

JOHNSON STATE COLLEGE  
**President's Report**

to the Vermont State Colleges Board of Trustees

April 22, 2010

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Spring spruce-up is under way as we start the final countdown toward Commencement 2010 on Saturday, May 15. Our commencement speaker this year will be award-winning author Katherine Paterson, known for *Bridge to Terabithia*, *The Great Gilly Hopkins* and other ground-breaking children's novels. She is notable for using her books to expose young readers to "adult" subjects such as death and jealousy, and we're delighted that she will be sharing her wisdom and insight as we send off the Class of 2010.

You'll note in this report many examples of exceptional work being done by JSC faculty, students and staff. This is nothing unusual, but the breadth and depth of these recent accomplishments is inspiring to say the least. They include several grant awards for research from the Vermont Genetics Network (for students as well as faculty), impressive community service and outreach to the local community, and support of the work being done by nonprofit organizations nationally and locally.

Also of note is the most recent example of the tremendous support our students enjoy from faculty and staff: the establishment of an "Emergency Student Fund," to be funded entirely by donations from faculty and staff. The fund will be used to help students who

fall short of cash and have no other option to meet immediate expenses. The first event in support of this fund was a box-lunch auction in March that raised more than \$1,000 in an hour's time

We are pleased to host the April meeting of the Trustees and invite all to tour campus, chat with faculty and staff, and see the many enhancements at Johnson State College that you have helped make possible.

## ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

### FACULTY & STAFF ACHIEVEMENTS

The culture of research at Johnson State is gaining steam, as exemplified by a very successful visit to campus by the External Advisory Committee of the Vermont Genetics Network (VGN). VSC Faculty Fellow **Elizabeth Dolci** (Environmental and Health Sciences) has applied for a Vermont Genetics Network grant to support a "Metagenomic analysis of an aquatic environment, Lowell/Eden asbestos mine." She has also sought and received a VGN grant to support "Undergraduate summer research on asbestos mine microbial communities."



Gina Mireault, Allison Myrick and Brittany Perdue attended the International Conference on Infant Studies in Baltimore to present their research.

**Gina Mireault** (Behavioral Sciences) also submitted an application for a VGN grant to support undergraduate research in infant humor perception

this summer. Just recently she learned that she has received a project grant from VGN for her study of infant humor perception. In March Dr. Mireault and two undergraduates, **Allison Myrick** and **Brittany Perdue**, presented a poster of their findings at the International Conference on Infant Studies in Baltimore. Their research was very well-received, gaining positive response from infancy researchers from all over the world. They made excellent contacts and learned a tremendous amount — especially with regard to research methodology and technology currently being used to investigate such young babies. "It's been validating to know we are making a real contribution to the field and are on the right track with our research design and hypotheses regarding the minds of young infants," Gina noted. (The JSC infant study may soon receive some national press; a writer from *American Baby* magazine has contacted the principal investigator requesting an interview.)

JSC's other faculty recipient of a VGN project grant, **Hans Haverkamp** (Environmental and Health Sciences), received a continuation of his grant award from last year and will continue his research on asthma and exercise.

**Bob Genter** (Environmental and Health Sciences) is awaiting word from the National Science Foundation on his submission of "Microbial diversity of and genetic fingerprints of *E. Coli* from rivers in predominantly forested, agricultural, and impervious land uses." In March Bob and two

undergraduate students, **Greg Perry** and **Benjamin Kirchner**, presented the results of their research, “Analysis of phosphorus loading and microbial source tracking in the Lamoille River, Vermont,” at the annual meeting of VT-EPSCoR (Experimental Program to Stimulate Competitive Research) in Burlington.

**Leslie Kanat** (Environmental and Health Sciences) accompanied four JSC students to Brattleboro to attend the Board of Directors meeting and subsequent events of the Citizens Action Network (CAN). Five state senators, including Sen. Peter Shumlin, attended. One of the JSC students, **Ben Chaucer**, was elected as a member of the Board of Directors of CAN.

**Jim Black** (Business and Economics) has been appointed to the board of the Lamoille Economic Development Corporation.

A March 12 workshop attracted 36 participants who joined facilitator **Mary (Mimi) Galligan Mathieu** (Business and Economics) to learn about “Creating Effective Partnerships.” The workshop was co-sponsored by People in Partnership, Johnson State College, and Common Good Vermont.

