

# JAMES MADISON SCENE

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alumni, students, faculty,  
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## Coffee Shop Café Barista Now Open for Business

Madison students and faculty are enjoying the attractive atmosphere and delicious coffees and pastries offered at the Café Barista, the newest gathering spot in Case Hall. Not since the Case Hall grill closed in the early 1990s have Madison students had a place to hang out in their residence hall. The café is also a hub for nonresidents of Case Hall. The café was completed at no cost to Madison with the generous support of Assistant Vice President of MSU Housing and Food Services Chuck Gagliano and Case Hall manager Tim Knight. It is also an indirect result of the Porteous Challenge, which encouraged the review of potential improvements to the Madison environment.



*Café Barista Opening  
From left: Sarah Spanioto,  
Sherman Garnett,  
Angela Brown, Kiri Herronen*



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# From the Dean

## A Year of Accomplishments



Sherman Garnett

Without doubt, the best thing about being dean at Madison College is knowing that this time of year brings good news to report and accomplishments to celebrate. Our long tradition of student and faculty achievement continues this year, bolstered by new accomplishments that also speak well of the college's strengths, diversity, and momentum. Forgive me for not resisting the temptation to boast a little.

Let's begin with our students. **Kathleen Romig** won MSU's first Mitchell Scholarship for study in Ireland, beginning what I am sure will be a Madison tradition here that follows our success in the Rhodes, Marshall, and Truman competitions. **Andrew Krepps** also became an MSU first, receiving a prestigious Junior Fellowship from the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace in Washington, DC.

Madison students **Austin Carson** and **Calum Matheson** reached the national semi-finals for debate. Madison first-year students **Greta Stahl** and **David Strauss** were the first MSU freshman team to reach the final 16 in cross-examination and to place in the top 25 at the National Debate Tournament.

The Student Senate hosted its second annual charity ball this spring. Over these past two years, they have created a new spring tradition of celebration and giving back to a local charity. I hope the modest alumni attendance at this event will grow in the years ahead, for it is a great way to get acquainted with students and see old friends.

Four faculty won prestigious awards this year. Professor **Michael Schechter** received the MSU Distinguished Faculty Award and the Honors College Award for Distinguished Contributions to Honors Students. Professor **Colleen Tremonte** won the MSU Alumni Club of Mid-Michigan Quality-in-Undergraduate Teaching Award. Professor **Curtis Stokes** was honored with an Excellence in Diversity Award, and Professor **Mark Elder** was named the latest in a long line of Madison Lilly Fellowship winners. They join a large roster of Madison award-winning teachers.

Professor Stokes also chaired the planning committee for a second successful conference on "Race in 21st Century America," which just took place in early April 2001. Madison was one of two major sponsors of this conference, which brought nationally and internationally prominent speakers to campus for serious debate on one of the most important issues facing the country. Professor **Norman Graham** is finishing up the planning for a Madison-led conference in Romania that will look at democratization and market reform throughout the former USSR and Warsaw Pact states.

We received the go-ahead to add three new faculty positions and are working to find the best candidates to fill them. We also have established a new Madison College teaching post-doctorate fellowship, which we will fill with a strong candidate interested in learning how to teach in this challenging and rewarding environment.

The Porteous Challenge has been met. Renovation of the library will commence in early May, and the renovated facility will be dedicated this fall. New lounges and a state-of-the-art coffee

shop have launched the face-lift of Case Hall. In the years ahead we hope to continue to improve the physical appearance of the college.

Our alumni support is growing, with more than 100 of you agreeing to provide advice and assistance to recent graduates. I have already used this network to find jobs for students. The honor roll of donors in this issue demonstrates the growing financial commitment you have made to the college. That commitment supports an important program of unendowed scholarships I established last year designed to support incoming students at \$500-\$1,000 per year for their entire four years. Eventually, the college will need \$24,000 per year when this program is fully implemented. It will support the periodicals and new books we need for the renovated library. It gave me the confidence to replace all the computers in the college and not just half. In short, your help made an enormous contribution to the work and success of the college this year.

Madison has always been a special place, attracting outstanding students, faculty, and staff; blessed by an accomplished alumni; and still moved by political and community challenges and responsibilities. Such a combination is always worth celebrating, but its maintenance and growth continually demand more from all of us—students, faculty, staff, and alumni. So enough boasting. Get back to work!

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Sherman W. Garnett". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Sherman Garnett, Dean  
James Madison College

*I need your help. As we update the JMC Website, explain the college to foundations and other donors, and work with prospective students, we want to convey both what a Madison education is and what it has meant to its graduates over the years. To do so, I would like to collect paragraph-long statements from alumni reflecting on their time at Madison and what it has meant to them in later life (see examples throughout this newsletter). We will use these paragraphs in our outreach to a wider public. If you are willing, please send me your thoughts and reflections. A selection of these will also appear in future issues of the newsletter.*

# Madison Alumni Help Write U.S. Election Postscript

Two JMC alumni, **Richard Cordray** (JMCD '81) and **Michael McConnell** (JMCD '76), participated in unraveling the deadlocked 2000 U.S. presidential election results. Cordray served as a legal adviser on the Gore recount legal team. McConnell supplied expert analysis during proceedings.

Cordray was a member of the team of Ron Klaine, who headed the legal and political effort in Florida for Al Gore. As the post-election controversy unfolded, Cordray researched legal strategies in state and federal courts to authorize further vote counts and to block the Florida legislature from acting to name its own slate of electors without regard to the results of the election. He also helped with briefing of the last rounds in the Florida Supreme Court and U.S. Supreme Court and monitored and advised on activities in the special session of the Florida legislature.

"Being involved in this election was a tremendous experience, allowing a unique historical perspective on the events that unfolded," said Cordray. Before the election, he had marshalled support for Gore in Ohio in the primaries and served as a delegate to the Democratic convention and a surrogate speaker for Gore.

McConnell, together with historian Alan Brinkley, wrote commentaries on the unfolding events for the Internet magazine *Slate*. He also wrote commentaries on the first Florida Supreme Court decision and second U.S. Supreme Court decision for the *Wall Street Journal* and spoke about events on National Public Radio. He is now writing an analysis of the legal and constitutional issues involved in the proceedings for the *University of Chicago Law Review*.

When asked if he ever imagined that he would play a role in a presidential election, McConnell replied that he "never expected such a thing as an Internet magazine to exist. But when I was Opinion Page editor for the *State News*, I might have imagined writing editorial commentary for national newspapers."

McConnell says that he draws daily "on my Madison experience of reading important texts, thinking about them in light of a broad tradition of Western thought, and writing (I hope) clearly."



Cordray, '81



McConnell, '76

## Cordray was JMC Commencement Speaker

Cordray, an Ohio State University professor and member of the James Madison Board of Visitors, was the college's commencement speaker in May. Interested in politics and government since his days as a JMC student, he credits his Madison education as "an excellent grounding" for his work.

Cordray served as an Ohio State Representative from 1991 to 1992. He clerked with U.S. Supreme Court Justices Byron R. White and Anthony M. Kennedy and U.S. Court of Appeals Judge Robert H. Bork. He received his J.D. with honors from the University of Chicago Law School (1986), an M.A. with First Class Honours from Oxford University (1983), and a George Marshall Scholarship. He was a *Jeopardy*-TV-show five-time champion and a Tournament of Champions semifinalist in 1987.

