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Seneca Nation Dancers, Damietta Center student club members to perform April 26 at St. Bonaventure University

The public is invited to enjoy the "Dance & Culture" performances of the Seneca Nation Dancers and the Damietta Center Student Clubs (ASIA, LASO and the STEP Team) on the St. Bonaventure University campus Monday. The program will be held from 6:30 to 8 p.m. in the Doyle Dining Room. Snacks and refreshments will be served.

The Seneca Youth Dancers are a school group organization from the Salamanca City Central School District. Seneca social dances are taught to students ranging from pre-K through 12th grade. The mission of the organization is to preserve and revitalize Seneca culture through traditional songs and dance. It is important to The Seneca Youth Dancers to educate Seneca and non-Seneca communities of the rich Seneca culture. The group has been re-established within the school district for five years, and has performed at a number of events throughout the country, including Heard Museum in Phoenix, Ariz., The New York State Superintendent's Conference in New York City, and a world peace music video by artist Nassiri in New York City.

The mission of the Damietta Center is to provide all students with an enriched appreciation for differences through diversity exposure. ASIA (Asian Students in Action) is the SBU student group that focuses on the cultural and political concerns of the Asian American and Pacific Islander communities. The members are focused on celebrating the rich diversity within the Asian students on campus.

Cultivating the artistic manifestations of Latino Americans is LASO (Latino American Student Organization). This student group also recognizes the need to appreciate the rich diversity of Latino multi-cultures. The SBU STEP Team celebrates diversity and talent in performance of rhythm, beat and dance.

Monday's event is sponsored by the Damietta Center, Franciscan Center for Social Concern, Mt. Irenaeus and the School of Education.

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St. Bonaventure University biology students selected for summer research opportunities

Three St. Bonaventure University biology students have been selected as the Dr. Arnold T. Borer Summer Research Scholars for 2010.

Tiffany Barkley, Kirsten Norrell and Andrew Nguyen will spend 10 weeks of the summer working on various research projects under the advisement of three university biology professors.

Barkley, a third-year biology major and political science minor from Mansfield, Texas, will focus on the development of mammary glands in mice. Barkley will be characterizing changes of the mammary gland due to the loss of connective tissue growth factor (CTGF). CTGF is a protein that is essential for the growth of new blood vessels.

“By studying CTGF in the mammary gland,” said Barkley, “the study hopes to elucidate the functional implications of cancerous cell growth and metastasis.” Barkley will study in the laboratory of Dr. Julie Hens. Barkley will attend LECOM Medical School in 2011 and hopes to one day work in politics.

Norrell, a third-year biology major and Spanish minor from Pittsburgh, Pa., will be conducting research under the direction of Dr. David Hilmey.

Among other things, Norrell will be focusing on research pertaining to vitamin B6. “I have done research in the past, so I already know that I enjoy it,” said Norrell, “I’m just excited to be exposed to a different area of research and to learn about a different approach to studying biological systems.” Norrell plans to attend George Washington University School of Medicine through St. Bonaventure’s Franciscan Health Care Professions program.

“I don’t know yet how research will fit into my career plans as a clinician,” said Norrell, “but as I have experienced research more I have gained a better idea about how I want to incorporate it into my studies throughout medical school and afterwards.” Nguyen, a second-year biology major from Huntington Beach, Calif., will be conducting research on algae. Under the direction of Dr. Fred Harrington, Nguyen will be analyzing photosynthesis and its energy pathways, which ultimately lead to the production of starch or triglycerides.

“The ultimate goal,” said Nguyen, “is to convert the triglyceride products into bio-fuels as an alternative means of energy in order to preserve scarce raw materials.” Nguyen was accepted into the dual admissions program between St. Bonaventure University and George Washington University School of Medicine in 2008. Through the program, Nguyen is guaranteed a spot in the medical school after his undergraduate studies. Dr. Eleanor H. Green, interim dean of the School of Arts and Sciences, said the opportunity granted to these students will be invaluable.

“The scholars will no doubt benefit tremendously from their experiences this summer,” said Green. “They will join the ever-growing list of outstanding students who have participated in the Borer Summer Research program.”

The Dr. Arnold T. Borer Summer Fellowship Program was made possible in 1992 through a gift to St. Bonaventure University from Gertrude Borer and her son, Francis E. Borer, '69. The fund was established in honor of her late husband, Arnold. Borer Scholars are selected because they have achieved exceptional science and math GPAs and

have potential career interests in the field of biomedical research.

