EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This semester has been one of constant activity, from intimate book readings to packed theater performances, guest lectures and concerts — all of them well-attended by students. Another form of constant activity at JSC — that of civic involvement and community service performed by students, faculty and staff — continues to set new records, and the community is taking notice. In recent weeks the “off campus” activities of JSC students have been praised in the local media and by business leaders, government officials and community leaders. We take great pride in the many forms our civic engagement takes and the recognition it brings.

At the administrative level, we continue working on the priorities identified in our five-year plan, JSC 2010-2015: A Plan for Access, Engagement & Success, and working with students and College Council members on issues of common concern. Many students are eager to transition Johnson to an entirely smoke-free campus, so we are starting to explore the feasibility of such a move.
ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

FACULTY AND STAFF ACHIEVEMENTS

John Miller (Fine and Performing Arts) began his sabbatical this summer photographing the “working landscape” in two regions in Italy: rural Umbria, with its rolling topography similar to that of Vermont; and parts of Campagna, with its densely populated Bay of Naples region near Mt. Vesuvius, Pompei and south to Amalfi. In addition to taking portraits of farmers, gardeners, grocers, vintners, olive oil producers, loggers, hunters, butchers and shepherds, John is documenting how contemporary industry and commerce are creeping into the pastoral landscape, using both aerial photography and on-the-ground object/land “juxtapositions” of traditional and contemporary motifs. His next photography project will be in the Great Plains and American West, observing a working landscape of much larger scale.

Mary Martin (Fine and Performing Arts) recently performed an appraisal and conducted provenance research of a khasa (Fulani textile), verifying its authenticity for a private collector.

Sean Clute (Fine and Performing Arts) has been optimizing and integrating new software into our Media Arts Research Studio and designing a number of courses, including Advanced Digital Media (Documentary), Special Topics (Video), Advanced Digital (Animation), Introduction to Digital Media, and a new first-year seminar. In addition, he has been selected as an artist in residence at the Silo at Kirkland Farm in Springtown, Pennsylvania, and his work in collaboration with the inter-media performance group DOUBLEVISION has been reviewed by the Australian magazine Dance Informa. He will present his new work at JSC’s Julian Scott Memorial Gallery in March 2011.

Ken Leslie (Fine and Performing Arts) just served as one of two reviewers for the external-review process of the art programs at SUNY Plattsburgh. In December and January, Ken will return to the far north of Iceland, as a guest of the Gilfelagid — the art foundation of Akureyri, Iceland’s second largest city — where he will exhibit his “Arctic Cycles” work and serve as visiting artist. Back in Vermont, state curator David Schutz has invited Ken to exhibit his work in the Governor’s Corridor of the Pavilion Building in Montpelier in June and July 2011.

Marjorie Kramer (Fine and Performing Arts) is exhibiting her work this month at the Blue Mountain Gallery in Manhattan’s Chelsea district. The show is “Evolution of a Gallery: Green Mountain to Blue Mountain 1968-2010,” in celebration of the gallery’s 30th anniversary. The exhibit includes an extensive catalog with a gallery history written by Marjorie, who managed the venue from 1968 to 1978 — a time of low rents in Manhattan that benefited the city’s painters, dancers, poets and others. More recently, Julifer Mellett, granddaughter of gallery founder Lucien Day of Craftsbury and Bronxville, was in Marjorie’s JSC Drawing I class while still in high school. Julifer exhibited her work in JSC’s Julian Scott Memorial Gallery in October.

Marc Awodey (Fine and Performing Arts) published a feature story about Stowe-area artists in the November-December issue of Art New England. His review of Jonathan Gregg’s exhibit at JSC appeared in a September issue of Seven Days.

Marie LaPre Grabon (Fine and Performing Arts) was a guest speaker in the discussion series “Both Sides of the Coin: The Creative Process and Marketing the Work” November 5 at River Arts in Morrisville. At the time of her talk, Marie was exhibiting her show, “Recent Landscapes: Taken to the Limit,” at River Arts.

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Maris Wolff (Fine and Performing Arts) has been working with Stephanie Lockhart from the Center for America’s First Horse (in Johnson), the Equus Project/ Dancing with Horses (in New York City) and JSC’s Equus Club to bring a workshop on “Dancing with Horses” to JSC March 18-20, 2011.

