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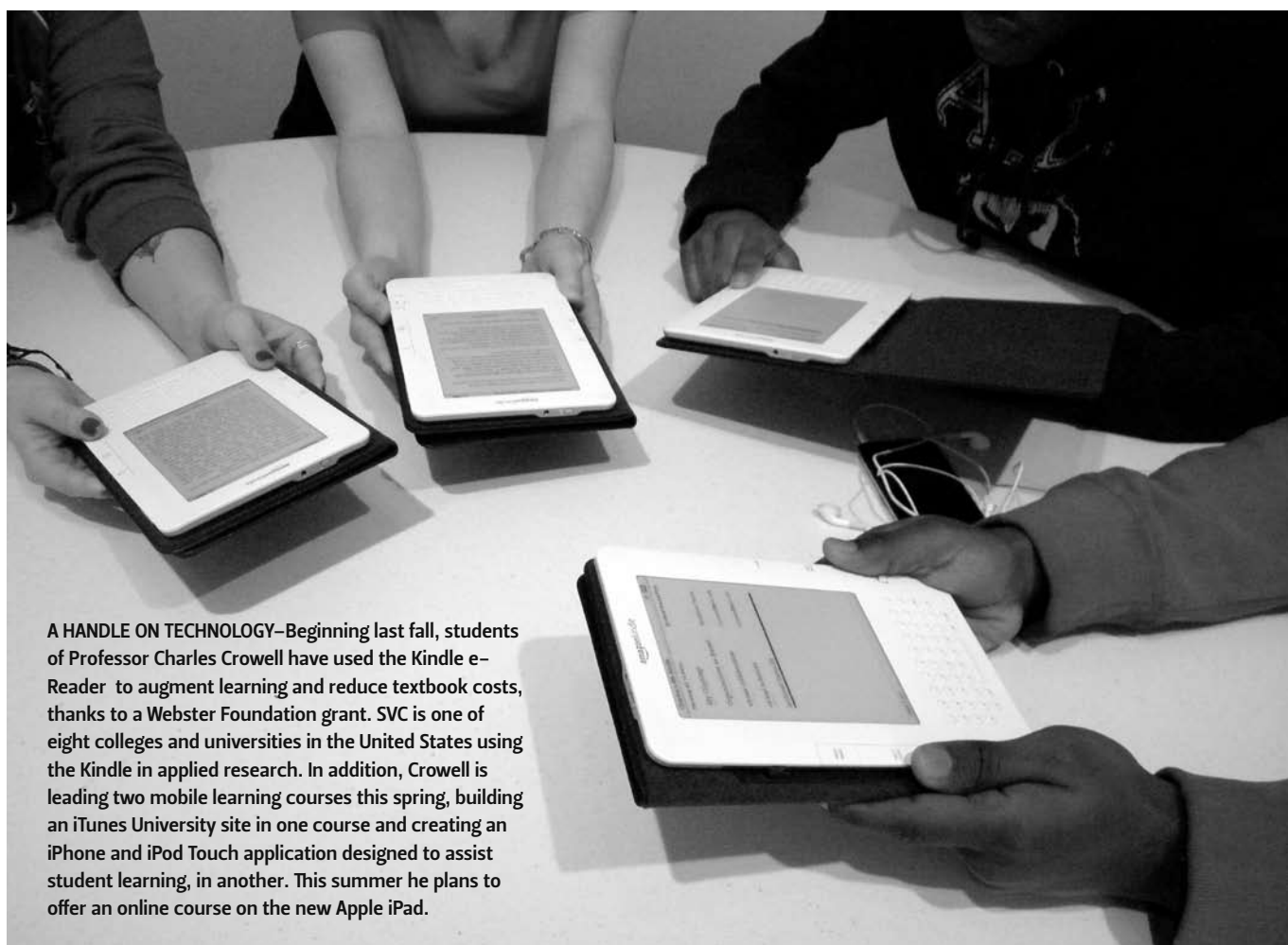
Hands-on Learning at SVC: Changes in the Digital and Pedagogical Realm

Under the bright lights in the Simulation Laboratory, four SVC Nursing students work together, collaboratively, to make an assessment of a pediatric emergency. Two of the students hover over Sim baby, Sam, checking vitals and asking questions of the concerned mother, role-played by a student. From the control booth, Professor Susan Sykas adjusts the baby's breathing and pulse rate, creating crying on cue.

