

CBU to Offer Master of Arts in Catholic Studies



Brother Vincent Malham and Bishop Terry Steib sign their support for the new Master of Arts in Catholic Studies program as a partnership between CBU and the Catholic schools in the Diocese of Memphis.

CHRISTIAN BROTHERS UNIVERSITY will offer a Master of Arts in Catholic Studies beginning in August. This 30-hour graduate degree program will include traditional classes held one day a month for six hours with each course lasting sixteen weeks. Courses will be additionally supported with significant on-line components.

The program will be offered in cohort fashion with a group of students beginning and moving together through the course offerings.

CBU President Brother Vincent Malham and Bishop J. Terry Steib signed their support in January for the partnership with Memphis Catholic Schools for the new program.

“The Master of Arts in Catholic Studies is being developed for several different markets,” said Tony Aretz, CBU academic vice president. “The program is designed for local teachers of religion in Catholic primary and secondary schools, directors of religious education in Catholic parishes, and those preparing for other ministries within the Diocese of Memphis, as well as teachers in Little Rock and Jackson, MS.”

“The goal of the program is to broaden and deepen our understanding of the rich Catholic tradition through study of theology and the interdisciplinary study of Catholicism’s influence in the world,” said Dr. Peter Gathje, chairman of the Religion and Philosophy Department. “The program will offer systematic and critical exploration of the diverse ways in which the Catholic tradition informs theology, culture, institutions, and identity.”

Courses titles include “Catholic Thought and Culture Through the Ages,” “Catholic Biblical Studies,” “Moral Theology,” “Catholic Social Ethics,” “Catholicism and Other Faith Traditions,” and “Ecclesiology and Ministry.”

Students interested in the graduate degree in Catholic studies will be required to submit an application form, official transcripts from all institutions attended, two letters of recommendation, and an essay. Foreign students must submit documentation of degree equivalency and TOEFL scores. For more information, call the School of Arts at (901) 321-3335 or visit the web at www.cbu.edu/arts/macs. ■

ARTS KUDOS

► **Dr. Lavern Terrell** (Education) presented at a paper entitled “Navigating the Discipline Maze: IDEA and the You” at the 51st Annual Conference of the Education Law Association held at the Peabody Hotel in Memphis in November.

► **Jana Travis** and **Francis Taga Nuwagaba** (Art) were interviewed on Channel 3’s *Live at Nine* in December. They discussed their own artwork, art classes at CBU, and projects Taga has established in Uganda.

► **Dr. Lisa C. Hickman** (English, Adjunct) reviewed Joan Didion’s *The Year of Magical Thinking* for the fall literary supplement of *The Memphis Flyer* (November 24 issue).

► Psychology majors **Cristin Cox** ('06), **Daniel Salvaggio** ('06), and **Mindy Parnell** ('05) have had their paper on “The Effects of Political Advertising Message and Candidate Gender on Likelihood to Vote for the Sponsoring Candidate” accepted for publication in *Psi Chi Journal of Undergraduate Research*.



CBU Professor's New Book Focuses on IT and Project Management

A NEW BOOK by CBU professor Dr. Dan Brandon, focuses on information technology (IT) and how it relates and applies to successful project management in business and industry.

Project Management for Modern Information Systems (IRM Press/Idea Group Publishing; 417 pages; 2005) describes and illustrates practices, methods, and tools for successful IT project management and is directed to IT project managers, aspiring project managers, and experienced IT personnel who wish to learn of new methods and tools.

"We are all familiar with the 'project managers' on hit TV shows such as *The Apprentice*," said Brandon. "In the 21st century, project management has emerged as one of the most important and successful of management disciplines. The techniques of project management are more appropriate to today's complex, fast paced and global corporate landscape than many classical management approaches."

A "project" is defined as a temporary endeavor undertaken to create a unique product or service; a

project is often an agent of change within an organization. Projects have been the normal mode of operation in certain industries such as construction, engineering, architecture, and advertising for decades. But as modern organizations need to be constantly changing to remain competitive in today's global economy, more and more business work is being set up as projects.

One of today's largest application areas for project management is in information technology. In IT, most projects still do not succeed. The Standish Group has been performing a study called CHAOS for about a decade, and in their recent report the IT project success rate for 2004 was only 28%. Brandon says his book specifically addresses this problem.

"A basic premise of this book is that IT project success involves a number of modern project management and software engineering practices and methods that can be collectively called 'IT Project Management Maturity,'" he said.

"There are three important basic themes are embodied in this maturity model, and they are: Do it right the first time; do only manageable portions at a time; and do it in a reusable and adaptable manner."