Hans Haverkamp (Environmental and Health Sciences) will participate in a symposium this summer at the annual meeting of the American College of Sports Medicine in Denver. His presentation, part of the official program, will be on breathing during exercise in asthmatic humans. He has submitted an abstract for a second presentation at the same conference as well.

Brad Moskowitz (Environmental and Health Sciences) has completed his Emergency Medical Technician training and passed all exams. As a result he is now a certified EMT in Vermont and included in the national registry of EMTs. As a certified EMT-B, Brad has moved up to become a Level 2 member of the Mount Mansfield Ski Patrol, where he will continue to serve as a volunteer for the upcoming season. He recently completed two days of refresher training for ski patrols, during which he practiced lift evacuations, reviewed legal/liability issues, and gained continuing-education units to maintain the medical portion of his EMT certification.

Brad earned additional professional certification while co-instructing a portion of his Wilderness Leadership Techniques class expedition. He acquired the Whitewater Rescue Technician certification through Rescue 3 International, an internationally recognized provider of rescue training.

Brad consistently integrates service-learning experiences into his courses by collaborating with students, external organizations and JSC’s SERVE program. This fall he has focused on projects involving students, community volunteers and professionals from the Green Mountain Club and the Catamount Trail Association. In October they cleared water bars and removed trail hazards on Mount Mansfield’s Long Trail while working with representatives from the Green Mountain Club and a volunteer (and JSC graduate) from the Vermont Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation. In November Brad and his students worked with the Catamount Trail Association and a group of community volunteers to build two bridges on the section of trail descending from Jay Pass. Not only do these projects provide rich educational experiences for all involved, they emphasize the College’s commitment to conservation, stewardship and the sustainable use of public lands for outdoor recreation.

Master nature photographer Gustav Verderber (Environmental and Health Sciences) returned in October after leading his 2010 “Blue Ox Moose and Fall Foliage Magical Mystery Tour” to Mt. Katahdin and the Penobscot River in Maine. “We pulled it out of the hat once again and delivered fall color and trophy moose (capture and release, of course),” he writes on his blog.

Bill Doyle (Humanities), working with students in his Vermont History and Government Class, has produced his eighth and ninth county documentaries, “Life in Essex County” and “Life in Caledonia County.” Students plan the project, conduct the interviews and collaborate with videographer Vince Franke of Peregrine Productions to produce the films, which are provided free to libraries throughout the state. Previous films have aired on Vermont Public Television, shown at the
Green Mountain Film Festival, and honored with an award from the Vermont Historical Society. Bill's goal is to complete histories of all 14 Vermont counties — and now he has only five remaining.

Jacob White (Writing and Literature) has had several pieces accepted for publication during his first semester of teaching at JSC. His interview with novelist Padgett Powell, titled “Not Having It Together: A Conversation with Padgett Powell,” was published in the New York Tyrant (Vol. 3, No. 2), a literary magazine devoted to the short story. Fictional pieces slated to appear in 2011 include “The Hour of Revision” in New South, “Your Father Needs More Time” in The Literary Review, and both “The Oldest City” and “Episode Before Putting on Pants,” in Passages North. In addition, a creative nonfiction piece, “My Father at the Mountainside,” is slated for publication in Phoebe. Jacob will present a paper at the Northeast Modern Language Association conference in New Jersey next May.

Fred Wiseman (Humanities) played a major role drafting the proclamation signed by Gov. Jim Douglas declaring November 2010 as Native American Heritage Month. Fred spoke at UVM November 15 on “Written out of history: A look at K-12 curriculum as it relates to indigenous cultures.”

Working with Reed Fisher (Business/Economics) and Linda Kramer (Library), JSC reference librarians are piloting a method for embedding information literacy throughout our curriculum at JSC. They are developing curriculum maps, identifying target courses, and creating assignments with a research component, all

A BUSY SEMESTER AT DIBDEN

It has been an exceptionally busy fall at Dibden Center for the Arts. Highlights this semester included the Weston Playhouse's sold-out performance of “Death of a Salesman,” starring noted actor Christopher Lloyd as Willy Loman. Mr. Lloyd personally complimented our students on their professionalism.

Another highlight was an exchange between the Castleton and JSC theater departments in an example of “collaborative competition.” Castleton brought its production of “Picnic” to JSC in November, and JSC performed “All My Sons,” at Castleton's Cassella Theater later that month. Student designers, technicians, actors and production personnel collaborated and shared their expertise at each venue.