An asthmatic condition was suspected at admission, doctor's orders were followed but the baby's response is not as it should be, so the ER doctor, role-played by another SVC student, is called back. In the safe setting of the lab, the team of students works confidently to run through the protocol for new treatment prescribed. "That is the beauty of working these simulated scenarios, over and over again," said Sykas. "The Sim mannequins are so realistic that Nursing students can practice many medical, surgical, pediatric and psychiatric emergencies in the company of their peers, before setting foot in a clinical setting."

In its Mission Statement, Southern Vermont College promises a "transformative living and learning experience." As the College transforms

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A HANDLE ON TECHNOLOGY—Beginning last fall, students of Professor Charles Crowell have used the Kindle e-Reader to augment learning and reduce textbook costs, thanks to a Webster Foundation grant. SVC is one of eight colleges and universities in the United States using the Kindle in applied research. In addition, Crowell is leading two mobile learning courses this spring, building an iTunes University site in one course and creating an iPhone and iPod Touch application designed to assist student learning, in another. This summer he plans to offer an online course on the new Apple iPad.

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"A GLORIOUS GRAND OPENING..."

This September, when SVC officially opened Hunter Hall and Greenberg Atrium, members of the Hunter and Greenberg families were there to share the moment, as were the SVC Board of Trustees, faculty, students, homecoming parents, alumni, community members, representatives from Senator Patrick Leahy's office and friends of the College.

RIBBON CUTTING—From left, SVC Board Member Mary Wicker; children of the late Irene Hunter, Jim and Susan Hunter; Selma Greenberg; David Greenberg; and Norman Greenberg.



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its physical plant and curriculum, the mission is being accomplished in new and compelling ways. The Simulation Lab, which opened this past fall, is just one example of the value of the hands-on approach in which students are learning while doing everyday at SVC.

In the spring of 2009, the College formally launched a curriculum revisioning process based on a laboratory approach to learning. A grant from the Davis Foundation allows SVC to transition over a three-year period to a 4 x 4 curriculum, with students taking four four-credit courses per semester as opposed to the current five course load of three-credit classes. "This allows students to study a subject in greater depth," said Provost Albert DeCiccio. "Laboratory learning at SVC acknowledges that mistakes can be made, that learning results from error and that getting it right the first time is less important than learning while doing over time." Provost DeCiccio is working with faculty in all divisions of the College on the curriculum transition.

Another lab-learning opportunity that has evolved in the sciences is currently underway with Professor Barry Flanary, PhD. Flanary's research project, the Alzheimer's Initiative, partners SVC with patients at The Memory Clinic in Bennington. This research-first for SVC allows students in healthcare to work as research assistants on a medically relevant study of dementia and Alzheimer's. "Students will play key roles, processing specimens, observing cognitive tests, as well as preparing analysis, presentation and publication of results," Flanary said, who added that including applied research to a resume can open up new career avenues for students in nursing and related fields.

Professor Charles Crowell's Build the Enterprise students have experienced laboratory learning from the start of the new Entrepreneurship major more than a year ago. First, using the



A SIM EMERGENCY—Nursing students in Melissa Colvin-North's class work on "patient" Everett, diagnosed with congestive heart failure.

Kindle e-reader as part of a pilot project, the students are now creating new iPhone and iPod Touch applications. Through a partnership with Drake University's Virtual Language Studies program arranged by Provost DeCiccio, several of Crowell's students are learning Mandarin Chinese in the context of Chinese culture before taking their studies to Asia next semester. "This type of work makes all of us step out of the box," Crowell said, "as we introduce our learners to the changing world and the way paradigms now work."

In January, SVC faculty participated in a workshop with Dr. Neal Lerner of Massachusetts Institute of Technology, which offered strategies for incorporating laboratory learning as an educational model. Provost DeCiccio thinks of the work as creating curricular and pedagogical history at SVC. "The more we find ways to promote active learning through our Sim Lab, our research, our entrepreneurial endeavors—the better we are able to provide our students with the scaffolding they need to succeed at SVC and beyond."

HENRY LOUIS GATES, JR., REFLECTS ON GENEALOGY EXHIBIT BY SVC STUDENTS



Students in Provost Albert DeCiccio's Quest for Success class last fall had an unusual quest: research their family story. Based on the studies of Harvard Scholar Dr. Henry Louis Gates, Jr. (known for his PBS-based miniseries, *Faces of America* and *African American Lives*) students in the "Exploring Faces of Diversity" class conducted DNA testing, oral and written historical research and then worked with the Bennington Museum to create a state-of-the-art exhibit to showcase their findings. Professor Gates, at left, met with students at the Museum before he spoke at a College event in December. His current series on PBS explores the genealogical history of twelve renowned Americans, including Malcolm Gladwell, Yo-Yo-Ma and Meryl Streep.