Brandon is a professor and chair of the Information Technology Management Department. He has more than 30 years of commercial experience in both the IT technical and management arenas. Before returning to the university environment, he was Director of Information Services at NASA's Stennis Space Center.

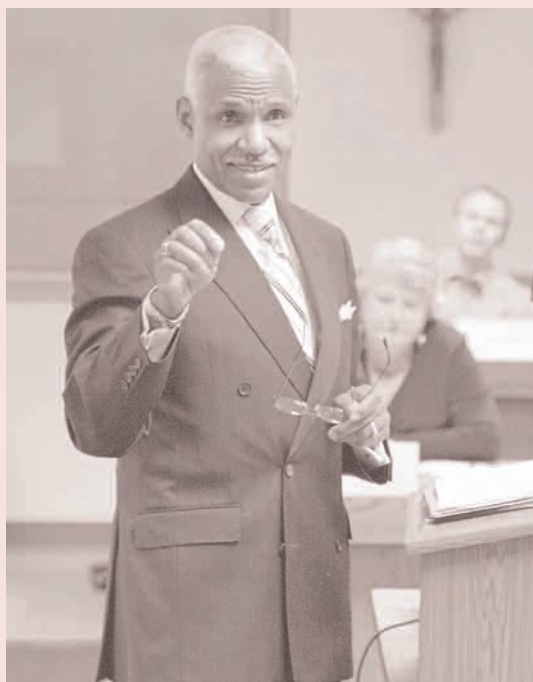
Brandon is an active member in the Memphis chapter of the Project Management Institute (PMI – www.pmimephs.org) which has rapidly grown to more than 400 local members. He also holds the Project Management Professional (PMP) certification from PMI.

Project Management for Modern Information Systems can be ordered directly from the publisher at www.idea-group.com or from amazon.com in hardcover, softcover, or PDF e-book. Idea Group Publishing is a leading international publisher of IT books, cases, and journals. They are headquartered in Hershey, Pennsylvania with offices in London (England), Melbourne (Australia), and Singapore. ■

BUSINESS KUDOS

► **Dr. Jeff Schultz** (Finance) was interviewed for Channel 3 News in November on business and private investing in music production companies and musical performers.

AC Wharton, Mayor of Shelby County, served as guest lecturer for a graduate-level course in "Executive Leadership" in February. The course is the introduction class in CBU's new Master of Arts in Executive Leadership program and covers a broad range of topics including group behavior, ethics, organizational design, self-development, and teamwork.



Safety First: Engineering Students Get Help from Experts



STEVE DUYM (center) spoke to Dr. Randel Price's Chemical Engineering class covering special topics in industrial safety (CH E 491) in February. On the topic of "PSM vs. RMP," he discussed the OSHA Process Safety Management and EPA Risk Management Planning standards and how they effect professionals in the chemical industry. He emphasized his opinion that the requirements of PSM and RMP have more impact on activities with regards to chemical process safety than other regulatory guidance. Other guest speakers and topics for the class this semester include Leo Old ('93) of Smith-Seckman-Reid Inc. on "Occupational Exposure," Paul Butler of Buckman Laboratories on "History of Process Safety," Lynn Richardson of Valero Refining on "Safe Work Processes," and Zach Robbins ('04) of Valero Refining on "Process Hazards Analysis and HAZOP." ■

ENGINEERING KUDOS

► **Dr. Ray Brown** (Mechanical Engineering) was interviewed in the November 21 issue of *Memphis Business Journal* in the "Street Talk" column for an item on cost-efficiency in heating systems.

► **Dr. Juan Carlos Olabe** (Electrical Engineering) was invited to teach a course in the Master of Science in Information Systems at Esigelec, in Rouen, France. CBU and Esigelec have collaborated since 1997 in areas of research and exchange of students and faculty.

► **Dr. Eric Welch** (Dean, School of Engineering), **Dr. Asit Ray** (Chemical Engineering), and **Dr. Siripong Malasri** (Civil Engineering) were interviewed for an article entitled "Packaged Engineering" in the December 16 issue of *Memphis Business Journal*. The article focused on CBU's packaging engineering program and its corporate funding.

IP Sponsors 2006 Packaging Engineering Workshop

INTERNATIONAL PAPER COMPANY Foundation has awarded CBU a \$5,000 grant to fund a workshop on packaging engineering for high school students in November.

The workshop will include an overview of packaging engineering, some fun hands-on labs and demonstrations, and a panel discussion with packaging engineering professionals. Funds will also be used to develop a website on packaging engineering geared toward 7-12 graders to encourage them to think of CBU and engineering as a career.

