

Board of Trustees Report Johnson State College April 23, 2009



EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Commencement is one of the very special events at Johnson State College: the faculty and students processing in their regalia, the awarding of degrees, our new graduate's first steps toward their future. It's a celebration that many of us on the JSC campus find inspiring. I believe our students will find next month's celebration especially inspiring as they listen to the words of our Commencement speaker, Ambassador Peter Galbraith. An author and diplomat, Galbraith will offer our students a perspective informed by a lifetime of working in some of the world's most troubled regions.

While next month's celebration is exciting, equally exciting is next month's ground breaking for the renovation of JSC's SHAPE facility, which houses athletics and fitness venues. The architectural firm of Freeman French Freeman, who created the spectacular designs for the renovation of Stearns Hall, has developed initial plans, and the College has selected the South Burlington firm ReArch to serve as construction manager. Work will begin at the end of the semester and will be completed in time for basketball season in mid-October.

While these two initiatives are noteworthy, students, faculty, and staff are engaged in impressive work every day here at Johnson State College.

- JSC student Courtney Yasmee Gabaree received the Madeleine M. Kunin Public Service Award for her community service work for children's rights and ending human trafficking.
- Fellow student James Mabior was awarded the Vermont Campus Compact Commitment to Service and Engagement Award for JSC, honoring his founding of the Werkok Youth Development Association, which provides clean water and a healthy living environment in villages across the New Sudan.
- Eight students travelled to New Orleans over the February break to work on a number of projects tied to the city's ongoing post-Katrina recovery needs.
- Faculty member Susan Green was invited to present a second round of testimony to the Vermont Legislative sub-committee on Palliative Care, End of Life Care and Pain Management.
- Professor David Hutchinson has been working with a group to put graduate-level counseling coursework on video. The first course has been created, and is about to be marketed.

- Our Child Development Center has received five stars for the Step Ahead Recognition System, the highest designation in a state program of rating childcare facilities.

As we approach the end of the academic year, the Johnson State College community continues to be engaged in assessment of this year's initiatives and programs, and in strategically building on the very best of what we offer our students and community. I look forward to sharing our work in this and future reports.

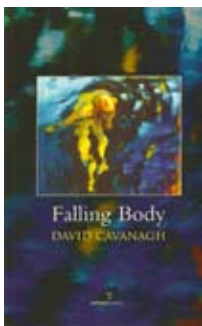
ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

Faculty and Staff Professional Activity

To evaluate student progress in some of his classes, **Les Kanat** (Environmental and Health Sciences) uses an innovative, pyramid-style exam in which students make a transition from an independent portion to a group portion. He reports, "Watching the students work together, learn together, and answer questions together in this type of setting is inspiring." The exam format represents Professor Kanat's modification of a technique he learned through a workshop funded by the National Science Foundation and presented by Hamilton College's Barbara Tewksbury.

The Vermont Genetics Network has announced pilot awards for faculty and JSC has done well. Pilot grants have been awarded to **Gina Mireault** (Behavioral Sciences) and **Liz Dolci** (Environmental and Health Sciences).

Bob Genter (Environmental and Health Sciences) received a Vermont EPSCoR Baccalaureate Faculty Research Award in connection with the Streams Project for his investigation of "Phosphorus concentrations and microbial ribotyping analysis in cultivated, urban, and forested watersheds of the Lamoille River, Vermont."



Dave Cavanagh (EDP) and **Neil Shepard** (Writing and Literature) gave a poetry reading on March 26 in JSC's Ellsworth Room. Cavanagh read from his new book, *Falling Body*, published by Salmon Poetry Press in 2009. Shepard, who will retire from the college in May, read

from his three previous books, including *This Far from the Source* (2006). Earlier in March, Dave gave a poetry reading at Saint Michael's College. **Marc Awodey** (Fine and Performing Arts) has founded a new visual arts publication online called Vermont Art Zine <http://vermontartzine.blogspot.com/> that publishes reviews and news about the visual arts in Vermont. One of Awodey's paintings appears this month in a group exhibition at Studio Place Arts in Barre, and he donated two paintings to the Helen Day Art Center in Stowe for their ARTitude spring fundraising auction.