## McConnell Renowned in Constitutional Law

McConnell, a professor of constitutional law at the University of Utah, is one of the most distinguished scholars in the fields of constitutional law and theory, with a specialty in the religion clauses of the First Amendment. He has conducted nine arguments before the U.S. Supreme Court and is widely published in the fields of the church-state relations and the First Amendment.

McConnell is married to JMC alumnus Mary McConnell (IR '77), who is a former Rhodes scholar. He received his J.D. with honors from the University of Chicago Law School (1979), where he was Order of the Coif and comment editor of the *University of Chicago Law Review*. He joined the College of Law at the University of Utah in 1997 after teaching at the University of Chicago Law School for 12 years, where he served as the William B. Graham Professor of Law.

Before beginning his teaching career, McConnell was assistant to the solicitor general with the U.S. Department of Justice (1983-85), assistant general counsel for the U.S. Office of Management and Budget (1981-83), and law clerk to Chief Judge J. Skelly Wright on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit and to U.S. Supreme Court Justice William J. Brennan. In 1996, he was elected a Fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences.

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**UPCOMING  
JAMES MADISON  
COLLEGE  
ALUMNI ASSOCIATION  
EVENTS**

**Detroit Area Alumni  
Reception**

September 5 or 6 (TBA)

**JMCAA Annual Meeting**

September 29, 2001, 2:00 p.m.

Case Hall

All alumni are welcome

**Madison Homecoming  
Tailgate**

Save the Date:

**October 13th, 2001**

Everyone is welcome!

2 hours before kick-off

Picnic outside Case Hall

*As always, the JMCAA welcomes any ideas, suggestions, or input from our members. Further, if you are interested in volunteering with efforts such as Law Night, phone calls to prospective students, or other events, contact Kim Allan at (517) 353-3381 or fill out and return the form on the JMC Website in the alumni section at [www.jmc.msu.edu](http://www.jmc.msu.edu)*

# ALUMNI SCENE

## Winding Down Another Year

As we move toward another spring graduation, the James Madison College Alumni Association (JMCAA) and the board have enjoyed a full agenda over the last few months. Perhaps our greatest act will be to award five scholarships this year from the JMC Alumni Scholarship Fund and the JMC Alumni Scholarship for Diversity totaling nearly \$6,000.

The ability to grant such impressive scholarships is directly attributable to the generosity and dedication of the alumni and friends of the college who have contributed to these funds. The availability of scholarships such as these help to make Madison an attractive choice to prospective students and serve as a great means by which alumni can help the college compete for high-quality incoming students.

In addition to awarding scholarships, the JMCAA has also assisted the college this spring by contacting prospective students who have indicated an interest in Madison. Through telephone calls and e-mail messages, personal contact with a prospective student from an alumnus or friend of the college can help ensure that student's commitment to Madison. If you are interested in assisting with this program in the future, or if you know of an outstanding student interested in attending Madison, please contact Admissions Director Jeff Judge at (517) 353-5260.

Aside from our focus on scholarship and admissions, the JMCAA board is also reaching out to contact you, our members, in several ways. Continuing an annual event started last year, in March we hosted a faculty/alumni open house at the University Club, providing an opportunity for alumni to visit with each other and become reacquainted with the college faculty.

Continuing another tradition with a bit of a twist, we also hosted a student/alumni gathering in March known in past years as "Bilbo's Night" in honor of the local "pizza joint" where the event was traditionally held. With the closing of Bilbo's, the honor has been passed to Crunchy's, another East Lansing favorite.

We also hosted an alumni gathering at Local Colors in Novi in April, following the JMCAA Board meeting.

Finally, in fall 2001 we will be seeking candidates to fill one or more seats on the JMCAA board. If you are interested in serving as a board member, can attend four to five annual meetings, and are interested in an ongoing commitment to assist James Madison College, please contact Kim Allan at 517/353-3381 or at [allank@msu.edu](mailto:allank@msu.edu).

In closing, I would like to thank all of the Madison alumni who have recently joined the JMCAA by checking the "constituent group" box on their MSU Alumni Association application. That simple effort allows the JMCAA and its board to continue to serve the college on behalf of our membership, a distinction in which we take just pride.



*Iamarino, '91*

Christopher Iamarino  
JMCAA President  
JMCD/IR '91

## ALUMNI NEWS

### 1970s

**William Colville (Urban '74)** is a health information specialist at the Michigan Department of Community Health. He develops applications for Web- and PC-based community health statistics that are used throughout Michigan for community health assessment and planning. He previously worked as a health care cost containment specialist for the Michigan Department of Management and Budget as well as a quality control specialist for the Michigan Department of Social Services. He received a master's in public administration from Wayne State University in 1977.

**Rogers Smith (JMCD '74)** of Yale University gave the lecture "Whither the Supreme Court – and Does It Matter?" in February at the MSU Kellogg Center followed the next day by an informal discussion with Madison faculty and students. His visit was sponsored by both James Madison College and the LeFrak Forum/Symposium in the Department of Political Science. Smith received his Ph.D. from Harvard in 1980 and joined the Yale faculty immediately thereafter. He is now Alfred Cowles Professor of Government and co-director of the Center for the Study of Race, Inequality, and Politics at Yale. Smith is one of the country's most influential political scientists. His wide-ranging interests include American politics, political theory, and constitutional law; modern political and legal theory; constitutional law; and comparative history and politics. In the last few years, his work has focused on race, gender, and inequality. His most recent books, *The Unsteady March: The Rise and Decline of Racial Equality in America* (1999) and *Civic Ideals: Conflicting Visions of Citizenship in U.S. History* (1997) have sparked lively discussions and won multiple prizes.

**Terry Terry (JMCD '74)** is president of Message Makers, in Lansing, MI, a communications, training, and multimedia company. Terry has received many video production awards as well as the Small Business Advocate of the



Terry '74

Year award from the Lansing Regional Chamber of Commerce. He received his master's from the MSU College of Education.

**Scott Bellard (IR '77)** is studying Vietnamese at the National Foreign Affairs Training Center in Arlington, VA. Bellard is fluent in French, Mandarin, and Thai. In August 2001, he takes over as counselor for political affairs at the U.S. Embassy in Hanoi. Before attending the Vietnamese language school he was the chief of the China Analysis Division of the U.S. Department of State.

**Kim Stanton (IR '79)** is the program director of Latin America and Africa for the Robert F. Kennedy Memorial Center for Human Rights. Stanton received her Ph.D. from the University of Chicago and formerly worked for the MacArthur Foundation in Chicago focusing on Central America and the Caribbean. She married Rafael Barrios Mendivil in Washington, D.C. on October 21, 2000, and they live in Silver Spring, MD.

### 1980s

**Jayne Mackowiak-Price (SOCEC '82)** is an attorney in private practice specializing in criminal trial law in Escanaba, MI. She previously worked as a prosecu-

tor in Delta County. She has an eight-year-old daughter.

**Sanford B. Ring (Urban '83)**, attorney and foreign trade specialist, has joined Dykema Gossett's government policy and practice group in Washington, D.C. In 1992, Ring was appointed by President George H. Bush to serve as legal adviser to then U.S. International Trade Commission Chairman Don E.



