburgers.”**

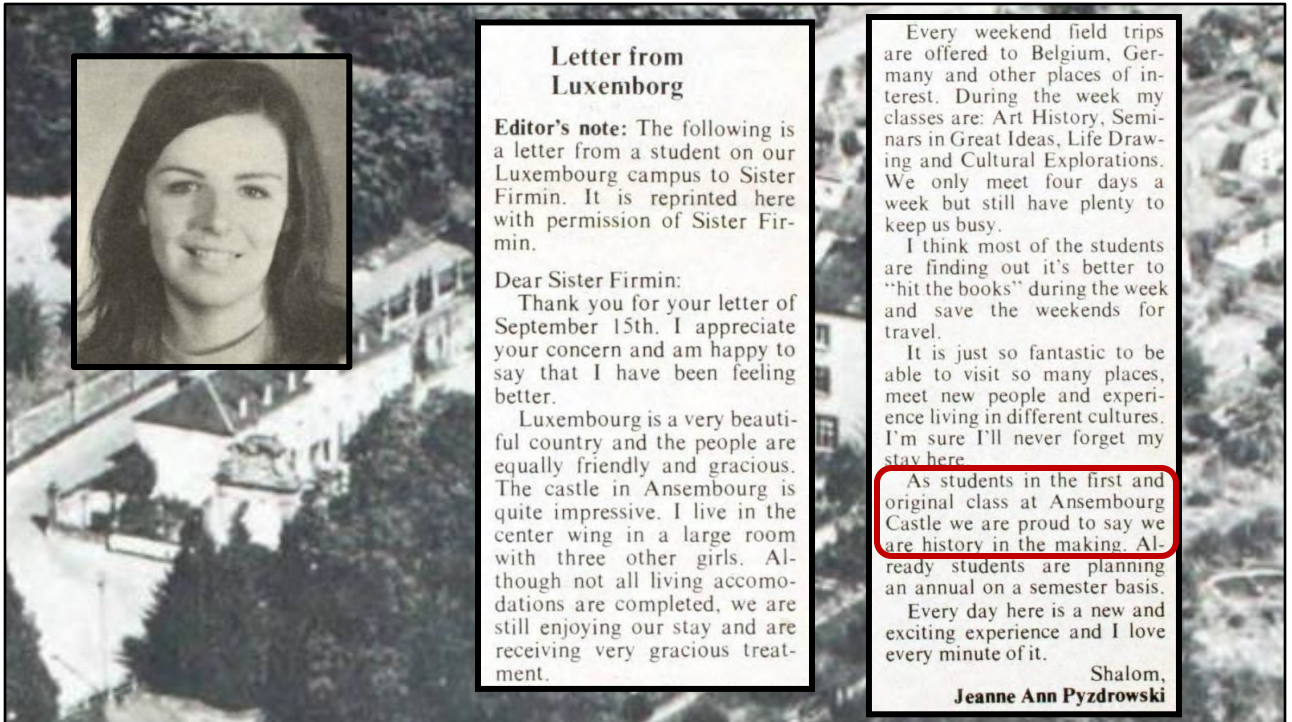
Cyrus, Kathleen. “La Burgers to Luxemburgers: Count our Luxy Stars,” *The Torch* Feb. 25, 1969, p. 1 <https://cdm.csbsju.edu/digital/collection/CSBArchNews/id/332/rec/38> p. 3 <https://cdm.csbsju.edu/digital/collection/CSBArchNews/id/334/rec/38>



**One big selling point: the students would live in a real castle!**

"VITA Offers an Experience", *The Torch*, November 12, 1969

<http://cdm.csbsju.edu/cdm/ref/collection/CSBArchNews/id/290/show/286>



**Letter from Luxembourg**

**Editor's note:** The following is a letter from a student on our Luxembourg campus to Sister Firmin. It is reprinted here with permission of Sister Firmin.

Dear Sister Firmin:

Thank you for your letter of September 15th. I appreciate your concern and am happy to say that I have been feeling better.

Luxembourg is a very beautiful country and the people are equally friendly and gracious. The castle in Ansembourg is quite impressive. I live in the center wing in a large room with three other girls. Although not all living accommodations are completed, we are still enjoying our stay and are receiving very gracious treatment.

Every weekend field trips are offered to Belgium, Germany and other places of interest. During the week my classes are: Art History, Seminars in Great Ideas, Life Drawing and Cultural Explorations. We only meet four days a week but still have plenty to keep us busy.

I think most of the students are finding out it's better to "hit the books" during the week and save the weekends for travel.

It is just so fantastic to be able to visit so many places, meet new people and experience living in different cultures. I'm sure I'll never forget my stay here.

As students in the first and original class at Ansembourg Castle we are proud to say we are history in the making. Already students are planning an annual on a semester basis.

Every day here is a new and exciting experience and I love every minute of it.

Shalom,  
**Jeanne Ann Pyzdrowski**

**A student's "Letter from Luxembourg" (sic) to Sister Firmin was published in CSB's newspaper, *The Torch*. "The people are friendly and gracious," Jeanne Pyzdrowski said, and she appreciated being able "to visit so many places, meet new people and experience living in different cultures... As students in the first and original class at Ansembourg Castle, we are proud to say we are history in the making."**

**"Letter from Luxembourg", Jeanne Ann Pyzdrowski, *The Torch*, October 14, 1969, p. 5  
<http://cdm.csbsju.edu/cdm/ref/collection/CSBArchNews/id/210/show/206>**

**Photo inset: 1969-70 Student Directory**



# THE TORCH

STUDENT NEWSPAPER OF THE COLLEGE OF SAINT BENEDICT

Vol. 6 No. 3

College of St. Benedict St. Joseph, Minnesota

November 12, 1969

## Corona, Here We Come!

by Annie Ford

Corona, here we come! This thought has been in the back of every freshman's mind since we arrived at the beautiful College of St. Benedict.

The Hagira occurred November 5 and 6, Wednesday and Thursday nights. We will sleep there Thursday whether we moved in or not; that was our threat. The inspector comes on the 3rd of November and all the last minute repairs would be made on Tuesday, the 4th of November.

The rooms are 15' by 20', a little smaller than those in Aurora but just as power-packed with decorating opportunities.

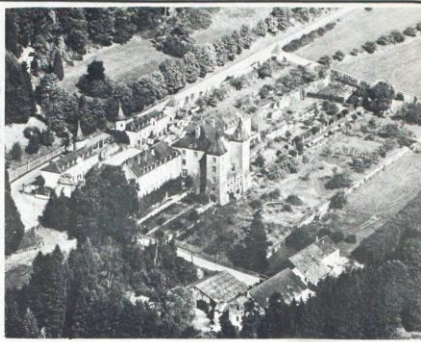
We have quite a few advantages also: flowered curtains and matching spreads as opposed to the army-green in the Mary Complex. Carpeting is provided too.

Another big advantage is the community system. St. Ben's divides each floor, by the lounges, into groups of thirty. This makes you a closer knit group and yet you can have friends all over the floor because there are no real barriers.

The rooms are constructed of bricks, however tape is still not allowed on the walls. There is a typing room in the middle of the third floor for our use. There are two studies at each end of the halls, and individual sinks in each room.

There are a few disadvantages to our move but we must keep in mind that we are moving into a new building.

There are no shelves, purely because of expense purposes. Sister Mary Mark said bookcases will be furnished for each room though. There is only one smoker and laundry room in the new dorm and that is in the basement. These have not been completed yet and we are to



An aerial view of the Luxembourg campus where St. Ben's students live with other college students from the United States. The Ansenbourg Castle lies in a heavily wooded area.

## Education Week

November 9-15

American Education Week, November 9-15, has been proclaimed by Minnesota Governor Harold LaVander. This year's the 40th such annual observance sponsored nationally by the National Education Association, with which Minnesota's and other state education associations

## VITA Offers an Experience

Vita has been a very rewarding experience: not only in meeting Europeans and seeing Europe but also in meeting different American students. The 160 students here come from all over the United States.

It hasn't always been fun—there have been a few times when we were ready to go home especially when we were missing our families.

the places we stayed in were unbelievable but this is Europe and things are much different than in the States. Vita has great potential—we're already laughing about some of the things that have happened to us. We are now staying in a hotel with a maid to clean the room everyday—what a life!

Ansenbourg Castle is an experience which is helping us to look at the European way of

In discussion with Europeans we are becoming aware of our ideas of the United States and have to defend their ideas.

Vita—lots of problems but future potential. We are laughing about the past already. It has been fun.

I was rather disappointed at first when I came because in the first year everything is

think for the girls coming next semester things will run smoother.

I found the language barrier hard to adjust to and I'm constantly embarrassed when the people have to speak my language in their country. This is a great laziness and downfall on the part of the Americans. I speak a little French and I find when I speak French the people are much warmer.

In the seven and a half weeks that I've been here I've been in eight countries and I fill like I missed a lot. I have, of course, seen many things but it would be so much nicer if I could really get into the culture of the people here which is hard

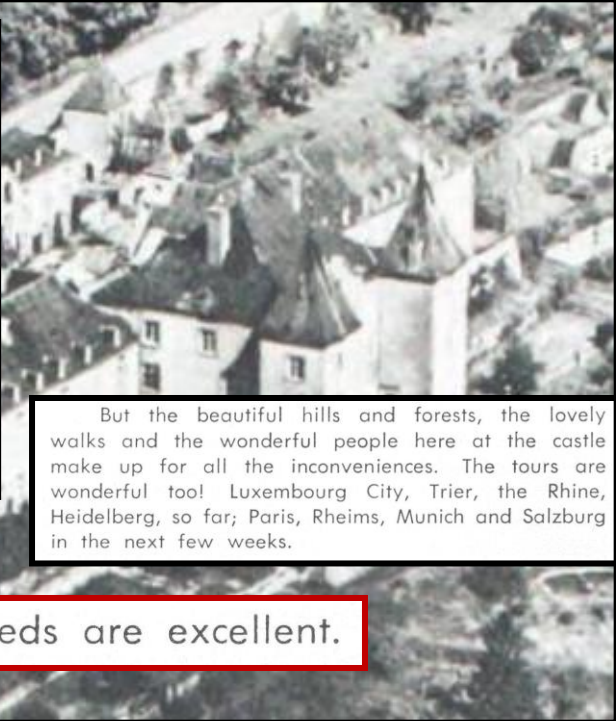
to do because I still am at an American school living with American people (only on weekends do we have the opportunity to experience the culture.)