**Darlene Witte** and **Morna Flaum** (both Education) presented their paper “Toward a pedagogy of the in-between: Mutuality and the nature of learning” at a mid-April conference at the University of Massachusetts-Amherst that was sponsored by the Department of Languages, Literatures, and Cultures at that. In their paper, selected through a competitive process, the authors explore the “In-Between” as a learning potential that is energized by mutuality.

**John Miller** (Fine and Performing Arts) is taking an interesting, community-based approach to an Advanced Digital class he is teaching this semester. Subtitled “The Documentary Project,” the class

gives students the opportunity to photograph a “community” of their choosing. The class will culminate with an exhibit in JSC’s Visual Arts Center in early May.

An extraordinary exhibit of paintings, “The Art of Action,” made its way to River Arts Center in Morrisville in late March. Ten Vermonters through their commissioned artwork tackled issues facing the state’s present and future. The “Artists’ Choice Tour” included the photographic work of **John Miller**. While the exhibit was featured at River Arts, John gave presentations about the Art of Action’s traveling exhibit to two groups of high school students from People’s Academy. Portions of the exhibit are being hosted by Senator Patrick Leahy in Washington, D.C., in April.

A 5' tall, 6' long cow – this one made of fiberglass – arrived on campus in mid-March. Art students will be working with Leila Bandar (Fine and Performing



Arts) over the next couple of months applying their unique JSC style to the replica, after which it will be displayed on Church Street in Burlington through much of the summer as part of the “Cows Come Home to Burlington” project. The cows eventually will be auctioned off to raise funds for the Vermont Campaign to End Childhood Hunger.

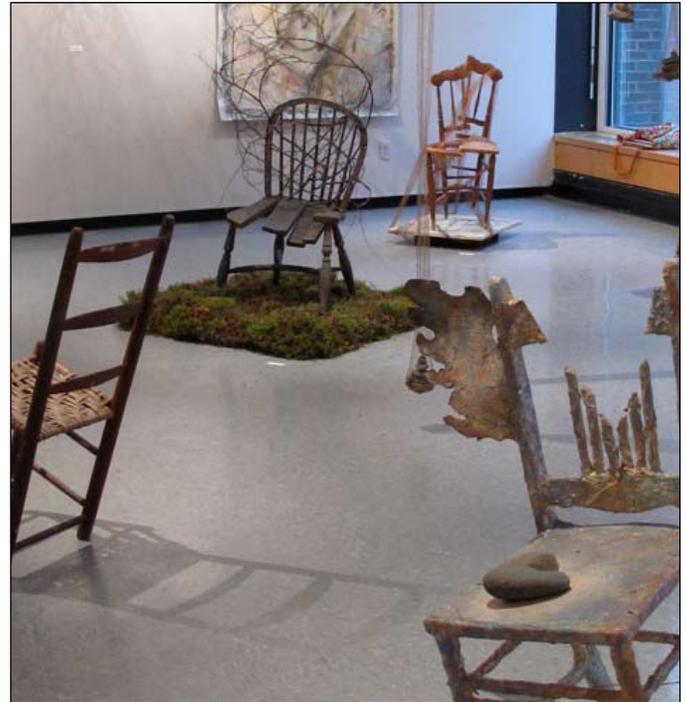
**Victoria Patrick** (Fine and Performing Arts) will complete a residency at the Vermont Studio Center during Vermont Week this spring.

**Carolyn Mecklosky** (Fine and Performing Arts) donated a poster design for a recent event at the Clarina Howard Nichols Center. Working with young people in the Johnson community, Carolyn also printed 50 peace flags for Johnson's Winter Carnival and recently donated a clay figure for the local Hospice Art Auction. She also has produced 50 handmade, hand-printed mail art cards for the Luddite Press.

**Tyrone Shaw** (Writing and Literature) has had an immersion essay, "Sometimes even pigs get to play," accepted for publication in the next issue of *Saranac Review*. It deals with the chaos in Romania immediately following the overthrow and execution of Nicolae and Elena Ceausescu in December 1989. An "immersion essay" requires considerable time spent on location.

