

Saint Anselm of Canterbury Connection

Episcopal Ministry in Higher Education

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A Theme for 2007: *Taking the Inside Out*

The primary mission of St. Anselm is to provide higher education ministry to Oregon State University and Linn-Benton Community College. Canterbury House, the name of the humble grey house on the corner of 26th and Arnold Way, offers a place for worship, fellowship, reflection and study (the latter being supported by the 7,000-volume LaVerne Goman Library). Yet, on any given day streams of students, faculty, and staff pass by Canterbury House, unaware of its presence. And even worse, many Episcopalians in our Diocese are not aware of Canterbury House, or the higher education ministry of St. Anselm. The riches on the inside of St. Anselm need to be taken outside — to the world.

The board is currently addressing taking the inside out in three main ways:

- Lighting up the inside first. For those of you who have been to Canterbury House, you may remember that the upstairs lighting is rather dim- especially on those grey Oregon mornings. A private donation was made to St. Anselm specifically designated for upgrading the lighting. Currently, Fr. Jon and member Carolyn Olson are working with a lighting consultant to determine the best way to proceed with the lighting project. The new lighting will make St. Anselm a more attractive place for students to gather and study, and could increase interest in the use of Canterbury House by outside groups. In addition, regular staff and volunteers will be better able to accomplish the ministry of St. Anselm, and the experience of regular participants will be greatly enhanced!

- Taking the light from the inside to the outside means that we need to do some work on the exterior grounds. Al Stetz and Fr. Jon are working on a master plan for Canterbury House that will make the grounds more inviting to those who pass by. The goal of the exterior changes is to make the ministry of St. Anselm more apparent, while at the same time providing a pleasant and attractive place for people to enjoy. Once the base plan is prepared, bids for the project will be sought and money will need to be raised to fund the project.

- Updates to the St. Anselm Web Page are the third way we will take the inside out. Like many Web sites, our current one is static and in need of revision. We are working on a Web site that shares the mission of St. Anselm and helps viewers understand that our ministry is not to undergraduate students alone. During the next months, the Board will consider potential changes to the Web site — allowing more people to understand what is “inside” St. Anselm and Canterbury House.

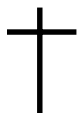
If you haven't taken the time lately to come by Canterbury House, please do so! And if you have ideas for the board regarding how to take the spirit inside-out, please feel free to send them our way! St. Anselm Board members are looking forward to the work ahead as we work harder to share all that this ministry has to offer.

— Mary Arnold
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“Science without religion is lame; religion without science is blind.”

— Albert Einstein

The Rt. Rev. Katharine Jefferts Schori used the quote by Albert Einstein to emphasize her message in a lecture at Oregon State University on April 19. Tackling the age-old — and continuing — philosophical struggle between science and religion in our world, Bishop Katharine illustrated the similar purposes of what she called humanity's “two spheres of knowledge”— the ongoing human effort to understand and live well in the world. In order to continue our existence as a society, she said, human beings need both the experimental, quantifiable knowledge gained from science and the experiential, moral knowledge gained from religion. Using the issue of global warming as one problematic dilemma we face today, she stated: “We have the technical ability and capacity to vastly decrease our use of fossil fuels and the accompanying carbon load on the atmosphere. But we have not yet found the moral and political will to do so. Together, scientific wisdom and religious wisdom may be able to generate enough political will to respond.”



On August 19 at 10:00 a.m., our worship at St. Anselm will feature hymns having to do with peace. Kathy Kinman will play the piano, and Lucy Goman will lead the singing and share information about the hymns, as well as doing a few solos. Come if you can!

From the Chaplain's Lair

So, what's ministry in higher education? If we take a hint from Socrates, we first ask what higher education is — a topic I'll cover adequately, of course, in a single page editorial. But there are massive changes in higher education which the church must consider if its ministry there is to work. Among them are:

The creation within the past 60 years of a new form of higher education, the community college.

The increasing variety of people making up both student body and faculty. Older than average students are a sharply increasing percentage of all students. So are part time students and faculty. Ethnic minorities, handicapped students, and students from overseas all have a newly significant and self-conscious presence on many campuses. Systematic attempts to recruit women and ethnic faculty are diversifying the higher educational world.