Earlier in the semester, JSC hosted the first annual “Bounty of the County,” featuring “musicalvore” from the Lamoille region. Eight local bands competed for a $1,000 grand prize, guaranteed gigs around the county, and time with student engineers in the Andy Shapiro Recording Studio. Two bands from JSC competed, and many alumni played in other bands as well. Judges included community members Bethany Plissey, Gabe Jarrett, and “Little” Anthony Geraci (all Fine and Performing Arts).
the November 1 issue of *Student Affairs Leader*. The article, “Turning deficiency thinking on its head,” focused on the research Dave did for his 2008 doctoral dissertation at UVM. Dave's research convinced him that “turning deficiency thinking upside down” improves student outcomes. As he told Ron, “Thinking of students with difficult backgrounds in terms of the strengths and resilience they possess, rather than the barriers and challenges they face, will inevitably affect our expectations of them and the nature of services delivered. The strengths these students have developed can indeed assist in the quest for college completion.” This perspective aims to counter the more traditional approach to working with first-generation (and in some cases, nontraditional) students, which tends to center on helping these students overcome “special challenges.”

**STUDENT AND ALUMNI ACHIEVEMENTS**

**Dustin Berry**, who works in the lab supervised by **Hans Haverkamp** (Environmental and Health Sciences), presented his research at the annual meeting of the northeast region of the American College of Sports Medicine in Providence, Rhode Island, in November. His abstract so impressed the group that it was considered for the “best bachelor of science presentation” award. **Susan Nader**, another of Hans's lab students, also presented at the meeting, which was attended by three other JSC undergraduates as well. Four JSC students competed against students from other Northeast colleges and universities in a “college bowl” quiz game related to exercise and physiological sciences.

October 22 was “Campus Sustainability Day” at JSC. Students **Jasmine Yuris** and SGA President **Ben Chaucer** hosted an alternative-energy panel featuring...
Robert Dostis of Green Mountain Power, David Halquist of the Vermont Electric Coop, Sharron Scott of JSC, Tadd Stone and James Constantino of Aramark, legislative candidates David Yacovone and Sen. Richard Westman, and Jan Herder, JSC’s director of the Dibden Center. Dibden hosted a number of events organized by Green Solutions advisor Russell Weis (Writing and Literature). Students from Robert Winkler’s Energy and Mineral Resources class are investigating the potential of installing a solar array on the Dibden Center roof, while Andrew Rapisarda, Sarah Lamb, Jay Steinmaus and their classmates are looking to transform Dibden into a “carbon neutral” performing arts center.

The Advanced Painting class taught by Ken Leslie (Fine and Performing Arts) has installed an exhibit of their shaped paintings in the new Hardwick Area Health Center. The show will be there through February 2011. Cynthia West (Humanities) writes, “Many people in the community have commented on the artwork. Everyone notices!”

Two JSC alums, Julie Ruth (2004) and Katie Crown (2010), are participating in a November 19-December 31 exhibit called “Heart Sized: Small Framed Works by Five Women Working in Vermont” at River Arts in Morrisville. The exhibit is in part a fundraiser; 30 percent of sales will support community-arts programming at River Arts.

BFA candidate Timothy Curran, in his final semester completing a student teaching requirement in southern Vermont, has won a national design competition sponsored by G3 Skis. Timothy earned a free pair of skis, and the company will use his design as the graphic for the upcoming 2010/2011 model. Tim credits his success to the digital-media class taught by John Miller (Fine and Performing Arts).

Fourteen JSC students representing the Technical Theater, Business Management, and Hospitality & Tourism Management programs and the College’s Eco-Reps and Green Solutions Club participated in and served as ambassadors at the Green Mountain Business Expo at Stowe’s Stoweflake Resort November 9. The students displayed an online video of the many ways businesses can use new media to market their wares and assisted event managers with setup.

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On behalf of students Henry Meola, Taryn Glasser, Liz Glasser and Max Bowen, Jan Herder (Dibden Center) received a glowing thank-you letter from Johnson Selectboard member Howard Romero and Tuesday Night Live music coordinator Cal Stanton “for the timely and energetic assistance your students
brought to our Tuesday Night Live summer series over the past several months.” In addition to praising the students’ enthusiasm, reliability and competence, Howard and Cal noted that there were “glitches and holes in the untested bones of a sound system, and your student engineers more than covered any problems we encountered.”