I would encourage anyone who wants to go here: to do it! I have complained about the inconveniences here, but I must admit that it was good for me to experience and it would be good for everyone. Probably the most this trip has done for me is to learn to really appreciate my family, friends and my country, the U.S.A.!

Sharon Sharkey

**Another student, writing in *The Torch* that fall, observed that it was on the weekends when they really got to experience the culture, since otherwise they were "at an American school living with American people." But it was eye-opening, and she encouraged her fellow students to consider it.**

**"VITA Offers an Experience", Sharon Sharkey, *The Torch*, November 12, 1969, p. 1 <http://cdm.csbsju.edu/cdm/ref/collection/CSBArchNews/id/290/show/286>**



Excerpts from Sister Incarnata's letters to Sister Firmin include the following:

I think this educational venture is very worthwhile and it will be a great incentive to our faculty and students to have a semester in Europe. And all of us — students and faculty — who are doing the pioneering work are most happy to do it. But it is pioneering! The work is going very slowly — European pace. We all love the old castle and are ready to work to make the Study Center a success. The castle was taken over by the Nazis and the Russians during World War II and the latter were very destructive. At one time this must have been very beautiful but the gardens, walks, statuary and walls are in poor shape. The buildings too are without windows; interior walls need plastering and rebuilding, etc. (except the part of the main building now in use.)

But the beautiful hills and forests, the lovely walks and the wonderful people here at the castle make up for all the inconveniences. The tours are wonderful too! Luxembourg City, Trier, the Rhine, Heidelberg, so far; Paris, Rheims, Munich and Salzburg in the next few weeks.

The food and the beds are excellent.

**A letter from Sister Incarnata mentions that it was pioneering, very worthwhile, and they did a lot of touring. Things are in need of repair, she said, but “the food and beds are excellent.”**

1969 October v.4 n.1 CSB's *Landmarks*, p. 1-2

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### Luxembourg Campus

The Luxembourg Campus which was planned for 1969-70 had 50 students from CSB and SJU participating in the program during the two semesters. Three faculty members, Sister Incarnata Girgen, Sister Clarus Himsl and Charles Villette were CSB faculty members teaching in one of the semesters. Each of the students carried a full load, 12 to 16 credits, and received credit toward their degrees.

Though the academic program was sound and quite successful, mismanagement of the funds paid by the students to Vita International Association makes it impossible to continue the program. That organization was responsible for board, room and facilities, but could not meet its payments for such services. The colleges engaged in the consortium (7) have severed connections with Vita International Association and will attempt to pursue other means of developing a program abroad.

**Things got troubling toward the end of the spring semester, though, as documented in Sister Firmin's Annual Report on the program. The academic program was quite successful, but the program was mis-managed by Vita International, which was responsible for making the payments for room & board, making it "impossible to continue the program."**

Ann Rept by CSB Acad Dean Escher AC05.05Box1page54



The entire first semester student body, faculty and staff of the Vita International Study Center in the courtyard of Ansembourg Castle, Ansembourg Luxembourg.

**Mary Leeder, one of the Bennies in the program, told me via email that, about two weeks before they were to go home, when they arrived back at the castle on a Sunday from a trip, they were told the program had folded and that they were going home early... On Wednesday morning at 4:30 A.M. they were loaded onto buses and taken to Belgium, where they boarded planes for home. She said that St. Ben's paid to get the students home, and their course grades were whatever they were as of that Sunday. - From Mary Leeder's ('71) email of March 22, 2022, "Luxembourg 1970 [April]"**

Image: Luxembourg, First Semester Class,1970 (with words).jpg



“The staff and students involved in the program over there felt strongly that the Luxembourger staff should at least be paid...”

**She said that the CSBSJU group also took up a collection for the staff of the castle. The Vita Study Center was apparently in arrears with payroll for their employees. “The staff and students involved in the program over there felt strongly that the Luxembourger staff should at least be paid.”**

Ann Rept by CSB Acad Dean Escher AC05.05Box1page54; Sept. 25, 1972 letter to S. Firmin Escher from Douglas Chapman, International Education, Southern Illinois University at Carbondale.]

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### *The January Term*

The January Term is a four-week period during which students and faculties of the College of Saint Benedict and Saint John's University become one school, one faculty, and one student body, in order to join cooperatively in uninterrupted and intensive study. This program, an outgrowth of the College's philosophy of self-education, provides opportunities for innovation, initiative, and depth study, and significantly supplements the regular academic program. During the January Term, students explore avenues of special interest, encounter new experiences, and exercise creative and other talents in areas they might not otherwise be engaged and in ways not possible during the regular academic year.

Depending upon the nature of the course or project selected, students, with guidance, work independently, with one or a few students, or with groups. Most of the work is done on campus, but off-campus study, work, and travel are also possible. January Term course offerings vary from year to year; however, they provide opportunity for:

- Individual research and study
- Course study, including interdisciplinary courses
- Creative work
- Study abroad
- Field work
- Off-campus projects

**Also important to note is that these were also the beginning days of the January Interim (or January Term, or J-Term), which began the year before, in January 1968. It was a "four-week period during which students engaged in uninterrupted and intensive study of one subject, something not possible during the regular semesters." During J-Term, "off-campus study, work and travel were possible."**

1969-71 *CSB Catalog*, p. 12

<http://cdm.csbsju.edu/cdm/ref/collection/CSBArchives/id/3775/show/3710>

One significant addition to last year's independent projects is the Upper Midwest Association for Intercultural Education (UMAIE) study tours abroad. Fr. Martin Schirber, chairman of the economics department here, is a group leader for an economic tour of Europe. Fourteen Johnnies, along with 28 students from other UMAIE colleges, will depart for this foreign study seminar from Chicago on Dec. 29. The tour will include addresses in economic capitals of the world such as London, Brussels, and Paris. The seminars and sightseeing will eclipse England, Belgium, Germany, France, Switzerland, and Italy. The trip will last the entire January Term, with return scheduled for Feb. 2.

# The Record

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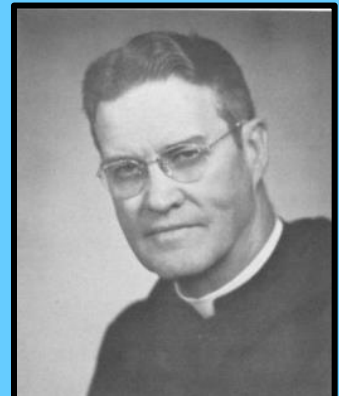
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Collegeville, MN. 56321, December 16, 1968

No. 15

## Interim Outlook is Promising

Upper  
Midwest  
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The "travel" part, at least for Johnnies, got a big boost when SJU became a member of the Upper Midwest Association for International Education, a consortium of ten colleges which collaborated to offer an international curriculum. UMAIE organized January Term study abroad programs. *The Record* reported about the first UMAIE J-Term group going to Europe's "economic capitals of the world" with Econ chair Fr. Martin Schirber in January 1969.

Schneider, Jim. "Interim Outlook is Promising", *The Record*, December 16, 1968, p. 1  
Schirber photo from 1962 *Sagatagan*, p. 23

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(sic!)

## CSB Joins **UMAIE**-Foreign Study Opportunities

Peg Ross

The College of St. Benedict has recently been granted full membership in the Upper Midwest Association for Intercultural Education. Up to the present time, CSB students had been able to participate in UMAIE programs through St. John's University. St. Benedict's requested its own membership in order to clarify policy lines re-

garding CSB faculty participation as group leaders in UMAIE study seminars.

The UMAIE offers study abroad programs for January term projects as well as summer programs in Mexico and Europe. Courses of study include foreign languages, national cultures, European arts, drama, music, and international economic, social, psychological,

and scientific patterns.

One UMAIE offering for this summer is a charter flight to Europe with BOAC. The flight will be leaving Minneapolis for London June 10 and will return from London to Minneapolis August 14 or 19. Round trip cost is \$250 and one way is \$130. Further information regarding the charter flight may be obtained from Sister Carol Berg at CSB (Ext. 246) or from Otmar Drekonja at SJU (Ext. 215).

Other members of the UMAIE are Augustana College, Carleton College, College of St. Catherine, Gustavus Adolphus College, Hamline University, Luther College, Macalester College, and St. John's University.

### BUS SCHEDULE—Spring, 1972

Effective March 13, 1972

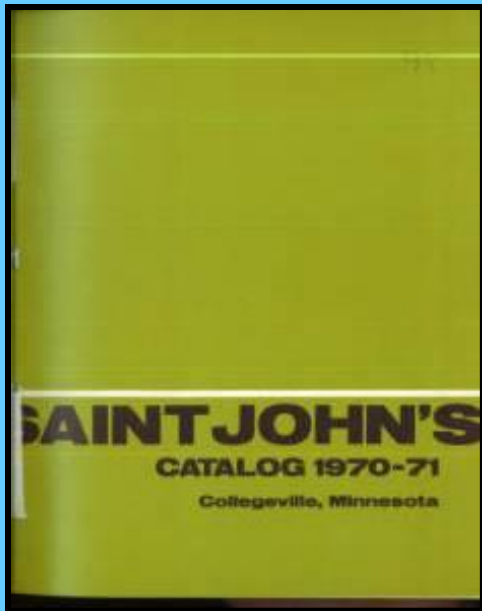
Days 1-6

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**Bennies had been able to participate through SJU, but CSB also joined UMAIE (not "UMAIE"!)** as a member in 1972. The other members of UMAIE were: Augustana, Bethel, St. Catherine, St. Thomas, Gustavus Adolphus, Hamline, Luther, and Macalester.

From the Timeline, <https://apps.csbsju.edu/csbarchives/TimeLineDetails.aspx?id=773> Ross, Peg. CSB Joins UMAIE-Foreign Study Opportunities", *The Torch*, March 17, 1972, p. 1

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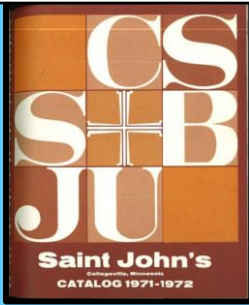


The Saint John's University Study Abroad Program provides opportunities for qualified students to spend their junior year in France, Spain, Austria, Germany or Mexico.