The increasing variety of tasks higher education performs. It's no longer only the general education of young adults. Research and development, advising business and public sector policy making groups, the re-education of adults in a highly flexible job market are examples of the rapidly diversifying tasks of higher education.

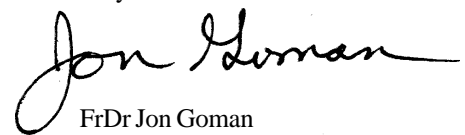
Given the infinitesimal size of the Episcopal Church's budget for higher ed ministry, how can we hope to speak Christ effectively in that rapidly changing, rapidly growing, increasingly complex world? The entire ministry in higher education budget of the Diocese of Oregon would not pay the salary of a single associate professor of engineering – and for that pittance we want an effective ministry, staffed by competent professionals, on at least three campuses.

I have two suggestions. First, we need to abandon all presuppositions about what higher education ministry should be and spend some serious time listening to what is actually happening in that world. That's the only way we can prepare ourselves for ministry there, by emptying ourselves of presuppositions and listening long and hard. It's a difficult task, being empty while we wait to see what God has to show us.

The traditional model for Episcopal higher education ministry was developed for a four year, residential, undergraduate college. It is a model of caretaking, of providing care for students of Episcopal background as they move from attending church with their birth families to attending church with their families of choice. Even if we chose to retain this model as a portion of our ministry goals, we need to stop understanding it as the exclusive purpose of higher ed ministry.

As higher education grows more complex, this older model, while not false, becomes increasingly irrelevant to the whole of the mission field of higher ed. And it is a mission field. It is a speaking of Christ where he is not known. It is not just a means for the preservation of youngsters in the faith of their fathers and mothers. Experimentation with human subjects, the impact of technology on society, the availability of education to the poor, the handicapped and those from minorities, the use of scientific and technological knowledge in the interests of justice and not just profit – if the church has anything to say about these life and culture shaping questions it must be said in the context of higher education, in which key ideas in all these areas are generated and developed.

My second suggestion is that ministry in higher education needs to be understood as a witness to the intellectual integrity of the church. Whatever else we may do, the academic world will not take the church seriously, except as a menace, unless we show that we take the life of the mind seriously. To show that we both respect and contribute to the life of the mind establishes that ground for dialog in which the church's message can be spoken and heard in the academic community.



FrDr Jon Goman

A Special Report

Fr. Jon has recently accepted an invitation to serve on the Board of Shalom Prayer Center in Mt. Angel, Oregon. He is a graduate of the two-year course of study in spiritual direction offered at Shalom and is looking forward to supporting this place of prayer, peace, and study. Sr. Joan Pokorny, director of Shalom, writes that Jon “has been a steady, faithful supporter of Shalom, and we look forward for this to continue.” I think the feeling is mutual.

I'd like to introduce Shalom Prayer Center to the wider St. Anselm community of supporters, who may not be familiar with its work and purpose, perhaps may not even know of its existence. It is one of the ministries of the Benedictine Sisters of Queen of Angels Monastery, housed in what was once the

science building of Mt. Angel Academy. (The Sisters believe in recycling!) Over the years, people from all over the country and even the world, have been drawn there by the hospitality and peace that are Benedictine gifts. A number of distinguished teachers have led retreats at Shalom, notably William Johnston, William Shannon, Mary Wolff-Salin, and Hugh Feiss. The Mission Statement of Shalom Prayer Center includes this sentence: “The Center provides a peaceful environment where men and women of all faiths and cultural traditions are welcome to seek wholeness and deepen their relationship with God.” In a noisy, divisive, over-busy world, it offers a place of refuge where one may hear the still, small voice that brings us peace, Shalom. — Elin Stetz

What's Coming: *Reminders for Your Calendar*

Friday Night Dinners: May 4, June 1, July 6, August 3 and September 7

Meet at 6 p.m. at St. Anselm for good food (vegetarian option always available), usually good conversation and usually no set agenda. A good way to get to know the crew.

Used Book Day: Saturday, July 28

Meet at St. Anselm 9AM for a day exploring Powells used book store in Portland. Lunch in a neighborhood Italian deli. A perfect introverts outing.