CAREER WEEK: ALUMS HELP STUDENTS TO PRACTICE INTERVIEW SKILLS

SVC's Office of Career Development recently hosted Career Week events for students and alumni, with sessions on writing resumes, mock interviews and the annual Career & Internship Fair, with 28 employers from the region representing all types of employment. Above, Don Desacia '95, '99, Head of Training for NSK America, Inc., conducts a simulated interview with senior Courtney Daly. Career Development Director Denise Spencer organized the mock interviews with SVC alumni so that students could benefit. "Marketing yourself is a powerful tool in the job search or career change process," Spencer said. For other tips on navigating the job market, visit the Career Development pages on the SVC Web site, www.svc.edu/student/career.html.



From the President's Office: Dr. Karen Gross

Transforming Places, Programs...and People

Recently, we had an alumni basketball game on campus; several SVC alumni returned to play or watch the game, which was wonderful. As much as the former students wanted to spend time re-connecting with each other afterwards, I wanted to make sure they saw the renovated dining hall and our new living and learning center, Hunter Hall, before leaving campus.

I think it's fair to say that this group of SVC alumni could not quite believe their eyes.

Mostly they commented on the difference between the dining hall that existed when they were students and the dining hall now. One former student, savoring a burger from the new dining room, told me he had spent four years at SVC eating only cereal. Another alumnus remarked on the different era, noting that in his day they didn't have computers or Internet. My favorite comment from a former student seeing Hunter Hall and Greenberg Atrium for the first time: this new building looks like "a ski lodge nestled into the mountainside," and he wished he could have lived there as a student.

These alumni were experiencing part of the SVC transformation, and it was exciting to watch their reactions. Yet, as important as the physical changes are (and watch for others to come in the near future), these are not the only changes occurring on campus.

Institutional transformation is underway within the academic programs, athletics, student services and residential life. Some examples: Our new Simulation Laboratory, enabling our health-care students to learn by doing, will be used this fall by our Criminal Justice students as well. Our Kindle initiative is helping our Entrepreneurship students examine new technologies; these same students are learning Chinese "in the clouds." Our athletic programs are growing. SVC's men's soccer team went on an unprecedented winning streak that was regaled in town, with regular *Bennington Banner* coverage.

There is one additional set of noteworthy transformations: the changes occurring within our students themselves.

Many of the students graduating in May 2010

entered SVC at the same time I did. To share in their personal and intellectual growth is remarkable. These students are graduating with new skill sets and tangible leadership capacities. They have worked hard, and I, along with the faculty, staff and coaches, have been witness to their progress. They have enriched the SVC community, and, I can confidently predict that they will do SVC proud in the future.

A recent issue of *The Chronicle of Higher Education* gave plentiful examples of SVC's transformative path in a lead article. This issue of our Chronicle describes tangible symbols of institutional growth. Enjoy all of these transformations—of places, programs and people.

It is my pleasure to share them with you.

READ THE PRESIDENT'S BLOG:
"Higher Education Matters"
at <http://blogs.svc.edu/president/>

FACULTY PROFILE: SCOTT STEIN

Division Chair, The Donald Everett Axinn Division of Social Sciences

Last summer, Assistant Professor of Psychology and Division Chair Scott Stein and his wife took a cruise through the inland passageways of Alaska, "easily one of the most magnificent places I have ever been." They had decided on a different sort of adventure this year. Amidst the glaciers and waterfalls that most tourists want to see, the couple added a few extra activities: horseback-riding through the valley, riding ATVs through the plains, zip-lining down a mountain... Stein returned to SVC refreshed and recharged.

Taking a different approach is a reoccurring theme for Stein and his division. Stein started teaching at SVC in 1998, joined full time in 2003, becoming Division Chair in 2006, just after the degree was revised. In the four years since, Stein said he and faculty are seeing interesting results from some of the changes made along the way, including the way psychology is taught, "the way we are asking students to think about the information," Stein said, and how they are using it out in the world.

"We teach psych from a real-world perspective," Stein explained. "When we teach theory, for example, it's important to get students thinking about how theories are used in practice. This way of teaching has more psych students looking into furthering their education, which offers them more flexibility in the degree career choices." Having adjunct faculty that work in the

"There is no better feeling than watching a student evolve from being a collector of information to becoming a consumer of knowledge."

field is important, Stein added, to reinforce those career choices.