Ken Leslie (Fine and Performing Arts) will be installing his year-long *Sky Journal* artist's book ("Paint the sky every morning for a year"), along with a selection of works from his *Top of the World* series, at the Bennington Museum, from May 9 through June 13. The opening reception and artist's talk is scheduled for May 9. Then Ken will transport his work to Kjøllefjord, Norway where he will be resident artist at Nature Co Gallery. Nature Co is a new art center located on the northernmost peninsula of Europe—a fitting setting for Leslie's paintings and artist's books from the Arctic. In addition to the exhibition, Leslie will lead a workshop in making artist's books, confer with local Sámi artists and create another in his series of Arctic Cycle Books, this time of the mountains and fjords surrounding Kjøllefjord.

John Miller, with three other artists, represented the Art of Action at the State House on March 25, in conjunction with the Vermont Arts Council's Art Achievement Day in Montpelier.

Russ Longtin (Fine and Performing Arts) continues to have a very busy academic and profes-

sional life. In August, 2008 he played Tobias in *A Delicate Balance* for the Stowe Theatre Guild. Then he directed two back-to-back productions at JSC. He performs this month in the college's production of *Pajama Game*. Russ is preparing the role of Iago for an August 2009 production of *Othello* for Quarry Works Theatre in Adamant.

Lisa Jablow (Fine and Performing Arts) performed in December with WordStage Vermont in the New England premiere of Carlisle Floyd's monodrama *"Flower and Hawk,"* originally written for legendary soprano Phyllis Curtin, with whom she studied at Tanglewood. In February she sang with the Vermont Philharmonic Orchestra in two performances of Richard Strauss's *"Four Last Songs."* One of those performances took place at Johnson State. In March she sang two performances of *"El Amor Brujo"* by Manuel De Falla with the Windham Orchestra in southern Vermont. This June she will be the Assistant Conductor, Orchestra Manager and Supertitle Operator for the Green Mountain Opera Festival, as she was in 2008.

The Helen Day Art Center in Stowe hosted *AR-Titude* on April 4. The spring gala included an award presentation by Gov. Jim Douglas, original artwork, and music by the Eames Brothers Band and **Anthony Geraci** (Fine and Performing Arts). Anthony will also be recording an album in Paris in April, and giving a concert and workshop in Beirut, Lebanon in July.

On March 31 **Fred Wiseman** (Humanities) explored Abenaki struggles with identity in a lecture, part of the *"Indigenous Expressions"* exhibit at the ECHO Lake Aquarium and Science Center in Burlington. He presented a workshop for teachers on March 24 at the Flynn Center. His workshop was part of a daylong event, *"Teaching to the Quad: Multiple Perspectives on 1609,"* sponsored by the Champlain Valley Educator Development Center and Flynn Center.

David Hutchinson (Behavioral Sciences) has been working with a group to put graduate-

level counseling coursework on video. He has entered into a partnership with On-Site Education to put videos out to the human service community, mostly outside of Vermont. The first course has been created, and is about to be marketed.

Susan Green (Behavioral Sciences) was invited to present a second round of testimony on *"Incorporating Alternative and Mind/Body Medicine into Palliative Care, End of Life Care and Pain Management"* to the Vermont Legislative sub-committee on Palliative Care, End of Life Care and Pain Management on February 10. The final committee report has been completed and includes recommendations to include chiropractors and naturopathic physicians as part of an integrative healthcare approach with traditional physicians and hospice to assist Vermonters in palliative care, end-of-life care and pain management.

The Library has created a Twitter site to notify patrons about changes in hours, important due dates, additions to the collection, recommended titles, and similar items of interest. For more information, please go to <http://twitter.com/JSCLibrary>. Speaking of social networking sites, **Jo Anne Edwards**, the library's Access Services Librarian, continues to modify the library's Facebook site in light of the product's recent changes. Also in the library, **Alice Kirk** notices that her area of interlibrary loan coordination serves an ever greater population of non-residential students and faculty, both from the External Degree Program and JSC's graduate programs. She's also seeing growing service to CCV students and faculty. **Linda Kramer**, Public Services Librarian, notes further growth in information literacy instruction classes. Linda has sessions scheduled through the end of April.