Scrip Orders: Scrip Orders are usually due the second Sunday of the month.

Sunday, August 19, 10 a.m.

A special music service with hymns having to do with peace. Lucy Goman, soloist and music director, will sing, lead congregational singing, and share information about the hymns. Kathy Kinman will share her talent as accompanist. Come, enjoy, participate in some beautiful music, and learn about hymns you may not have known before.

Via Media Mountaineers Hiking Schedule

The Via Media Mountaineers provide all kinds of easy/medium level hiking opportunities. Objectives may change at the last minute due to weather, trail conditions, or party membership. We don't hurry. If you are not an experienced hiker, check with Fr. Jon about equipment or any other questions.

May 19: Columbia Gorge – Pony Tail Falls to Triple Falls, 3.4 miles. Glorious waterfalls and wonderful views across the Columbia Gorge. If we are feeling ambitious we may extend the trip to Franklin Ridge, 9.2 miles round trip. 7 AM St. Anselm Parking lot.

June 23: Cone Peak Meadows to Cone Peak. Some of the most spectacular flower meadows in the Pacific Northwest. If we're feeling feisty, a possible extension to South and Low Mountains for superb views and a bit of cross country scrambling. Photographers and flower sniffers can stop in the meadows, peak baggers will head for the summit. 7 AM St. Anselm Parking Lot.

July 7: The Wife – Southwest Three Sisters area. A bit of cross country work, but not too bad. 1600' elevation gain in 4.4 miles. 8.8 miles round trip and utterly superb views of the Three Sisters + a bit of cross country. 7 AM St. Anselm Parking Lot

August 4: Black Crater Off the MacKenzie Pass Hwy. 7.4 miles round trip, 2500' elevation gain. Trail to the top of a spectacular piece of Oregon's volcanic past.

Sept 8: Diamond Peak – 10 mile round trip 3255' elevation gain. Not as bad as it sounds. I climbed this one years ago with the Presiding Bishop and it's a great romp.



Visit St. Anselm

On the Web:

saintanselmoregon.org

Stay In Touch!

Even if you can't visit Corvallis, please send a card or a note via e-mail. People of the St. Anselm community are scattered, but we are all one in Christ. Write to jon@saintanselmoregon.org.

New Resources on the St. Anselm Web Site

Two resources have been newly posted on the St. Anselm Web site: a series of five lectures on the ethics of St. Paul and *Notes Toward a Commentary on the Revelation to John*.

The first lecture on Paul is devoted to setting Paul against the background of the world in which he lived. The second discusses the basic principle of Pauline ethics: justification by grace through faith. The remaining three lectures illustrate the application of Paul's basic ethical principles to the specific case of marriage, as outlined in First Corinthians chapter 7.

The material on Revelation consists of 140 pages of commentary and 19 pages of bibliography. In this I try to rescue Revelation from its reputation among many Episcopalians as a farrago of the irrational and weird. It is, instead, a carefully planned work with a consistent theological viewpoint and displaying a high respect for the intellect. It is a case of unfamiliar packaging influencing us to reach conclusions which must be abandoned on a careful examination of the book.

In addition, in an attempt to make the Web site responsive to the current life at St. Anselm, we are now posting the weekly e-mail notice of events. See it to confirm dates, get last-minute information on events, and find out who has been up to what at St. Anselm.

— FrDr Jon

People *at St. Anselm*

Elin Stetz: A Woman With a Vocation



Elin (*pronounced Ee-leen*) Stetz has a vocation as a spiritual director. She is paid no money in this role, but many people seek her out for discussion or some type of insight as they follow their own life paths. The staff at Luther House provided Elin with an office in which she meets with her “directees.”

“Spiritual direction,” Elin said, “is defined more easily by what it is not, than by what it is. We don’t try to solve problems. It is not psychological counseling. We sometimes talk about different ways of prayer — there are many ways of praying — but we don’t worry about making progress or ‘getting better at praying.’ Spiritual direction is more like being a companion to someone seeking a deeper spiritual life.”

