

First Annual Chili Cook-Off



*Winner of the chili cook-off,
Julie Bransfield.*

Englese, Lori Harnett, Robert Congdon, and Julie Bransfield. After the suspenseful taste test, the judges anonymously cast their votes for their personal favorites. The decision was very tight and proved to be a challenge, but in the end Julie Bransfield's white cheddar chipotle chicken chili came out on top as the winner.

Laurel Rice took home second place honors with her beef chili, and Susan Englese received third place for her ground chicken chili. Honorable mention was given to Robert Congdon, Deb Dewey, Lori Harnett and Nancy Kline. Each chili was fantastic and had a personalized, unique flare and more than satisfied our hungry guests! We would like to thank everyone who participated in the Chili Cook-off, and to Rob Lukaskiewicz for organizing the event, as well as our four judges.

On Friday, November 21, CSJ held its first annual Chili Cook-off. Seven contestants entered their chili to compete for the heavily sought after giant Chili. Our esteemed judges consisted of Admissions Counselor, Jim Madgwick, our VISTA volunteer, Geoff Peterson, head baseball coach and resident director, Todd Carroll, and Clarke Congdon, manager of Sabby's restaurant and former Rutland Challenge Chili Cook-off winner.

The judges were given a blind taste test of the seven different chili's made by our contestants: Nancy Kline, Deb Dewey, Laurel Rice, Susan



The Judges; Jim Madgwick, Clarke Congdon, Todd Carroll, and Geoff Peterson.

Julie Bransfield's Winning Recipe



White Cheddar Chipotle Chicken Chili

3 lbs. boneless skinless chicken breast-cubed
1 cup white onion-diced
2 tbsp. olive oil
2 cups chicken stock or broth
2 tsp. garlic powder
2 tsp. ground cumin
1 tsp. salt
2 tsp. dried cilantro
1 tsp. dried oregano
¼ tsp. cayenne pepper
4 green onions-thinly sliced
2 tbsp. liquid from canned chipotle peppers
1 cup yellow cornmeal
2 cups shredded sharp white cheddar cheese

Sauté chicken and onions in olive oil on medium-high about five minutes. Add stock, garlic powder, cumin, salt, cilantro, oregano, and cayenne pepper.

Simmer 15 minutes. Add green onions and chipotle liquid. Slowly add cornmeal-stirring consistently until thickened. (This tastes better if you let it sit for a day.)

Lightly fold in cheese just before serving. Fills one crock pot-about 8 servings.

CONGRATULATIONS JULIE!

A Christmas Wish...



With the semester reaching its end, I want to personally wish all of you success as you complete term projects and prepare for final exams. It is our hope that through our journey this fall, we have encouraged and helped you to achieve your highest potential. Speaking on behalf of all of us at CSJ, I wish you a happy, holy and peaceful Christmas. Your membership in our community has made the college a very special place.

I am sure you are looking forward to spending time with family and friends during a much deserved break. I hope you return rested and enthusiastic to continue your studies in January. Enjoy your vacation, and remember that you will have a special place in our prayers and hearts as we celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ during this holy season.

President,
Dr. Frank Miglorie



Isaac Stuery, relaxing in his CSJ t-shirt.

Indiana High School Freshman Discovers CSJ

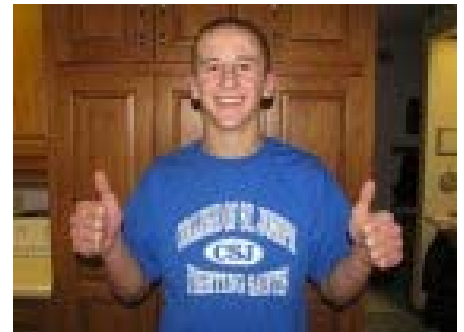
Isaac Stuery, a freshman from Leo, Indiana recently began his rigorous college search. He began to notice numerous schools of which he had never heard of, and realized that there were probably hundreds of schools across the country that had yet to be discovered. This

sparked an innovative idea for a school project: human advertising.

Isaac individually e-mailed over 1,700 schools across the country asking for contributions of their college t-shirts. "When people ask, 'Where is that school?' I can give them knowledgeable answers due to my extensive research on that particular institution. This is one example of how human advertising can be very effective," Isaac said.