A student anticipating study abroad should begin planning in freshman year through the Study Abroad Office and consult regularly with his major adviser. A student can consider Junior Year Abroad, a spring or fall semester, or a Summer School program. The choice of a country and program depends on language proficiency, major subject study interest, study objective and college approval. Students of St. John's and St. Benedict's are eligible to participate in any of the above programs. Interested students are to refer to the Dean of the College for more information.

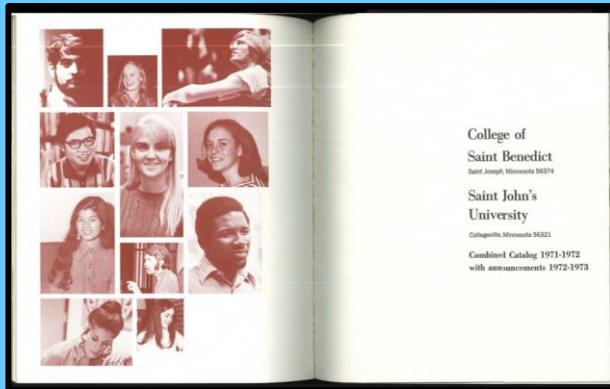
J-Term aside, Fr. Dunstan's hope for long-term study abroad opportunities were getting closer. The 1970-71 SJU Catalog described the "SJU Study Abroad Program." "Qualified students" could now arrange "to spend their junior year in France, Spain, Austria, Germany or Mexico." There was also the possibility of spending one semester abroad, and there were several summer programs available for enterprising students. Students were advised to plan with the "Study Abroad Office." These options through SJU were also available to Bennies, though that's easy to miss in these early supposedly "joint" catalogs. 1970-71 *Saint John's University Catalog*, p. 10

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A student on exchange remains enrolled in his college and pays that college's tuition. He must, however, pay board and room to the exchange college.

Same goes for several other catalogs into the mid-1970s, with a lot of male verbiage.

1971-72 combined *Catalog*, p. 9

<http://cdm.csbsju.edu/cdm/ref/collection/SJUArchives/id/14654/show/14603>



A student who intends to study abroad should begin planning in **his/her freshman year** in consultation with the Office of Cross Cultural and International Education and the

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**In those “Women’s Lib” days of the 1970s, it wasn’t until the 1977-78 edition that more inclusive language started to appear.**

1977-78 combined Catalog, p. 120

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## Bon Voyage . . . Eighteen Go to French Riviera

By Barb Woxland

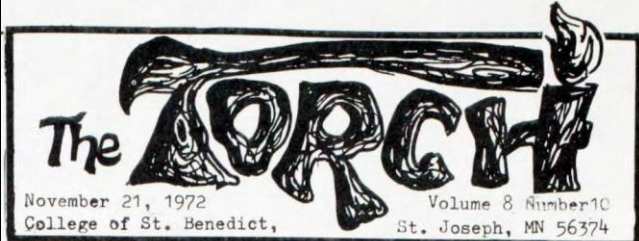
Next February, when it's still cold and snowy in St. Joseph, eighteen students from St. Ben's will leave for the French Riviera, to spend an "Experimental Semester in Cannes." The group will be accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Villette.

The program of studies will consist of language instruction at each participant's level and a course in the highlights of French literature and civilization from the Middle Ages to the early 20th century. Some of the literary works to be studied include: *The Song of Roland*, *The Miser*, by Moliere, *Candide*, by Voltaire, *Le Gild*, by Corneille, and *Nadame Bovary*, by Flaubert. These classes will be conducted by Mr. Villette at the Hotel El Puerto, where the group will be staying. In addition to these two courses, each participant is also asked to maintain a record of her experience and activities in the form of a traveling or photographic essay. The purpose of this is for each participant to critically record, examine, and evaluate her experience abroad. Each student has the option of planning and carrying out an Independent Study Project in the field of her choice. Several students are planning projects in art, theatre, and a variety of other areas.

In preparation for the semester abroad, the participants are currently taking an art appreciation course from Mr. Goetemann. During January, the students will work on language skills and become familiar with the city of Cannes, the surrounding areas, and the cultural opportunities available through lectures and readings.

The cost of the program is \$1,800, which includes tuition, room and board, (breakfast and evening meals), transatlantic travel, and excursions. A 3-4 day trip to Paris is planned and the rest of the excursions will be selected by the group. The group will depart from Chicago on February 19th, and return on May 22nd.

The students participating in the program are: Kathy Anderson, Bonnie Bean, Debbie Bisek, Bridget Branick, Denise DeVaun, Kelly DeSostier, Bev Hahn, Kathy Hesck, Nelly Horben, Lucia Leiva, Denise Mac Donald, Terry Monn, Valerie Norton, Jacquie Jasper, Anne Doyle, Anne Palmquist, Karen Topol and Barb Woxland.



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**And it is important to note that no CSB+SJU faculty were on site for any of these longer programs. Fast forward a few years, though. By 1972-73, CSB had created its own overseas programs. The November 21 *Torch* did a feature about the opportunity to study in Cannes, on the French Riviera, for the '73 spring semester with "Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Villette." \$1800 would cover travel, tuition, room & board, and excursions.**

**Bon Voyage...Eighteen Go to French Riviera", *The Torch*, November 21, 1972**  
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**By the fall of 1973, CSB was sending three groups abroad each semester: to the Cannes site again, with Chuck Villette; to St. Gallen, Switzerland, with Sister Margretta Nathe; and to Barcelona, Spain, with Leonel Galindo.**

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Semester-long Study Abroad progras begin (1973 Timeline entry)

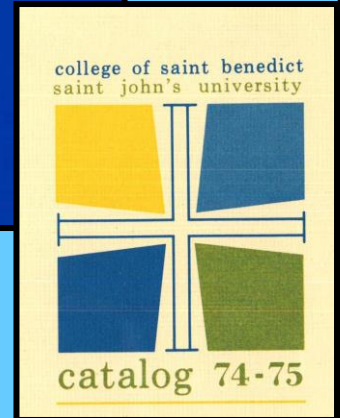
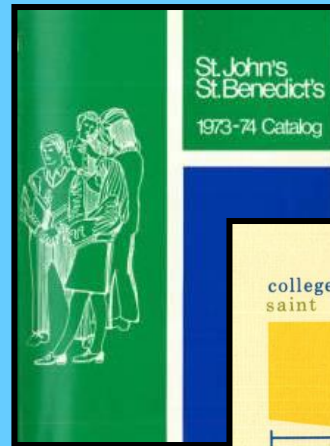
## CSB: France, Switzerland or Spain

Saint Benedict's Overseas European Studies Program gives students, majors and non-majors, the opportunity to spend a term of study in France, Switzerland or Spain. The program of cultural explorations includes a study of the language, literature, history and life styles of the country visited. The program is open to sophomores, juniors and seniors, as well as to interested alumnae.

## SJU: France, Austria or Spain summers; also a full year in Tokyo, Japan

Saint John's University Study Abroad Program provides opportunities for qualified students to spend a Term, year, Interim or summer off campus. Study programs can be arranged in most foreign countries.

Saint John's University offers language summer programs in Europe (France, Austria and Spain) as well as a full year study program at Sophia University in Tokyo, Japan.



SJU: "Programs can be arranged in most foreign countries."

**The 1973-74 & 74-75 Catalogs described both the CSB program, with the same three choices, and SJU's, which were summer terms in France, Austria or Spain, plus a full year program in Tokyo, Japan. 1974 was also the year when Saint John's School of Theology started its Jerusalem Studies Program.**

1973-74 Catalog, p. 9-10

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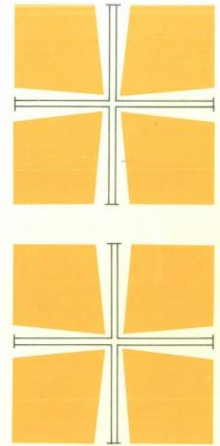
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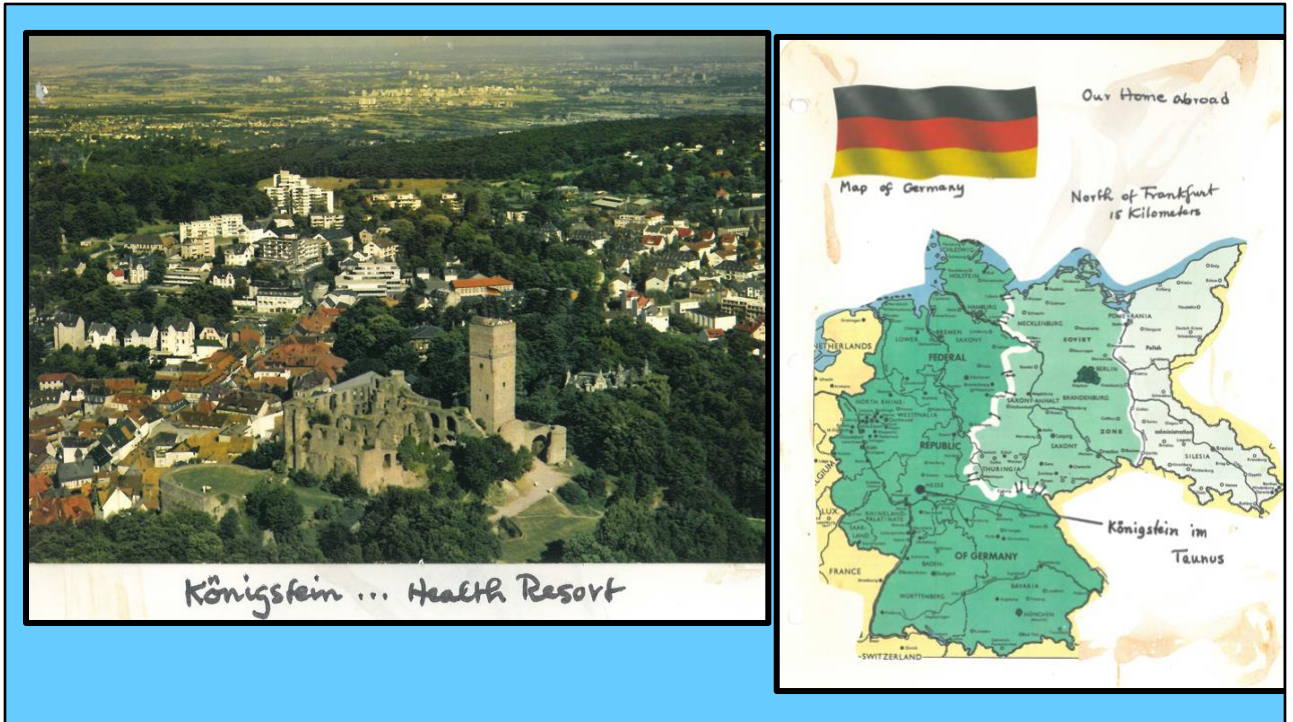
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**By '75-76, a program in Mexico replaced the one CSB had in Barcelona. CSB professor Dr. Josephina Cabellero taught in Mexico from 1974-75 through 1977-78.**

1975-76 *Catalog*, p. 12

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**Sister Margretta's program in Switzerland was moved to Koenigstein, in central Germany, in Fall 1976.**

On left: ...Königsstein, German Study Abroad 1975.jpg

On right: ...Scrapbook page of Trip to Germany 1975.jpg (or was it 1976 or '77?)