She comes from a Lutheran background. Elin was born in Estonia, but her family emigrated in “the exodus of 1944,” just before the Soviets took over the country. “My parents were educated people, and it was pretty well known that a lot of educated people were sent to Siberia. Some of them didn’t come back.” When her parents made it to the United States, the family began their life in the new country at a Lutheran Bible camp in the Santa Cruz Mountains, where Elin’s father, a civil engineer, worked as a caretaker for a year. Eventually, he secured a position in the Bay Area. Elin had just one sibling, a brother 10 years older than she is. He died in 1982.

“People you love who die are still there in memory, and they bless you in dreams and in gratitude. I believe what C. S. Lewis wrote in *Letters to Malcolm: Chiefly on Prayer*. ‘Then the new earth and sky, the same yet not the same as these, will

rise in us as we have risen in Christ. And once again, after who knows what aeons of the silence and the dark, the birds will sing and the waters flow, and lights and shadows move across the hills, and the faces of our friends laugh upon us with amazed recognition. Guesses, of course, only guesses. If they are not true, something better will be.’”

Elin describes herself as “a student of literature,” and she reads constantly. She earned a master’s degree in English literature at the University of California-Berkeley, and it was there that she met her husband, Al Stetz, in a cafeteria lunch line. The couple came to Corvallis 30 years ago, when Al became a member of the faculty at OSU. He is a professor of physics. They have one daughter, Korellia, who is an adjunct professor of English at Portland Community College.

Elin’s love of literature became a factor in her choice of the Episcopal Church. When she first attended a service at St. Anselm, she was struck by the beauty of language in The Book of Common Prayer, and the beauty of the liturgy and how seriously Episcopalians take it. She sensed an emphasis on learning, and that attracted her as well.

“I think it was inevitable that I would become an Episcopalian,” she said.

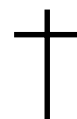
She traces the beginning of her vocation as a spiritual director to the early 1990s, when she joined an Education for Ministry (EFM) class, the 4-year course for lay people. Suzette McLain and Katharine Jefferts Schori were her mentors. The next step was a 2-year program in spiritual direction offered by the Benedictine sisters Queen of Angels Monastery in Mount Angel, Oregon.

“We don’t worry about making progress or ‘getting better at praying.’”

“I wanted to learn a deeper way of prayer, and gain a deeper experiential knowledge of God,” she explained.

The course at Mount Angel led to a literature and theology discussion group, “The Wise Women,” who have since become a supportive group of friends. Elin also leads retreats at the monastery from time to time. She felt a sense of confirmation in her denominational choice recently, when Katharine Schori was elected Presiding Bishop of the American Episcopal Church.

“I watched the Investiture, and I said, ‘This is my church!’ It was a moment of great joy.” — *Charlene Vecchi*



Work of the St. Anselm Board

*Annual Report to the
Community of St. Anselm of Canterbury
Ministry in Higher Education
January 28, 2007*

The Board continues to address the concerns raised regarding the St. Anselm budget. Although the Ministry ended the year in the black, this was accomplished through the generous donation of a matching grant from an anonymous donor.

To address these concerns further, the Board established a Development Committee, wrote a case study, revised the Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws, and revised the pledge card. A newsletter was mailed twice, with plans to make the mailing a tri-annual event, rather than bi-annual.

Other activities of the Board included:

1. Removing the old sign in the front yard and authorizing the purchase of a new sign to be posted on the building.
2. Systematizing the budget process, and establishing the Treasurer position as an ex officio member of the Board.
3. Hosting the second annual open house the first Sunday in October. Approximately 30 attended, including students, friends, and members of the St. Anselm community.
4. Authorizing continued upgrading of the physical plant.

The Board proposed a slate of new Board members, consisting of Mary Arnold, Brian Moore, and Paul Vecchi. The slate was accepted by acclamation at the annual meeting. — *Molly Engel*



St. Anselm of Canterbury Board Members

Left to right: Ronald Wynn, Ph.D. in music education, Emeritus Professor of Music, Western Oregon University; Paul Vecchi, MS in social work, retired children's services caseworker; Brian Moore, biology major, OSU; Carolyn Olsen, BA in English literature and theatre, farmer and teacher; FrDr. Jon Goman, Rel.D. in history of Christianity, chaplain, St. Anselm of Canterbury, and teacher, Linn-Benton Community College.