One of the schools that was particularly interesting to Isaac was CSJ. He felt that CSJ offered facilities and programs equal to those schools of a larger size that deserved to be recognized.

Isaac hopes to fill his wardrobe with an extensive collection of college t-shirts, and wants to have a reputation for spreading the word around for smaller, unknown colleges and universities. Isaac now owns a donated CSJ t-shirt that he wears to inform others about the college and the types of programs offered here. The CSJ community commends young people like Isaac for thinking outside of the box and welcomes creative and bright ideas like human advertising.



Isaac Stuery, an Indiana high schooler, demonstrates his innovative idea: Human Advertising.

The VISTA Vault

It has been a spectacular semester in the Americorps-VISTA office. If you haven't come to visit, please do before the end of the semester to see what great changes and activities are taking place.

I would like to thank those who participated in the autumn yard clean up, the Day of Service, and the Halloween Float. They were all great projects and your hard work has set the stage for bigger and better community involvement activities.

I would especially like to thank the student groups on campus that have gone the extra mile to coordinate and produce positive projects on campus. The Human Services Club, Psi Chi, and SGA have done a tremendous job to bring innovative projects to life, such as the Haunted Trick or Treating, Stuff-a-Bus, and the Food and Clothing Drives.

There are still many great opportunities to get involved in before the end of the semester, including the Pick-A-Present and Stockings for Seniors. This is a wonderful way to contribute to those less fortunate during the holiday season. I am also looking forward to getting a group together for service at the local Dismas House, Community Cupboard, and elderly care projects before the end of the semester.

If you have any last minute project ideas or want to get involved, please contact me, Geoff Peterson at ext. 3297 or gpeterson@csj.edu.

Geoff Peterson

December 2008/January 2009 Newsnotes

Cultures of CSJ:

A Celebration of Martin Luther King, Jr.



The offices of Student Life and Academic Affairs are sponsoring a celebration of the birthday of Martin Luther King, Jr. on January 19, 2009.

Recognizing that Dr. King's visionary and prophetic leadership has created and fostered a condition of equality and opportunity for us all, faculty and students are asked to reflect on their own heritage, talents and opportunities. Faculty will be asking students to participate in a reflective activity during classes on Monday with every student then signing a puzzle piece.

The dining hall will be serving a variety of ethnic foods during lunch and dinner. Lunch is from 11:45-1:15 and dinner is at 5:30. All are welcome to enjoy the great food and participate in the fun.

At 2:45, faculty, students, staff and community members are invited to attend a celebration in Tuttle Hall. At that time, the CSJ chorus will provide an opening song, followed by a presentation by CSJ student Claudia Revenko-Bowen. Claudia will be telling of her journey that led her to become a member of our community and a citizen of the United States. At the conclusion of Claudia's presentation, a student representing each class will place their puzzle piece on the stage. The puzzle will represent the community of diverse cultures of CSJ and how Dr. King's legacy has assisted our community in understanding the importance of equality and opportunity for all. Dr. Don Harpster will conclude the celebration with a prayer of hope. Please join us as CSJ celebrates Dr. King's wonderful legacy of equality and opportunity. We hope to see you there.

Coaches' Corner



Senior, Michelle Thompson

Women's Basketball

The CSJ Women's Basketball team is currently 2-2. They lost to Albany Pharmacy and Castleton State College. Their two wins were over Word of Life Bible Institute and Southern Vermont College. Senior, Michelle Thompson (Plymouth, NH), is leading the offense with 22 points per game, and defensively, Sophomore, Steph Greeno (Brandon, VT), leads the team with over four steals per game. The Saints will finish up the semester with two tough road trips to Hesser College and Skidmore on December 9th and 10th. The women are working very hard, and are eager to begin conference play.

Men's Basketball

The CSJ Men's Basketball team is off to a 3-5 start this year under new Head Coach Phil Bartlett, clinching wins over Albany Pharmacy, Word of Life Bible Institute, and Houghton College. The team will face Green Mountain College on the road December 9th before a twenty nine day layoff. Early key performers have included freshman forward Brad Drysdale (Brooklyn, NY), whose rebounds and points have increased every game. Junior forward Doug Childs (Queens, NY) has proven tough to defend and has been a consistent scoring threat, as well as junior forward Tyler Herrington (Cambridge, NY), who was recently named to the All-Tournament Team during the Norwich University Holiday Tournament. The Saints will return from the holiday break to face Castleton State College on January 7th in a non-conference road game before beginning Sunrise Conference play.