In March **Tony Whedon** (Writing and Literature) traveled to Matinicus Island, Maine, to write about the "Matinicus lobster wars" and a non-fatal shooting incident last summer involving two lobstermen. The shooter just went to trial and was found not guilty. His account will cover dwindling natural resources, island family feuds dating back 100 years, and an island full of puffins that can be reached only by mail plane. Tony intends this piece for his new essay collection, *Drunk in the Woods*, which is due out next year along with his new poetry collection, *Things to Pray to in Vermont*.

**Jan Herder** has been busy at Dibden Center for the Arts. He has re-created Dibden Center in the virtual-world software "Second Life" and launched an augmented-reality project experimenting with live streaming, lighting, scene design and, eventually, mixed-reality events. He will teach a special-topics course this summer titled "Introduction



The Julian Scott Memorial Gallery features artist Karen Anderson's M.F.A. exhibit this month.

to *Virtual Worlds: Lighting and Scenic Design*," a hybrid course with an immersive initial weekend in class followed by three weeks of synchronous and asynchronous online classes. Jan also is partnering with the Workforce Investment Board and other organizations to develop a regional brand that helps individuals and businesses to implement new-media strategies using Web 2.0 and the simulator in Second Life for business/skill incubation and economic development. Finally, Jan has received his certificate from the University of Washington in Virtual Worlds (new media) and describes himself as "a card-carrying member" of the New Media Consortium in Second Life.

New part-time faculty member **Dennis Bathory-Kitsz** (Fine and Performing Arts) has had several of his compositions performed and received his 18<sup>th</sup> annual ASCAP Plus Award from the American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers. In January, the Windham Orchestra, under the direction of Zon Eastes, performed "Fanfare:Heat" (originally com-

missioned by the Vermont Youth Orchestra) along with works by other regional composers. His “The Imagined Moons of Autumn” premiered in Valencia, Spain, in February with flautist Maire Aguilar accompanied by Telmo Gadea on piano. Another, “Imagined Moons,” was commissioned by Doug McIlroy. As part of the “60x60 Project,” the short composition for music box “Conjim for Ed” was performed in February in Oxford, England, marking the 12<sup>th</sup> performance of that piece. In April, “Meta-Dream Twice” was premiered by violinist Thomas L. Read (originally commissioned by him) as part of the spring concert series by the Vermont Contemporary Music Ensemble entitled “To Reach! To Sing!”— named after Read’s own composition heard at the concerts. In May, the piano solo “Thirteen Triple-X” (commissioned by Carson Cooman) will be premiered during the ICMC World New Music Days in Sydney, Australia. And upcoming in November on St. Cecilia’s Day in Gandía, Spain, Bathory-Kitsz’s “Crosscut,” a three-movement concerto for piano and large wind band, will be premiered by the Banda Sinfónica de Grau Gandía; it was commissioned by the Banda Sinfónica last year.



Mathew Carroll receives his award from the Lake Champlain Research Consortium from Professor Bob Genter, JSC’s representative to the Consortium, while President Barbara E. Murphy and Academic Dean Dan Regan look on.

**Sherlock Terry** (First-Year Experience) has received a grant from ShadowLight Productions: New England Foundation for the Arts to support events programming at the College.

**Russ Weis** (SERVE) has received a \$5,000 grant from the Sid & Cecelia Lance Family Foundation for an “Eco-service-learning expansion project.”

## STUDENT AND ALUMNI ACHIEVEMENTS

Both **Ryan Joy** and **Ben Chaucer** have received undergraduate research awards from the Vermont Genetics Network to participate this summer in the metagenomic analysis of the Lowell/Eden asbestos mine. VGN reviews of both applications noted the students’ high academic performance.

**Zack Sutton**, a senior biology major, has been accepted to the new Doctor of Pharmacy program at the Albany College of Pharmacy in Colchester. He has worked diligently over the past few years with coursework in microbiology, proteomics and genetics. He also is working on his senior thesis, an analysis of microbial communities at the asbestos mine in Lowell/Eden.