This is the third grant CBU has received from the IP Foundation in as many years. The first two grants supported the first two packaging summer programs for high school students.

The third packaging summer program for high school students has been scheduled for June 12-16, with funding from the Medtronic Foundation.

More information on packaging engineering is available at www.cbu.edu/engineering/packaging. ■

CBU Sciences Plays Host to Regional Science Olympiad

SCIENCE KUDOS

► **Brother Kevin Ryan** (Physics) attended the annual meeting of the Tennessee Academy of Science in Martin, TN in November. He presented a paper at the History of Science sectional conference on “Medieval Studies of Motion.”

► **Dr. Malinda Fitzgerald** (Biology) gave three talks to Collierville High School science classes. The talks covered several topics, including visual pathology, stem cells, and CBU’s MHIRT program.

► **Dr. Mike Condren** (Chemistry) and chemistry seniors **Oscar Herrera, Eleenaw Jefferson, and Priya Patel** attended the Arkansas IDeA Network of Biomedical Research Excellence research symposium at the University of Arkansas in February. The students presented their senior research project in the poster competition, and Dr. Condren presented a workshop on “Exploring the Nanoworld.” Priya’s poster won a second-place award (see Class Notes on page 35).

THE SCHOOL OF SCIENCES hosted the West Tennessee regional Science Olympiad for the first time on February 25. Ten teams (five middle schools and five high schools) participated, bringing about 150 students to campus.

The Olympiad included 28 events, 14 in each division. Some events involved design, in which teams built something (such as non-motorized vehicles, robots, bridges, towers, and trebuchets) in advance and brought them in for testing. Other events involved identification, answering of questions, or performing experiments. Science Olympiad events are designed to demonstrate understanding and mastery of science, mathematics, and technology concepts that require not only knowledge and problem-solving skills but also the ability to work together as a team.

The two schools with the two highest results in each division were awarded a place in the state competition at the University of Tennessee in Knoxville on April 1. For more information on the Science Olympiad, visit www.soinc.org. ■



Above: A trebuchet catapult fires its tennis ball ammunition in an event called “Storm the Castle.” Right: A pressurized “bottle rocket,” literally made from a plastic soda bottle, is launched.



ATHLETIC KUDOS

▶ Buccaneer guard **Sam Bradley** (Management '06) was named the Gulf South Conference West Division Player of the Week for the period ending December 21.

▶ Buccaneer first baseman **Michael St. Cin** (Business, '06) was named by the coaches of the GSC to the Pre-season All-Gulf South Conference team.

▶ Lady Buc softball centerfielder **Hannah Shackelford** (Biology, '07) was named a Pre-Season All-Gulf South Conference selection by the coaches of the league.

▶ A record six CBU student-athletes were named to their respective Gulf South Conference Fall Academic All-GSC Teams. Buccaneer soccer players **Chris Marwood** and **Nathan Chantara**, Lady Buc soccer players **Ciara McGuinness** and **Ella Thorsteinsdottir**, and Lady Buc volleyball players **Laura Washington** and **Nan Kimbrell** were all named to their respective teams. To qualify for voting on the Academic All-GSC Team, a student-athlete must achieve a 3.2 grade

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Nienaber Brings A Taste Of Cincinnati To Memphis

BY COLLEEN KANE
The Cincinnati Enquirer

MIKE NIENABER HAS lived away from Cincinnati since he graduated from La Salle High School in 1973, but over the years, he has made sure to keep a piece of the area with him wherever he coaches.

This year, he has five pieces that make up one very big part of his Christian Brothers University basketball team: sophomore forward Kevin Weybright, a Wyoming High School graduate, sophomore guard Justin Ray (Oak Hills High School), freshman center Nick Kohs (Lakota East High School), freshman guard Colin Flynn (La Salle High School), and red-shirt freshman forward Zach Welter (La Salle). Together, the five account for 43.5 points, 18.6 rebounds and 7.8 assists a game for the Division II Bucs.

"I have quite a strong connection there. It's worked out great for me over the years," Nienaber said. "... It's home. I go home for the holidays. I have a lot of friends there in coaching, which is very helpful. And I have a lot of ex-players who go back home and talk about it. It's always been a good tie."

Nienaber is in his seventh season coaching at CBU after 16 seasons at Bethel College in McKenzie, TN. There, he said he recruited 20-25 area players in the 1980s.

Last year was the first season his Cincinnati recruiting really has taken off since his move to Memphis. He had Weybright, Ray, Welter, and now-CBU assistant coach Jake Bazeley all on the team together.

