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A Newsletter for the Viterbo University Community

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Hear Obang Okello's Odyssey November 18

Mark your calendar for Tuesday, Nov. 18 to hear a powerful story of survival.

Obang Okello was an 11-year-old when his life dramatically changed. Living in a border village between Ethiopia and Sudan, he was a constant witness to the endless peril of war which raged all around him. One day, while in school, he heard a bomb blast nearby. Soon the building was engulfed in fire, an inferno that would take the lives of all but 17 of his 2,400 classmates. After his har-



Obang Okello

rowing escape he hid in the brush for three days while the military destroyed his village. Amid the destruction were many bodies unable to be identified. He believed all of his family was dead.

His journey was only beginning. What followed is an unbelievable story of courage and faith as Obang embarked on a treacherous 1,000-mile, 40-day, bare-foot marathon walk to the distant refugee camps of Kenya where even more challenges awaited him.

Hear the inspiring story of Obang Okello as he shares how his deep faith in God, constant prayer, and a capacity to survive under extreme circumstances, has led to new and blessed opportunities.

Obang Okello is currently a student at Bethel College in St. Paul where he is studying theology and business administration.

Okello's talk which will be held in the San Damiano Chapel, begins at 7:30 p.m.

This presentation is sponsored by the Paula Ripple Comin Memorial Endowed Lectureship.

November is International Education Month

Members of the Viterbo community are invited to participate in the activities that will take place during International Education Month 2003.

The sponsors of events are the Office of Global Education, Spanish Club, World Languages Department, Global Rhythms, the School of Nursing, the Faculty Development Program, and the La Crosse-Dubna Friendship Association.

- **Thursday, Nov. 6**—Seventh Day Discussion, "Korea to Afghanistan", 12 p.m.–1 p.m. Math-Science Reading Room, MC 419C
 - Belize National Dance Company, 7:30 p.m., Fine Arts Center, Bright Star Season, Tickets \$30.00 and \$24.00
 - **Friday, Nov. 7**—Caribbean Carnival Dance, 9 p.m.–1 a.m., Marian Hall Cafeteria
 - **Tuesday, Nov. 11**—Tertulia-Spanish Club, Documentary:

Señorita Extraviada, 7 p.m.–9 p.m., Student Development Center

- **Thursday, Nov. 13**—"Meet Your Seamstress: Sweatshirts and Sweatshops." A presentation and discussion by the Mexico Solidarity Network exploring sweatshop working conditions in Mexico. Presentation by Marco Polo Rodríguez and Patricia Bonilla. 6 p.m.–8 p.m., RC 127

- **Friday, Nov. 14**—Seventh Day Discussion, Faculty Panel—Teaching & Learning Abroad, "What we've done. What's next?" Panel Members: Rolf Samuels, Pat Zander, Paul Sannerud, and Lyon Evans. 12 p.m.–1 p.m. Math-Science Reading Room, MC 419C

- **Tuesday, Nov. 18**—Human Rights Issues, Learn about human rights issues that Amnesty International monitors. Lend your

name to letter writing campaign against human rights abuses. Table in Murphy Center Lobby

- International Student Reception, 4:00 p.m., RC President's Office, Invitation Only

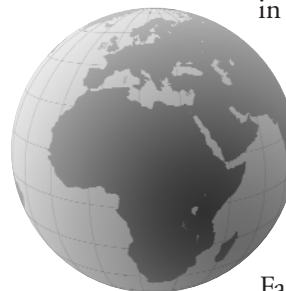
- **Thursday, Nov. 20**—Faculty/Staff

International Potluck, Faculty and Staff are invited to

the celebration. Please bring an internationally inspired dish to pass. 11:30 a.m.–1p.m. Math-Science Reading Room, MC 419C

- **Saturday, Nov. 22**—Dubna Trio: Celebrating 15 Years, 7:00 p.m. Fine Arts Center-Recital Hall
- Photo Exhibit: Russian Life and People, Fine Arts Center-Hospitality Suite

- **Tuesday, Nov. 25**—Transcultural Nursing Symposium, Place and time TBA



campus calendar

Monday, November 3

- Last day for Instructors to Submit Replacement Grade(s) for Incomplete(s) from Spring 2003, Registrar's Office
- Last Day to Drop a Regular Full-Semester Class With a Grade of "W", Registrar's Office
- Registration for Spring 2004, Sophomore I (31-45 Hours Earned), Registrar's Office
- 8 p.m. RSB Meeting, Rose Terrace
- "Monotypes," Third Floor Gallery, FAC