**Mathew Carroll** won a logo design contest sponsored by the Lake Champlain Research Consortium. His recognition by the LCRC garnered Matt an engraved plaque as well as a cash award. The mission of the Lake Champlain Research Consortium, for which **Bob Genter** (Environmental and Health Sciences) is JSC’s representative, is to coordinate and facilitate research and scholarship of the Lake Champlain ecosystem and related issues; to provide opportunities for training and education of students on lake issues; and to aid in the dissemination of information gathered through lake endeavors.

Several graduates are forging noteworthy careers through fermentation. Despite the bad economy, Rock Art Brewery owner **Matt Nadeau** (Business, Class of 1989) is seeking to expand his growing business. Currently based in Morrisville, the business is looking for additional space that may allow for the addition of a restaurant to Rock Art's brewery, tasting room and retail shop. **Allen Van Anda** (Environmental Science, Class of 2000), hired a year ago as the brew master at the Trapp Family Lodge, has been creating the first batches of Trapp Lager, which should be available from taps this month and in bottles within a year. A recent article in the *Burlington Free Press* paid extensive attention to Van Anda's efforts, among others, as part of the "next generation of Vermont craft brewers." Before his position at Trapp's, Allen worked for Rock Art and the now-defunct Kross Brewing Co., both in Morrisville. Recently he spoke with Johannes von Trapp at the Stowe Rotary Club about the new Trapp Lager.

In response to a community request, senior **Mallory Hazen** (Theatre & Drama) started a children's dance club in Lowell, bringing a welcome activity for area youth to the community.



Senior **Courtney Yasmee Gabaree** (Anthropology/Sociology and Nonprofit Management) has received the 2010 Adult Volunteer Service Governor's Award for Outstanding

Community Service. Through commitments such as COVAST (Coalition of Vermonters Against

Slavery Today) and the Clarina Howard Nichols Center (as a JSC intern and Bonner Leader), and many others, she has dedicated her life to service and social justice as an extraordinary community organizer, volunteer, and human rights activist.

The College was pleased to name freshman **Jasmine Yuris** (English, Education and Nonprofit Management) as JSC's recipient of the Vermont Campus Compact's 2010 **Commitment to Service and Engagement Award**. This award is "given to one student per VCC member campus whose college career is characterized at least in part by their extensive community involvement...." Jasmine's service has been both broad and deep. She has been a Bonner Leader/AmeriCorps member and an intern at the Lamoille County Natural Resource Conservation District, and she has been involved at JSC in the Eco-Rep Team and as a SERVE Student leader. These credentials are only part of her extensive and impressive portfolio of activities.

**Dan Schwartz**, a Professional Feature Writing student, had an article accepted for publication in *Mountain Ear*, a new arts and lifestyle magazine in Lamoille County.

SGA President **Ben Chaucer** and **Jeff Bickford** (Residential Life) were interviewed March 19 by Roland Lajoie on WLVB (93.9) about two upcoming events: the Casino Night fundraiser for the United Way of Lamoille County (March 26) and the College's second annual "Drop and Swap," which takes place April 23-24. The two talked about the many ways JSC students support the local community.

Business students **Jocelyn Kirby** and **Justin Raymond**, working under the supervision of **Norman McElvany** (Business and Economics),

are conducting a research project for the Union Bank in Morrisville. The primary purpose of the survey is to help the bank determine current and future services its Generation X and Generation Y customers are using or would like to see offered. The semester-long project involves surveying students from Johnson State and Lyndon State and is scheduled for completion on May 7.



Faculty and friends of the JSC Business & Hospitality program on hand at the St. Patrick's Day dinner, which raised funds for earthquake relief in Haiti.

Business and Hospitality Management students developed and hosted a traditional Irish pub-style dinner on St. Patrick's Day, March 17, in the Stearns Performance Space. In addition to providing a learning experience for the students, profits from the dinner were donated support earthquake relief and medical support in Haiti. Business and Hospitality Management students also toured the roasting and packaging facility of Green Mountain Coffee Roasters on March 12 and participated in a coffee tasting.

**Patrick Williams**, a member of the Sustainable Agriculture Break Away group that traveled to Portland, Oregon, during April break, organized a spring yard-service fundraising event. Members of his hardworking and good-humored group offered their labor in exchange for a chance to earn some money to help pay for the trip.