For the second year in a row, JSC’s fall theater production has been advanced to the semifinal round of the American College Theater Festival competition, this time for the production of Arthur Miller’s “All My Sons.” Five Technical Theater students have been nominated in the areas of light, sound and scene design, and six student actors have been nominated for the prestigious Irene Ryan scholarship competition.

Ellen Hill (Experiential Learning) received a letter from Scott Johnson, executive director of the Lamoille Family Center, thanking her and 10 students for spending a day of service at the center October 23. As Scott wrote, “The students provided great energy as we redesigned the playground and applied rubber shavings for safety, cleaned moss-covered shingles on outbuildings, filled potholes in the parking lot, painted the front of the building, gave the fence surrounding the building a facelift, and more.” We also received a similarly complimentary note from Dawn Archbold, executive director of the United Way of Lamoille County, thanking JSC-ers for numerous instances of community service.

JSC alum David S. Silverman (Business Management) has been named to succeed Kenneth Gibbons as president of Union Bank. Currently senior vice president of the bank and vice president of Union Bankshares Inc., he will become president of both companies this spring.

Another poster from JSC’s infant-humor study has been accepted for presentation at an international conference — this time at the Society for Research in Child Development (SRCD) in Montreal March 31-April 2. Gina Mireault (Behavioral Sciences) is the principal investigator; student co-authors of the poster are undergraduates Brittany Perdue, Laura Macke and Allison Myrick (2010). SRCD is a highly respected international, interdisciplinary organization in developmental research.

STUDENT SERVICES

A VISIBLE COMMUNITY PRESENCE

As noted earlier, Dawn Archbold, executive director of the United Way of Lamoille County, wrote a glowing letter to President Murphy thanking JSC students for an array of community-service activities. She was so impressed by students’ efforts that she also wrote a letter to our student newspaper, Basement Medicine, to express her appreciation. She specifically held up the efforts of the Student Government Association, the soccer team, the rugby club, and the participants...
in the SERVE-sponsored “SERVE FRI” program. In her letter Archbold wrote, “JSC students — you’ll never know how many lives you touched by these acts of kindness. You are all true gifts to our community.”

**ALCOHOL AWARENESS WEEK**

In October JSC marked National Collegiate Alcohol Awareness Week with seven days of events that drew over 250 students. There was high participation in an event titled “Message in a Bottle,” in which students wrote messages on beer cans sharing how alcohol has negatively impacted them or a loved one. These cans were subsequently hung on a tree in the Quad for other community members to read.

Other highlights included a rail jam that brought a number of snowboarders and spectators to the Quad and a “beer goggle dodgeball” tournament. Bud Keene, coach of snowboarding sensation Shawn White, gave a well-attended presentation on how alcohol and drug issues got in the way of his hopes and dreams until he dealt with them and took responsibility for his life. The combination of educational and fun events was made possible by the collaborative efforts of several departments, including Residence Life, Student Government, Athletics, Public Safety, and the Counseling and Health Center.

**STAFF TRAINING**

This fall has seen Student Services staff take advantage of several important training opportunities, a number of which provided the chance for interdepartmental team-building and learning. This work began before the school year, when more than 20 staff members participated in a workshop on active listening and having difficult conversations with students, and has continued through the semester.

Residence Life student and professional staff attended a training on Asperger's Syndrome, and resident-assistant attendees subsequently provided an overview to staff who were unable to attend. Health Center Director Jeannie Cass met with Residence Life to review procedures for responding to seizures, anaphylaxis shock and the flu, and she presented talks in the residence halls on nutrition, alcohol awareness, and sexually transmitted diseases. Jeannie has been invited by the Vermont Health Commissioner Wendy Davis to serve on a state panel charged with improving immunization programs for college students.

Counseling Director Cynthia Hennard facilitated a training for Residence Life staff on conducting motivational interviews as a way to augment their alcohol and drug education work with students, while Cynthia and Dean of Students Dave Bergh facilitated a conversation with faculty on working with at-risk and disruptive students. Finally, Public Safety offered a first aid/CPR class for all staff over the Thanksgiving break.

