

SCHOOL OF ARTS KUDOS

▶ **Dr. Frank Buscher** (Outgoing Dean) gave a talk titled “Explaining the Holocaust: The Historian as Teacher and War Crimes Investigator” at Viterbo University in La Crosse, WI.

▶ **Dr. Elizabeth Broadwell** (Literature & Languages) presented a paper entitled “‘In All Ways Remarkable, the Rest of the Girls’: Voices in Lee Smith’s *The Last Girls*” at the Annual Meeting of the Tennessee Philological Association.

▶ **Dr. Roger Easson** (Literature & Languages) published an article titled “Why Senators Can’t Win: Or Why Hillary Can’t Win and Shouldn’t Run” in the Shelby Democrat, March 2006 issue. A second article titled “The Politics of Brokeback Mountain” was published in the April issue of the same journal.

▶ **Dr. Ellen Faith** (Education) presented a paper at the National Conference of the Association of Independent and Liberal Arts Colleges of Teacher Education (AILACTE) in San Diego, CA.

▶ **Dr. Peter Gathje** (Religion and Philosophy) presented a daylong class in April on social justice for men preparing for the diaconate in the Diocese of Memphis.

▶ **Dr. Scott Geis** (Religion and Philosophy) presented a paper entitled “Suffering (and) the Consolations of Religion” at the Eleventh Annual Christianity in the Academy conference at the University of Memphis in March and also participated in a brief panel discussion on various issues and questions related to the conference theme of Classical Education in the Post-Modern Academy.

▶ **Dr. Karl Leib** and **Dr. Marius Carriere** (History & Political Science) served as judges for National History Day at the University of Memphis in April.

▶ **Teri Mason** (Behavioral Sciences) took three Minority Health International Research Training (MHIRT) program student participants to the 66th Annual Meeting of the Society for Applied Anthropology, in Vancouver to present their research from summer 2005 projects in Uganda. Mason presented a paper titled “Student Opportunities for Support for International Research through NIH MHIRT Programs.”

▶ **Dr. Scott Nikaido** (Religion & Philosophy) gave a series of talks at the Idlewild Presbyterian Church entitled “The Jews, John, and the Gospel of Thomas: Understanding the New Testament Gospels” in April.

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Marius Carriere Named CBU Dean of Arts

DR. MARIUS CARRIERE has been named dean of the School of Arts at Christian Brothers University. Carriere has been serving as chairman of the university’s history and political science department since 2004. He came to CBU in 1980 and previously served as department chair from 1990 to 1996.

“We are pleased to have Marius Carriere to lead the School of Arts,” said Dr. Tony Aretz, CBU academic vice president. “He knows the school and CBU well and brings both scholarship and leadership to this important position.”

A native of New Orleans, Carriere holds a bachelor’s degree from the University of Louisiana-Lafayette, a Master of Arts from Stephen F. Austin University, and a doctorate from Louisiana State University. He is widely published in the areas of pre-Civil War nativism, slavery, and politics and served as editor of the West Tennessee Historical Society publication *Papers*. Carriere also recently served as president of the Tennessee Conference of the American Association of University Professors.

Carriere assumes the dean’s post from Dr. Frank Buscher, who resigned at the end of the 2005-06 academic year. ■



Dr. Marius Carriere

Screening Psychology

DR. ELIZABETH NELSON, professor of behavioral sciences, has published *Using Film to Teach Psychology: A Resource of Film Study Guides* online through the Office of Teaching Resources in Psychology (OTRP). Nelson completed her work with a \$2,000 grant from OTRP.

The 106-page resource offers psychology instructors tools for using films to enhance their instruction, drawn from Nelson’s own classroom experience.

“Student evaluations consistently indicate that films help them learn the topics, provide an alternative to traditional lectures, and give them a different point of view,” Nelson says. “However, students also say they do not like to view films if they do not understand the relevancy of the film to the course material.”

The study guides are divided into 23 topics, such as aging, anti-social personality disorder, diversity, psychopathology, religion, and women. Each topic is illustrated by at least one film, and the guides also include references and suggested classroom discussions.

To download a copy, visit www.lemoyne.edu/OTRP/otrresources/filmresources.html. ■

Ventura Receives Top Awards from State, Local Engineers

CBU Engineering faculty and students also recognized during Engineers Week



Claire Barnett, chair of the TSPE Awards Committee, presents the state organization's Distinguished Service Award to Dr. John Ventura.

