



ONE PROFESSOR'S VIEWS ON EDUCATION – By Robert Kenny

YEARS AGO, WHEN I READ THE POEM *SOMETIMES* BY HERMAN HESSE, I was moved to understand the truly important role that education can play in an individual's life.

Sometimes, when a bird cries out,
Or the wind sweeps through a tree,
Or a dog howls in a far-off farm,
I hold still and listen a long time.

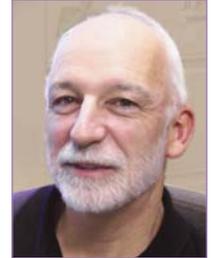
My world turns and goes back to the place
Where, a thousand forgotten years ago,
The bird and the blowing wind
Were like me, and were my brothers.

My soul turns into a tree,
and an animal, and a cloud bank.
Then changed and odd it comes home,
and asks me questions. What should I reply?

Education plays many roles in our society from the mundane to the sublime. I suggest that one role of a good education is to help us form those questions referred to in the poem, and attempt to answer them. This type of education ultimately helps us discover and lead the best life we are capable of, a good life. A good life does not necessarily require wealth or heroic achievement, but is almost always enhanced through coherence and understanding, by nurturing interest and involvement, and allowing for success to come in many forms, some traditional and some not.

How does education contribute to these possibilities? Some connections are obvious, natural, functional, and even necessary.

At the base, one does need to put bread on the table and a roof overhead. To do this one needs to make a living, and in our contemporary society making a living and having an education are closely allied. I won't go into the particulars of this alliance, but suffice it to say, they are important allies.



Still, to paraphrase, in search of making a living one should not forget to make a life worth living. It is in this capacity that a good education and a good institution of higher education can play a role that others can not or, at least, do not play.

One way that a good education can assist individuals is by enabling them to write their own script, to be the architect of their life, a

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STUDENT PROFILE: Alex Monahan '08



ALEX MONAHAN MAJORS IN ACCOUNTING AND MINORS IN BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION at Saint Michael's College. He plans to

complete his bachelor's degree this May. Alex truly enjoys the Accounting program and feels a strong connection with his professors.

Alex is a very active member of the Saint Michael's community. He is the Student Association President, as were two of his

brothers before him, he is a coordinator of the Little Brother/Little Sister program, and he is highly involved with LEAP. Not only does Alex contribute and participate in numerous campus activities, he also is one of the top students in the Department of Business and Accounting. Alex has made many networking connections through his role as SA President. He has had the opportunity to meet the Board of Directors of the College, and currently, Alex works with our new College President, Jack Neuhauser to help him develop closer relations between Saint Michael's business firms and graduate programs in Boston.

Last summer, Alex held an internship at Anglo-Irish Bank in Boston, a commercial real estate lending company. He worked on market research and analysis. Alex has been offered and has accepted a job after college at a financial advising and accounting firm in Boston. He will begin work as an auditor, but plans to strive toward other goals as well. Alex feels that his accounting major and business administration minor will help him with many opportunities in the future. He is a highly motivated and intelligent student, who has totally embraced his college experience. Alex exemplifies the success of the Department of Business and Administration and Accounting Department here at Saint Michael's College. ■

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life that is authentic and true to core principles. To accomplish this, a good education provides individuals with the skills and the impetus to direct their own education and become passionate lifelong learners. Put another way by William Least Heat Moon, "Education is thinking, and thinking is looking for yourself and seeing what's there, not what you were told is there."

Some of the key ingredients in that undertaking are the capacities to listen and hear, to observe and understand, to touch and feel, to communicate clearly and persuasively, to identify and solve problems, to seek the truth, to respect others, to practice tolerance, and to engage in self evaluation. In addition, a good education helps identify passions and ways to pursue those passions. By accomplishing these goals a good education helps us become a good and contributing family member, friend, and citizen. One who strives to lead others, their community, and the earth a better place.

It is quite easy to tie most of these goals to the mission and programs of Saint Michael's College. The College is clearly committed to the objectives of aiding one to realize their full potential, to become good and decent members of their community, to pursue interest with passion, to understand the interrelationship between humans and the effects we have on our environment. Saint Michael's educational philosophy of nurturing the desire and providing the tools for students to pursue education throughout their lives are ideal for the task of helping them lead a fulfilling life. Encouraging individuals, students and others, to better understand themselves and others and to make be involved in their communities and to make informed decisions, is critical to a meaningful life. The College's core of well conceived and high quality programs has within them the capacity to support these goals. The Department of Business Administration and Accounting builds on those strengths and adds to them the unique blend of professional utility and intellectual understanding. It is this combination that seems to me to be the value that Saint Michael's and the Department imparts to its graduates and we are all thankful for that. ■

SIGMA BETA DELTA

Congratulations to the following students who were inducted into Sigma Beta Delta on November 3, 2007:

JUNIORS

William A. Borrelli

SENIORS

Arianne M. Bedard

Kyle G. Gingras

Owen J. Glubiak

Timothy A. Humphrey

Frederick C. Kirwin

Dustin K. Partlow

Maryse R. Smith

Timothy G. Williamson



Sigma Beta Delta (SBD) is the International Honor Society for Business, Management and Administration.