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SBU business students inducted into Beta Gamma Sigma

On Tuesday, April 20, the Student Induction Ceremony was held for Beta Gamma Sigma at the University Club. Beta Gamma Sigma is a national honor society for business and management programs accredited by AACSB (The Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business). Election to a lifetime membership in Beta Gamma Sigma is the highest honor a business student can receive in either an undergraduate or a master's program.

The graduate student inductees for 2010 are:

David Abriatis Leah Oleski
Daniel Cappellino Devin Patel
Jacqueline Dunbar Sandra Sleggs
Renee Farwell Kristin Sotak
Kimberly Johnson Jamie Swanson
Kelly McCorry Robert Torella

The undergraduate student inductees for 2010 are:

Evan Barrick Daniel Magee
Kristin Burke Daniel Michael
Michelle Canfield Ashley Ross
Brittany Lollier Andrew Scroger
Donika Lucero Mikhail Sudakov

Dr. John G. Watson, dean of the School of Business, served as master of ceremony with remarks given by Sr. Margaret Carney, O.S.F., S.T.D., University president, and Dr. James E. Stitt, president of CUTCO Cutlery. Dr. Zahid Y. Khairullah, the chapter president and faculty adviser, gave the concluding remarks.

During the ceremony Andrew Scroger was awarded a \$1,000 scholarship, which was jointly presented by the School of Business and the National Beta Gamma Sigma Honor Society.

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Department of Mathematics celebrates students' achievements

On Thursday, April 22, at 4 p.m. in the Mathematics Suite (De La Roche 301), the Department of Mathematics will celebrate the achievements of Jen Dempsey, '12, and Troy Mulholland, '11, on the 2009 Putnam Exam. The Putnam Exam is the most challenging undergraduate math competition in the United States and Canada.

The Putnam is so challenging that 40 percent of the students who took the 2009 Exam received 0 points. Any positive score on the Putnam is a noteworthy achievement.

Both Jen and Troy had positive scores — the first time in living memory that two Bona's students accomplished this in one year. Jen performed better than or as well as 52 percent of all participants and Troy performed better than or as well as 70 percent of all participants. Some 4,036 students across the U.S. and Canada participated. The six-hour exam was given Saturday, Dec. 5, 2009.

The Department of Mathematics is also celebrating several other wonderful recent achievements by our students: Kevin Cilano co-authored a short paper with Dr. Doug Cashing that will be published in the April 2010 issue of the NYS Math Teacher's Journal; Andrew Krull solved Problem 1811 of the February 2009 issue of Mathematics Magazine; Troy Mulholland solved Problem 3426 of the April 2009 issue of Crux Mathematicorum; and John Postl solved both Problem 3452 of the September 2009 issue of Crux Mathematicorum and Problem 1207 of the fall 2009 issue of The Pi Mu Epsilon Journal.

All are welcome to join the celebration. Delicious snacks and beverages will be served.

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13 inducted into Phi Alpha Theta at SBU

The Department of History at St. Bonaventure University is pleased to announce that the Sigma Gamma Chapter of Phi Alpha Theta (History Honors Society) has been revived and held its Initiation Ceremony of 13 new members Monday, April 19.

The initiates were:

Gregory Anslow, a history major from Pittsburgh
James Buttram, a history major from Sewell, N.J.
Seamus Donnelly, a history major from Corning, N.Y.
Ryan Duffy, a history major from Eden, N.Y.
Rachel Engl, a history major from Grand Island, N.Y.
Kevin Festa, a history major from Rochester, N.Y.
Anthony Jones, a journalism and mass communication major from Jamestown, N.Y.
Kevin Kirby, a history major from East Brunswick, N.J.
David Pearson, a history major from Carlisle, Pa.
Lauren Perkins, a history major from Olean, N.Y.
Diana Phalon, a history major from Smethport, Pa.
Mary Schrader, a history major from Murphy, Texas
Sean Shaffer, a history major from San Diego, Calif.

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Women and Girls in Sports day to draw 400 area high school female athletes

Four hundred athletes from 18 Southern Tier high schools will celebrate the National Women and Girls in Sports Day at St. Bonaventure this month.

This year's event is slated for Friday, April 30, and is sponsored by the St. Bonaventure University Department of Athletics, Department of Physical Education, Army Reserve Officers' Training Corps, the U.S. Army Recruiting Command, Visiting Scholar Program and School of Education.

It is a day to support the national effort to follow through with Title IX and give young, female athletes a day of celebration and mentoring with college level peers. This year the keynote presenters will be Brig. Gen. Maureen Keenan-LeBoeuf, Ed.D. (Ret.), Dr. Ralph Pim and women cadet athletes from the U.S. Military Academy at West Point. Pim is an associate professor and the director of competitive sports in the Department of Physical Education at the United States Military Academy.