On behalf of JSC's Women's Center, **Cheri Keith** is organizing a T-shirt competition to raise awareness about sexual violence. Artists are to submit their designs and an original slogan; the winning design will be used in an upcoming event that raises awareness about sexual violence.

With help from their professor, **Barbara Malloy** (Fine and Performing Arts), eight Advanced Printmaking students recently completed a T-shirt design and printing event that raised funds for an organization working in Haiti. Some of the shirts were donated by the Forget-Me-Not shop in Johnson, while others were purchased at a discount from other local businesses.

Two students pursuing B.F.A. degrees in studio arts, senior **Ben Ferguson** and junior **Justine Waggett**, are receiving fellowship awards from the Vermont Studio Center based on their artistic merit and academic goals. In addition, for the first time the Center also is extending two fellowships to students in our B.F.A. *writing* program: senior **Adam Smith**, and junior **Dana Russo**. All four will spend two weeks this summer at the Center, which is the largest international residency program for professional artists and writers in the U.S.

**Linda Greaves, Janet Gibbons, Regi Rogers, Jan Smolca, Cam Weir, Sue Leonard, and Kathleen Stockfleth** (all Class of 1975) formed a team named Amy's Angels that participated in the American Cancer Society "Relay for Life Nordic Style" at Trapp Family Lodge in March. The team honored and remembered their classmate and longtime friend **Amy Bennett**, whose life was claimed by cancer in August 2009 who would have turned 58 on the weekend of event. Last year the relay raised more than \$75,000 for cancer research. According to Jessica Blais of the American Cancer Society, Amy's Angels was the relay's top fundraising team and was expected to exceed \$10,000 in donations.

## STUDENT SERVICES

### STUDENT SERVICES EFFORTS HIGHLIGHTED IN LOCAL COMMUNITY

A number of events sponsored by Student Services departments have brought JSC attention for its community service and outreach efforts:

- JSC staff and students recently participated in the six-hour “Ride for a Reason” in support of the Vermont Special Olympics. In preparation for this indoor spinning event in Burlington, a number of spinning endurance events were held to raise funds for various charities. The College hosted a “Spin Nation” event to benefit “Ride 2 Recovery,” an organization that supports injured soldiers returning from war. In addition three JSC instructors led an event hosted by Stowe Mountain Resort to raise money for the American Cancer Society.



- With graduate assistant Kelly Palmer taking the lead, the SERVE office sponsored its second blood drive of the year on March 25. The results were impressive, tying the 129 productive units of blood faculty, staff and students donated in the fall! Some 147 additional people showed up to donate but



More than 270 people visited SHAPE to donate blood on March 25, matching the record 129 productive units donated during the College’s fall-semester blood drive.

were deemed ineligible to contribute. Both blood drives this year have been marked by the strong collaboration with the American Red Cross and Vermont Electric Cooperative.

- The women’s softball team hosted an on-campus clinic for area youth in grades 6-12. The weekend clinic focused on the basic skills of softball, enabling youth to fine-tune their hitting, fielding, batting, pitching and catching.
- Coordinator of Residential Living **Jeff Bickford** and Student Government Association President **Ben Chaucer** were guests on WLVB radio’s morning talk show to discuss two high- profile community events at the College: the 32nd annual Casino Night to benefit the United Way of Lamoille County, and the second annual “Drop ‘n Swap” clothes drive. A number of faculty, staff and community partners volunteered as dealers for Casino Night, a well-attended event on March 26 that raised \$1,000. Meanwhile, Residence Life, the SERVE office, and the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC) plan to build on the great success of last year’s Drop ‘n Swap as they prepare for this year’s event, which will take place April 23 and 24.

- JSC students continue to engage in positive relationships with elementary, middle and high school students in the community through the Lamoille Valley Mentoring Partnership and Lamoille County Court Diversion Restorative Justice. Both mentors and mentees are greatly benefitting from this partnership, which is coordinated through the SERVE office.