Graduate school options in the program include a master's in psychology, a doctorate in psychology and a master's in social work. Nearly 100 percent of the SVC psychology majors who graduated last spring were accepted and continued on to a graduate degree program, according to Stein.

"Every year I get e-mails from students that tell me they are successfully putting theory to practice," Stein said. "Then I know we've hit the mark of where we're supposed to be." As the College examines curriculum changes with its transition to laboratory style learning, Stein's division values feedback from recent graduates even more. "That's the fun part," he said of molding a new curriculum for his charges, sounding like a man who has zip-lined the frontier.



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Carmen Lawrence, Anita Hill and Susan Hunter Named to SVC Board

The Board of Trustees at Southern Vermont College have announced three new members, Carmen Lawrence, Anita Hill and Susan Hunter. Board Chair Wallace Altes welcomed the additions, saying, "Each of these outstanding individuals brings a unique and special blend of talents and perspectives to the Board and the SVC Community."



Carmen Lawrence, J.D., is co-head of securities enforcement and regulation practice and litigation partner with the international law firm Fried,

Frank, Harris, Shriver & Jacobson. Since joining the firm as a partner in 2002, Lawrence's practice focuses on representing parties in investigations and litigation conducted by the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), as well as providing crisis management to companies on obligations under federal securities laws. Lawrence co-chairs the Subcommittee on SEC Enforcement and Civil Litigation of the American Bar Association's Business Law Section and serves on various boards. She earned her law degree from the University of Michigan Law School and a Bachelor of Arts degree from Cornell University.

Anita Hill, a professor at Heller School for Social Policy and Management at Brandeis University, has taught law and social policy for 25 years and lectures widely in the U.S. and abroad on race and gender issues. This past

April, Hill spoke to a standing-room-only crowd at the annual Four College Issues Forum, held at the Bennington Center for the Arts and sponsored by Bennington College, MCLA, SVC and Williams College. Hill's testimony during the confirmation hearings for then Supreme Court nominee Clarence Thomas put her in the public spotlight. In 1997, her memoir, *Speaking Truth to Power*, examined the hearings. Hill serves on a wide range of boards and has written numerous articles and commentary for *Time*, *Newsweek*, *The New York Times*. Hill received her law degree from Yale University and a degree in psychology from Oklahoma State University.

Susan Hunter is the newest member of the Board, inducted in February 2010. Hunter, a resident of Dedham, Massachusetts, and Manchester, Vermont, is a member of the Board of Overseers for WGBH in Boston since 2005. Hunter has devoted much of her time to educational service, serving on the Board of St. George's School in Newport, Rhode Island, from 1996-2008. She was instrumental on the Executive Committee and Finance Committee and was Chair of the Committee on Trustees for the School. Hunter also served as Board Chair while a member of the Board of Trustees for the Dedham Country Day School from 1991-2004. Hunter earned her master's in social work from Rutgers University and a Bachelor of Arts degree from Smith College. She is the daughter of the late Irene Hunter, a supporter of SVC whose gift catalyzed development of the College's Hunter Hall.



ALUMNI PROFILE: SUE WISKOSKI '79

At Home Helping in Covenant House, New York

by Daryl Kenny, Director of Alumni & Annual Giving



Susan Sage Wiskoski '79 is the embodiment of the SVC Mission Statement, which promises a transformative experience. In 1971 with children growing and marriage ending, Sue began to audit classes at St. Joseph College. After taking several courses, she was called aside by then-President Jim Donahue and asked why she wasn't taking the courses for credit. She explained that as a single parent, she couldn't afford it. "You already have a year's worth of college credit," he protested. "That's like money in the bank!" Donahue helped her find scholarships to

cover the cost of her education. Juggling family, job and classes, she graduated from SVC in 1979 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Education.

While in school, as a non-traditional student, Sue initially felt like an outsider. Ultimately, she found her younger colleagues to be "a revelation." Recalling a course where the instructor presented thorny problems and asked the class to find solutions, she took a look at one issue and thought, "There's no way out of that." When the younger students came up with creative answers, she realized that she was reflecting her own inability to move forward. The traditional students taught her how to think outside the box and get a new perspective on life.

After graduation, Sue went to work at the Southwest Vermont Supervisory Union as a para-educator. She got her teaching certification and taught Business Education at the Vocational Center in Bennington for the next 15 years. Upon retirement, Sue traveled with a humanitarian aid organization to Honduras, a country still in the throes of the devastation of Hurricane Mitch. What she experienced was life altering. Upon returning to the United States, she resolved to do what she could to make the world a better place.