Ellen Hill (Experiential Learning) was recommended by Hal Colston and invited by Governor Jim Douglas to attend the Governor's Summit on Pathways to Economic Stability. This one-day summit on poverty was held at the State House in Montpelier on April 6. Funded by a grant from the National Governors Asso-

ciation, the focus for the summit centered on identifying pathways to economic stability for all citizens. Ellen attended on behalf of JSC and the Lamoille Valley.

JSC's Child Development Center, directed by **Bev Corrow**, has received five stars for the Step Ahead Recognition System. This is the highest, most coveted and rarest designation in a state program of rating childcare facilities. The CDC will receive a certificate and a one-time stipend for this award, which will be used to buy new toys. CDC families will also receive more money in state subsidies because the center has five stars.

Karen Madden (Academic Support Services) attended the Council for Opportunity in Education's (COE) 29th Annual Policy Seminar in Washington, D.C. from March 22-24, where she met with members of Vermont's congressional delegation to promote the interests of Vermont's TRIO students. She also attended COE-sponsored seminars, networked with TRIO colleagues from other programs, and met informally with JSC's TRIO Program Officer.

On the home legislative front, **Jeanette Damato** and **Karen Madden** (both in Academic Support Services) and JSC TRIO students **Alissa McBride** as well as **Evan Bean** attended "TRIO Day at the Vermont Legislature" on March 17. They were treated to a tour of the State House and had the opportunity to meet with representative Tim Jerman (D-Chittenden) and House Majority Leader Floyd Nease (D-Lamoille) to advance the cause of TRIO students in Vermont.

Karen Madden and **Clyde Stats** (Academic Support Services) presented a workshop for prospective college students and their parents entitled "Exploring Resources for Students with Disabilities" at VSAC's "College Pathways '09" conference on March 14 at St. Michael's College. Topics covered included the differences in disability laws pertaining to high schools

and colleges, requirements for documentation, how to access disability accommodations, as well as the answers to many questions posed by parents.

This past November, Roo's Food co-owner Jack Slagle began conversing with his customers about the possibility of expanding the Johnson natural food store into a community market. **Kate Riley** (Behavioral Sciences) was contacted by Slagle as a customer as well as a concerned citizen. Her work as a "farm-to-community mentor" with the Northeastern Organic Farming Association (NOFA) made her an ideal candidate to explore the possibilities of a community-supported co-op in Johnson. This is where **Jim Black** (Business and Economics) stepped in to lend a hand with the financial planning of the possible co-op. As part of his senior seminar, students have begun creating a business plan to provide information and structure to the Johnson Community Market idea.

Annual Robert Ellsworth Lecture

This year's Ellsworth Lecture was a major event for the campus. Montreal resident and Holocaust survivor Liselotte Ivry (who prefers to be called "a witness to history") captivated the campus on March 24 as she spoke to a standing room only audience in Dibden, describing her childhood and her experience in the concentration camps, where her mother and brother died. She was 19 when the British army liberated her from Bergen-Belsen. Her message was, "Don't ever be a bystander; if you see something wrong happening do something, say something, take action." Mrs. Ivry spoke to Professor Bou-Nacklie's Genocide class as well as to students in the Peace and War course, and was interviewed on Vermont Public Radio. Students stood in line for an hour after her talk to speak with her personally. Mrs. Ivry said that when people ask if she feels guilty for being a survivor, she responds, "No. I feel I was chosen to live to speak for the six million who died."