"(Cincinnati-area players) come from high schools where it's tough competition night in and night out, so when they come to college, they're ready to play, especially at the Division II level," said Bazeley, an Elder High School graduate who played the last four years at CBU. "That's why Coach likes to recruit them."

The only other time Nienaber has housed this many area players on one of his college teams was in 1989, when five Elder High graduates all played on his Bethel team: John Kemper, Jeff Hemberger, Sean



Coach Mike Nienaber finished his seventh season at CBU by celebrating his 100th victory and taking the Buccaneers to their second GSC Tournament.

Mason, Jim Luebbe, and Dave Jesse. Kemper, who was second all time in scoring and had his number retired at Bethel, was the best area player Nienaber ever coached, he said.

"But Weybright might be pushing him right now," Nienaber said. "... Kevin's been unbelievable. He's one of the best offensive players I've coached, and he's worked on his defense, which was a liability and cut into his minutes as a freshman. He's gotten better. And he's a great team guy. He has a great feel for when it's his time to take it."

After playing last season behind a dominant senior class, Weybright dropped 15 pounds prior to this season.

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Cincinnati native Kevin Weybright led the Buccaneers this season with 21.9 points per game and was named Gulf South Player of the Week four times.

◀ ◀ ◀ *from previous page* son and has put up huge numbers in his first seven games. The 6-foot-6 forward averaged 21.9 points and 6.6 rebounds a game in the regular season. Earlier this season, he scored a career-high 35 and 34 points.

“It’s a combination of more opportunity this year and I’m in better shape than last year,” said Weybright, who was Gulf South Conference West Freshman of the Year last season.

Weybright has been joined in the starting lineup by Flynn (four starts), who Nienaber said has been a steady hard worker. Kohs has put up 8.6 points and 7.4 rebounds and has the potential “to be an unbelievable player at this level,” Nienaber said.

Ray, a former Oak Hills High quarterback, is still recovering from an ACL tear he suffered at practice last New Year’s Day, but is getting his touch back and averaged 7.9 points a game. Welter has seen time in four games.

The players returned to the Cincinnati area in November for the Northern Kentucky University Classic, which Nienaber likes to schedule every year. He and his players typically take in all the Cincinnati treats on the trip, practicing at Oak Hills and eating at Skyline Chili Thursday night, dining on LaRosa’s after Friday night’s game, and if they win Friday, eating at Montgomery Inn on Saturday night. This year, after going 1-1 in the NKU tournament, the players also got to attend the Bengals-Colts game November 20.

“It was tons of fun playing in front of all the peo-

ple we know, because a lot of them never get down here to see us,” Ray said. ■

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(The Buccaneers closed the regular season with a 15-12 record, 9-7 in Gulf South Conference play, their fourth winning season in a row under Coach Nienaber. The final regular season game, against Southern Arkansas University, was Nienaber’s 100th victory at CBU. The Bucs won a bid to the GSC Tournament for the second time under Nienaber, losing to Valdosta State in the first round. Center Nick Kohs was named the Gulf South Conference West Division Freshman of the Year. Kevin Weybright was named the Gulf South Conference West Division Basketball Player of the Week four times this season (for the periods ending November 22, December 14, February 1, and February 8) and was named to the GSC West First Team after leading the West in scoring and finishing second in the GSC in points per game.)

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point average, as well as being a starter or key contributor to his/her respective teams.

Forty-five CBU student-athletes were named to the Academic Honor Roll, which requires a 3.0 grade point average and team participation. **Every member of the Lady Buc volleyball team was named to the Academic Honor Roll.** In addition to the previously mentioned All-Academics, the following CBU students were named to the Honor Roll: Men’s cross country runners **Francis Ginski, Andrew Hayden, Stephen Hill, Ryan Ross, Daniel Syzdek, and John Waldorf**; women’s cross country runners **Laura Kreager, Jenny Mohan, Ashley Prevost, Lori Stewart, Kelly Summons, and Emily Wong**; men’s soccer players **Alex Balog, Ryan Heine, Brian McNamara, Harry Murphy, Ryan Peel, Chad Rounder, Matt Werakso, and Brad Whitsitt**; women’s soccer players **Jeanine Abel, Helen Goodacre, Embla Gretarsdottir, Colleen Hart, Kate Miller, Angela Papachristou, Sara Senkbeil, Danielle Sines, Ashley Smith, Joanne Tobin, and Rachael Valenzuela**; and volleyball players **Lauren Amundson, Bridget Buckley, Jenna Cherry, Brittany Cochran, Krista Gyarmati, Aubrey Pancratz, Stephanie Parker, and Hattie Schnacke.**