In 2001, Sue applied to Covenant House New York, the nation's largest adolescent care agency, serving 7,000 at-risk youth each year. Once again, the age difference with the many volunteers she worked with set her apart. She's learned, however, that she is respected by her younger colleagues as well as the residents and clients of Covenant House for having open-mindedness, the "the long view." In the same way SVC students helped give Sue a different perspective about youth, she is changing young minds about older people. As Administrative Assistant to the Coordinator of Volunteers, she loves lending a helping hand to youth in crisis. "I know that what I do makes a difference," Sue said.



BUSINESS FORUM: HARRY GOLD '91 KEYNOTES ON SOCIAL MEDIA

Alum Harry Gold spoke to a large gathering of area business folks at SVC's Small Business & Entrepreneurship Forum in February, during National Entrepreneurship Week. Gold, president of Overdrive Interactive in Boston, an online media consulting firm, offered tips on marketing small business through social media. The event was co-hosted by SVC's McCormick Division of Business, the Vermont Small Business Development Center and the U.S. Small Business Administration. Chittenden Bank and Bluehouse Group, a web development firm in Burlington sponsored the event. Area professionals from the Development Center, the national Small Business Administration, Chittenden Bank, SCORE (an organization of retired executives who offer free counseling for business owners), Bennington Economic Community Development Center and Bennington County Industrial Corporation were also part of a panel that talked about the many current advantages to owning a small business.

The Amazing Joe Karnik '10: 1,000 Points, 500 Rebounds

By Joe Frey '08, Sports Information Director

Joe Karnik is a name known around campus. That goes without saying, as the six-foot, six-inch business major, fitted with 190 pounds of lean basketball build, is hard to miss in a crowd of students gathered at the dining hall. In his final chapter at SVC, a season riddled with injuries, Karnik surpassed two College milestones, scoring his 1,000th point and pulled down his 500th rebound. The Mountaineer Maniacs, a pep club developed by student ambassadors Dave Gage '11 and Aaron Eschler '11, led the countdown as Karnik closed in on the 1,000 points.

The shot that broke the milestone came in a game at Wheelock College in January. SVC fans, including President Karen Gross, traveled to celebrate with Karnik. "Joe has been a stand-out performer since his arrival at SVC," said Head Coach Michael McDonough, "His ability to play the rim has proven both effective and entertaining and it's been great to watch his game expand as



he moved his ability to score away from the hoop; he's a powerful rebounder and shot blocker." McDonough commented on the respect and admiration Karnik receives, not only from the SVC community but opposing players, coaches and officials. "I will miss having Joe on our team," McDonough added.



Hoopla on the Courts: Alumni Return

Several SVC Basketball players returned to SVC this January for the mid-winter matchup against the current Mountaineers Men's Basketball team, in the Field House. The alums fought the good fight, relenting to the younger team with a final score of 100-99 points. SVC President Karen Gross welcomed the alums back to campus. From left to right in photo: Jeff Burke '96, Drew Santandera '03, Provost Albert DeCiccio, Chris Davis '99, Charles Beekman '02, President Gross, Raphael Salazar '97, Troy Alfred '99, Kevin Lavigne '95 and Jason Vautour.



SVC'S FALL MOUNTAINEER INVITATIONAL: A HOME RUN

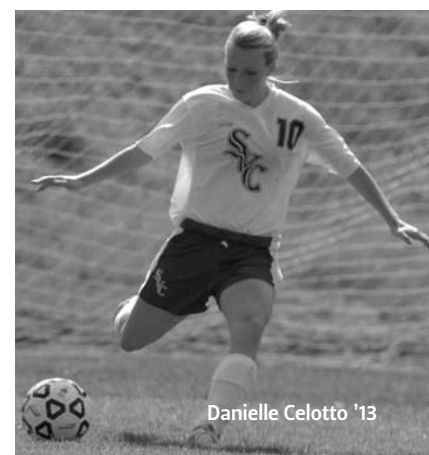
The Southern Vermont College women harriers keeping pace on the home campus last fall in this photo are Brittany Stark '12 (#127), Victoria Hernas '13 (#126), and Erin Prom '13 (#129). Both the Women's and Men's Cross Country teams had strong showings for the season, with the women's team earning its second NECC Team Sportsmanship Award in a row.