Student and Alumni Activities and Achievements

The three JSC students (**Caitlyn Dias, Merlin Poutre, and Mallory Sargent-Hier**) who are working with **Gina Mireault** (Behavioral Sciences) on the infant humor study received word that their poster has been accepted into the Conference of Undergraduate Research "Posters on the Hill" event, May 4-5 in Washington, DC. They are among a very select group of students, as only 50 posters were selected out of hundreds submitted from around the country to represent all scientific disciplines. Their success gives them an outstanding opportunity, and represents a further step in developing a sustainable culture of research at the College. It also demonstrates the quality of research that can successfully be undertaken within the VSC. In addition to exhibiting their work on Capitol Hill, they will get the chance to meet with Senators Leahy and Sanders and with Representative Welch, to promote federal funding of undergraduate research. On March 1 the infant humor study was featured in the Barre-Montpelier Times Argus and Rutland Herald. On December 24 WCAX aired a story about the project. The study of laughter, funded by the Vermont Genetics Network, has a serious purpose. The faculty-student researchers hope that the findings can be used to understand emotional development in babies, specifically in those diagnosed with autism. The VGN has renewed funding for the project for another year, which will allow an additional three students to gain research experience.

Courtney Yasmeen Gabaree received the Madeleine M. Kunin Public Service Award at the Vermont Campus Compact Statewide Recognition and Award Ceremony, held April 1 at UVM's Davis Center. She received the award for her community service work for children's rights and ending human trafficking. During the summer of 2008 she served as a Client Services Fellow at Polaris Project's headquarters in Washington, DC where she completed an intensive 40-hour training on human trafficking, and dedicated an additional 480

hours providing case management support to survivors of sex trafficking. This year, she is bringing efforts to create anti-human trafficking legislation to Vermont, using model legislation from the Polaris Project. As an anthropology and sociology major with a certificate in non-profit management, Courtney also participated in the alternative break program this year, traveling with a group to New Orleans to assist with rebuilding efforts. In addition, through the college's Bonner Leader Program, she recently completed her first AmeriCorps 900-hour term at Laraway Youth and Family Services and Clarina Howard Nichols Center. At Laraway she created and maintained a database that served as a service opportunity hub, to help connect youth to service opportunities. Through the Clarina Howard Nichols Center she continues to serve as a Volunteer Night Manager, supporting and advocating for survivors of sexual and domestic violence. She has also created a domestic violence training video and assisted in strengthening the volunteer trainings. Most recently she developed an assessment tool that was utilized throughout the organization to help the Board of Directors and Executive Director in their strategic planning.

James Mabior has won the Vermont Campus Compact Commitment to Service and Engagement Award for JSC. His extraordinary life has brought him to Johnson State College from the Sudan, Ethiopia, Kenya, and South Dakota. His commitment to his homeland has led him to start an NGO, Werkok Youth Development Association (WYDA). WYDA is organized to provide clean water and a healthy living environment in villages across the New Sudan. As an integral part of his academic studies, James has been able to work closely with faculty, focusing work in specific courses and independent studies that support the learning goals of the JSC business degree while simultaneously allowing James to dedicate some of his class time to further develop WYDA. James has worked tirelessly to create this NGO and has developed a strong advisory board, a state-of-the-art website, fundraisers and educational events. James discussed some of his WYDA work at a JSC presentation on March 19.

In February four JSC student-athletes earned NAC All-Academic Honors: **Grace Albert-Gardner** (Women's Soccer), **Staci Cutting** (Women's Soccer/Women's Basketball), **Nicole Hamilton** (Women's Tennis), and **Gabe Mc-Conkey** (Men's Cross Country).

JSC journalism students **Alex Raeburn, Nate Burgess, Jess McCoy, Emma Post,** and **Paul Elmendorf** covered various town meetings for the Hardwick Gazette as part of JSC's ongoing Community Journalism Project, now in its fifth year. Theirs was a long but rewarding day. The newspaper's editor-publisher sent a letter thanking the students for their prompt submissions and the quality of their work.

Tara Payne, Director of Marketing at New Hampshire Higher Education, asked **Toni Little** to present at a session on "First In The Family To Attend College: Advice from First Generation Students." New Hampshire Higher Education applied last year and received funding from the College Board to work on serving youth in foster care. For their successful application, Tara gives credit to Toni, who presented at a College Board workshop last year.