Not pictured: Mary Arnold, Board chair, Assoc. Professor, Extension 4-H Youth Development, OSU.

Do You Know a Student Coming to OSU?

We would like to welcome people from your congregation to St Anselm. If a student in your family — or your parish family — is coming to OSU, please tell them about the Episcopal campus ministry here. Likewise, let us know about the person. Contact us at St. Anselm of Canterbury, 2615 NW Arnold Way, Corvallis, OR 97330 or e-mail jon@saintanselmoregon.org.

The Theology of Prayer



For nearly twenty years, Jon Goman has been offering classes on various aspects of Christian tradition at the Mennonite Village in Albany — among other classes on various religious subjects and in other locations — under the auspices of Linn Benton Community College.

At the Mennonite Village, the classes are held in the Lakeside Center, and a number of participants are residents of the Village, but participation is by no means restricted to residents. On the contrary, at least half the class comes from surrounding areas. Many of the participants are retired, but

not all. Episcopalians usually predominate, but there are always people from other denominations, from Roman Catholic to Mennonite. These are academic classes in the sense of being two-hour lectures one day a week for ten weeks, focused on a particular topic along with readings. But the lectures wander delightfully in response to questions. Participation is lively, to say the least, and continues during the break, a break which is also a delicious midmorning snack because participants take turns supplying homemade cookies and other good things.

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The Music Corner

We continue to sing an average of six hymns at every Sunday worship service here at St. Anselm, and the congregation sings with great enthusiasm. Most of the hymns come from The Hymnal 1982 and Wonder, Love, and Praise, but some come from other music collections and some are my compositions.

December 10 was our annual Advent Lessons and Carols service, with lots of congregational hymns as well as solos, duets, and songs sung by the children's choir. Bev Ratajak was our accompanist this year. Many thanks to Bev, Molly Hannah, and the members of the children's choir (Morgan and Mercedes Engle and Serena Steffensmeier) for their special contributions. I always make a request for a contribution to the music fund at this service, and we raised \$145. The fund pays for piano tuning, substitute accompanists, having my music done up on computer, and other music expenses.

Our Epiphany service always features solos by The Three Kings as well as many fine hymns. Thanks to this year's kings- Jon Goman, Tom McLain, and Paul Vecchi- for their solos.

I want to say a special thank you to the children's choir for all their hard work. The girls rehearse nearly every Sunday as well as singing once a month. This is a big time commitment and we all appreciate their contributions to our worship services. A special thank you also to Morgan Engle for her monthly cello solo.

In mid-July, Jon and I are going off to Ottawa, Ontario, for the annual conference of the Hymn Society. Many fine workshops will be offered, and there will be hymn festivals, worship services, and speakers, as well as free time. This is always a highlight of the summer for me, as I learn new music, meet new people, and get ideas that I later share with the community here at St. Anselm.

On August 19 at 10:00 am our worship service will feature hymns having to do with peace. Kathy Kinman will play the piano, and I will lead the singing and share information about the hymns, as well as doing a few solos. Come if you can-these special services are always fun and informative. — *Lucy Goman*

LaVerne Goman Library Is Not Just Books

Browsing through the LaVerne Goman Library, one could be excused for thinking it was all about books. There are, after all, nearly 7,000 of them lining the walls of St. Anselm. Their presence is inescapable.

But books are not all the library offers. Our file cabinets hold more than 1,100 articles dealing with the cultural background of scripture, the archeology of Palestine, the history of biblical interpretation, and the ancient world as it impacts Holy Scripture. All are arranged according to subject matter headings and the headings catalogued in the general collection catalog. This resource sees frequent use by students in Old and New Testament classes.

Also hidden in the library are 124 Princeton files, holding downloaded articles, newspaper clippings, pamphlets, manuscripts and occasional publications. Much of this material is nearly impossible to find gathered together in a single place.

If you want a family tree outlining the historical relation of the different schools of Hinduism, we can supply it. If your interest is the history of altars, or the theological and liturgical background of the Syriac Orthodox Church, or the impact of the Protestant Reformation in Slavic countries, we can supply material from our Princeton files, organized and catalogued.