Ring '83

Newquist. As counsel, Ring subsequently served as legal adviser to Commissioner Lynn M. Bragg, U.S. International Trade Commission. Ring provided counsel on trade issues such as antidumping investigations, unfair trade practices, including intellectual property infringement, "safeguard" investigations, customs policies, analytical investigations, and trade disputes. Ring graduated from the Columbus School of Law at the Catholic University of America.

**Joanne Altschul-English (Urban '84)** currently serves as housing director for the City of Northville, MI. She previously worked at The Formidable Group as a property supervisor. Altschul-English is a certified housing manager as well as a national housing management trainer and received her master's in public

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Chicago area Madison alumni, faculty, and staff met over dinner at P.J. Clark's on February 22, 2001.

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administration from the University of Michigan.

**Ronald Tenpas (IR '85)** announces the birth of his son, William Emerson Tenpas—7 lbs., 13 oz., 20 3/4 inches—born on February 3, 2001.

**Catherine Haddad (IR '87)** and the Hanoverian gelding Woodwind performed in the shadow of the *American Horse*, a 15-ton, 24-foot bronze sculpture on display at the Frederik Meijer Gardens in Grand Rapids, MI. The Grand Rapids Symphony Orchestra performed Vivaldi's Four Seasons while she rode Woodwind. Formerly of St. Louis, MI, Haddad now lives in Vechta, Germany, where she has trained with the late Willi Schultheis and other German equestrian masters.

**Susan Dehncke (SOCEC '88)** moved to Washington, D.C. in 1988 after graduating. She attended George Washington University's Law School and interned in the U.S. Attorney's Office and worked for Motorola's corporate law department while in school. She graduated in 1991, passed the Maryland and Michigan bar exams, and did temporary legal work before joining Weil, Gotshall and Manges in D.C. Since 1993 Dehncke has been assistant prosecutor in Jackson County, MI handling a range of cases from felonies to car thefts and murder. She is also a volunteer Big Sister and on the boards of the Cascades Humane Society and the AWARE shelter. She plans to return to sailboat racing, a pastime she fell in love with while on the MSU sailing team.

**Paula Brantner (JMCD '89)** serves as senior staff attorney with the National Employment Lawyers Association. She previously served as interim legal director for the National Center for Lesbian Rights. She received her J.D. from University of California-Hastings in 1992.

**Jim Frishman (IR '89)** lives in Grand Rapids, MI, and is a social studies teacher at Forest Hill Public School. He previously worked at the Michigan Department of



Frishman '89

Commerce. He was accepted for the 2001 Supreme Court Summer Institute for High School Teachers. Frishman also has his master's in educational technology.

**Stefan Scholl (IR '89)** was recently elected to the Emmet County, MI, Board of Commissioners. He graduated from the University of Michigan Law School in 1992 and has been practicing law in his hometown of Petoskey, MI since 1994. He and his wife, Kim, have a two-year-old son, Max.

**Robert Trezise, Jr. (JMCD '89)** will lead a new statewide team for the Michigan Economic Development Corporation as manager of the Lansing-based community technical assistance team. He will work with communities throughout Michigan on economic development issues, helping cities establish low-tax Renaissance Zones and revitalizing industrially depressed areas known as brownfields. For the past two years, he was vice president of the Lansing Regional Chamber of Commerce. Trezise, who received his master's in public administration from Western Michigan University in 1994, is a member of the JMC Board of Visitors.

**Leonard Wolfe (IR '89)** was recently elected member (partner) in the law firm of Dykema Gossett PLLC. Wolfe works in the Lansing, MI office in the government policy and practice group. He concentrates on corporate, regulatory, and real estate matters, with a concentration in education law (charter schools); state procurement; telecommunications and utility work; and insurance regulations matters. Wolfe is a member of the Ingham County and American Bar Associations, the State Bar of Michigan, the Michigan Republican Lawyers Association, Republican National Lawyers Association, the Michigan Association of School Board's Council of School Attorneys, the National Association of School Board's Council of Attorneys, and the Michigan Federalist Society. He received his J.D. from Indiana University.



Wolfe '89

1990s

**Dylan Casey (JMCD/Physics '91)** will be a tutor at St. John's College in Annapolis, MD fall semester 2001. He graduated from MSU in 1991 with a dual degree in physics and received a Ph.D. in physics from the University of Rochester in 1997. He did his research in high-energy particle physics at Fermi National Accelerator Laboratory (Fermilab) in Chicago and has been a postdoctoral fellow in high-energy particle physics at MSU for the past three years. Casey and his family will move to Easton, MD this summer, where his wife, Brenda, will join a practice as an obstetrician/gynecologist. They have two children, Simon (5) and Liam (7 months).

**Malin K. Halladay (IR '91)** is a systems engineer with the Kmart Corporation in Troy, MI. Halladay previously served as a Crisis Corps Volunteer for the Peace Corps/American Red Cross in Maputo, Mozambique from June to October 2000 as well as a Kmart business analyst from March to June 2000. From March 1998 to March 2000, Halladay was an EDS business analyst and, from 1995 to 1997, served in the Peace Corps in Morocco working in maternal and child health. She has also been a board member of Southeastern Michigan Returned Peace Corps Volunteers since 1998. She received her Master of Science in Foreign Service from Georgetown University in May 1994. She married Monlay Hassan Aladlouni of Morocco in August 1998.

**Wayne S. Segal (IR '91)** has recently been admitted as a member of the Bloomfield Hills law firm of Dawda, Mann, Mulcahy, Sadler, P.L.C. Formerly an associate with the firm, Segal concentrates his practice in the areas of real estate transactions and finance. Segal represents clients in all aspects of commercial real estate acquisition, disposition, leasing, and financing transactions. He also represents developers, builders, and lenders in connection with residential



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development and other projects and creates and structures corporations and limited liability companies on behalf of his clients. Segal earned his J.D., cum laude, from the University of Minnesota.

**Molly A. Shor (IR '91)** is the vice president of resource development and communications for Oakland Family Services in Pontiac, MI. She previously served as director of corporate gifts for the Detroit Symphony Orchestra as well as director of development for City of Hope in San Francisco. She also served as an adjunct faculty member at Wayne State University teaching classes in fundraising, grant writing, and nonprofit management. She received her master's in public administration from the University of Pittsburgh.

**Lily (Nazerian) Bloomingdale (IR '92)** recently transferred from the Chicago office of the law firm of Skadden Arps Slate Meagher & Flom to the firm's office in London, England. Her husband, Bruce Bloomingdale (MSU '91), has transferred to the London branch of his firm, Mayer Brown & Platt. They are both 1997 graduates of the Loyola University Chicago School of Law.

**Mark Emery (JMCD '92)** received his Ph.D. from Yale University in political philosophy. His manuscript "Mysticism in the Modern Polity: The Wartime Political Philosophy of Simone Weil" is currently under consideration for publication.

**David Mikosz (PE '92)** is a program coordinator for International Research and Exchanges Board (IREX). He currently serves as central Asian coordinator of the Internet Access and Training Program ([www.iatp.net](http://www.iatp.net)). He previously worked as a visiting fellow in the Civic Education Project in Petropavlovsk, Kazakhstan as well as a supervisor for the Faculty of Social and Political Sciences at Cambridge University. Mikosz has a master's in philosophy and Ph.D. in political theory and history from Cambridge University.