Tuesday, November 4

- Election Day
- "Monotypes," Third Floor Gallery, FAC

Wednesday, November 5

- 2:10 p.m. Intro to the GMAT Process, MC 312
- 4:15-5:15 p.m. SGA E-Board Meeting, SDC
- 10 p.m. Taize Prayer, San Damiano Chapel
- "Monotypes," Third Floor Gallery, FAC

Thursday, November 6

- 12-1 p.m. Seventh Day Discussion, "Korea to Afganistan," Math-Science Reading Room, MC 419C
- 3:30 p.m. Getting It All Done: Time Mgmt, MC 312
- 7:30 p.m. Bright Star: "Belize National Dance Company," FAC Main Theatre
- "Monotypes," Third Floor Gallery, FAC

Friday, November 7

- 12:30 p.m., Dr. Toby Hain Keynote, RC 127
- 7:30 p.m. Women's Basketball @ Kendall
- 9 p.m.-1 a.m. Caribbean Carnival Dance, Marian Hall Cafeteria
- "Monotypes," Third Floor Gallery, FAC

Saturday, November 8

- Women's Volleyball MCC Quarter Final @ TBA
- 3 p.m. Women's Basketball @ Cardinal Stritch
- 7:30 p.m. NexStar: "Tonic Sol-Fa," FAC Main Theatre
- "Monotypes," Third Floor Gallery, FAC

Sunday, November 9

- 11 a.m. Mass, San Damiano Chapel
- 2 p.m. Music Department Concert, FAC Main Theatre
- 6 p.m. Mass, San Damiano Chapel
- 7 p.m. SGA Meeting, Robers
- "Monotypes," Third Floor Gallery, FAC

Blood Drive Report

The Oct. 20 blood drive was a success. Special thanks to Jessica Upton and Rebecca Raatz, the nursing students, and Pizza Doctors, Pepsi, and campus dining who provided the food and refreshments. Our goal was 75 units, and 69 units were obtained. Thanks to the students, faculty and staff who donated their blood including the baseball team which showed up in full force to participate.

Seven Rivers Research Symposium Set

Ten Viterbo and 10 Winona State University science students will present their research Friday, Nov. 7 at the Seven Rivers Undergraduate Research Symposium which will be held in the Reinhart Center. The day will feature a keynote address by Dr. Toby Hain, formerly a chemistry professor and now a third year law student at the University of Pennsylvania. He will discuss the

Don't Forget About...

Thursday, Nov. 6.

The humanity of business is the focus of three presentations by Cheryl Broetje. Together with her husband, Ralph, Broetje owns Broetje Orchards near Prescott, Wash.

- 9:30-11 a.m., "Bearing Fruit That Will Last," First Presbyterian Church, 233 West Avenue South, La Crosse. This talk is co-sponsored by the Wisconsin Farmers Union.

- 2-3:15 p.m., Q & A with university and college business students, RC 127.

- 7-8:30 p.m., "An Evening Conversation with Cheryl Broetje," RC 107. Moderators for this discussion will be David Banner, director of Viterbo's Master of Business Administration; Carl Koch, director of Viterbo's Master of Arts in Servant Leadership; and Joan Mueller, business development administrator, Franciscan Skemp Healthcare.

Monday, Nov. 10

- "Women Mystics," lecture with Fr. Bernard McGarty and Viterbo religious studies students, 6:30 p.m. in the FAC Main Theatre. Free and open to the public.

integration of science, law, and ethics in a 12:30 p.m. presentation in RC 127. Research students will present include: investigations into Lyme disease; the effects of caffeine in the fetal development of mice and the anti-depressant effects of St. Johns Wort on patients.

Funding for the symposium is provided by the Merck Company Foundation.

Cooking Utensils

Start your Christmas Shopping early and at the same time support the School District of La Crosse. Again this year cooking utensils are available in the Nutrition & Dietetics Department. Some items are available on a cash and carry basis. Ordered items are guaranteed delivery before Christmas. Stop by and pick out a few stocking stuffers or put together a complete cooking package. SDA cookbooks are also still available. Stop by the Dietetics office in BNC Room 104 to see samples of available items or call Pam Fuchsteiner at ext. 3671.

Relay for Life

The 2004 All-College Relay for Life will be Saturday, April 3 through Sunday, April 4 at the Mitchell Hall Field House. Relay for Life is the signature fundraising event for the American Cancer Society and teams from UW-L, Viterbo, and WWTC are invited to participate. The committee is looking for teams of 8-15 people to raise funds for the American Cancer Society and participate in the Relay. There will be an informational meeting on Tuesday, November 18 from 7:00-8:00 p.m., at the UW-L Cartwright Center, room 331. Anyone interested in finding out more information is invited to attend.

kudos to...