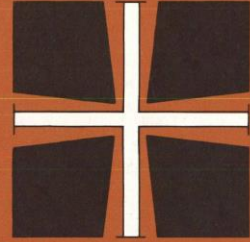
**Here's that fall 1976 group, with Sister Margretta and Sister Emmanuel Renner on the left, row 3.**

Koenigstein Study Abroad, Scrapbook page, 1976.jpg (Fall)

Saint John's offers a cooperative European Studies Program with the University of Salzburg (Austria). The program is sponsored jointly by Saint John's and the University of Salzburg and is open to all SJU and CSB students. Each fall term a variety of English-taught liberal arts courses are offered, supplemented by eight-credit courses in German at various levels.

Financial aid based on the normal cost of a year at the College is available to College of Saint Benedict and Saint John's University students through his/her respective institution. Work-study opportunities are not available.

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**In 1977, Saint John's added a new offering, a cooperative venture whereby our students could attend the University of Salzburg's European Studies Program. And a statement appeared noting that financial aid was applicable to study abroad, though "work-study opportunities" were not available. 1977-78 (combined) Catalog 1977-78, p. 120-121**



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Mississippi riverboat era. Throughout the evening a French Creole dinner will be served at Garvey Commons.

The French Quarter and port of New Orleans will be close by with the scent of fresh flowers, a variety of Southern foods, and wine.

The Nocturnes will provide entertainment in the "Grande" Ballroom. Musical groups from the three area colleges will perform throughout Atwood Center.

As an expression of gratitude to CSB, SJU, and SCSU for their educational and cultural contributions to the community, all proceeds from the May Bowle are given in scholarships to students in the fine arts. The 1976 May Bowle Committee presented \$6,464 to each of the colleges.

The May Bowle, originally a Roman tradition heralding the coming of spring with flowers, woodruff, and fruit, has been celebrated for 12 years in the area, using themes from many countries and eras. Hundreds of community volunteers have worked to make the 1977 May Bowle a memorable one.

Tickets are available at the Benedicta Arts Center Ticket Office and at SCSU and SJU.

### STUDY ABROAD IN FRANCE, GERMANY, MEXICO

CSB's study abroad program gives students an opportunity to study the language and culture of either France,

The French and German program will begin September 8 and end December 7. Many students will continue studying and travelling in Europe during the January Term.

The required orientation workshop will be August 19-31. The workshop fulfills the January Term requirement for January 1978.

Participants study eight credits of language and four credits of literature. Students also take three credits of cultural explorations for the French program and four credits in history for the German study.

The French program centers in Tours and Cannes, France. Tours is situated in the heart of the Loire River Valley. Known as a city of flowers, parks, and gardens, Tours is surrounded by Renaissance chateaux. Tours is also a university town which offers cultural and student activities.

Located on the French Riviera, Cannes offers easy access to Nice, the principality of Monaco, and to smaller towns noted for their arts and crafts. Field trips will take the group to Le Mont Saint-Michel, Saint-Malo, Paris, Arles, Chartres, Nimes, and Avignon.

The cultural explorations course explores the cinema, architecture, art, music, and theater of France. Emphasis is placed on the sociological, cultural, and artistic relationships of the areas.

(See German Program on page 7)

### COUNCIL WILL STUDY ALUMNAE CHAPTERS

The Alumnae Council has formed a committee to look into alumnae chapters. CSB currently has active chapters in



Sister Margretta Nathe unwraps another present from her German students during "Schoenster Margretta Tag" in Konigstein. Sister received a rose before each class meeting, and was honored again at dinner. Students are Patti Nilles, Fargo, N.D., and Tom Sinner, Casselton, N.D.

### O Konigstein! O Konigstein! (How lovely are your memories)

The study abroad program in German centers in Konigstein, a suburb of Frankfurt located in the Taunus Mountains. Konigstein is a famous health resort and was once a meeting place of the Konigsteiner Kreis, an organization concerned with German reunification.

In addition to language and literature courses, students participate in eight tours to supplement their class work. The tours provide rich cultural experiences and the opportunity to explore significant historical spots.

**A 1977 April Saint Benedict's Today article gave details about the French program – now in Tours and Cannes, on the French Riviera – and the German program in Koenigstein. (It mentions the Mexico option, but doesn't describe it.)**

1977 April Saint Benedict's Today, p.2

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## Salzburg, Koenigstein Programs Compared

By John Jeffrey

**Record Wire Services (SALZBURG)** Whether a Johnnie wants to master the German language, or just master the German brew, he has a choice between two "study abroad" programs which might meet his needs. A Term in the German town of Koenigstein is offered by CSB, while SJU has chosen the Austrian city of Salzburg as the center for its program. Both programs are good, but vary in advantages and price. A Term abroad with CSB costs \$3950 as opposed to a cost of \$2200 for the SJU program, but price is no indication of the actual difference between the two Terms abroad. The following is a comparison of the important points common to the two programs and will hopefully be of some aid for the travel-crazy Johnnie.

### Orientation

Both programs cost orientation as completion of the January interim requirement. Orientation for the CSB program usually takes place during the last two weeks of August. During this time students are given a crash course in German language, life-style, customs, and culture. The SJU orientation consists of writing a five-page paper on some Austrian point of interest. The paper is completed during the Summer, and then presented and discussed at a weekend seminar at St. John's in the Fall. Additional orientation is given once the student arrives in Salzburg.

### Round Trip Fare

The CSB program provides students with a round trip plane ticket from either Minneapolis, Fargo, or Grand Forks via Chicago to Frankfurt, Iceland Air-lines serves St. John's with a Chicago-Luxembourg flight via Reykjavik, Iceland. Since the flight originates in Chicago, students must find their own means of transportation to and from Chicago's O'Hare Airport. The remainder of the trip from Luxembourg to Salzburg is made by train.

### Credits and Classes

Both programs offer the student sixteen SJU or CSB credits. The difference between the programs thus lies in the availability of different classes. The CSB

program is limited to four specific classes—eight credits in German language (introductory, intermediate, or upper division), four credits in German literature in translation, and four credits in German culture. All classes are taught by two CSB faculty members who accompany the group.

The SJU program offers access to classes from the University of Salzburg. Students with sufficient knowledge of German thus have the chance to earn credits in a wide range of fields. Austrian teachers are also hired by SJU to teach a number of courses in English. The offerings for '78-'79 are Music, Philosophy, Economics, Introduction to German, and Literature in Translation. Upper division credit is also available in the German language through University courses entitled "German for Foreigners."

### Room and Board

The CSB program includes room and board for the entire Term. Students live together in a building complex known as the Albertus Magnus College, which was formerly a seminary. Meas are eaten together three times daily.

The SJU program includes housing, but no arrangements are made for food. Total cost of the SJU program thus depends on one's eating habits and preferences. The average cost for food is about \$150.

### Terms

Terms make up a large part of the St. Bee's program. Most tours take place during the first month of the Term and include such sites as Germany's largest fortens in Heidelberg, a winery in Borchstadel, and a champagne factory. Students also make a boat trip on the Rhine and visit a falconer. The end of the Term is highlighted by a five-day ski trip in Switzerland.

The SJU program has more of a do-it-yourself approach to touring. The director of the program familiarizes the group with Salzburg, but further exploration is left to the students. St. John's Benedictine connections in Salzburg give the group an opportunity to meet the Archbishop of Salzburg to celebrity of seats and tour the abbey's famous library.

The Salzburg program in two major ones. It lacks in one-day excursions vary from year, depending on the program's financial situation. In one year, the group will visit the Austrian city of Graz, part of Yugoslavia's Italian cities of Venice on one trip; trip will include Vienna and Berlin.

**Travel Opportunities** Students in the SJU are required to purchase a pass for the last two weeks of the program. The pass is valid for access to travel throughout Europe, excluding England.