## SERVE (CENTER FOR SERVICE LEARNING)

### SERVE FRI Program

The SERVE FRI program continued with some campus based programs in early March. On March 5, under the leadership of **Jasmine Yuris**, a dozen students organized an extensive campus clean-up, picking up trash on the main campus and frof course before heading down to the rugby field to help clean out the College's old storage barn so it can be knocked down and replaced with a new shed. As Jasmine noted, "This was a dirty job, but many hands made light work!"

On March 12 a dozen JSC students and staff members attended the "Creating Effective Partnerships" workshop co-sponsored by People in Partnership, JSC, and Common Good Vermont. This three-hour seminar afforded both students and staff the opportunity to deepen their connection to the surrounding area by working

side-by-side with partners from a variety of agencies.



The group explored ways to "build, operate and sustain partnerships that are effective and efficient" so as to more effectively serve those in need. Students universally praised the workshop as a great learning and networking opportunity. The workshop will help the SERVE FRI program increase the effectiveness of its volunteer efforts in the local community.

### Break Away

The two student volunteer groups that went out over the late February break have given campus presentations on their work. The trips have also received campus media coverage.

The Disaster Relief trip partnered with United Saints First Recovery Project in New Orleans to help rebuild homes and community buildings devastated by Hurricane Katrina. **Davis Koier** presented the story of the group's trip in articles published in two issues of *Basement Medicine*, JSC's student newspaper.

The Hunger and Homelessness trip partnered with Amizade Global Service-Learning in Washington, DC. The group worked in soup kitchens, sold newspapers for people who are homeless, and took to the streets to deliver food to those in need. **Jordon Jewett's** article chronicling their experience will appear in an upcoming issue of *Basement Medicine*.

Two significant milestones are being reached this year: the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Break Away at JSC and the 100<sup>th</sup> trip since the program's inception in 1990. In addition, we anticipate reaching 1,000 total participants by the end of April Break trips. JSC was named the national alternative-break program of the year in 1995. On the 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary of that award, it is affirming to see this program continue to grow and thrive.

## ATHLETICS

### Students Earn NAC All-Academic Honors

A trio of Johnson State student-athletes earned North Atlantic Conference (NAC) All-Academic honors for the fall of 2009. Student-athletes receiving this honor must have at least junior status, have competed a minimum of two years in their sport and have a cumulative grade point average of 3.50 or higher. Recipients were:

- **Kathryn Johnson**, Women's Soccer, Elementary Education
- **Colleen McNamara**, Women's Cross Country, Wellness & Alternative Medicine
- **Nemesia Sorcar**, Women's Cross Country, Wellness & Alternative Medicine

### ***Competitive Basketball Seasons Wrap-Up***

An exciting winter of college basketball came to a close with both the men's and women's teams losing in the NAC conference tournament after reaching the post-season as #6 seeds. **Claudia Martineau** was named to the NAC All Conference Second Team, as was **Leandro Martinez** on the men's side.

### ***Early Tennis Honors***

Sophomore men's tennis player **Jonathan Willson** was recently named North Atlantic Conference (NAC) Player of the Week.

### ***Campanile to Lead Johnson Men's and Women's Soccer***

Raymond Campanile has been appointed the new head coach of men's and women's soccer at JSC. Campanile, who served as the associate head coach for both programs in 2009, will take over for Brian Buczek, who led the men's program for 11 seasons in two stints and the women's program for the last four seasons.

Campanile helped lead the Johnson State men's team to a North Atlantic Conference (NAC) semifinal appearance in 2009, a first for JSC since joining the NAC in 2002, while also aiding in a NAC quarterfinal appearance by the Lady Badgers, who doubled their season win total from 2008.



Campanile received his BA (1999) and MA (2009) from JSC. He also holds a NSCAA Premier Coaching Diploma and a NSCAA National Goalkeeping Diploma. In his final college season as a player at JSC in 1998, he served as captain, leading the Badgers to the conference finals while being named to the Mayflower Conference First Team.

### ***Former JSC Hooper Chris Lamica '08 Named to ABA All-Star Team***

The College was thrilled to learn that former JSC basketball player Chris Lamica '08, currently playing for the New York Red Riders, was named to the American Basketball Association's All-Star Team, where he will suit up as a guard for the East team. Prior to joining the Red Riders, Lamica had been playing professionally for the Harlem Ambassadors.