The acquisition of books continues, of course. Since our last newsletter, we've received 251 volumes worth adding to the collection, ranging from Kinsley's *Hindu Goddesses: Visions of the Divine Feminine in the Hindu Religious Tradition* to Peter Dronke's classic *Women Writers of the Middle Ages*. In between, one finds *The Cambridge Dictionary of Philosophy* and Storr's *The Development of English Theology in the 19th Century*.

On the antique side, we were given an 1850 edition of John Henry Hobart's *Festivals and Fasts of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America*. The collection grows entirely through donations, St. Anselm has no budget for book acquisition.

Library usage is also increasing. Thirty-nine items are currently checked out, twenty-one have been turned in during the last week and await reshelving. — *FrDr. Jon*

St. Anselm Library Is a Ministry

I began to use the St. Anselm library because I met Jon Goman, the priest in charge, at a men's breakfast at Good Samaritan Church. I risked sharing with Jon something of my personal faith journey. In particular, I said, I was interested in learning how the German philosopher, Martin Heidegger, had influenced contemporary theological reflection. Jon's response was enormously heartening. First of all, he encouraged me to continue questioning, and then he said he thought the St. Anselm library had just the book. A few days later, I met Jon at St. Anselm, and with the help of the card catalog, he found the book he had in mind with little effort. That one book led to others, and within a few weeks I was able to narrow my search to two post-war German theologians I thought might be of particular interest. One had very little of his work translated, but Jon was able to reprint one article via the library's Internet subscription, and to my delight, the library contained several works by the other theologian.

The library has now become part of my life. Beyond just browsing the books, most of which are out of print and not easily available, it is good to be in a place where new questions can meet old questions, and where faith can be nourished by reason as well as tradition. — *Stephen Blevans*

To Create a More Inviting Landscape

Canterbury House was originally built as a private home. The front porch and landscaping were designed to protect the privacy of the occupants who were, after all, living in the middle of a busy intersection! What is good for a private home, however, is not necessarily good for a church.

Most people on campus — and even most long-term residents of the neighborhood — are unaware that the nondescript house at the corner of Monroe and Arnold Way serves any religious function. We would like to change that. Our plan is to landscape the front yard, and slightly reconfigure the front steps, so that the religious identity of Canterbury House is evident and the public is invited in, rather than barricaded out.

We have a preliminary plan from Northwest Garden Designs & Consulting, LLC, and several cost estimates from local contractors. It appears that the project would cost about \$17,000 if all the labor is supplied by the contractors. We can reduce the cost substantially by doing some of the work ourselves. It is our intention to seek grant money to cover part of the cost, and make up the remainder through targeted giving. Our location is ideal, with the university across the street, and it is time we took advantage of it. In addition, the



city has given us a great opportunity for evangelism by placing a bus stop by our front steps. It has provided us with a community of people who would like a place to sit and have lunch on a sunny day, or a place to chain up their bikes and wait for the bus, or a porch on which to take shelter from the rain. We can provide all this, and in so doing we will be noticed. We hope to complete the plans and begin fundraising this year, so construction can be scheduled for early 2008.

— Al Stetz, Development Committee

Theology of Prayer *(Cont. from page 5)*

In the winter quarter, the topic was the Theology of Prayer. Readings were from *Christian Proficiency*, a book dating from about a half-century ago, by an Anglican monk. The book is neither liberal nor conservative, just full of undogmatic common sense and a tranquil faith that individual daily prayer — habitual prayer — is part of living a Christian life. The readings are especially valuable because they offer a clear presentation of the relevant vocabulary of ascetic theology, vocabulary once taught in catechism but now frequently misunderstood, such as the distinction between a fault and a sin, or a habit and a rule.

As good as the readings may be, it is Jon's lectures and responses to questions that supply the main attraction. His particular area of expertise is church history. While he in no way denigrates the importance of imagination and feeling, his emphasis is on critical thinking and knowledge of history as a guide. Christianity, Jon teaches, is an experiential reality, an experiment in living and in the process of change that goes with it. We don't know the right answer. All doctrine is at the very best mere approximation. As Jon expressed it at the last meeting of the class, the vocabulary and structure offered is but equipment to go in your backpack; the trip is yours.