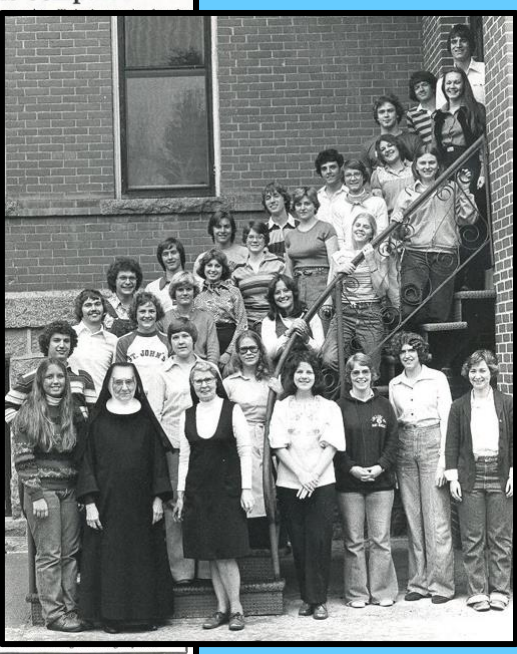
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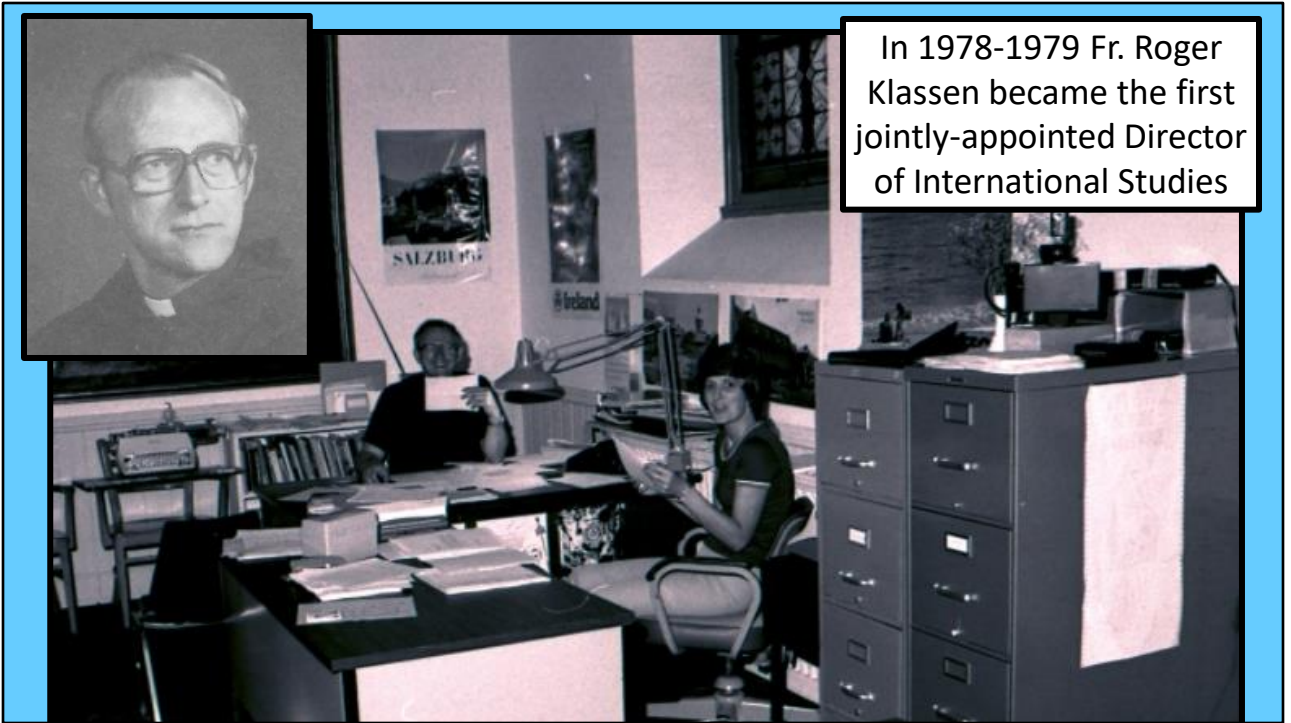
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An article in a November 1978 *Record* compared the two programs for students of German, SJU's at the University of Salzburg, more like an independent study program, and CSB's in Koenigstein. Besides some differences in costs, the major difference was that students were left on their own more when studying in Salzburg, but they were with a CSB+SJU cohort in Koenigstein – and with Sister Margretta, a favorite with students.

Jeffery, John. "Salzburg, Koenigstein Programs Compared", *The Record*, November 17, 1978, p. 6

Group photo: Koenigstein Study Abroad Picture, 1977



In 1978-1979 Fr. Roger Klassen became the first jointly-appointed Director of International Studies

**A major step forward happened in 1978, when Father Roger Klassen was appointed as the first joint director of the CSB+ SJU International Study Abroad Program. This photo shows Roger and Assistant Sharon Schmitt in their office in the north sacristy of the old church, i.e. the Great Hall.**

*"International Studies Undergoes Changes", The Cable, April 8, 1983, p. 3*

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and valuable learning experience. Both schools offer the services of **coordinating International Studies offices.** These offices administer SJU/CSB sponsored International Studies programs in Spain, Germany, France, Austria, Ireland, Israel, Japan and Africa. They provide access to International January Term programs in cooperation with UMAIE and other organizations. They assist juniors with at least third year language proficiency to enroll independently at foreign universities, maintaining affiliation with the home institution. All

**This greater cooperation is reflected in the 1978-79 *Catalog*, which mentions “coordinating International Studies offices.” In fact, the CSB Overseas Program Office and the SJU International Studies Office were combined in 1979; Fr. Roger had offices in both the Great Hall and the HAB. And more programs were added in Ireland and Africa; Spain was again in the offering (in Madrid, replacing the program in Mexico); and the UMAIE program continued to provide many more options for January Term programs.**

1978-79 *Catalog*, p. 130-131

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Graphic image: CSB Archives AC 07.50 Box 1 f6 on a memo from Sharon Schmitt dated April 7, 1982

## Let's Go to Greece!

By Jim McKeown

Tired of Benet Hall dorm life and refectory food? Want to see what those European girls or guys are really like? If you answered "yes" to either or both of these questions, St. John's Office of International Studies may have the solution—the "Graeco-Roman Program."

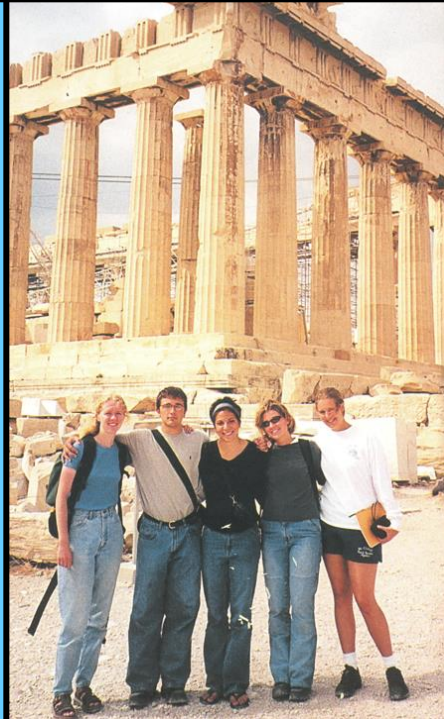
This new study abroad program, which runs from October 3, 1979 to January 27, 1980, will offer students 16 credits plus January Term credit. Mr. David Pollick of the St. John's philosophy department will direct the program. The twenty-five participating students will spend a two week orientation program in Crete, a six week academic session in Athens, a two week Christmas break travelling, and a six week academic session in Rome.

The Graeco-Roman program will provide courses in art, literature, history, philosophy, and theology. All classes will be taught in English by highly qualified American, Greek and Italian professors and archaeologists. The program also includes excursions to Crete, Delphi, Corinth, Mycenae, and other famous locations.

Fr. Roger Klassen of the Office of International Studies feels that this program can add a "whole new dimension to the history, philosophy, and art" that a student may have already studied. The Pantheon and Acropolis will become more than just abstract terms in an Ancient History class.

But what about learning a foreign language? Or the added expenses of travelling to Europe? Never fear! According to Fr. Roger, students will learn enough words and phrases in the orientation session to "get by" in Greece and Italy. As for finances, the Graeco-Roman program will cost only \$90 more than spending the Fall semester and January on campus. And since the program does not begin until October 3, the participating students will have the opportunity to work at their summer jobs through September.

Enjoyable, educational, and relatively inexpensive—the Graeco-Roman program is all of these...and more. If interested, stop by the Office of International Studies in the Great Hall. But hurry, the application deadline is February 28.

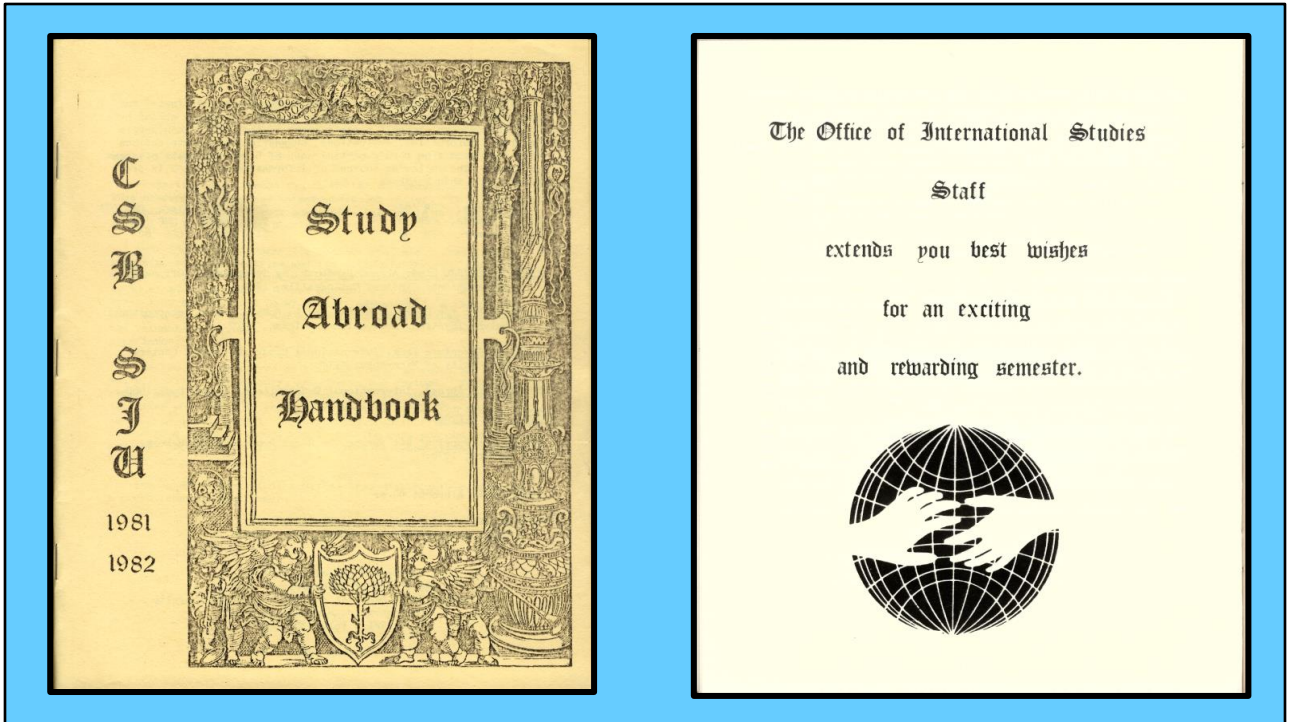


**A new program began in the fall of 1979, the Greco-Roman program, in which students would start the semester in Greece and finish it in Rome. Proving to be very popular, a counterpart semester was later added whereby another group would start in Rome and then go to Greece, essentially trading places.**