DR. JOHN VENTURA, assistant professor of electrical and computer engineering at CBU, received the Distinguished Service Award from the Tennessee Society of Professional Engineers (TSPE) at the annual state meeting on June 9 in Franklin, TN, "presented in grateful recognition for contributions to the engineering profession."

The CBU School of Engineering received the award for Outstanding Employer of The Year from the state organization. TSPE is a state society of the National Society of Professional Engineers (NSPE). TSPE is the only engineering society in Tennessee that represents individual engineering professionals and licensed engineers across all disciplines.

The state award for Ventura followed his recognition with the same award by the Memphis chapter of TSPE in February "for his dedicated service... and his contributions to the local and academic community."

Ventura was also selected as the 2006 Featured *continued on next page* ▶▶

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▶ CBU psychology students presented research at the Mid-South Psychology Conference at Lambuth University in Jackson, TN in March. **Deborah Frey** and **Tabitha Hamilton** won second place with their research paper, "The influence of positive and negative dreams in relation to the presleep and post-sleep confidence levels." **Faisal Ansari** and **Tammy Ferguson** also won second place with their research poster, "The relationship between self-esteem and sexual practices of the youth population." Other students presenting research posters were **Beth Kimes**, "Stress of Alzheimer's disease in family caregivers and use of community resources"; **Andrea Bordwell** and **Candice Dixon**, "Relationship between a child's age at the time of parents' divorce and academic success"; **Rachel New** and **Lauren Nelson**, "Suicide and depression in adolescents and the effectiveness of counseling as a treatment"; and **Rachel Wheeler** and **Ashley Hum**, "The relationship between creativity and bipolar disorder on recurrent bad dreams and nightmares in college students."

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Certificate Program Offered in Project Management

BEGINNING THIS SUMMER, Christian Brothers University will offer a new certificate program in project management.

The program is designed for both newcomers who want to gain knowledge and a better understanding of project management and for project management professionals (PMPs) who want to enhance their skills. The program requires nine credit hours and can be completed in just six months.

"Project management skills have long been recognized as important to the engineering and development sides of organizations," said program director Dr. Bev Pray. "Management is realizing more and more that the planning and action skills necessary in project management are applicable throughout organizations."

Students in the program will take courses in project management, organization, planning and leadership, and project execution and control. Classes will meet Monday nights, 6:00-10:00 p.m.

The courses in the certificate program can be applied to graduate programs at CBU for students earning a Master of Business Administration (MBA) or a Master of Engineering Management (M.E.M.). Applicants must hold a bachelor's degree from an accredited university.

For more information and admissions requirements for the certificate program in project management, contact Pray at 901-321-3578 or bpray@cbu.edu. ■

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Engineer by the Memphis section of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers and was named the 2006 CBU Featured Engineer. He was recognized by the Memphis Joint Engineers Council at the Engineers Week Kick-off Luncheon on February 20. Ventura graduated from CBC with a B.S. in Electrical Engineering in 1965. He earned a M.S. degree from University of Florida and was recently awarded a Ph.D. from Nova Southeastern University.

Ventura taught at CBC from 1967 until 1972, when he left to pursue various jobs in industry including public works director and city engineer for the City of Greenville, MS, from 1992 to 1998. He rejoined the CBU faculty in 1999. Ventura is a registered professional engineer in Mississippi and Tennessee, and also a registered surveyor in Mississippi. He was a past chapter president of the Mississippi Society of Professional Engineers Delta Chapter. Currently, he is treasurer for the Memphis Chapter of TSPE.

Also during Engineers Week, **Andrew Warren** was selected as the 2006 Featured Engineering Student from Christian Brothers University. A civil engineering major with a 3.8 GPA, he graduated in May with a B.S. in Civil Engineering and a minor in Mathematics. For the past two years, Warren has worked for Kimley-Horn and Associates as a technical assistant. His activities with student organizations include serving as the corresponding secretary for Tau Beta Pi and treasurer for the American Society of Civil Engineers student chapters. Warren was elected to Alpha Chi Honor Society and served as a math tutor since 2003. His off-



Obviously this “Egg Drop” package didn’t survive the 60-foot drop in this year’s High School Engineering Competition. The Egg Drop winner (for the second consecutive year) was Annie Brulatour of Collierville High School. Contests were also held for “Balsa Wood Bridge” construction (won by Shane Louis Schreiber of Cooper Yeshiva High School) and “CO₂ Cars” (won by John Croce of Houston High School).

campus activities include serving as a team leader for Service over Self, an organization that has made repairs to homes of impoverished residents in the Binghampton neighborhood of Memphis. He is also an Eagle Scout from Troop 225.