The third annual VSC Residence Life Leadership Conference was held at JSC October 23. More than 100 Residence Life student and professional staff members from across the system participated in this day-long program. Many of the breakout sessions, were facilitated by JSC staff and students. Coordinator of Residential Living Jeff Bickford was a member of the conference-planning committee and served as host for the day.
STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

All SGA members are working on projects aimed at improving student life, and a handful of these are highlighted in each issue of *Basement Medicine*. Some efforts are already bearing fruit. SGA President Ben Chaucer has worked with President Murphy to establish a protocol for an annual class gift, Senator Jake Drake sponsored a voter-registration drive in advance of the November election, and Senator Zach Johnston coordinated a campus trail-maintenance and clean-up day.

SGA-sponsored clubs also have been active. Christian Fellowship members recently traveled to New Hampshire for a leadership conference, the Women's Rugby Club participated in a fundraising event for Breast Cancer Awareness, and the Outing Club has sponsored a number of rock-climbing and camping trips, including one to Acadia National Park.

SERVE

The popular “SERVE FRI” program has quickly become established as part of the campus culture and was the focus of an article in a recent issue of *Basement Medicine*. Several successful programs took place in the last month. Students filled a pickup truck with apples from the Family Orchard in Hinesburg for a donation to the Vermont Foodbank, raised money from the second annual Hike for Hunger to benefit the Vermont Campaign to End Childhood Hunger, and sorted and packed food at the Vermont Foodbank. They also cleared brush and built animal habitats at the Nature Center in Morrisville as part of the Wildlife Habitat Incentive Program and performed trail-clearing and maintenance, both on campus and on the Catamount Trail.

JSC Break Away groups have been preparing for their spring trips by participating in pre-trip education programs, fundraising events and local service projects. In addition to participating in some of the SERVE FRI offerings noted above, Break Away leaders sponsored a Hunger Banquet to benefit the Johnson Food Shelf and the Vermont Campaign to End Childhood Hunger. They also coordinated JSC's annual Thanksgiving basket project, which provided meals for more than 25 families in the Johnson area.

SERVE partnered with the Vermont Electric Cooperative to host another successful American Red Cross blood drive October 20. JSC eked out a close victory (by 11 pints) in its friendly competition with Vermont Technical College and brought in 133 productive pints of blood.

Three JSC students are volunteering at the Cambridge Elementary School with the “America Reads” program. The students have received glowing reviews from the school’s mentoring coordinator, Donna Rooney. At the same time, a new partnership is being formed with Johnson Elementary School’s “Beyond the Bell” after-school program. The director of the program, JSC alum Erika Magoon, has expressed interest in having student mentors and “America Reads” partners there as well. Meanwhile, other students are serving as volunteers with the Community Restorative Justice project in conjunction with the Lamoille Valley Mentoring Partnership.

ATHLETICS

The men's and women's basketball teams recently hosted the 16th annual “Small Fry Basketball Clinic.” Two sessions were attended by 122 local youth, ranging from kindergarten to eighth grade.

Two fall sports teams have received North Atlantic Conference (NAC) team sportsmanship awards for the second consecutive season. Women's volleyball, in the program's second year, was honored for the respect they show for their opponents, officials and the game. Not to be outdone, the women’s tennis team also received their second straight award, for exemplifying the spirit and philosophy of NCAA Division III athletics.

Badger soccer players received individual end-of-season awards. Senior Victor Abass and freshman Lucas Fitzgerald were named to the NAC 2nd Team. On the women's side, freshman Jennifer Ferrari was named to the NAC 1st Team, and sophomore Ally Bataille was selected for the NAC 2nd team.
UPWARD BOUND

The third annual High School Greening Summit (moved from spring to fall this year) was held on campus November 13. The event, in which teams of high school students competed to obtain funding for environmental projects at their respective high schools, drew 11 squads from nine Vermont high schools. In addition to offering formal presentations and proposals, the teams were judged on creative skits performed to illustrate their projects. The students had a chance to tour campus and meet with faculty and staff to learn about green initiatives at JSC.

BUSINESS AFFAIRS

The Accounts Receivable department is continuing its progress with the document-imaging initiative. Paper reductions and process improvements have already been realized in the areas of refunds and student files. Cash receipts and student account transactions are the next areas of focus for this department. Accounts Payable also is pursuing process improvements through the use of document imaging.