Karina Lepeley, a junior in the Wellness & Alternative Medicine program, has received a Vermont Genetics Network grant to conduct a study on "The Physiological and Psychological Effects of the Alexander Technique on Aerobic Exercise." She will be working with **Hans Haverkamp** (Environmental and Health Sciences).

Julie Nicole, a former JSC major in Biology and soon-to-be physician (College of Medicine/UVM), received some very nice news recently when she learned that she was "matched" in Obstetrics and Gynecology at Fletcher Allen Health Care/UVM. Graduating medical students across the county wait anxiously for "Match Day," when they find out where they will receive their clinical training for at least the next three years from a computerized system run by the National Resident Match Program

(NRMP). Although she is glad that the match process is over, she describes it as "quite a thrill ride." Julie's "match" made NECN TV news.

TRIO students **Cheri Keith, Ziressa Hibbard,** and **Michelle Isabelle** visited the University of New Hampshire's graduate program on March 13, accompanied by JSC TRIO Leadership Corp Director **Chris Damato** and **Carolyn D'Luz** (Academic Support Services), a UNH graduate. They talked with program staff and met with graduate students in the Education and Biological Sciences Departments.

After eight months of preparation, Sweet Hollow Herbs opened next to the Quilted Lily in downtown Johnson. Herbalist **Amy Kelly**, a recent WAM graduate, is heading the entire project herself. She acquired most of her background in herbs from working at Healthy Living in South Burlington.

STUDENT SERVICES

Service Learning

Break Away

Dean of Students **Dave Bergh** joined eight students on a service trip to New Orleans over the February break. The group worked on a number of projects tied to the city's ongoing post-Katrina recovery needs. Highlights included salvaging bricks from a collapsed building in a neighborhood targeted for redevelopment, assisting with the all-volunteer Animal Rescue of New Orleans, and visiting with residents of a nursing home who had been displaced by Katrina. Three additional alternative break trips, to New York, Utah, and Oregon took place over the April break.

Successful Blood Drive

On March 26 JSC held the most successful spring blood drive since 1995. When combined with this past fall's program, this school year saw the most units of blood collected since 1997-98. A total of 230 productive units

of blood were collected during the year. A letter of thanks from the Red Cross put this in a powerful perspective: "Thanks to you, the lives of over 600 hospital patients may have been touched."

Student Government Association (SGA)

The SGA continues to work on campus recycling efforts, pushing to have recycling bins returned to classrooms and analyzing fuel records to help determine areas where the College can reduce its use.

Campus radio station WJSC has been back on the air this spring with an ever-increasing array of programming delivered by students, college employees, and community members. The station, with its new studio in renovated Stearns Center, is planning numerous publicity and fundraising efforts to increase awareness of its programs.

A number of successful annual events were recently held. The culmination of the LAMBDA Alliance's Club week was the 15th Annual Ally Dinner. This celebration of campus diversity and acceptance was attended by nearly 100 students, faculty, and staff. The Dance Ensemble hosted its spring dance show, and drew standing-room-only crowds on successive nights. The SGA's annual Casino Night, which this year benefitted the Vermont Foodbank, was well attended, with an increase in the number of community members who attended.

Residence Life

The residence life department is nearly 100% paperless. All housing information, including forms (contracts, room requests, housing exemptions, and the like), have been placed online. If early responses are any indication, this new delivery method will lead to earlier completion and submission of these forms by students. The combination of increased efficiency and service along with the positive cost and environmental impact makes the department's work a model for others in the division.

Health and Counseling Services

While direct service to students is a priority, outreach has also been a focus of the health and counseling centers. Staff have provided training to colleagues in residence life, academic support, and athletics. Educational programming on topics including personal boundaries, sexuality, depression, substance use, body image and self-esteem have been targeted to students through staff presentations in education, sociology, psychology, and graduate counseling classes as well as in floor meetings in the residence halls.