**"Let's Go to Greece!", *The Record*, January 26, 1979, p. 5**

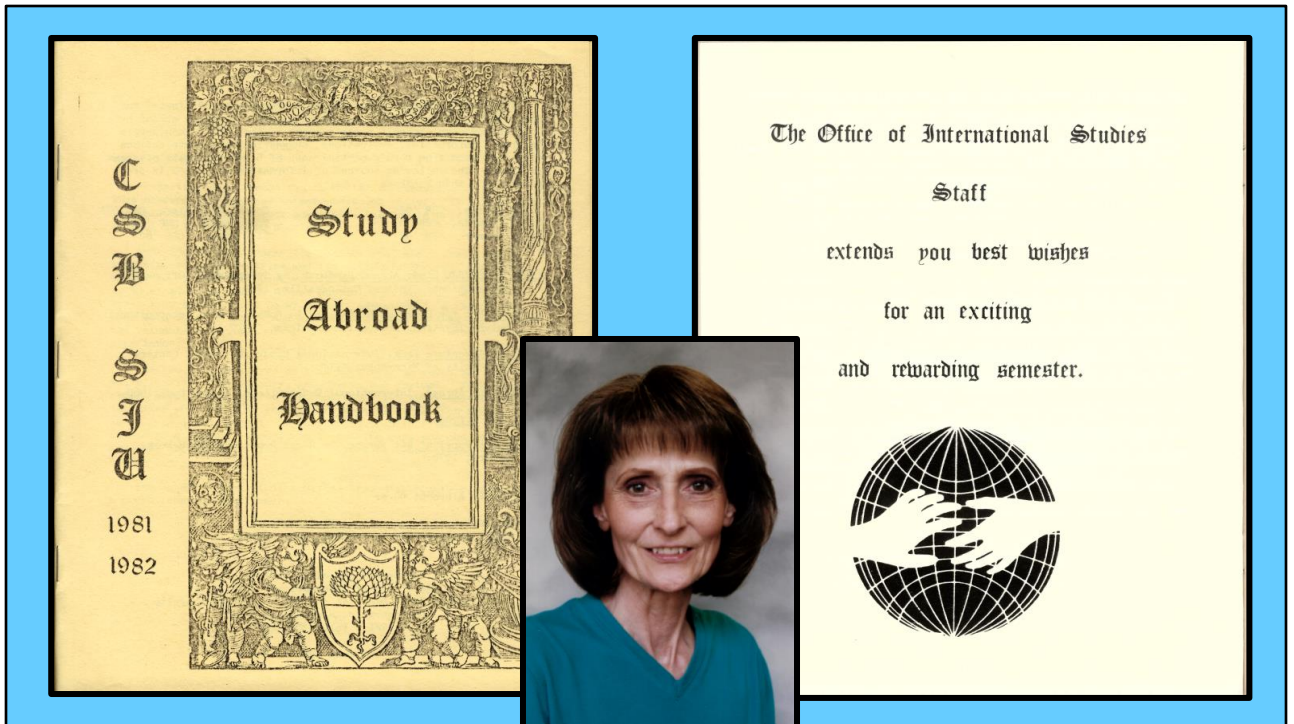
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**By the early 1980s, the growing Study Abroad program was issuing a booklet of rules and guidelines, the *Study Abroad Handbook*, to the many students going overseas for a semester. It also provided consistency for the faculty directors at each location. It was compiled by Fr. Roger and ...**

**CSB AC 07.50 Box 1 f1 & f6 January 27, 1984 Director's Handbook "Prepared by Sharon Schmitt and the International Studies Office Staff"**



**...Sharon Schmitt, who had been with the office since the late 1970s, and who was the go-to person for Study Abroad, no matter what program one was on or who the program director was. Sharon was with the office until her retirement in 2008.**

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## CSB/SJU 2nd in overseas programs

Projections for the 1981-82 academic year indicate that the College of St. Benedict and St. John's University have now advanced to the number two position among private colleges across the nation with respect to the number of students participating in semester programs of study abroad. According to overseas director Father Roger Klassen, only New England College in New Hampshire, with 20 percent of its student body studying at its British campus annually, has a larger number of private college students participating in study abroad.

With a 1981-82 overseas enrollment of 302 students, the CSB/SJU sponsored programs have reached an enrollment total that is exceeded by only seven other U.S. study abroad organizations (New England College and six large consortia of public colleges).

"If CSB/SJU involvement in international education continues at this level over the next four years, one third of the CSB/SJU students will be including a semester of study abroad in their college program," Klassen said.

Why is the program so successful? "Prices are kept low, financial aid — not to exceed the cost of a semester at CSB — applies to foreign study, and the courses offered abroad are a part of the regular academic program at the College," he explained.

This fall CSB/SJU students will attend classes in Japan, Germany, Austria, Spain, France, Greece and Rome, and Ireland and England. Spring semester programs will be offered in Ireland and England, France, and Austria. During January term, students can choose from among 30 foreign programs offered through a 10-college consortium Klassen added.

Besides giving students practice in using a foreign language, international study allows students to learn about the architecture, history, philosophy, and culture of their host countries, making study for students of all disciplines. Students and faculty agree that "being there" turns textbook study into reality.



**Saint Benedict's Today**  
Holiday Issue, 1981

**Eventually, we started to receive accolades for our study abroad options as they expanded. In 1981-82, we were in second place in a rating of private colleges for the percentage of students studying abroad. We had also added a program in Ireland and England.**

1981 Holiday *Saint Benedict's Today*, p. 2

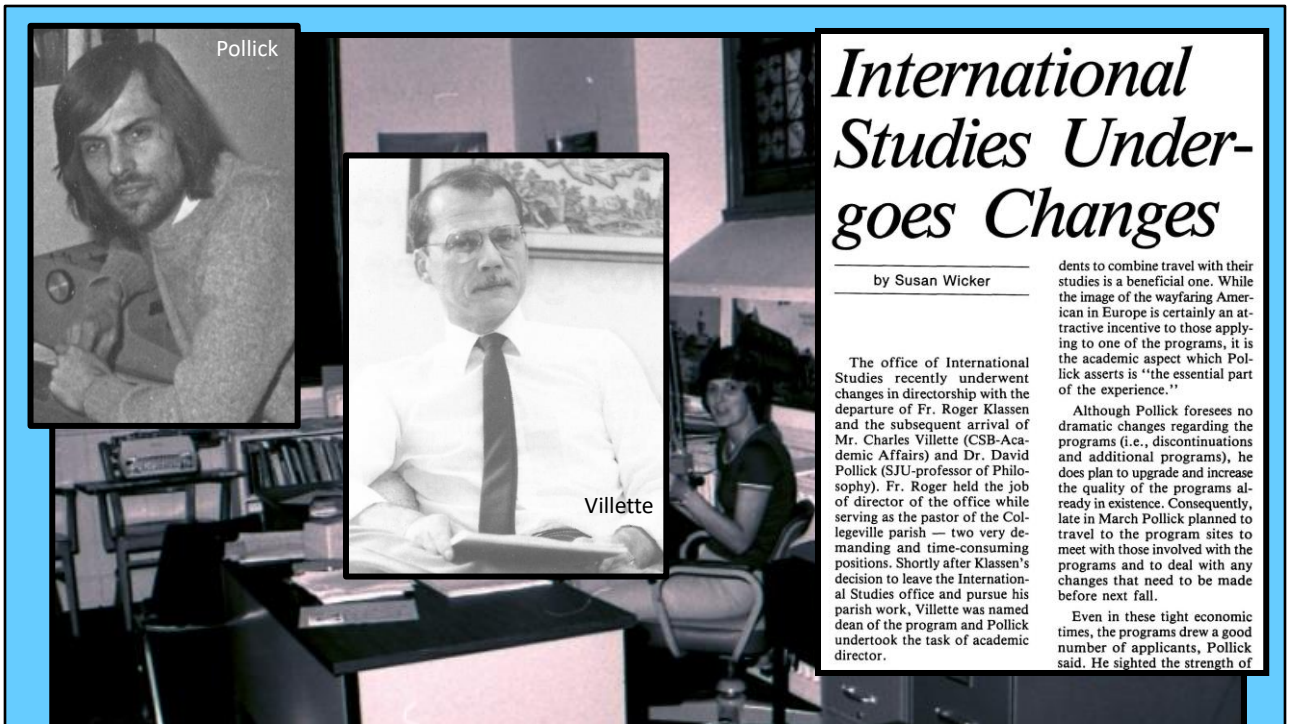
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**Father Roger Klassen stepped down to focus on his work as our pastor in the Collegeville parish in 1983. For the next year, Chuck Villette and SJU Philosophy professor Dr. David Pollick would take it on.**

**"International Studies Undergoes Changes", *The Cable*, April 8, 1983, p. 3**

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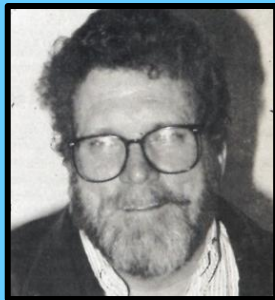
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**Pollick photo: 1982 *Saints* yearbook, p. 185**

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Eva Daddesio, French & Spanish



Gary Miller, History



Andreas Kiryakakis, German

**For about ten years, a series of other professors served in the position, including Eva Daddesio, Andreas Kiryakakis, and Gary Miller. (Professors of French & Spanish; German; and History, respectively.)**

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Miller photo from the Feb. 15, 1990 *Record*, p. 5

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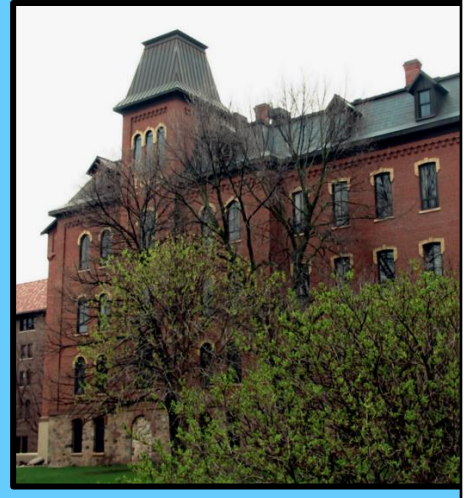
Stephen  
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Old Quad



New Science



**Beginning in 1993, the Director of International Education was Stephen Burmeister-May, until shortly before his premature death in 2004. We had 12 programs, and achieved the rank of number one in the country for the number of undergraduate students studying abroad in 1999-2000. After a year in the New Science building (probably because the first floor of the Quad was being renovated), the office was located for seven years in Quad 128 (where HR is now).**

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Open Doors 2001: CSB and SJU are ranked no. 1 for the number of students studying abroad in 1999-2000 (*Saint Benedict's Saint John's Magazine* 2002-03 Spring p. 13).