Junior, Doug Childs



The Fighting Saints still have a lot of basketball left to play and hope to see you in the stands next semester.

December & January 2008-2009 Events Calendar

Wed., 12/10	Last Day of Classes
Thurs., 12/11-18	Final Exams
Thurs., 12/25	Christmas Day
Thurs., 1/1	New Year's Day
Thurs., 1/1	Full-Time Tuition Due
Sun., 1/10 at 1 & 3 PM	Women's and Men's Basketball vs. U-M Maine Machais
Mon., 1/12	First Day of Classes
Tues., 1/13, 5:30 & 7:30 PM	Women's and Men's Basketball vs. VT Tech
Sat., 1/17 at 1 & 3 PM	Women's and Men's Basketball vs. U-M Fort Kent
Sun., 1/18 at 12 & 2 PM	Women's and Men's Basketball vs. U-M Presque Isle
Sun., 1/31 at 1 & 3 PM	Women's and Men's Basketball vs. SUNY Canton



CHECK IT OUT!

Library hours for the semester break will be posted on the list serve and library entrance.

Reminder: Keep your College ID in a safe spot so that you don't lose it during the holiday break.

Many thanks to the students in Dr. Alis Headlam's "Children's Literature" class for displaying their creative projects in the library. Projects included displays of noted children's authors Laura Ingalls Wilder (Little House Series), Shel Silverstein (Falling Up, Light in the Attic, etc.), Norman Bridwell (Clifford the Big Red Dog series), David Shannon & Melinda Long (David series), Mary Pope Osborne (Magic Tree House series), Paulette Bourgeois and Brenda Clark (Franklin the Turtle series), and Jacob & Wilhelm Grimm (Grimm's Fairy Tales).

News From Arts & Sciences



The CSJ English Department is working with [Better World Books](#) and hosting a book drive over the next month. Unwanted books of all

varieties can be placed in the book drive boxes around campus. These books are then sent to either low-income areas in the United States or to developing countries. As a bonus, the English Department and Sigma Tau Delta [English honor society] get one dollar for every book that is donated. Thank you for your support!

Dr. Donald E. Harpster, Professor of History and Political Science and Chairperson of the Arts and Sciences Division, attended a program entitled "Delight and Wisdom: The Life and Poetry of Robert Frost," at Middlebury College, November 14-15, 2008. This event was the fall meeting of the Vermont Humanities Council. Speakers included experts from around the world discussing the works of Robert Frost. Frost had taught at the Breadloaf Writers program of Middlebury College.

Education Division Announcements

Please Read!!!

Mandatory Meeting for Fall '09 and Spring '10 Student Teachers

If you plan to student teach during the above semesters you **MUST** attend one of the following meetings.

**Wednesday January 14th at 4:00 PM,
Room 105**

OR

**Thursday, January 15th at 7:00 PM,
Room 105**

If you are unsure if this applies to you, contact the Education Division Office to check on your status. If you want more information contact Tina Knapp, Director of Student Teaching and Placements at tknapp@csj.edu or 773-5900 ext. 3254.

Midnight Cravings!

Tired of Studying?

Take a break and get some food!

Medaille Lounge

Open 9:30 PM – 12 AM

Thursday 12/11

Sunday 12/14

Monday 12/15

Sponsored by the Education Club.

Another Successful Phonathon!



We are happy to report that with the help of CSJ students, faculty and alums, we raised a

total of \$9,310 which was very close to our goal of \$10,000.

The students that participated were Angela Houle, Chad Wilson, Lisa Lawrence and Robert Congdon. Please make sure that when you see them you thank them for their support of CSJ. The winner of the \$100 challenge was Robert Congdon. He was working for Phi Alpha Theta and because he raised the most in annual fund pledges, his club will receive a check for \$100. Congratulations, Robert.

The development office would like to thank everyone who took the time out of their busy schedules to make calls. We really appreciated your help.

Sincerely,

Deborah Doenges
Director of Development

Are you planning to graduate on May 10, 2009?

If so, please stop by the Registrar's Office as soon as possible to complete a graduation application. The deadline is Friday, December 19, 2008. Please note that an application needs to be completed whether or not you intend to participate in the ceremony.

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