As part of the Engineers Week Celebration, the School of Engineering recognized several outstanding engineering students and faculty. This year’s student award recipients were **Jiexin Deng**, *Featured Chemical/Biochemical Engineering Student*; **Andrew Warren**, *Featured Civil/Environmental Engineering Student*; **Chris Ramberg**, *Featured Electrical/Computer Engineering Student*; and **Amanda Alsbrook**, *Featured Mechanical Engineering Student*.

Faculty award recipients were **Dr. Randel Price**, *Featured Chemical/Biochemical Engineering Faculty*; **Dr. Siripong Malasri**, *Featured Civil/Environmental Engineering Faculty* and *Featured Engineering Management Faculty*; **Dr. Paul Shiue**, *Featured Mechanical Engineering Faculty*, and **Dr. John Ventura**, *Featured Electrical/Computer Engineering*.

The School of Engineering was also recognized as the Outstanding Employer of the Year by the Memphis chapter of TSPE. The award is presented to recognize a firm, company, or agency that has made outstanding contributions to the advancement and improvement of the engineering profession, engineering education, and the community and environment. **Dr. Neal Jackson**, director of graduate engineering, accepted the award at the Memphis Engineers Week Banquet. ■

SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING KUDOS

▶ **Dr. Siripong Malasri** (Civil Engineering) was presented with the Memphis-Area Joint Engineers Council 2006 Award of Excellence in February for his “outstanding achievements and devoted service to the engineering profession and public welfare, and for his continuous dedication and contribution to the community.”

▶ Three CBU engineering seniors received the highest poster awards at the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers SoutheastCon 2006, held at the Memphis Marriott in March. **Chris Ramberg** took first place for “Autonomous Robotics”; **Jennifer Kathleen Foley** won second place for “A FEMLAB Tutorial”; and third place went to **Phuc Linh Nguyen** for “Electrical System Design for Amazon.com.”

Students are Sweet on this Biology Experiment



▲ **Belén López ('07)** demonstrates the proper way to listen (yes, *listen*) to and (more important) taste chocolate.

HE'S AT IT again. Christian Brothers University biology professor Dr. Stan Eisen is known to offer the unusual from time to time. For the last experiment on his spring "Biology of Addiction" class, his students thought he was one sweet guy. It was chocolate experiment time. But not just any chocolate. Godiva chocolate.

The Third Annual Godiva Chocolate Tasting Session was held on April 26 in the Montesi Executive Center. The combined lab experiment and event was sponsored by the Oak Court Godiva Chocolatier of Memphis and the students.

To help the students better understand and better appreciate this important experiment, Marian Badger, manager of Oak Court Godiva Chocolatier, led the session on the proper ways to enjoy and savor white, milk, and dark chocolate.

Some of the method in this sweet madness was to see how people behave differently in the session. "It's no coincidence that a traditional Valentine's Day gift is chocolate," Eisen said. "We observe to see if and how women respond differently from men on their preferences and tastes."

A total of 132 students attended the event, of whom 95 were female and 37 were male. Eisen's scientific survey indicated that men were fairly evenly distributed in indicating which of the three flavors was their favorite, whereas women showed a clear preference for dark chocolate (about 40 percent).

We're not sure what scientific conclusion to draw from these results. All we can say is "Sweet." ■

SCHOOL OF SCIENCES KUDOS

▶ **Dr. Malinda Fitzgerald** (Biology) spoke on "The Integration of Life and Life Sciences" as part of the Seminary Chapel Series at the Memphis Theological Seminary in March. She also presented a paper on "Evidence for Facial Nucleus Regulation of Compensatory Choroidal Vasodilation in Response to Systemic Hypotension in Rodents" to the annual meeting of the Association for Research in Vision and Ophthalmology in Ft. Lauderdale, FL, and was a coauthor on another presentation on "RP1L1 is Required for Appropriate Outer Segment Formation." One of the coauthors was **Rebekkah Griffith** ('06).