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## Looking to China

By Richard Westall

This fall will mark the inception of the SJU/CSB Chinese Studies Program. Students will study at Southwest China Teachers' University in Beibei, Chongqing. The program will run from the end of August 1988 to January 1989. During this time, students will have opportunities to pursue academic goals while experiencing another culture and making new friends and visiting sites. The director Baulu Kuan, OSB, hopes that "students will encounter the social values of China."

**In the fall of 1988, a study abroad semester had been added in China. In 2000, our then-presidents, Mary Lyons and Br. Dietrich Reinhart, made a good-will visit to China (although not to the program site, which was apparently regarded by some as a diplomatic faux-pas). (See Brever, Eric article).**

"Looking to China," *The Record* March 10, 1988, p. 9

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Brever, Eric. "CSB/SJU presidents & China," *The Record*, Dec. 7, 2000, p. 14.

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# CONNECT

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## CSB/SJU Students, Faculty to Study in South Africa

### Students Depart Next Month for New Semester Program

Twenty-nine CSB/SJU students depart Feb. 1 for the study abroad program in South Africa. Only three other U.S. programs.

The program, located at the University of Port Elizabeth and natural sciences. Included is a service learning component in educational, social service and ecological/environmental studies.

"South Africa, as an African leader in science, technology and engineering, offers extensive study opportunities," said Stephen Burmeister, director of international education. "Most significantly, however, the



2007 photo by Jeff Jackson

**More study abroad opportunities were added in the late 1990s and early 2000s, including programs in South Africa in 1998...**

"CSB/SJU Students, Faculty to Study in South Africa," *Connections* Jan. 22, 1998, p. 1

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Fall 2011 Guatemala photo by Sarah Manzey

## Study Abroad program in Central America

One of the most recently established programs abroad organized by the International Education office of CSB/SJU is the spring program to Central America; the next one will be leaving in January of 2001. Some students may not be aware that such a program exists because of its recent beginning, yet it is one to consider if you have some background in Spanish (completed Spanish 211

### **...Central America in 1999...**

"Study Abroad program in Central America," *The Record*, Feb. 10, 2000, p. 2

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### **CSB/SJU Adds New Study Abroad Program in Australia**

The CSB/SJU Center for International Education has established a new study abroad program beginning spring term 2000. The program will be held in Australia in partnership with the University of Notre Dame Australia (UNDA), the only private Catholic university in Australia. Students in this program will live on-campus with Australian and other international students.



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### **...and Australia in spring 2000.**

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**Ex Corde concerns debated by CSB & SJU officials**

By ALLISON OLDBERG Staff Writer

Academic freedom at CSB/SJU may change because of the November, 1999 draft of *Ex Corde Ecclesiae* produced by American Bishops.

A meeting held on February 27 featured President Mary Lyons and President Brother Dietrich Reinhart as they informed CSB/SJU faculty of their most recent meeting with the Bishop connected to our school. The meeting further addressed concerns and questions about *Ex Corde Ecclesiae*.

The academic future of CSB/SJU is very important to the teaching body. Although the implementation of this document is not likely to happen in the near future, much distress was noted at the meeting.

*Ex Corde Ecclesiae* is a criterion for supreme, higher, Catholic education formed by the Vatican here in the United States.

In 1990 the Vatican in Rome asked American Bishops to create an implementation into the educational curriculum among Catholic colleges and universities. This proposal was *Ex Corde Ecclesiae* Paper.

Nineteen-ninety-five brought the first draft of the existing document, *Ex Corde Ecclesiae: An Application to the United States*; however, the core group of American Bishops had dreaded complying with the project since presented to them. This first draft alarmed many educational institutions.

This document proposed that there would be a mandate controlled by the Bishop to decide which theologians would be able to teach theology class.

The Bishop would have to examine curriculum and teaching techniques used and how the educator complements Vatican belief. The mandate requires that theology professors of a Catholic institution fundamentally acknowledge traditions and be within full communion of the Catholic Church.

Requirement three states The mandate recognizes the professor's commitment and responsibility to teach authentic Catholic doctrine and to refrain from putting forth as Catholic teaching anything contrary to the Church's magisterium, according to the National

SEE EX CORDE PAGE 5: Officials meet to discuss future

**J-term's last stand?**



Student protesters Justin Piggush, Renee Johnson, Rebecca Starr, Amy Alexander, Brooke Kreitinger and Emily Holt gather in front of the Abbey on Mar. 4. The students hoped to have their voices heard by the visiting Regents and Trustees. Photo by David Busch

**J-term to End in 2001**

In May, Saint John's and Saint Benedict's made the decision to discontinue January term beginning with the 2001-2002 academic year.

"Therefore, beginning with the 2001-2002 academic year, the colleges will no longer offer J-term. Plans are already under way to implement new programs during the two semesters of the academic year to accommodate students seeking study abroad or other off-campus internships and field-experience opportunities. Additional programs beyond those we currently offer are already planned for Ireland, England, Australia and South Africa for 2001-

**In 2001, January Term was dropped from the curriculum, eliminating many shorter-term study abroad opportunities students had had for more than 30 years. So semester-long programs became the default for students seeking international study options.**

*The Record* March 9, 2000, p. 1

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## A decade of excellence: Study abroad soars

By Greg Ruhland  
The Record

Don't believe everything you read. That's the lesson Global Education Coordinator Kristi Kremers learned the hard way.

After a report issued by the Institute for International Education (IIE) failed to include CSB/SJU in its national Top 20 rankings for

2003-04, Kremers set the record straight.

"Our study abroad programs have been in the top five [programs] nationally for the past 10 years," Kremers said.

In fact, CSB and SJU are now ranked No. 3 in the nation for their excellence in international education, IIE's revised report claimed in December.

Before graduating, about 60 percent of CSB/SJU students will study abroad in more than 17 semester-long programs that span 13 countries and six continents.

That's almost double the national average for liberal arts colleges.

Sophomore Ben Eilers said the college's high study abroad reputation was an influential factor in his college choice.

"I always knew [international education] was good here, but I never knew we were No. 3," Eilers said, who hopes to eventually study in Guatemala.

No other U.S. liberal arts college offers more faculty-led programs with as many students participating.

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Photo by John Benson, The Record  
Colt Edin looks over Malbun, Liechtenstein from a chairlift. He participated in the Austria study abroad program.

they provide opportunities to make international contacts through volunteering, service learning or internships abroad.

"Our focus is on semester-long programs," Kremers said. "That will continue to be our focus for the next couple of years."

Sophomore Jenna Barthelmy hasn't studied abroad yet, but the prospect is tempting.

"It's seen as something you should do," Barthelmy said. Junior Shannon Scully agrees.

"At some schools, you might have to spend an extra semester

"It is absolutely critical that our graduates have the tools and skills to compete in today's global workforce."

—Kristi Kremers  
Global Education Coordinator

### IIE TOP 20

- No. 1-ranked St. Olaf, 771 students studying abroad
- No. 7-ranked Gustavus Adolphus (419 students)
- No. 10-ranked Concordia-Moorhead (411 students)

if you want to go abroad. Here, it's almost like they write it into the curriculum," Scully said.

A May 2005 Trends study found that students who study abroad have better high school and college grade point averages than their counterparts who stay home.

And these students tend to come away from their experiences better prepared for life after college, the study found.

For example, as seniors, globetrotters have different life goals and expectations. The

study revealed they are almost twice as likely as their domestic counterparts to say that promoting racial understanding is "essential."

Trends like these are inspiring to Kremers.

"It is absolutely critical that our graduates have the tools and skills to compete in today's global workforce," she said.

CSB/SJU's programs accommodate up to 40 students, with an average of 23 participating in each.

The most popular program this year is expected to be Greco-Roman, Kremers said.

She said a spring program to Cork, Ireland, previously canned due to budget concerns, has now been restored in a limited capacity.

Applications for next semester's programs were due yesterday in the International Education office, Quad 128.

Participation in the semester-long study abroad options soared in the early 2000s. In 2003, **390** students took part. No other U.S. liberal arts college offered more faculty-led programs with as many students participating.

Ruhland, Greg. "A decade of excellence: Study abroad soars", *The Record*, February 2, 2006.

"Study abroad provides opportunities for 34 years," *The Record*, April 10, 2003, p.5  
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## Study abroad rank No. 1 for semester programs

By Abbie Dunham  
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The Institute of International Education (IIE) ranked CSB/SJU No. 1 in semester-long study abroad participation in a study released Monday.

The institute also ranked CSB/SJU No. 4 among Baccalaureate institutions in total amount of students studying abroad.

CSB/SJU has placed in the top five for four consecutive years.

### Constant improvement

Interim Director of International Education Joe Rogers said the focus of the study abroad programs are as much on the quality of students' experience as the number of students participating.

"In the past we have relied a little too much on using numbers to show success," Rogers said. "Quantity matters to us, but it is not the end of the story."

Rogers said returning students should possess a greater awareness of local cultures, improved intercultural communication skills, and a stronger interest to interact with diverse groups.

"We would like to be able to measure these things to make sure that the (student's) study abroad did indeed work," Rogers said.

Students who complete a study abroad program through CSB/

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## ABROAD

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SJU are encouraged by the International Education office to complete an online survey evaluating their satisfaction in their program's academics, leadership, housing and facilities.