Spring semester registration began November 8, and the Business Office is preparing billing correspondence to reinforce use of the e-commerce billing site and alert students to payment deadlines.

We have submitted the Q1FY11 quarterly financial package to the central office.

PHYSICAL PLANT

Many changes are under way at JSC. Two major projects are in the planning stages: the Visual Arts Center (VAC) renovation and addition, estimated at $2.5 million, and Bentley Hall Phase 2, estimated at approximately $2 million. These projects will have a significant impact on the teaching and learning spaces for the arts, the sciences and mathematics.

Both projects are in the schematic-design phase, and we are actively planning for the relocation of offices, labs and studios during construction. While the process is time-consuming, we anticipate that the end results will be spectacular and well worth the effort.

In the short-term, we have a number of projects planned over the next couple of months, including classroom renovations in Bentley Hall.

CONFERENCE AND EVENT SERVICES

The fall semester has been extremely busy for CES. Johnson State has hosted several open houses for Admissions, the annual Greening Summit, a Hunger Banquet, the annual Guidance Counselor Breakfast, the fall blood drive, the VSC conference for Resident Assistants, a meeting of the Fund for JSC members, dinners for guest lecturers Luma Mufleh and Warren St. John, weekly Writing Department readings, Teachers Learning Center presentations, donor luncheons, numerous events for Alcohol and Drug Awareness Week, and several events for the Student Government Association, Break Away and students clubs.

In addition to hosting several end-of-semester events, CES is finalizing plans for upcoming spring-semester events and starting the planning process for summer camps, conferences and events.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (IT)

Since our last report, the IT department has implemented an Open Directory Mac server, which streamlines the process for managing and updating the 21 high-end Macs in our new Media Arts Research Studio, commonly referred to as the MARS lab. Wireless coverage has been expanded to cover the five classrooms in McClelland Hall and two additional classrooms in the Library and Learning Center. We’ve also installed the latest versions of SPSS (statistical) software in three computer labs — in Martinetti Hall, McClelland Hall and the Library & Learning Center.

In response to an increase in the number of web-based meetings and webinars, both IT and Media Services are devoting additional resources to support such events.
Media Services has upgraded three additional classrooms with improved projection technology and recently purchased 10 new high-definition flash camcorders and accessories for student use.

Instructional-technology specialist Paul Bloomhardt has taken and passed the Macintosh Desktop Support test and received Apple Certified Support Professional 10.6 certification.

ADMISSIONS & FINANCIAL AID

We were pleased in late November to welcome back our Admissions staff “road warriors” — Elga Gruner, Joye Lyon, Julie Noyes, Rebecca Pastor and Pat Rogers. Having returned from eight weeks high school visits and college fairs, they are now settling down to review applications for the spring and fall 2011 semesters. We are grateful to part-time recruiters Mallory Hazen ’11 and Tommy O’Connor ’09, who represented JSC at high schools in New Jersey, New York and Pennsylvania during this time as well.

As noted, our focus now shifts from travel to file review. Spring applications are down for first-year and transfer students but up 60 percent in our External Degree Program (EDP). Overall spring numbers are 137 compared to 141 last year at this time, but deposits are up 15 percent (61 vs. 53 last year). We anticipate a last-minute surge in spring 2011 applications for EDP and transfer students, so we have planned three Transfer Days in January to expedite the review process for these applicants. During Transfer Days, students have an opportunity to meet with staff in the Advising Center to register for courses and take care of other business prior to the Winter Welcome on Sunday, January 16.

Meanwhile, a snapshot of our incoming fall 2011 applications shows a 16% increase (115 vs. 99) over the same day last year, with increases in both in-state and out-of-state applications. We are cautiously optimistic that moving to the Common App, the online application used by more than 400 colleges and universities nationwide, will give JSC more visibility, especially with out-of-state prospects.