Athletics and Recreation

SHAPE Facility & Campus Programs

The SHAPE facility has continued to see very high use. In response to a petition signed by several hundred students, the hours of the facility were extended during the five week period between the winter and spring breaks.



JSC hosted the only "Spin Nation" event in Vermont this year. Twenty-six spinning enthusiasts gathered for a two-hour ride to raise funds for Athletes for a Cure and the Lance Armstrong Foundation. On April 4, the JSC Spinners participated in the six-hour "Ride for a Reason" in Burlington benefitting Special Olympics of Vermont. The thirteen JSC students and staff participants raised more than \$3,000.

The climbing wall has been a popular student destination this semester. Over 150 students signed in to use the wall each of the last two

months. Bouldering competitions have especially attracted participation.

Athletics

The 2009 "Shooting for Goals" program, coordinated by JSC basketball staff and varsity players in conjunction with the Center for Service Learning and Laraway School, culminated with a full-court game in Carter Gymnasium. Twenty-four students and staff participated in the game.

New softball Head Coach **Robert Gervais** hosted a softball clinic on campus on March 21. Despite the rain, the clinic was very well attended, with 40 area softball players participating.

On March 25 Athletic Director **Barbara Lougee** was the keynote speaker at Lamoille High School's winter sports banquet. The event was attended by participants in winter sports (basketball, skiing, and dance/cheering) and their friends and families.

BUSINESS AFFAIRS

Business Office

The functionality of the VSC e-commerce billing project is continuing to expand. Testing is complete, which will allow JSC to accept housing deposits electronically from current students. The next phase will allow applicant deposits to be submitted electronically.

Physical Plant

The Physical Plant staff has begun the process of spring cleaning on campus which includes grounds sweeping, seeding, and road repair.

Freeman French Freeman has developed initial plans for the SHAPE renovation and a request for proposal for a construction manager resulted in the selection of ReArch, a South Burlington firm to serve as construction manager for the project. Design documents are underway and estimates are expected soon.

Other projects planned for the summer include renovations to the restrooms in Dewey Hall, Martinetti Hall and Bentley Hall, and replacement of the southwest electrical primary.

Conference and Events

The Spring Semester has been a very busy one for the conference and events services Office. Johnson State College hosted a presentation by Governor Madeleine Kunin, The Consortium of Vermont Colleges Meeting, Ally Dinner, International Dinner, Annual Employee Recognition Luncheon, American Cross Blood Drive, Ellsworth Lecture featuring Liselotte Ivry, Casino Night, and several other Student Government and Break Away Events.

The conference and events office has been working with various departments on campus planning the many events that will be occurring before Commencement. We continue to work on improving systems in the office, communication between departments on campus, and strive to keep the JSC community aware of what is happening on campus.

Information Technology

Since last report, the college completed updating the network schematic and completed the installation of the upgraded user interface for Colleague users. Work continues with on updating critical security patches on all faculty and staff computers; lab PCs have been completed. Work continues on the network bandwidth upgrade project between buildings.

HUMAN RESOURCES

"Wellness works at JSC"

Since the Wellness Fair in January, the Wellness Committee has successfully developed themed events for each of the prior and up-coming months. February began with a focus on stress reduction. A seminar using the Mindfulness Stress Reduction model was pre-

sented by Professor **Ken Burrill**. The course continued on a weekly basis. With March's focus on exercise and fitness, the Walk this Way! Pedometer Challenge was launched with 21 teams of 4 each. In Week 1, the teams' total mileage would have taken them to within 100 miles of New Orleans! Our campus competition will help participants of the Pedometer Challenge get ready for the Vermont Corporate Cup Challenge Walk/Run Race on May 22. In the meantime, nutrition is the focus for April.

Tobacco Issues Task Force

President Murphy has convened a task force to explore issues of reducing second-hand smoke on campus; to identify further methods of educating students, faculty and staff about the risks of smoking; and to research models that have been adopted by other colleges to address the problems associated with second-hand smoke. **Bill Barry**, JSC student, and **Jeff Bickford**, coordinator of Residential Living are co-chairs for the group of approximately 10 members. A draft report will be presented to the President by June 15.