He is an instructor in Professional Military Ethics classes and is a member of the Moral-Ethical Committee. He oversees an athletic program of more than 3,000 cadets consisting of 27 competitive club sports and 12 company athletics sports. During Pim's tenure, West Point has implemented the Champions of Character program and established the Mike Krzyzewski Teaching Character Through Sports Award. He received his Bachelor of Science degree from Springfield College, a Master of Arts degree from Ohio State University and a Doctor in Education degree from Northwestern State University.

Pim is a member of the Phi Kappa Honor Society and has authored or co-authored nine books. He has been a presenter in the professional development series at the National Association of Basketball Coaches convention at the Men's Final Four since 2004 and has been a featured speaker at the Naismith Basketball Hall of Fame Enshrinement, the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics national convention and the Sports Management Institute held at the University of Michigan.

Keenan-LeBoeuf is a '76 graduate of and former student-athlete at St. Bonaventure and is on the Board of Trustees for her alma mater. She received her Master's in Education for Physical Education from the University of Georgia, along with her Doctorate in Education.

She is the daughter of the late Leo E. Keenan Jr., longtime professor at St. Bonaventure, and she and her eight brothers and sisters all received degrees from St. Bonaventure as well. She was the director and head of the Department of Physical Education at West Point for seven years. She was the first woman department head at the U. S. Military Academy and was inducted into the St. Bonaventure ROTC Hall of Fame in 2001.

Additionally, she is co-editor of the book "Fit & Active: The West Point Physical Development Program." Dr. Paula Scraba, associate professor in the Department of Physical Education, is organizing this year's event at St. Bonaventure University. "St. Bonaventure Women in Sports Day is a way for the Bonaventure Community to provide a 'Come and See,'" said Scraba. "We invite and welcome athletes and coaches to our beautiful campus to get to know us and what we can provide for potential students in our academic programs."

There are 18 area high schools scheduled to participate and a record number of 400 high school students registered. These schools include: Allegany-Limestone, Bath Haverling, Belfast, Bolivar-Richburg, Bradford, Cuba-Rushford, Ellicottville, Genesee Valley, Hinsdale, Olean, Portville, Randolph, Salamanca, Scio, Silver Creek, Southwestern, Southern Tier Catholic, and Lutheran/Jamestown.

"For some coaches and athletes, this is their first of many visits to campus," said Scraba. Sports Day activities will include softball, basketball, soccer, lacrosse, rugby, tennis and swimming clinics lead by St. Bonaventure athletes and coaches.

There will be a climbing wall this year, which is provided by the Army, and will stay up for the annual Spring Weekend for St. Bonaventure students to use. The National Girls and Women in Sports Coalition started in 1987 to remember Flo Hyman, an Olympic volleyball player. Before Hyman's death, she worked to promote equality for women's sports. Since then, the day has been celebrated to acknowledge past and present women's sports achievements, the positive influence of sports participation, and the continued sports achievements of equality for women in sports.

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Friday Forum

April 23, 2010

The University Club

12:20 - 1:30 p.m.

Lunch: \$3 (Pay Upstairs) The Friday Forum is Generously Subsidized by the President's Office

Speaker: Tamara C. Hilmey, AIA, NCARB, LEED™ AP OUISE studio

Title: An Architecture of Decency

A look at the compelling story and work of Rural Studio, a unique architectural program at Auburn University under the direction of the renowned Samuel Mockbee. In a time when architectural attention focuses on large, glossy urban projects and palatial homes, the Rural Studio provides an alternative of substance. In addition to being a social welfare venture, the Rural Studio is also an educational experiment and a prod to the architectural profession to act on its best instincts. By giving students hand-on experience in designing and building something real, it extends their

education beyond paper architecture. And in scavenging and reusing a variety of unusual materials, it is a model of sustainable architecture. The work of the Rural Studio has struck such a chord - both architecturally and socially - that it has been featured on Oprah, Nightline, and CBS News, as well as Time and People magazine.

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Newsmakers

Pianist Laura Peterson, Department of Visual and Performing Arts, and Dr. Julia Tunstall performed a concert, "Music for the Dance; for Flute and Piano," on April 11 at the Baker Memorial in East Aurora. The concert was the last in this season's Grace Dean Memorial Concert Series. The duo has been exploring the repertoire of dance music for flute and piano and performed works by J.S. Bach, Georges Bizet, Benjamin Godard, Béla Bartók, Maurice Ravel, Claude Debussy and Gabriel Fauré.

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