**Jennifer Rakowski (SR '92)** serves as nonprofit associate director for Community United Against Violence in San Francisco. She is also founding co-director of Sor Juana Ines Services for Abused Women.

**Matt Sundeen (IR '92)** is a senior policy specialist for the National Conference of State Legislatures in Denver, CO. He was previously an attorney in private practice in Boulder, CO. He received his J.D. from the University of Denver College of Law.

**A. Todd Almassian (JMCD '93)** is a partner in the law firm Keller, Vincent & Almassian. His practice focuses on the areas of bankruptcy, corporate law, and litigation. Almassian and his wife, Dawn, announce the birth of their second child, Reed John Almassian, on January 4, 2001.

**Ayo A. Glanton (PTCD '93), Esq.**, works as a federal labor relations authority for the Office of the General Counsel in Chicago. She previously worked as an attorney/mediator in private practice as well as a fund developer (grant writer) and volunteer coordinator. She is a licensed attorney in the State of Texas and graduated with her J.D. from Texas Southern University Thurgood Marshall School of Law with honors (magna cum laude) in May 1998.

**Barbara Bucci Dorian (IR '94)** is the proposal and contract manager at United Technologies/Pratt & Whitney. She currently lives in Manchester, CT. She was previously the branch manager for Lanier Legal Services and received her J.D. from Wayne State University.

**Patrick Thaddeus Jackson (IR '94)** was awarded his Ph.D. in February from Columbia University's Department of Political Science.

**Charles Beatty (PTCD '95)** is a first lieutenant in the United States Marine Corps. He currently lives in San Clemente, CA. He was previously an

investigator with the Denver District Attorney's Office.

**Lisa Drabik (Jenio) (SR '95)** is an associate with the firm of Womble Carlyle Sandridge & Rice in Winston-Salem, NC, specializing in labor and employment law. She received her J.D. from Washington and Lee School of Law in 1998.

**Julie White (SR '95)** serves as legislative liaison to the Office of the House Majority Leader in Raleigh, NC. She was previously policy adviser to Attorney General Mike Easley during his campaign for governor of North Carolina in 2000 and senior policy adviser to Governor-elect Mike Easley on Transition Team, 2000. She also served as senior policy adviser to Lieutenant Governor Dennis Wicker from 1998 to 2000. White was a fellow at the Institute of Political Leadership in fall 2000 and received her master's in public administration from North Carolina State University in 1998.

**Ryan Blaine Bennett (PTCD '96)** is an associate attorney with Lord, Bissell & Brook in commercial litigation in Chicago. He recently published "Safeguards of the Republic: The Professional Responsibility of the American Lawyer to Preserve the Republic through Law-Related Education" in the *Notre Dame Journal of Law, Ethics & Public Policy* (Issue 1, 2000). Bennett received his J.D. from University of Notre Dame Law School in 2000.

**Nathan S. Buchalski (IR '96)** is a tax attorney with Deloitte & Touche LLP in Detroit. He graduated from the MSU Detroit College of Law.

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*Chicago area Madison alumni at dinner on February 22, 2001.*

**Bryce A. Docherty (IR '96)** is a lobbyist with the California Medical Association (CMA) and currently resides in Sacramento, CA. Before joining the CMA, he was director of governmental affairs for the California Chiropractic Association. In May, he will receive his graduate degree in public administration from the University of Southern California. After graduating from Madison, he worked for two years at the Michigan State Medical Society in

### What JMC Has Meant To Me

"In the two years that have passed since I graduated from JMC, I have come to realize just how outstanding the program is. I am currently working in the Washington, D.C. area as a national security analyst, utilizing analytical, critical thinking, and communication skills I gained throughout my four years. I appreciate the rigorous program, outstanding faculty, and nurturing environment that Madison offers its students. I believe the program at James Madison provided the preparation needed to excel in such a competitive environment.

**Mindy Sofen (IR '99)**  
National Security Analyst  
Science Applications  
International Corporation

their Government Relations Department as well as managing some physician specialty organizations. While at MSU, he was a member of the Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity.

**Gregory A. Bell (PTCD '97)** opened a general law practice in Lansing, MI—the Law Offices of Gregory A. Bell. He is a graduate of the MSU Detroit College of Law. Bell and his wife, Lisa (MSU/Chemical Engineering '97), live in Okemos.

**Paul (Hank) Henning (PTCD '97)** is the political director for the Missouri Republican Party. He was previously a campaign aide for Congressman Kenny Hulshof, an aide to Senator Spencer Abraham, and field director for the Michigan Republican Party.

**Thomas F. Matzen (PTCD '97)** serves as the manager of legal affairs for Olympus Group in Alexandria, VA. He received his J.D. from the University of Pittsburgh in 2000.

**Holly (Kurth) Krueger (SR '97)** is a volunteer and stay-home mom. She volunteers for the Program for Early Parent Support in Seattle, WA as well as Run for Children, also in Seattle. She received her M.A. in advertising from MSU in 1998.

**Jason A. Miller (IR '98)** was the scholar-in-residence at the MSU Hillel Jewish Student Center in February. He taught about Jewish ritual and prayer and led discussions about Jewish life on campus. He is currently in his third of six years at the Jewish Theological Seminary of America in New York City, where he is studying to become a rabbi. He will also receive a master's degree in education.

**Melissa Weener (SR '98)** is now a presidential management intern at the National Institutes of Health in Bethesda, MD. Previously, she worked as a special projects assistant at SAFE House in Ann Arbor. She has a master's in social work.

**Christina Juarez (IR '99)** recently went to work for U.S. Senator Debbie Stabenow (MI) as a constituent services representative. She previously worked for Michigan Virtual University, Senator Carl Levin, General Motors, and Delta College.

**Sarah Anne McKune (IR '99)** is a member of the 2000 entering class at the University of Michigan Law School.

**Elizabeth Moser (PTCD '99)** is education reform project coordinator for the Mackinac Center for Public Policy in Midland, MI. Her job involves researching education, writing for weekly and quarterly education-related publications, coordinating volunteers, and planning events.

**Erica Schmid (PTCD, IR '99)** moved to Boston, MA upon graduation. She was recently promoted to client marketing analyst for Wellington Management Company, LLP, a private financial management firm headquartered in Boston. In January, she and Travis L. MacInnes (MSU '98) announced their engagement.

**Douglas Skrzyniarz (PTCD '99)** was recently married to Joan Skrzyniarz (MSU '98). They live in St. Clair Shores, MI. He is the corporate events director for the American Heart Association in Metro Detroit, where he managed the largest American Heart Walk in the country, raising more than \$1 million. He is also on the executive board of the Macomb County Democratic Party and serves on the steering committee of the New Generation Leaders Conference. Skrzyniarz was accepted into the Michigan Political Leadership Program, which commences in spring 2001.

**David Warne (IR '99)** and his wife Theresa had a baby, Hagen Rolf David Warne, on February 15, 2001. Warne is project manager for the Federal Commissioner for Foreign Investment in Germany. He is responsible for Marketing and Acquisitions.

**Stephanie Fries (SR '00)** is a development assistant for Compass Community Services, a nonprofit organization in San Francisco that helps homeless and low-income families gain self-sustainability.