Sports Roundup: Mountaineers on the Move

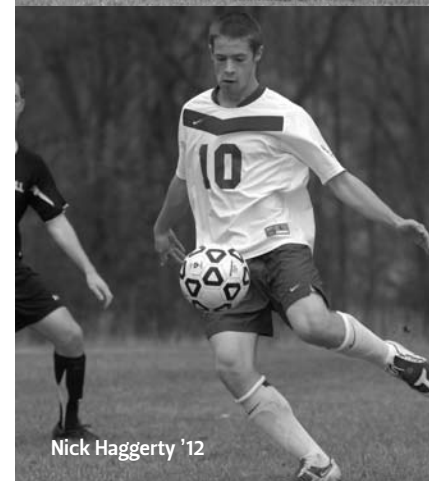
The Mountaineers saw many achievements with the Men's Soccer team (11-8-1), coached by Tim Penrod, making it to the New England Collegiate Conference (NECC) semi-finals against Daniel Webster that resulted in a 1-0 loss. Forward Nick Haggerty '12, hiked up the SVC all-time points leader list with 41 points and earning an All-NECC First Team bid. Haggerty also won a spot on the Eastern Collegiate Athletic Conference (ECAC) First Team All-Stars. Also gaining Conference recognition was freshman Adrian Alexis who won the NECC Rookie of the Year and All-NECC First Team honors, Aaron Eschler made the All-NECC Second Team and Tony Martinez made All-NECC Honorable Mention.

The Women's Soccer team, coached by Shawn Holcombe, with the help of alum Leslie Surdam '09, earned the NECC 2009 Team Sportsmanship Award. Danielle Celotto '13, was a strong defender. Newcomer Amber Mulhern was named to the All-NECC Honorable Mention list.

This winter, Women's Volleyball, under new Head Coach Carmine Garofalo, improved statistically. The Men's and Women's Basketball



Danielle Celotto '13



Nick Haggerty '12

teams made SVC proud, with the Men hosting the NECC quarterfinal in January. Two of the SVC players received Conference recognition: Joe Karnik on the conference First Team and Lance Spratling '11 making Second Team.

To get the full spring schedule of games, visit www.svcatletics.com and locate the calendar events in the right column.

Class Notes

Updated announcements can be found on www.svc.edu/alumni. **Send your announcements to the Alumni Office today!**

Lewis Cameron '81 is currently working for the National Alliance for Affordable Benefits in Raleigh, NC. The company represents over 70 insurance plans in North Carolina, and they pride themselves on providing their clients with more coverage at a better price.

Merritt "Bud" Hewitt '85 celebrated his 90th birthday on October 25th, surrounded by friends and family at the Old First Church Barn in Bennington. There was fabulous food, marvelous music and wonderful wine from daughter Sandra's Napa vineyard. Best of all, Bud was hale and hearty and thoroughly enjoyed himself!

Travis G. Lebel '89 has been appointed Zone 1-A Chairperson for the Vermont Lions Club.



Everett Williams '94 decided to skip the Alumni Basketball game on January 30, because his wife was getting close to her due date. Good call! Journey Everett Williams decided to make his appearance that day, at 7 lbs., 8 oz. Mom and Baby are doing fine; Dad plans to start teaching him layups later this year.

Noreen Lenilko '98 has returned to SVC as Interim Senior Case Manager for Upward Bound, a college preparatory program which helps students develop the skills they need for post-secondary success. Noreen's responsibilities include academic counseling, career development, college prep and post-counseling for alumni of Upward Bound.

Jon D. Lumbra '98 was elected to the office of City Treasurer of Holyoke, MA, unseating the 21-year incumbent. Lumbra, a Criminal Justice major, worked his way through school as a Bennington County police officer.



Chad Schmidt '96, '98 was sworn in as Bennington County Sheriff on October 1, 2009. He was appointed by Governor James Douglas to succeed longtime Bennington County Sheriff Gary Forrest, who retired. As if that wasn't enough, he and wife Jaime-Lynn welcomed twins in June!



"I Won an iPod!"

Thressa Brace '05, was the jubilant winner of the Alumni iPod drawing from the fall issue of the *Chronicle*. Above, she receives her prize from SVC Director of Alumni Relations and Annual Giving Daryl Kenny.

Kacey Caprari '03 is making the world a better place working at the Office of Child Support for the state of Vermont. Although she admits it can be stressful at times, she enjoys working with children and families. She's so good that after a number of contentious arbitrations, she's actually gotten thank you notes from both parties! On December 12, 2009, Kacey participated as the alumni representative in an on-campus panel discussion with prospective high school students.