▶ Senior biology majors **Jennifer Hendrick** and **Melissa Hines** presented papers to the Alpha Chi Honor Society Regional meeting in Wilmington, NC. Hendrick, **Christina Brown**, and **Jennifer Paxson** presented research papers to the Association of Southeastern Biologists meeting in Gatlinburg, TN, in March.

▶ Senior chemistry majors **Oscar Herrera**, **Eleenaw Jefferson**, **Priya Patel**, and **Sarah Wright** made oral presentations of their senior research projects at the 29th Annual Area Collegiate Chemistry Meeting at the University of Tennessee-Martin in April.



FRIES IN AMBER: Manny Patel ('05), then a senior in Dr. Sandra Thompson-Jaeger's microbiology class, visited a local Burger King on March 16, 2005, to collect a sample of French fries for class. Unaided and unrefrigerated, the BK fries resisted all bacteria, mold, and fungi for 14 months. Amazed (and a little frightened), Dr. Stan Eisen plasticized a few of the fries in resin. Eisen says they're suitable for trivets, wall art, and window decorations.

Buccaneer Third Baseman Named Baseball All-American

THE HONORS JUST kept coming this season for John Raymond Hehn ('06), the Buccaneer third baseman and pitcher better known to his teammates as "JRay."

Hehn finished up his senior year with one of the best offensive seasons ever at CBU, setting six different season records including batting average (.482), doubles (19), RBIs (64), total bases (137), slugging (.835) and on-base percentage (.563). Hehn's 13 home runs tied him for seventh in a season and his 79 hits were third best all-time.

He set the career record for doubles (46) and sacrifice flies (13). His three grand slams this year tied the career mark and is the second-highest season mark ever in the Gulf South Conference (GSC). His .482 batting average is the sixth-highest ever in the GSC and the highest average in the league since 1999.

The conference recognized the accomplishments of the Springville, TN, native by naming him to the first team All-GSC and then awarding him Gulf South Conference Co-Player of the Year honors. After that came first team All-South Central Region, first team CoSIDA Academic All-District, GSC All-Academic, and third team Academic All-American.

Somewhere amid all those accolades, Hehn was also named a second-team Rawlings/American Baseball Coaches Association All-American, becoming the first CBU baseball player to earn All-American and Academic All-American honors since the school moved to NCAA Division II in 1998.

Hehn was one of four Gulf South players to be named to the second All-American team; the conference led the nation with a total of seven players named All-American.

"JRay, like many that have preceded him, epitomizes what a CBU 'student-athlete' is," said head coach Phil Goodwin. "He combines baseball skills and school records with great academic achievement and is an accomplished leader."

Hehn said Goodwin was the only coach "who would take a chance on me out of high school."

Reached via email in Italy, where he was traveling with teammate Michael St. Cin ('06) after graduating in May with a business concentration in finance, Hehn said "I can't thank him enough for letting me play college baseball. He's a great coach and, more importantly, a great guy."

"My time at CBU was great. It was a great four years, and CBU gave me many opportunities."

Hehn hopes to have the chance to play baseball at the next level. "If not, then I will look for a job in financial planning," he said. "I hope to eventually work in either Nashville or Chattanooga, but will probably start in Memphis and go from there."

"I can only wish that my wife and I do as good a job raising our sons as the Hehn family has done with theirs," Coach Goodwin said. "JRay is irreplaceable as a player, a leader, and as a representative of CBU." ■ — JUSTIN MASKUS



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ATHLETIC KUDOS

▶ Softball pitcher **Nikki Dunn** ('09) was named the Gulf South Conference West Division Freshman of the Year as voted on by the coaches of the league. Dunn helped the Lady Bucs set school records for wins in a season, as well as conference wins this year. She finished the season with a 13-16 record and 242 strikeouts, earning a first team All-GSC West honor. Dunn led the GSC in strikeouts and strikeouts per game. and was named Pitcher of the Week three times.

▶ **Charlie Soukup** ('07) was named the GSC West Division Pitcher of

the Week for the period ending March 14.

▶ Buccaneer basketball forward **Kevin Weybright** ('08) was named to the second team of the Daktronics All-South Region Division II Basketball Team. He was also named Second Team All-South Region by the National Association of Basketball Coaches. He is only the second Buc to be named to an All-Region team.

▶ Shortstop **Mark Foster** ('08) was named to the first team All-GSC West. He had a .375 batting average, leading the Bucs in runs scored with 54 and finishing second in hits with 72.