— Stephen Blevans

Sermon Collections Now Available

We have a marvelous resource here at St. Anselm: Jon's weekly sermons, neatly written out, available for reference, and available to those of us who didn't quite make it to church the previous Sunday. The Development Committee thought it would be nice to publish anthologies of these sermons, partly to raise a little money and partly to advertise our presence to a wider audience. We imagine bound booklets dealing with specific topics and containing, in addition to the sermons, commentary and art. This is a good opportunity for community participation. Is there a particular topic you would like addressed? Would you like to contribute some art or perhaps an essay of your own? Contact Jon or me at stetza@ucs.orst.edu. — Al Stetz

A Few Folks . . .

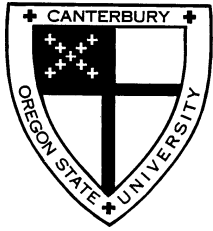
Erik Nielsen is finishing law school. He and his wife, Valya, are based in Annapolis, Maryland. Earlier this year, they traveled to Russia to visit Valya's parents.

Sam and Julie Marty, supporters of St. Anselm and parents of our music director, Lucy, recently spent a week in Sun Valley attending a Dixieland festival. Sam commented, apropos the Beaver victory over USC, that Lucy and I were probably the only people in Corvallis not out partying that night. How well he knows us.

Sherry Stater continues her counseling work for Looking Glass in Eugene. She's been assigned to the Cottage Grove office and is enjoying work in a smaller community.

The redoubtable **Kim Silvester** continues her adjustment to civilian life after a stint in the navy. Her comment: "Now that I have my own cat, I know I'm at home." She also informs us that she splits her time between engineering and soccer and, in what's left over, took a trip to Florida, Tennessee and other points south and east to visit friends and family. Another part of civilian life, apparently, is discovering how expensive it is to have a house painted.

Betty Lunn has a new black labrador, who at the time of our last communication, had just stolen a plate of rolls cooling on the kitchen counter, and was, both figuratively and literally, in the dog house. Betty belongs to a



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A Few Folks . . .

group which meets regularly for lunch, and, as White Sulphur Springs, Montana has only two restaurants, the group has been known to drive 65 miles for a bit of variety. That's life in the wild, wild west.

Martha Hotchkiss spent several days last summer cycling on the Continental Divide, which was all lonely campgrounds, broken wheel spokes and 11,000 ft passes. My jealousy was not really aroused until she wrote that on her way back from the cycling trip she spent six days backpacking in the Wallowa Mountains. At that point, my eyes turned green.

Brenda Weins (Graves) has returned to the teaching world, general biology at Lord Fairfax Junior College in Virginia.

The **Zavalata family** has moved to Chapel Hill, North Carolina, by way of Yellowstone, Devil's Postpile, and Mt. Rushmore. The trip was recorded in a wonderful montage of a Christmas card to the St. Anselm community.

We hear regularly from Rich Curtis – still based in Santa Barbara although spending a significant amount of time in Wyoming.

Small World Department

Dan Panshin, who lives in the Twin Cities, discovered that he frequents the same restaurant in which **Jessica Goman** works to help finance her education.

(The restaurant is The Barbary Fig. If you are ever in St. Paul, eat there. You won't be disappointed.)

Glad Things

Ann Saunderson, a good friend of St. Anselm and former Episcopal chaplain at the University of Oregon, was ordained to the transitional diaconate last June at St. Mark's Cathedral in Seattle and to the priesthood this past February at Christ Church, Puyallup. She continues work as a Hospice chaplain in the Tacoma area.

Les Ferguson, retiring from the navy after a 20+ year career, has recently interned at St. John's Episcopal Church in Hampton, Virginia. This is a part of his preparation for ordination. Seminary is scheduled for this fall. This year, he and Kathy celebrate their 23rd wedding anniversary. It is quite startling to the chaplain to realize that he remembers their wedding day!

Holy and living God, you call men and women to bring us your creative and redeeming word. Equip your people for their work of ministry and give to Ann, now ordained, and Les, responding to his call, the gifts they need. AMEN

(New Zealand Book of Common Prayer)

Sad Things

Melvin Rose, the brother of Laura Furches (Laura Rose) has been diagnosed with Lou Gehrig's Disease. Please pray for him and for his family.