No one can fault **Briec Della Rocca '05** and her husband, former SVC staffer Jared, for calling brand new daughter Charlie Starr their little pumpkin. She arrived on Halloween, 2009!

Sandy Marks '07 represented SVC at a college fair sponsored by Vermont Law School on November 20, 2009.

Keep the Photos Coming! Please e-mail your 300 dpi jpegs to alumni@svc.edu.



Joe Frey '08 and his wife Sara welcomed Evan Jacob on August 28, 2009, at 8:07 a.m. He weighed 6 lbs., 4 oz. All is well; big brother Isaac is taking charge!

Zach Garafalo '09 has begun work for the State of New York as Youth Power Coordinator for the Families Together program. He is overseeing the implementation of a statewide grant that, when implemented, will offer career-focused mentoring services to young people who have been in and out of the juvenile justice system. He's also responsible for fundraising for Youth Power, and facilitating the board and working groups of Youth Power's youth-run board. To check out the program go to www.ftnys.org.



Anja Peck '01 married David Hickock on September 5, 2009. They make their home in Newberry, Florida.

Sarah Bull '06 became engaged to Kristy Lynn Samson on September 5, 2009, at Footbridge Beach in Ogunquit, Maine. An October 2011 wedding is planned.

Trista Hoot '09 wed Mike Comtois on September 12, 2009. They have purchased their first home in Rutland, Vermont. Friends can contact Trista at thoot6@gmail.com.

Ashley Gallant '04, '07 is engaged to marry Justin Walker. A September 2010 wedding is planned.

Jessica Chase '09 and **Derek Nagle '08** were married in August.



Are You a Golden Alum? Come Celebrate!

The College invites alumni who graduated 50 or more years ago to attend and be honored at Commencement Exercises on Saturday, May 8, 2010. The ceremony will begin at 1:00 p.m. on the front lawn of the Everett Mansion. For more information and to register for this special opportunity, please contact the Office of Alumni Relations at 802-447-6357 or alumni@svc.edu.

IN MEMORIAM

Donald Everett Axinn: SVC Friend and Mentor



Donald Axinn addresses students, faculty and community guests at the 2009 Axinn Community Leadership Dinner.

The College mourns the loss of a special friend, Donald Everett Axinn, for whom the Division of Social Sciences was named in 2005. Axinn, who passed away in October, was a writer, real estate developer, avid pilot and sportsman. He was a man who was deeply committed to public service as well as many cultural and literary pursuits.

An author of eight volumes of poetry, Axinn's articles and essays have been published in *The New York Times*, *Newsday*, and *Anteus*. His novels include *Allan*, *Burning*, *The Ego Makers* and *Spin* (which was adapted into a Hollywood film.) He was devoted to The Cradle of Aviation Museum on Long Island and served as Trustee Emeritus for The Nature Conservancy.

"Don's courage and his passion for life were inspiring," said SVC President Karen Gross. "I will miss his wisdom, his advice, his attentiveness and his belief in the possible. Most of all, I will miss his friendship."

Axinn's wife Joan is a trustee of Southern Vermont College. In his estate, Axinn included a \$25,000 gift to SVC, designated to create an endowed annual humanities award. Axinn was a former dean at Hostra University where he also earned a master's degree in Humanities. He earned a bachelor's degree in English and Fine Arts from Middlebury College. He has received five honorary degrees, including one from Southern Vermont College in 1991.

SVC marks the passing of:

Linda Lee Pudvar Williams '78
November 5, 2009

Catherine M. Murphy '41
November 7, 2009

Ellis D. Winslow '34
December 7, 2009

Marjorie Towslee Roberts '55
December 18, 2009

Melissa Ann Tarbox '03
November 12, 2009

Lt. Eric Shulander '91
January 28, 2010

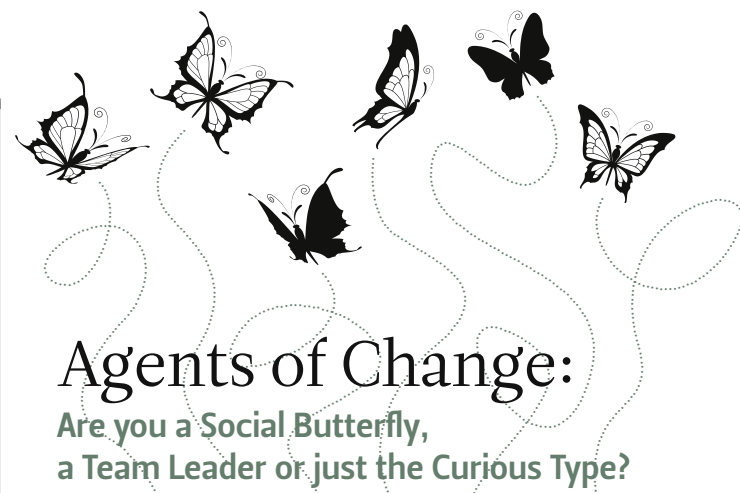
Alums Reconnect: "I Want to Find..."