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# Marshall Scholar Shares Her Reflections

*Jennifer Sykes McLaughlin (SR '99) is a Marshall Scholar currently living in England. After graduating from JMC, she studied child welfare in the Social Policy Department at the University of York. Sykes McLaughlin also is a recipient of the Truman Scholarship and, following her time in the United Kingdom, will continue her studies in the United States.*



Sykes McLaughlin

## Tell us what your Marshall experience has been like.

Incredibly positive. Last year I was an M.A. student, taking some classes while generally focusing on writing a thesis—not very different from what I undertook at Madison, actually. This year has been an altogether different experience. I'm now setting my own research agenda, which has allowed me to expand on my thesis topic—the construct of child neglect—by comparing the United States and the United Kingdom (UK), and I've found it far more rewarding than taking classes.

Socially speaking, the Marshall has introduced me to a wide range of people I'd have otherwise not met, including President Clinton (we're not close, but he did shake my hand and ask what school I was from) and the UK's ambassador to the United States, Christopher Meyer. More importantly, the Marshall has funded my first overseas trip, and my experiences have made me realize that John Irving was right: all Americans should be forced to live outside of the U.S. at some point in their lives.

## Your first impressions of England?

From the moment I stepped off the train in York, I felt I was walking within a postcard. York is a lovely, historic city that still has medieval city walls surrounding it. It is well known for its Viking roots. History is everywhere—some of the oldest cobblestone streets are closed to traffic. Used bookstores abound here, selling books from the 1800s without calling them “antique.”

My second impression: spiders in York are much bigger than those in Michigan.

## Your impressions about how Americans are viewed by the English?

During one class that I secretly sat in on—comparative social policy, the American welfare state—I was able to glimpse some of the associations the British (students, at least) make with Americans. As an icebreaker, the professor asked his class: “What do we think about America or Americans?” The students spoke freely, not realizing I was an American spying on them. “Unsafe, all those guns!” said one student.

Another followed with, “very violent, not only guns, but the death penalty—barbaric!” Enthusiastically, another joined in, “Jerry Springer and his guests” to the murmurs of agreement of her classmates. Without a break, someone called out, “Fat! They're overweight!”

Unfortunately, the professor halted the barrage with a rather nervous glance at me. I leaned over to the English student next to me, smiled, and whispered, “You know, Americans are not at all like Jerry Springer guests, really.” She shrugged, shook her head, and said, “It doesn't matter. We like to think Americans are like that.”

As a complete disclaimer, I must add that I have been treated with the utmost respect and kindness.

## Is college life any different than you experienced at JMC?

Socially speaking, there's the difference of the pub. It took me a while to understand the pub as an important social institution that is quite different than the American bar and, of course, my grandparents are still not buying it. Here, I expect the marchers in the infamous Munn field riots to drool as I

note that at York, in literally every college on campus, there is a pub where discounted alcohol is served. Although I actually don't drink (this is true, but the grandparents are now skeptics), pubs are even the social center for me here. Think of late nights chatting and having coffee at smoky Denny's or the IHOP with your friends...that is the scene we are talking about.

## What are the academic differences you have noticed in England?

There are many. The most striking (to me) is the lack of required reading texts. Imagine attending school without ever visiting the Student Bookstore. There is rarely required reading in classes (either graduate or undergraduate). It's all suggested reading, although a lot of it! Practically speaking, it means classes do not revolve around specific theory and argumentation and are not quite as structured as what I was accustomed to at JMC.

Other differences: (1) undergraduate degrees take only three years; (2) classes meet only once per week, generally for two or three hours (but include a tea break of 30-45 minutes); (3) writing skills are not included in the courses, and in fact, many students did not have any writing instruction in the British equivalent of high school, either. In short, JMC writing courses put me way ahead in the game of essay writing; one professor commented that I had “found my voice.” (Thank you, Professor Grant.)

## What have you learned about your field studying in England?

I came to England to better understand the American welfare system by gaining a comparative perspective of child welfare systems. I've learned the labels that the world pins on the American welfare system, calling it the reluctant welfare state or the welfare laggard, while still others suggest the U.S. has no proper “welfare state” at all.

I was especially curious about the origins of different welfare states and have gained insight into the reasons the U.S. clings to its meager welfare state. Perhaps the most beneficial part of my

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# James Madison College

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study here was that I became familiar with the finer points of the English child welfare system, something that would have been very difficult, if not impossible, to do studying in the United States.

#### The truth about English food?

It's as bad as everyone says, possibly worse for vegetarians. My biggest complaint: peanut butter is not a staple food here; thus, no Butterfingers. My biggest pleasure: the traditional fish-and-chips of England is rivalled by their newer affection for Indian food, and who can resist a good curry?

#### The U.K. view of U.S. elections?

BBC reporting of actual election night was impressive, offering live coverage into the wee hours. As an American, I was expected by some to have a very good explanation for all the "hanging chad" business. Pointed interest in U.S. elections quickly turned into smug reporting of faults in Florida, and later a rather blatant despair at the election result. I've yet to find an Englishperson pleased that Bush is the U.S. president.

#### Last words?

First, I've been told that the English system of academia is increasingly imitating the American system, and I am starting to believe it. My supervisors have been pumping me for information about my JMC undergrad experience (especially the writing courses), and I've heard rumors that next year writing skills will be incorporated into social policy classes.

Second, the weather and English cuisine aside, this time has been among the most rewarding periods of my life. Winning the Marshall would have been impossible without the help of JMC professors who held my hand through the application process—thank you to Professor See, Professor Grant, Professor Waltzer, and Professor Schechter.

## DEVELOPMENT MATTERS

### From the Director of Development

It has been a pleasure meeting fellow alumni and friends of James Madison College during my first six months as director. I have logged many miles with trips across Michigan and to metropolitan areas like Boston, San Francisco, Chicago, and Washington, D.C. The people I met have diverse backgrounds, careers, and life experiences, but a few common characteristics stand out. Whether they work in private or public spheres, they all engage in interesting and challenging careers while maintaining a commitment to public service. Another similarity is their appreciation for a Madison education and the great foundation it has provided for their academic and professional careers.

I have also learned valuable lessons about the college by listening to alumni and others outside Case Hall. It makes a significant difference in how I approach my responsibilities and communicate about development matters. A few questions and comments have risen to the top from among the many I have heard about the Office of Development.

- *I did not know JMC had those scholarships.*
- *Where does my money go?*
- *What donation options does Madison offer?*
- *I had no idea Madison's endowment was that small.*
- *You need to ask people for money?*

The central theme is that we need to improve our communication with alumni and friends about the college's development success and financial needs. In November, we mailed endowment reports to all contributors updating them on scholarships or other funds they have supported. Thus they can see how the fund has grown and continues to serve the JMC mission. In this issue of *JMC Scene*, you will find a list of the endowed scholarships the college has available each year.

Great things are happening for JMC through the development program. We

will have met the Porteous Challenge by June 2001. Thanks to the generosity and personal commitment of many alumni and friends, Madison can offer greater opportunities for its students and faculty. I hope you can see and share in this success while realizing we have only just begun to realize the college's potential. Please let me know how the development office is doing and any questions you have.