Some highlights from the Admissions Office:

- Two Saturday open houses — on October 16 and November 6 — brought 136 students and a total of 316 visitors to campus. We are grateful to the many people who pitched in to make these events a success:

  Faculty: Susan Green, Tom Ware, Henrique Cezar, Norm McElvaney, David McGough, Karen Uhlendorf, Tania Baccuus, Mary Martin, Fred Wiseman, Chris Aubuchon, Russ Longtin, Steve Blair, Tyrone Shaw, Jacob White, Gina Mireault, Reed Fisher, Hans Haverkamp, Brad Moskowitz, Susan Calza, Paul Silver, Collette Foster-Weston, Elizabeth Powell and Sharon Twigg

  Staff: Dave Bergh, Clyde Stats, Sara Kinerson, Mike Osborne, Jen Stefanski, Lisa Cummings, Tim Russo, Jeff Bickford, Karen Madden, Heidi Wrighton, Sherlock Terry, Kim Goodell, Chelsea St. Louis, Michele Whitmore, Jan Herder and his crew, Danielle Spring and Allie Cunningham


  Alumni: Hope Dooley, Scott McDowell, Jeremy Rector and Jefferson Hales

- Guidance counselors from Hanover/Lebanon, New Hampshire, and from area high schools — including North Country, Lamoille, Fairfax and Thetford — visited campus November 9 for our annual Guidance Counselor Breakfast. Faculty presenters included Ken Leslie, Sean Clute, Les Kanat and David McGough.

- We hosted six out-of-state receptions for prospective students — in New York (Lake Placid and Saratoga), New Hampshire (Lebanon and Manchester), Massachusetts (Raynham) and Connecticut (Rocky Hill). We were fortunate to have the assistance of alumni at several of these events.
• In addition to our “regular” fairs and visits, staff attended five national college fairs for the first time. **Pat Rogers** represented JSC at fairs in Oregon, Washington and Idaho, while **Penny Howrigan** provided information and materials about JSC at a large national fair in Minneapolis.

• A new “Admissions Ambassador Club” has been launched by **Dominique Couture** to support JSC recruitment efforts. Some 25 students attended the first meeting. Training is under way to prepare these students to talk to students about JSC at their former high schools and to assist at other Admissions events during the spring semester.

• Several students are videotaping their peers at JSC about their college experiences and contributing to the “Badger Blog,” an online forum written entirely by students. These new-media mavens include **Dominique Couture**, **Ira Tillsburg**, **Ashley Bourdeau**, **Ashley Carrington** and **Kylie VanEtten**.

• Current JSC students have played an important role in fall recruitment efforts. Senior **Dominique Couture** attended a college fair at St. Michael’s College and presented to several English classes at Peoples Academy, seniors **Rob Key** and **Toni Little** presented at Massachusetts high schools during October break, **Sara Ann Wolfe** accompanied staff member **Joye Lyon** to a fair in Plattsburgh, and **Lisa Korth** represented JSC both at a University of New Hampshire college fair and at Oyster River High School. Several other students have accompanied staff to high school visits in Vermont.

• Faculty, too, are helping with recruitment efforts. **Bethany Plissey** recently represented JSC at the National Performing Arts Fairs in Boston and New York, and **Russ Longtin** has scheduled high school visits on Fridays at several area high schools.

• Admissions has conducted several information sessions on campus — on Columbus Day, Veterans Day and selected Saturdays — and hosted group visits of high school students from VSAC, BFA-St. Albans, Enosburg High School and Williamstown High School.

**FINANCIAL AID**

Staff report that the federal Direct Lending process is now running smoothly. The future role of VSAC remains unclear at this time, but we’re hopeful that VSAC will have a role in servicing these loans.

Scholarship applications for JSC returning students for the 2011-2012 academic year are starting to come in. Information and applications are posted online at [www.jsc.edu/scholarships](http://www.jsc.edu/scholarships). The deadline is February 10 for part-time EDP students and February 11 for others.

**DEVELOPMENT AND ALUMNI RELATIONS**

**ANNUAL FUND**

Our largest appeal of the year went in the mail last month, with more than 9,000 letters seeking support for our annual fund. The goal of this mailing is to inform alumni, friends and parents of opportunities to help students; to seek repeat donors; and to garner new, general support.

**MAJOR DONORS**

Solicitation and stewardship of major donors is our main focus this fall. The Fund for JSC, the President’s advisory group on fundraising, met in October to further develop plans for special-focus campaigns; Development Director **Sally Laughlin** has travelled to New York, New Jersey and Maryland to visit donors; and several current and prospective donors have come to campus to meet with the president and tour campus. It is always a pleasure to reconnect with alumni and discuss donor opportunities, and we are encouraged by the positive response these efforts receive.