### ***RESIDENCE LIFE***

This spring has seen the continuation of two positive trends: higher residency rates and fewer disciplinary concerns. When put together, these trends are all the more remarkable because they would not intuitively correspond. With 24 more students in residence than at this point last year, we have seen a consistent drop in the number of alcohol and drug-policy violations. Residents and staff report a strong community ethic, spurred in part by a new requirement that resident advisors (RAs) collaborate on at least one program with an RA from another building.

## **COUNSELING AND HEALTH CENTERS**

The JSC counseling and health centers continue to offer outreach services despite the high numbers of students dropping in for treatment. The counseling center currently is running a support group for female survivors of sexual assault and/or domestic violence; an additional support group is being offered for students with family members with cancer. The health center is working with Vermont CARES to set up a free HIV clinic in April.

## **BUSINESS, PHYSICAL PLANT & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**

### **BUSINESS OFFICE**

The student refund process is being streamlined and improved as a result of process reviews and the implementation of document imaging. Accounts Payable also is pursuing process-improvement opportunities with the introduction of document imaging.

The Accounts Payable department is anticipating final approval of the standardized “Vermont State Colleges Request for Payment” form. This initiative was coordinated across the VSC and will combine several administrative forms into one form.

### **PHYSICAL PLANT**

Several renovation projects are under way on campus. We are in the process of selecting a construction manager for the Bentley project as well as continuing with our planning and design meetings. The Visual Arts Center staff has been working on designs for the upcoming renovations to their building. The new Mac lab project is moving right along, with staff working on designs for lighting, windows, carpet and configuration. Finally, the Registrar’s Office will be redesigned and reconfigured after the spring semester.

Other maintenance projects include new lighting below the College Apartments, a new parking lot design for Martinetti, tile replacement in Governors and Senators residences, and a filter replacement in SHAPE.



### **CONFERENCES AND EVENTS**

The spring semester has been a very busy time for Conference and Events. Events hosted on campus to date this semester include the annual JSC Career Fair, Creative Audience Events, Student-Athlete Overnight, Winterfest, Vermont State Legislative Breakfast, the annual meeting of the Lamoille Valley Chamber of Commerce, a training workshop co-sponsored by JSC and Common Good Vermont, the annual JSC Employee Recognition Luncheon, a box-lunch auction to raise funds for a new student emergency fund, Accepted Student Day, Red Cross Blood Drive, Casino Night and several other events for the Student Government Association, Break Away and student clubs.

The Conference and Events Office spent April break working to finalize plans for the summer, prepare for the many end-of-semester events that occur after break, and prepare for the year’s grand finale, Commencement 2010.

## INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Meetings and planning continue for the summer implementation of the new Macintosh digital imaging laboratory. **Paul Bloomhardt** interviewed IT managers at three northeast colleges — Hamilton College, St. Lawrence University, and Wesleyan University — about their experiences in designing, installing and supporting Macintosh imaging labs. Staff also visited Champlain College's Mac facilities last October and compiled information gleaned during that visit into an illustrated report that was distributed to members of the planning and implementation group.

As part of the College's "green" initiative, **Stewart Ressler** is working on a solution that will automatically shut down campus computers at the end of the day. Testing is under way in two of our largest student computer labs, and we'll be adding a small, select sample of staff PCs in the next phase of the project.

Planning has commenced on the summer project list, which includes an array of work needed to prepare the College's computing facilities, classrooms, network services, and faculty and staff desktops for the 2010-11 academic year.

## ADMISSIONS & FINANCIAL AID

### ADMISSIONS

Overall deposits for fall 2010 are on track with last year's numbers (140 both years), with notable percentage increases in deposits from both Vermont and NEBHE applicants (8% and 50%, respectively). First year out-of-state deposits are down (21 compared to 33 last year), but families are comparing financial aid offers, and students are waiting until the May 1 deadline to notify colleges of their enrollment plans.

At this time of year, the Admissions staff focuses on yield events and spring travel. Recent events have included two "Accepted Student Days" (March 22 and 29). Fifty-six accepted students and a total of 109 visitors came to campus for these personalized visits, which comprised attending two classes, touring campus, and meeting with Admissions and Financial Aid counselors.