#### Challenge Met

Madison has raised \$100,000 for the Porteous Challenge. Gifts and pledges passed the \$100,000 mark in April. If all the current pledges are received, the challenge will be over. If you have an outstanding pledge, please send your gift to the college today!

Madison could not have reached this point without the generosity of our alumni. Their gifts to the college have made a significant difference. The \$100,000 Porteous gift is the largest single donation the college has ever received. Raising an additional \$100,000 through the matching campaign over two years is another important milestone. Once the full \$100,000 is reached, MSU Provost Lou Anna Simon has promised an additional \$100,000 to the college's effort to upgrade facilities.

Raising the funds is just the beginning. The library renovation is scheduled to begin in early May and be completed in June just before the summer Academic Orientation Program begins. Plans include new lighting, bookshelves, wall coverings, carpet, blinds, furniture, and a commemorative space to honor significant student, faculty, and alumni achievements, as well as the Porteouses. A special library dedication will be held in the fall.

Please contact the development office if you have questions or would like to pay your pledge to complete the \$100,000 goal.

Rocky Beckett  
JMC Director of Development

## What JMC Has Meant To Me

“James Madison forced me to learn the art of writing in such an intense way that I was already ahead of the game entering law school. . . . Imagine my surprise when the graduate school at the State University of New York asked me to deliver my field experience research paper at a symposium. Imagine their surprise when they found out that an undergraduate had written the paper! . . . I was so impressed with the curriculum and the professors that two of our children have also attended James Madison, one recently graduated and the second is a freshman.”

### **Stephen P. Ormond (IR '74)**

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## James Madison College Offers Nine Endowed Scholarships

Madison currently has nine endowed scholarship funds that generate more than \$20,000 for awards annually. The principal of these funds is \$381,000. The college's total for all endowments including the scholarship funds is more than \$600,000. Faculty development and student recognition awards constitute the balance of Madison's other endowed funds.

**Smith/Zinman Award for Study Abroad.** Randall S. Smith (JMCD '73) established this award in honor of Professor M. Richard Zinman of James Madison College. The award is given to a JMC student participating in a study abroad experience to assist with tuition and room and board expenses during the overseas stay.

**The Freeman-Darling James Madison Fellows Scholarship.** This new scholarship was established by Janet Freeman and her daughter Marilyn Darling (Ethnic '75). The scholarship is designed to reward excellence in both academic and extracurricular activities and help attract and retain gifted students.

**The JMC Alumni Scholarship Fund.** Established by the JMC Alumni Association, this scholarship is awarded based on an essay competition among students applying to Madison. Traditionally the scholarship has been given to first-year students to encourage them to attend JMC.

**The JMC Alumni Scholarship for Diversity Fund.** Established in 1991 by the JMC Alumni Association, this scholarship is also awarded based on an essay competition among qualifying students.

**A. Gordon Adams, Jr. James Madison Fellows Scholarship.** The Adams scholarship was established to attract talented students to James Madison College. The scholarship is currently awarded to one first-year student and is renewable for that student's next three years at JMC.

**Dixie C. Platt James Madison Fellows Scholarship.** The Platt scholarship was established to attract talented students to James Madison College. The scholarship is currently awarded to one first-year student and is renewable for that student's next three years at JMC.

**The James Madison Field Experience Support Fund.** This fund was established to provide scholarships for juniors and seniors as they fulfill the field experience portion of their education.

**The Burton L. and Rosalie P. Gerber Scholarship.** Designed for International Relations majors at JMC, this scholarship rewards academic excellence, diverse extracurricular activities, and public service. Recipients must have a grade point average of 3.5 or higher, and preference is given to students interested in a career in a United States foreign affairs agencies, military service, international law, or trade.

**The Nelson and Marlene Cummings Scholarship.** This scholarship was established by Jeffrey Cummings (MM '84) to honor his parents. First-year students apply through an essay contest. A student's contribution to diversity at JMC along with academic achievement, financial need, and commitment to community service are considered.

## STUDENT SCENE

### Madison Student Wins Prestigious Mitchell Scholarship

by Kristin K. Anderson,  
MSU Media Communications

Kathleen Romig (SR) of Royal Oak is making MSU history. The Madison senior is the university's first recipient of the George J. Mitchell Scholarship, her first choice of three major scholarships for which she applied. She was a Midwestern finalist for a Marshall Scholarship and a state finalist for a Rhodes Scholarship, but withdrew from the latter competition when she heard the news about the Mitchell award.

The George J. Mitchell Scholarships are established in honor of the former U.S. Senator George J. Mitchell, who served as chairman of the peace negotiations in Northern Ireland. He served in Congress for 14 years and was Senate Majority Leader from 1989 until he left the Senate in 1995. The scholarships are administered by the U.S.-Ireland Alliance, a Washington-based, nonpartisan, nonprofit organization dedicated to educating Americans about the island of Ireland and to consolidating existing relations between the United States and Ireland, North and South.

"The Mitchell was my first choice because it has more of a focus on public service and students interested in public affairs," said Romig. "You get the chance to meet political leaders, and that appealed to me. The students in the program this year even had the opportunity to meet President Clinton during his visit to Ireland. The scholarship program focuses on this type of study and that really excites me."

During the one-year program Romig will pursue her master's degree in social policy at the University College in Cork. Romig's family roots are in County Cork in Ireland, and she said many of her family and friends plan to visit her there. She will have formal courses of study and seminars and independent research work in her thesis area of social policy. After her graduation she would like to work in Washington, D.C., for nonprofit or other organizations dealing with the plight of disadvantaged children, she said.

In her application essay, Romig wrote: "There are alternative ways of viewing the problems of juvenile justice and alternative methods of solving it. Some of the most compelling are being discussed and tested in Ireland and Northern Ireland right now. One such alternative is restorative justice, a fascinating approach that seeks to balance the needs of offenders, victims, and communities."

"I know I want to do policy research on disadvantaged children and other child care related issues," Romig said. "I am very interested in juvenile justice reform and looking at balanced and restorative justice. I plan to travel and see as much of the country as I can and also join the university's choir, because I love to sing and there are no auditions."

"I am delighted that Kathleen Romig is MSU's first Mitchell Scholar," said Katherine See, Romig's major adviser. "She has a very sharp analytic mind, intellectual curiosity, and a love for learning. She is equally committed to a vision of social change, to the life of the public intellectual, and hence toward some policy-oriented career."

"Since I have known her, Kathleen has been passionate about issues of social justice—the death penalty, violations of human rights, concerns with the rights of juveniles, and racial inequalities have all been frontal concerns," See said. "In all of these ways she shares many of the attributes that distinguish George Mitchell, but especially in her abiding interest in restorative justice."



Romig

### What JMC Has Meant To Me

"As a liberal arts school within a huge university, the class sizes and community feel of James Madison College offer students a great atmosphere for learning, getting to know classmates and interacting with professors. I'll always cherish my years at JMC, from the intense student debates in the Case Hall lounges to the times we all spent trying to figure things out for exam week. Some of my fellow classmates from JMC are still among my closest friends, and we've all gone into vastly different fields. That's the greatest thing about JMC—the degree does not limit students to just one field of choice, but many. I'm sure anyone with a desire to study law, public policy or international relations would be happy at JMC."