The Alumni Office gets many calls from former students trying to reconnect with old friends. Last week, we heard from a woman who had lost track of her best friend at SVC. Fortunately we had up-to-date contact information, and the next day we received a joyous e-mail from her about how wonderful it was to reconnect with her friend. Another alum planned to relocate to South Carolina and heard a fellow grad was living in the region, but in that case, we had no up-to-date information so we couldn't facilitate the connection.

Help us help you to find each other. When someone contacts our office, we take their contact information and check our database. If we have up-to-date information, we get in touch with the second contact and give them the initial caller's information, ensuring that your privacy is protected; it is up to them to follow through.

Go to www.svc.edu/alumni/survey.html and update your contact information today. You never know who might be trying to find you!



Agents of Change:

Are you a Social Butterfly, a Team Leader or just the Curious Type?

Then perhaps you'd enjoy being a **Class Agent**. Class Agents contact classmates to secure news for *The Chronicle*, promote upcoming alumni events and ask classmates to support the College's annual fund effort. If you would like to serve in this important role, please contact Director of Alumni Relations Daryl Kenny at 802-447-6357 or dkenny@svc.edu.

Growing and Giving:

Recent Gifts to Southern Vermont College

Dean of Advancement Karen Trubitt is pleased to report that, despite the state of the economy, giving to the College remains strong. Several critical new initiatives have been launched through the vision and support of dedicated funders. Recent gifts include:

- The estate of Donald Everett Axinn's provided funding for an annual endowed humanities award.
- The Milton and Dorothy Sarnoff Raymond Foundation provided funding in support of a lecture as well as a youth writing contest, a gift which reflects the contributions Dorothy Sarnoff made to the field of communications throughout her impressive career.
- Trustee Deborah Wiley and international law firm Fried, Frank, Harris, Shriver & Jacobson provided lead gifts to a new research initiative with the SVC Science Lab. This leadership support helped spur a number of related requests, now in the process in the foundations community.
- Leo Gothardt, a trustee of the Donald Axinn Foundation, made a major gift to the College's Annual Fund.

Some facts to note about this year's Annual Fund: Nearly 40 percent of gifts received were from alumni and parents. Ten percent were from first-time donors. While the number of overall gifts has not increased for the Annual Fund, the average alumni gift has increased substantially, from \$66 to \$96. We're chugging along in our goals for SVC and appreciate all support. If you have made your gift, *thank you!* If you are considering a gift, *thank you!*

Visit www.svc.edu/support to make your gift today!



Upcoming Events at SVC



Sandra Jordan

INNOVATION SERIES: Luxury Goods Entrepreneur Sandra Jordan
Alpaca: From Commodity to Branded Luxury
TUESDAY, MARCH 2, 2:45 P.M., EVERETT THEATRE, SVC



Annette Gordon-Reed

FOUR COLLEGE ISSUES FORUM LECTURE:
Dr. Delos "Toby" Cosgrove, CEO/Cleveland Clinic.
Developing a Health Care System for the 21st Century
FRIDAY, MARCH 5, 8 P.M., MCLA, NORTH ADAMS, MASS.

INNOVATION SERIES:
Pulitzer Prize-winning author Annette Gordon-Reed
Presidents, Family and Culture: Rethinking History
FRIDAY, MARCH 19, 7 P.M., BENNINGTON CENTER FOR THE ARTS



Katherine Paterson

2010 VERMONT READS SELECTION
Children's book author Katherine Paterson, *The Day of the Pelican*
TUESDAY, MARCH 30, 7-9 P.M., EVERETT THEATRE, SVC

ADMISSIONS SPRING OPEN HOUSE
SATURDAY, APRIL 24, 9 A.M.-2 P.M., FIELD HOUSE, SVC

ALUMNI REUNION WEEKEND
FRIDAY, MAY 7 THROUGH SUNDAY, MAY 9

SOUTHERN VERMONT COLLEGE 83rd COMMENCEMENT
SATURDAY, MAY 8, 1 P.M.

FAMILY & HOMECOMING WEEKEND
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 25 & SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

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