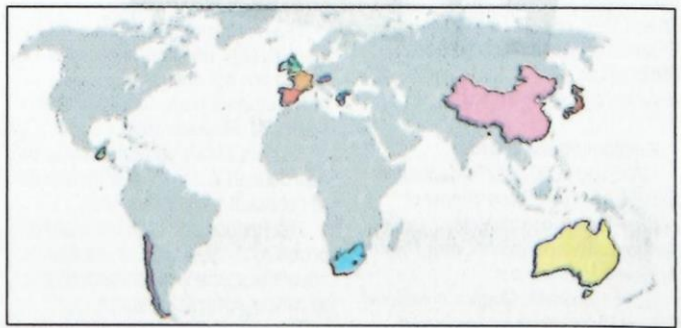
Rogers said CSB/SJU is constantly

be and more," she said. "I was especially impressed at how far our program's money went in Spain with all the excursions we took."

### The role of faculty

Rogers said that CSB/SJU programs possess a unique advantage.

"I think what makes us unique in our study abroad programs, is the em-



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**CSB/SJU sponsors 16 study abroad programs in 13 countries around the world.**

**By 2007, we were again ranked Number 1 for semester-long study abroad participation, with 16 programs in 13 countries, by the Institute of International Education.**

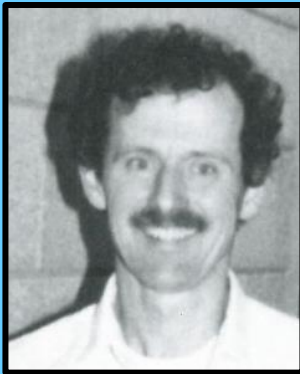
The Institute of International Education ranked CSB/SJU number 1 in semester-long study abroad participation (2007 Timeline entry)

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(L to R) Professor Dave Bennetts (second from right) and Dean Dallas Kenny (third from left) representing CSB/SJU, and President Akiko Shimada (third from right) and Vice-President Noboru Noguchi (second from left) representing Bunkyo Gakuin University (BGU) in Tokyo, sign a grant proposal to the Japanese Ministry

**Chemistry professor Frank Rioux had replaced Stephen Burmeister-May in 2003 as Interim Director. In the fall of 2004, Dallas Kenny became the Dean of "International and Experiential Education," a new title for the position.**

Text: 2004 Fall *Saint John's Magazine*, p. 4

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Rioux photo: 1988 *Saints* p. 43

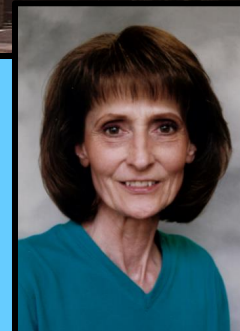
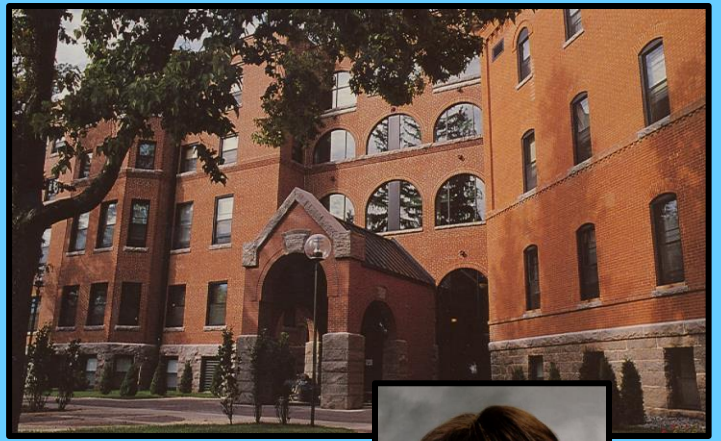
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### Rogers '89 Appointed Director of Education Abroad

Joe Rogers has served as interim director of education abroad since 2007. He received his B.A. in history from Saint John's and his M.A. in East Asian studies from the University of Minnesota in 1993, after working, studying, and traveling in Asia. Rogers graduated with honors from the University of Minnesota Law School in 1998, where



he served as Note and Comment editor for *The Journal of Global Trade* and as a mentor for international lawyers in the Law School's International L.L.M. program. After spending six years as a lawyer in private practice, Rogers returned to his alma mater to work with the Asian studies program. In this capacity, he has been a key player in maintaining and developing study abroad relationships.



**When Dallas Kenny left in 2007, Joe Rogers was named the Interim Director of International Education. His title then changed to the Director of Education Abroad when the department was re-named the Office of Education Abroad (OEA) in 2008 and moved over to CSB, to the Main Building's ground floor (to room G004, the former CSB cafeteria space in Gertrude Hall). That's also when Sharon Schmitt retired.**

2009 Autumn *Saint John's Magazine* (Alumni Magazine) p. 8

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Joe Rogers '89



**Peggy Retka**  
Education Abroad

**In 2010, the Office For Education Abroad (the OEA) was yet again moved, this time from the Main Building to the ASB (Academic Services Building). It was renamed again, too, also in 2010, to the Center for Global Education Joe Rogers left the office, and in 2011, Peggy Retka became the Director.**

Retka photo: *The Record* Dec. 5, 2008, p. 1

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Rogers photo: 2007 Autumn *Saint John's Magazine* (Alumni Magazine) p. 6

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[International Education/Study Abroad is relocated and renamed the Office for Education Abroad](#) (2008 Timeline entry)

<https://apps.csbsju.edu/csbarchives/TimeLineDetails.aspx?id=121>

## What Makes Education Abroad at CSB/SJU Unique

2012

- 20 semester-long study abroad programs in 15 countries on 6 continents
- Over 50% of CSB/SJU students study abroad
- Over 1/3 of the faculty have led the programs

*Open Doors* is the annual report on international education published by the Institute of International Education (IIE) in partnership with the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs



**Between 1997 and the pandemic – which brought all the programs to a temporary halt in spring 2020 – CSB+SJU consistently ranked in the top five for the number of students in our study abroad programs by *Open Doors*, the annual report on international education. In 2012, we had 20 programs in 15 countries on 6 continents, over half of the students studied abroad, and over one-third of our faculty had led programs.**

Data from <http://www.csbsju.edu/OEA/About-Us.htm> [circa 2012?]

Image from <https://opendoorsdata.org/>, retrieved Oct. 30, 2024.



**In fact, 2012 was the third consecutive year that CSB + SJU were ranked Number 1 nationally for the percentage of students studying abroad for a semester. We won the 2012 Paul Simon NAFSA Award for Campus Internationalization, and CSB President MaryAnn Baenninger, Provost Rita Knuesel, directors Joe Rogers and Peggy Retka, and the Education Abroad staff all travelled to D.C. to receive the award. In 2015, when Peggy Retka left, Joe Rogers returned as director for a couple of years, and then Assistant Directors Nicole Clemens & Joy Ruis oversaw the office until December 2017...**

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CSB and SJU rank No. 1 for Study Abroad (2012 Timeline entry)

“Outstanding Global Engagement,” *CSB Today* Winter 2013, p. 4

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(L to R) Frank Miu '75, Joe Rogers '89, Adrian Fung '74, Kevin Clancy '00 and David Harrison '99 enjoy alumni time at a Hong Kong gathering.

**...at which time Kevin Clancy, a class of 2000 Johnnie and world traveler, assumed the role of the Director for the Center for Global Education. And...** Clancy photo:

2004 Fall *Saint John's Magazine*, p. 13

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Group photo: Fall 2007 *Saint John's Magazine*, p. 19

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... three years after Kevin joined us, in 2021, the Center relocated to Clemens Library. Which brings us up to 2024!



Fall 2013 Study Abroad group in Vina del Mar, Chile  
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photos by semester\2013 02 Fall  
(JJ Roske '15 is standing directly in front of the palm tree. :-)

Open Doors, the annual report on international education published by the Institute of International Education (IIE) in partnership with the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs **We consistently ranked in the top 5 from at least 1997-2020.**

- Open Doors 2020: CSB and SJU are ranked **no. 6** for semester-long programs in 2018-19, no. 9 for full-year programs (2020-12 *Saint Benedict's Magazine* Winter p. 6)
- Open Doors 2019: CSB and SJU are ranked **no. 5** for semester-long programs in 2017-18, no. 10 for full year programs (2020-06 *Saint Benedict's Magazine* Summer p. 15)
- Open Doors 2017: CSB and SJU are ranked **no. 4** for semester-long programs in 2015-16 (*Saint Benedict's Saint John's Magazine* 2018-03 Spring p. 29)
- Open Doors 2016: CSB and SJU are ranked **no. 3** for semester-long programs in 2014-15 (*Saint Benedict's Magazine* 2018-03 Spring p. 25)
- Open Doors 2015: CSB and SJU are ranked **no. 5** for study abroad programs in 2013-14 (*Saint Benedict's Magazine* 2016-03 Winter p. 6)
- Open Doors 2014: CSB and SJU are ranked **no. 3** for study abroad programs in 2012-13? (*Saint Benedict's Saint John's Magazine* 2015-03 Spring p. 29)
- Open Doors 2013: CSB and SJU are ranked **no. 2** for study abroad programs in 2011-12? (*Saint Benedict's Magazine* 2014-06 Spring p. 9)
- Open Doors 2012: CSB and SJU are ranked **no. 1** for mid-length study abroad programs in 2010-11? (*Saint Benedict's Magazine* 2013-01 Winter p. 4) "for the third consecutive year"
- Open Doors 2008: CSB and SJU are ranked **no. 2** for semester-long programs in 2006-07 (*Saint Benedict's Saint John's Magazine* 2009-03 Spring p. 5) "CSB and SJU have been among the top five nationally for each of the past four years."
- Open Doors 2001: CSB and SJU are ranked **no. 1** for the number of students studying abroad in 1999-2000 (*Saint Benedict's Saint John's Magazine* 2002-03 Spring p. 13)
- Open Doors 1998-99: CSB and SJU are ranked **no. 3** for the number of students studying abroad in 1997-1998? (*Saint Benedict's Saint John's Magazine* 2000-03 Spring p. 13)
- Open Doors 1997-98: CSB and SJU are ranked **no. 3** for the number of students studying abroad in 1996-1997? (*Saint Benedict's Saint John's Magazine* 1999-03 Spring p. 14)