**Tracy Moran (IR '92)**

Opinion Editor  
USA Today.com

## Madison Students and Alumni Recount Election Experiences

James Madison current students and alumni presented an informal panel discussion of their experiences participating in Election 2000.

Madison student panelists included **Adam Wright**, communications director for Diane Byrum; **Jeff Roth**, a candidate who lost his bid for the 69th District House seat; and **Shana Long** and **Luke Lantta**, both field directors for Kids First! Yes!

Roth, a senior in PE, discussed the positive experience he had participating in the campaign. With a budget of only \$5,000, he concentrated on a door-to-door campaign, estimating that he and his supporters were able to knock on 8,000 doors in the district. Although the district traditionally votes Democratic, and Roth knew the battle would be uphill, he ended feeling he had positively influenced the campaign's message.

Long, an SR senior, and Lantta, a PTCD/IR senior, discussed the difficulties they encountered, especially as young people, working to put Proposal I on the ballot and then to pass it. "The election) was really a battle, but once people realize the youth they're dealing with, they pay attention. Don't back down," Lantta said.

Alumni panelists included Ingham County Treasurer-elect **Eric Schertz** (JMCD '85), recently elected Ingham county commissioner; **Curtis Hertel, Jr.** (SR '00); and **Jeff Williams** (IR '94), a political analyst with Public Sector Consultants.

Williams gave an overview of the excitement in both the local and nation elections. "Welcome to democracy," he said. "No one said it would be easy. No one said it would be pretty. But what a civics lesson."

Hertel discussed his experiences both as the youth organizer for the Michigan Democratic Party as well as a candidate for county commissioner in Ingham County's 6th District. He explained his victory as a result of hard work and registering students. He estimated that his campaign alone registered 350 students.

## Madison Students Take All Awards in Model United Nations Conference

James Madison College students walked away with all the awards at the 2000 University of Pennsylvania Model United Nations Conference (UPMUNC).

The students are members of the International Relations Organization (IRO), an MSU student group that participated in the November event in Philadelphia.

JMC winners were:

**Outstanding Delegate: Robert Rodemeyer** (PTCD, junior),  
**Robert Weissert** (PE, junior)

**Honorable Mention: Louis Brown** (PE, sophomore),

**Conrad Adkins** (IR, freshman), **Dan Eichinger** (PTCD, sophomore)

**Verbal Commendation: Gillian Sopko** (IR, junior),

**Elizabeth Demchak** (IR, senior)

In preparation for the conference, the IRO was assigned to represent 4 different United Nations member states simulating 17 international commissions and bodies. At UPMUNC 2000, the organization represented Brazil, Libya, Norway, and the Republic of Korea.

The delegation of 43 MSU undergraduates researched dozens of important world issues including elimination of discrimination in the workplace, reparation of Afghan refugees, instability of the post-Gulf War oil industry, and international trade in stolen art. At the conference, the delegates represented the interests of their assigned countries to find an international solution to these problems. **Scott Risner** (IR, junior) is the 2001 Secretary General of the MSU Model United Nations. Alumnus **John Sharood** (SOCEC '83) was the founder of MSU's International Relations Organization.

## JMC Students Place Third in National Debate Competition

by Amy Sinuefield, *MSU Today*

The MSU debate team placed third at the recent Freshman National Championships hosted by Northwestern University. JMC debaters **David Strauss** of East Lansing and **Greta Stahl** of Shelby Township finished third among the best freshman teams in the United States.

The duo defeated Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Northwestern University, the University of Georgia, Wake Forest University, Dartmouth College, the University of Kansas, Emory University, and Florida State University before losing to Emory in the semifinal competition.

"This win is very exciting," said Will Repko, MSU's debate coach. "The most exciting thing is what's to come because they are freshmen. You're excited for what they're doing now, but you're most excited about what they could do in the future."

Stahl also was named top speaker of the tournament. This is the first time an MSU debater has received the honor, and also the first time in the history of the championship that a woman has won the award.

"It obviously was really exciting to win because there are a lot of talented freshmen on the debate circuit," Stahl said. "It's also a good sign that women are being recognized more as competitors. For a long time it was difficult for women to participate in debate because you have to be assertive and outspoken, which women traditionally have not been encouraged to do."

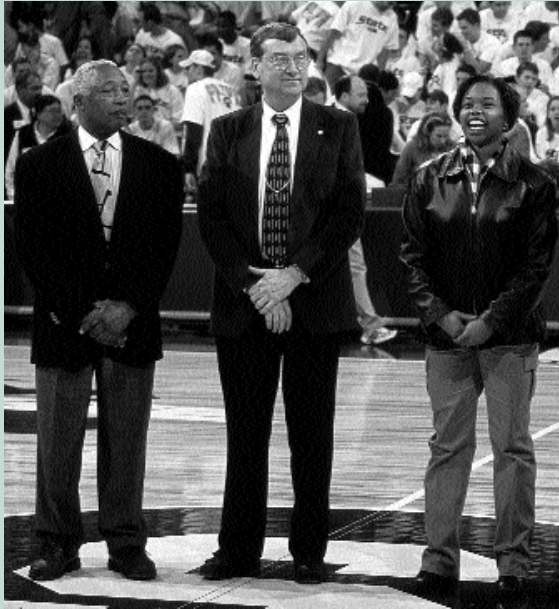
Repko said Stahl definitely deserved the award. "Her work ethic is very impressive," he said. "She puts in a lot of time researching and practicing speeches with coaches. Plus, she naturally has good delivery skills."



# O T H E R

## STUDENT NEWS

Champion in the Classroom—Melissa Green (PTCD, senior) an MSU gymnast, received a "Champions in the Classroom" scholarship at an MSU men's basketball game. The scholarship was awarded based on her academic and athletic accomplishments. The scholarship is sponsored by Auto Owners Insurance Company and provides \$2,000 in the name of the student-athlete winner for that season. The scholarship proceeds go to the Ralph Young Fund for athletic scholarships.



*Green (far right)*

Megan Milota (IR/PTCD, freshman), JMC first-year HC student, was cast in the lead role for the MSU Department of Theatre production of *The Diary of Anne Frank* by Frances Goodrich and Albert Hackett. The play was performed in the Pasant Theatre of Wharton Center March 29-April 7.



*Milota as Anne Frank (left)*



*Wise (far right) at an inaugural ball*



*Wise in front of U.S. Capitol*

*Last January I had the pleasure of attending the presidential inauguration of George W. Bush. Among the many exciting events that I attended were the Ohio and Florida inaugural balls, as well as lunch with the Republican Governor's Association (RGA). I also attended the political briefings of the RGA, in which Andrew Card and Trent Lott were among the guest speakers. The overall experience was wonderful and one that I will not soon forget. —Brett Wise*

## What JMC Has Meant To Me

“Shortly after arriving at JMC . . . I was introduced to master-teachers including Michael Schechter (my first Madison professor) who was my policy professor – I remember his patience and passion for students; he encouraged me and helped boost my confidence during what was a very tough semester. I don’t think that this is unique to me or to Prof. Schechter. While I think he is a great teacher, I think he is a member of a faculty of great teachers, who together create a little known place that I knew as home for four years.”