To be eligible, students must be ranked in the top 20 percent of their overall class as reported by the Registrar's Office, and eligible juniors must also have completed two or more 300-level required BU classes.

If you would like additional information,
please contact Diana Hoppe, Administrative Assistant
at dhoppe@smcvt.edu



FACULTY PROFILE: *Joanne Scott*



JOANNE SCOTT TAUGHT HER FIRST COURSE AT SAINT MICHAEL'S IN 1991. The course, "Investment Analysis and Portfolio

Management," was an MSA course. It wasn't long before the department realized that Joanne was invaluable to the college and asked her to teach undergraduate courses in the Fall of 1992. She has been teaching in both programs ever since.

In 1990, Joanne worked as Vice President of Corporate Finance at Morgan Stanley in New York City when she and her husband, John, decided to marry and move to Vermont to raise their family. Shortly after moving to Vermont, Joanne met Jon Crystal through the board of Burlington College.

He suggested she speak with someone at Saint Michael's about teaching in the MSA program.

Joanne said, "I could teach forever; it is always rejuvenating! Business, finance and the world keep changing, and so do the students. I thoroughly enjoy helping my students learn and appreciate that Saint Michael's students seek help from professors as needed. In contrast to investment banking where the client rules the investment banker's life, as a professor, I create my own work demands. This working style highly motivates me. Similar to investment banking, I still have very important clients: my students."

Joanne earned a B.A. in economics from Middlebury College (1975), an MBA from Amos Tuck School of Business Administration at Dartmouth College (1977), and worked 12-plus years in corporate finance at Morgan Stanley. She worked in New York City with numerous domestic and international companies where she provided corporate finance advice, helped clients through the public offering process, and worked on the equity syndicate desk where new issues were priced. She

specialized in ADR offerings (foreign companies issuing stock in the U.S. market) and also worked from 1985 to 1986 in Morgan Stanley's Tokyo office as the corporate finance liaison with New York.

As a professor, Joanne has been most inspired by her professors from the Tuck School. They were extraordinary teachers and were always up to date with their connections to the outside business world. Dennis Logue, her finance professor at Tuck, inspired her to teach finance. She was also motivated by her finance experience at Morgan Stanley, where high quality was a must in both the product and her relationship with clients. Joanne believes it is so important to bring the "real world" into the classroom, and her strong background helps her accomplish this task.

Some of the most rewarding times in her teaching experience are when students, whether with internships or in their careers, tell her they learned from her, which helped them in the outside world. ■

STUDENT RESOURCE CENTER EVENTS

Tuesday, November 13

Peace Corps Information Table

11:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. in Alliot Lobby

Wednesday, November 14

U.S. Marine Corps

10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. in Alliot Lobby

Monday, November 19

Resume Workshop

4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. in Alliot Vermont Room

Wednesday, December 5

Resume Workshop

4:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. in Alliot Vermont Room

The Student Resource Center calendar is available on the following Web site:

www.smcvt.edu/studentlife/src/default.asp

ALUMNI PROFILE: *Matthew Pascual '96*

MATTHEW PASCUAL GRADUATED FROM Saint Michael's College in December 1996 with a degree in accounting. He minored in history. Matt has recently joined Ernst & Young's Prague Human Capital practice as a Senior Manager. He has been assigned to Prague for two years and has over 10 years of experience in the management of expatriate programs, international assignment planning, and international assignment policy review. Matthew is currently the only point of contact for many key executives throughout the world. His knowledge and experience with multinational companies of all sizes will help strengthen this market leading tax practice in Prague. Matthew assists companies, in the Central European marketplace, with issues that arise with cross-border employee moves.

“They not only taught me accounting, they also taught me how to apply that knowledge in real life.”

According to Matthew, “I would honestly say that my education helped build the foundation for my career. I received a comprehensive liberal arts education at Saint Michaels, which covered many subject areas such as history, religion, economics and business. Many thanks to my accounting professors: Professor Kenny, Professor Walker, and Professor Voigt. They not only taught me accounting, they also taught me how to apply that knowledge in real life. Professor Kenny has especially been helpful to me for many years after my graduation. He has provided critical insights into the business and accounting profession and has acted as a sounding board for my questions.” ■

A MESSAGE FROM THE ACADEMIC INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

– By *Joanne LaBrake Muehlberger, Internship Director*

THERE ARE SEVERAL IMPORTANT REASONS TO PURSUE AN INTERNSHIP during your college experience. Internships help strengthen your resume, help build your network connections, and give you the opportunity to explore the job market. If you want to pursue an academic internship in January, then be sure to attend one of the informational meetings that will be held next semester. Students will receive an e-mail announcing each meeting.

Should you have questions, please feel free to call me at extension 2314 or send me an e-mail at jlabrake@smcvt.edu.

Knights and Days in Business & Accounting is coordinated by Adrienne Charboneau, MSA Graduate Assistant.

The Department of Business and Accounting would enjoy hearing from you!

Please feel free to share your comments with us at acharboneau@smcvt.edu.