The Admissions staff also hosted three receptions this month: in Burlington April 1; in Westchester, New York, April 6; and in Hartford, Connecticut, April 7.

The Burlington event included a welcome by **President Murphy**, a presentation by Professor **Gina Mireault** on her "infant humor" research, and an overview of the First Year Experience by **Margo Warden**, director of that program. The student and alumni panel included senior **Mallory Hazen** (Theater and Drama), junior **Najat Croll** (Art), sophomore **Kelly Jackson** (Elementary Education) and alumni **Mike Osborne** ('98, Health Sciences and now a coach at JSC), **Jeremy Rector** ('08 Environmental Sciences) and **Nick Lane** ('09 Education).

Alumni **David Beckman** ('94 Business), **Bryan Perry** ('93 HTM) and **Nancy DePecol** ('77 Liberal Arts) attended the Connecticut reception to share their experiences at JSC. Admissions staff hosting the out-of-state receptions included **Rebecca Pastor**, **Julie Noyes** and **Patrick Rogers**.

We were very grateful to have the help of JSC Director of Development **Sally Laughlin** and junior **Dominique Couture** (Elementary Education) at the out-of-town events as well.

Our spring recruitment efforts are drawing on the support of alumni as well, with several former students representing JSC at three college fairs:

- Paramus High School in New Jersey:  
**Miles Smith** ('09 Anthropology/Sociology)
- New Bedford High School in Massachusetts:  
**Lissl Garbutt Thelin** ('02 Education)
- LRISCCA College Fair in New Hampshire:  
**Chris Reed** ('00 Business)

We are especially grateful to JSC faculty who helped our efforts by phoning and emailing accepted students to encourage them to attend JSC and invite them to the last formal Admissions event of the year: our popular "JSC 101" open house, held on Friday, April 16. JSC faculty and students played a major role in this event by showcasing students' work "beyond the classroom" at a two-hour "Extended Classroom Experience" showcase.

While the spring Admissions events come to a close, recruitment for the fall 2011 freshman class is well under way. A special mail campaign to high school juniors is in process, group visits from VSAC and one out-of-state high school (from Rumford, Maine) are on the horizon, and Admissions staff are busy attending college fairs throughout the region. A thorough review of marketing strategies and publication needs is planned for early summer, and a series of on-the-spot-decision Transfer Days is scheduled for June.

## FINANCIAL AID

The JSC Financial Aid Office is working with students to ensure that all their paperwork is in order for the transition to the Federal Direct Loan program, which takes effect with the 2010-11 academic year. Although the legislation was passed by Congress at the last minute from an administrative standpoint, we prepared in well in advance for this transition, so we expect the change in process to proceed smoothly.



## DEVELOPMENT & ALUMNI RELATIONS

### SCHOLARSHIPS FROM ENDOWMENTS & PRIVATE PHILANTHROPY

Scholarship Committees have been working hard in March and April, reviewing more than 130 applications and matching the top applicants with named scholarships. The Fund for JSC/Endowed/Staff Faculty committee distributed \$38,000 to deserving applicants at its March meeting. These scholarships include those from the Stowe Rotary, Union Bank, Harold Sylvester, Thompson-Desmarais, Dr. Richard Daum, Jane Stearns, ARAMARK, Follett College Stores, Luella Eldridge Memorial, Helen Braley Stearns, Carrie Hubbard Stewart, John Lord, and Martha DePecol Memorial. Awards will be made at Honors Convocation on April 29, with many donors in attendance.

### PHONATHON

Thursday, March 25, signaled the end of our annual Phonathon. The Phonathon netted nearly \$14,000 in pledges over 15 nights and connected JSC student callers with countless alumni, parents and friends. Nearly 11,000 calls were logged during the period, with each student caller averaging 900 calls. An untold number of records have been updated, information about upcoming events

has been shared, and news for publication in Johnson Views and on the alumni Web site will be posted. Value on the goodwill exchanged: priceless!

### JOHNSON VIEWS

Alumni have called, emailed and written notes to express their enthusiasm for the new, bright, and colorful issue of *Johnson Views* sent out last month.