**Jonathon D. Koenigsberg**  
(PTCD '97)

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MSU Detroit College of Law

## FACULTY SCENE

### Madison Faculty Honored

*Two Madison professors received special honor at the 2001 MSU Awards Convocation in February.*

**Michael G. Schechter** was among ten winners of the MSU Distinguished Faculty Award. The citation acknowledged him as a brilliant teacher and creative researcher with an international reputation and as the consummate teacher-scholar.

The award also cited his dedication to undergraduate education, which has been repaid with scores of students who testify about his enormous contribution to their academic and professional lives. Schechter is also the author of numerous path-breaking publications on international organizations and world political institutions and a leader in the United Nations University’s recent efforts to explore multilateralism.

“I am sincerely honored to receive this award,” said Schechter. “In addition to the personal gratification, I believe it reaffirms the university’s commitment to quality undergraduate education and policy-relevant research, and recognizes the students who have intellectually challenged me and the colleagues, near and far, who have provided insights for my research.”

Schechter also was awarded the Honors College Award for Distinguished Contributions to Honors Students.

**Colleen Tremonte** was a recipient of the MSU Alumni Club of Mid-Michigan Quality in Undergraduate Teaching Award. Her citation read, in part: “Teacher, scholar, and mentor to scores of MSU students, Colleen M. Tremonte embodies pedagogical excellence. A scholar of composition, rhetoric and cultural studies, she has blended teaching and scholarship so seamlessly as to be a model of the modern teacher-scholar.”



Schechter



Tremonte

## O T H E R FACULTY NEWS

**David Arsen** is spending the year as a visiting scholar at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst. His recent publications include “Resource Allocation in Michigan Charter Schools,” *Journal of School Business Management* (12:3); “Charter School Spending: Autonomous and Accountable?” *Educational Considerations* (28:1); “Equity and Access,” in David Plank and Gary Sykes (eds.), *The School Choice Debate: Framing the Issues*; and “The Systemic

Effects of School Choice Policies in Michigan,” *Education Matters* (in press). During spring semester he made presentations at the following conferences: National Invitational Conference on School Choice and Urban Education Reform organized by Rutgers University’s Institute on Education Law and Policy; Privatization: Trends, Evidence, and Alternatives organized by the Economic Policy Institute; Education Issues 2001: An Orientation for

Michigan Legislators; American Educational Research Association meetings, two papers; and *Convergence 2001: Public Schooling in Western Massachusetts* sponsored by the Massachusetts Department of Education Charter School Office. He is also co-author (with David Plank) of the policy report for the MSU Education Policy Center: "An Accountability Framework for Michigan Charter Schools" available at <http://www.epc.msu.edu>.

The International Commission on Intervention and State Sovereignty recently established by the Canadian government has asked **Mohammed Ayooob** to act as a consultant to the commission and, specifically, to write a paper on the twin issues of national interests and international political will to be incorporated in the commission's report. The commission is co-chaired by Gareth Evans, former Australian foreign minister, and Mohammed Sahnoun, special adviser to the United Nations secretary general on the Horn of Africa. Ayooob also published "South Asia's Danger and U.S. Policy" in *Orbis* (45:1).

**Allison Berg** presented a paper at the first international meeting of the Society for the Study of American Women Writers. Berg's paper, "The Company of Women: Spirituality and Embodiment in Meridel LeSueur and Mary Gordon," was part of a panel on the Politics of the Body in American Women's Writing.

**Ron Lee** taught a fall 2000 freshman seminar with MSU President Peter McPherson titled "Current Controversies in U.S. Foreign Policy." Madison alumnus Richard Cordray spoke to Lee's presidency class (MC 374) in April about the U.S. Supreme Court case *Bush v. Gore*. Cordray helped write the court brief for the Gore side (see article elsewhere in this issue).

**Rod Phillips** will be presenting a paper titled "'Politics is Dead, and Biology is Here!': Michael McClure's 'Poisoned Wheat'" at the Southwest American Culture Conference in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Also, his entry titled "John Muir's Midwest" will be published in the forthcoming *Dictionary of Midwestern Literature*, published by the University of Kentucky Press.

**Linda Racioppi and Katherine O'Sullivan See's** article "Ulstermen and Loyalist Ladies on Parade: Gendering Unionism in Northern Ireland" was published in the spring 2000 issue of the *International Feminist Journal of Politics*. Their article "'This We Will Maintain: Gender, Ethno-Nationalism and the Politics of Unionist Identity in Northern Ireland" is scheduled for publication in *Nations and Nationalism*. Racioppi and See presented "Engendering Ethnic Accommodation: Grassroots Organizing and the EU Peace and Reconciliation Program in Northern Ireland" to a special session on Continental Reconstruction and Social Relations in Europe at the Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association in Washington, D.C. in August 2000. They presented "Grassroots Organizing in Protestant Communities and the Peace Process in Northern Ireland" at the annual meeting of the International Studies Association in Chicago in February 2001.

**Michael Schechter** edited *United Nations-sponsored World Conferences: Focus on Impact and Follow-up* (United Nations University Press, February 2001). The report examines questions about the value of the widely publicized and well-attended United Nations-sponsored world conferences in the 1990s; the importance of nongovernmental organizations (NGOs) to the success of such conferences; the accomplishments at the global meetings in Rio, Vienna, and Beijing, and whether such conferences as the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development (UNCED, the Earth summit) or global conferences on human rights should be held in the twenty-first century. The authors demonstrate that answering such questions requires a focus on the follow-up to and implementation of the conferences and not attention simply to the conferences themselves. They argue that the terms of public debate on the accomplishments of such conferences, and thus the future of similar conferences, must include a careful assessment of their impact long after the final documents have been passed and the final gavels sounded, even after the "plus five" follow-up conferences have all been convened.

**Ken Waltzer** addressed the Council of Colleges of Arts and Sciences meeting in November in Toronto, Canada on "The Pros and Cons of Different Models of General Education," speaking about Michigan State University. He also recently spoke at the Detroit 300 Perspectives event on "Detroit Jewish History" at Temple Emanuel, exploring "Detroit Jewish History in Comparative Perspective." Waltzer is on sabbatical spring semester 2001 working on the manuscript "American Jewish Labor and the Holocaust." He was recently honored with the Outstanding Study Abroad Director Award given by the College of Arts and Letters for the MSU Jewish Studies program at Hebrew University/Rothberg School.



Waltzer

## What JMC Has Meant To Me

"My James Madison College experience was the perfect preparation for my work and for my activism. JMC taught me how to think analytically and write clearly. But more than that, JMC—and especially Prof. Kenneth Waltzer—taught me to care deeply about our democracy and fight passionately for justice. It was the best formal education money could buy!"

**Margaret Trimer-Hartley**  
(Urban, '87)

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## LOGO CONTEST UNDER WAY

James Madison is considering a new look for its logo. Design the winning logo and you could win \$100! The logo must be able to be reproduced in both black and white and in color and in a variety of formats (such as in print, on the Website, and on products). Colors may be suggested but aren't required. The contest ends June 30th. All submissions will become the property of James Madison College, and the college may modify a chosen logo as necessary for graphic purposes. The college also reserves the right to maintain use of the current logo. Please submit your logo design in both paper and digital formats to: 367 South Case Hall, James Madison College, Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI 48825. Questions as well as digital copies of your design can be sent to: [logo@www.jmc.msu.edu](mailto:logo@www.jmc.msu.edu)



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