ADMISSIONS AND FINANCIAL AID

Admissions

As of the writing of this report, deposits for Fall '09 are slightly ahead of last fall with increases in both Vermont and out-of-state. The increase in deposits is good news since the number of inquiries are down from last year. Colleagues at Vermont colleges and other colleges are reporting a similar trend. The External Degree Program (EDP) numbers for fall are included in the above counts and are up for both summer and fall '09. EDP staff note that a number of students with whom they are speaking have reported employment interruption as part of their motivator in returning to college.

What's New in Admissions:

- Online deposit packets. In an effort to be more environmentally sensitive and to provide

better service to our deposited students, we now have all forms on the website. Information on summer registration sessions, housing contract, health forms, JSC accounts and more is available at www.jsc.edu/NewStudents. **Rebecca Pastor, Melissa Weinstein** and **Eric Kirk** were responsible for the online packets.

- In helping achieve our goal of making admissions a full college responsibility, some faculty have volunteered to follow-up with phone calls or e-mail to help us convert accepted students to deposits.

- Spring travel. The admissions staff is on the road, traveling throughout New England, NY, NJ for national and regional college fairs to begin recruiting the fall class of 2010.

- Green summit. On Saturday, April 4, Admissions participated in the first annual Green Summit conference hosted by JSC Upward Bound. **Pat Dasaro** presented to more than 60 high school students who spent the day sharing solutions to environmental issues.

- Receptions. The Admissions Office hosted a reception in Burlington at the DoubleTree Hotel on Monday, March 23. Forty students attended; nine applications were submitted. Special thanks to Assistant Professor **Hans Haverkamp** for presenting information on the Health Science program.

Dan Regan, Dave Bergh, Michele Whitmore, Mike Osborne joined Hans on the panel. JSC students **Nick Lane, Shaina Lyon, Christine Friant, Dominique Couture** and alumni **Andreas Knauss, Jeremy Rector and Diane Landry** also talked about their experiences at JSC. Music was provided by students **Jahida Jorganes** and **Sam Averbach**. Out-of-state receptions have been held in Hartford, CT, and Saratoga and Tarrytown, NY. JSC staff, alumni and students attended.

- JSC 101. Our annual JSC 101 campus visit day was held on Friday, April 17. This year, we

combined the event with our annual Extended Classroom Experience showcase.

- CVC guidance counselor bus tour. Forty-two counselors from across the country are spending a week visiting VT colleges. **Patrick Rogers** will be one of four VT admissions counselors to accompany the counselors on the week-long tour of 17 colleges. Patrick is coordinating the tour with a counselor from Castleton. The JSC visit is scheduled for April 24.

Financial Aid

Financial aid awards were mailed to JSC incoming students a week earlier than in the past and we have achieved our goal of mailing award letters on a weekly basis this year. For 2009-2010 the FA office has sent 247 in-state awards vs. 226 last year and 220 out-of-state compared to 198 at this time last year.

The scholarship selection for incoming students is complete with letters of notification being mailed. Last year we had 78 applicants, this year 100. Returning student scholarship selection is being finalized as well.

The FA office is seeing an increase in requests from parents and students to use estimated 2009 income due to job loss or pay cuts.

DEVELOPMENT AND ALUMNI RELATIONS

Development

Fundraising is moving ahead, despite the difficult financial times. Still in the silent phase of our Comprehensive Campaign, we are completing the capital "naming opportunities" drive for the renovated Stearns and Dewey, and are about to launch the drive for the renovations for SHAPE. Alumni continue to show their support by including JSC in their estate plans, and the annual drive is about on par with last year.

Spring is the time for awarding endowed and annual gift scholarships, which are an-

nounced at Honors Convocation and go towards the next academic year. The Ellsworth Trust awarded four new Ellsworth Scholars; the Alumni Association awarded \$30,000; and named scholarships from endowed and annual gifts totaled \$51,000 and were awarded to 49 students. Scholarships ranged from \$500 to \$2,000.