- **Stephanie Genz**, assistant professor in the School of Nursing, was recently elected by the Wisconsin Nurses Association (WNA) as a delegate to the American Nurses Association (ANA). Genz will be representing Wisconsin nurses at the national level and will be participating in the ANA House of Delegates.
- **Christine Valenti**, graduate education, who recently received the prestigious Northwestern Wisconsin Education Association's Service Award at their 2003 Annual Conference. Valenti has been with Viterbo University for 11 years and manages, recruits, and markets the off-campus portion of the graduate education program in Wisconsin. This past year, her office has worked with over 100 adjunct faculty members and processed 9,300+ course units. In addition, Valenti works with multiple school districts and 10 out of 12 CESA's in providing graduate credit in conjunction with staff development opportunities. The award honors Valenti's commitment to the association, her work with committees, and her advisory work in helping provide quality programming for their annual convention.
- **Deb Daehn Zellmer**, social work, who presented a workshop entitled "From Awareness to Action: Developing Student's Understanding of Privilege, Injustice and Professional Call to Advocacy" at the 21st Annual Conference of Baccalaureate Social Work Program Directors in Reno, Nevada.

human RESOURCES

Viterbo University wishes a warm welcome to:

- **Renee Weber**, administrative assistant to the dean of the School of Letters and Sciences. She is located in MC 215, her ext. is 3394, and her email is rjweber@viterbo.edu.

Poet to Speak Tomorrow



Ken McCullough

Ken McCullough will visit Viterbo on Tuesday, Nov. 4.

McCullough is author of the recently published collection of his work, *Obsidian Point*,

which is a multi-genre volume with poems alongside a piece of creative non-fiction. The book chronicles a 16-year spiritual quest through travels through the West. Poet Ed Folsom has said, *Obsidian Point* is "a descent through layers of American history to touch...the savage mystery this culture has been intent on forgetting, denying."

In the book, McCullough's poetry is presented in first-person narratives, set in the outdoors, and concerned with materiality and spirituality in

the environment. Well-accomplished, McCullough has received an Academy of American Poets award and honorary tribal membership in the Minconjou band of Lakota. He is a friend to Cambodian poet U Sam Oeur, who has also read his work at Viterbo and was last on campus in 2000. The two met while they were participating in the University of Iowa's Writer's Workshop. McCullough helped Oeur secure immigration to the U.S. and often has served as his translator.

McCullough will hold an afternoon craft talk at 4 p.m. in MC 230 and an evening poetry reading at 7 p.m. in the FAC Recital Hall. Copies of *Obsidian Point* will be available and can be signed at a reception. The events are free and open to the public.

Fall Concert

Harmonious notes will be floating like leaves in the FAC Main Theatre during a Fall Concert on Sunday, Nov. 9. Join the *Viterbo University Concert Choir, Women's Chorale,*

Platinum Edition, and the *Ninth Street Singers* at 2 p.m. for a wide variety of sacred and secular music. The concert is free and open to the public.

focus on ...

By Giselle Blair '05



Name: Sandra Bartel

Title: Administrative Assistant

Department: Communications and Marketing

Family: Sandra has been married for 24 years to her husband, Paul, and together they have two children. Their son, Bryan, is in his fourth year of college and their daughter, Beth, is in her third year of college. Sandra is one of 11 children. Her brother Joe who has

Down Syndrome has been living with her family for 5 years. In addition, she does respite care for another gentleman with Down Syndrome one weekend per month.

Education: Sandra attended Aquinas High School and WWTC.

Hobbies/Interest/Enthusiasms: Sandra has a passion for flower gardening and is a member of a garden club. She also enjoys cross-stitching, travel, and most of all spending time with her family and friends.

Adventures and Travels: Sandra and her husband love to travel, especially to Hawaii and other warm destinations.

Future Hopes and Plans: Sandra prays for continued good health and looks forward to both children graduating from college, traveling to each state, and eventually, having grandchildren.

Little Known Fact(s): Sandra and her son received their black belts in Karate together.

Skogens to Discuss Family Business at Brown Bag

The father and son team of Dave and Mark Skogen will discuss their family's involvement in the grocery business during the Tuesday, Nov. 11, noon-hour Brown Bag talk which will be held at Viterbo's Reinhart Center.

The Skogens are successful grocers who operate seven Festival Foods and two IGA stores located in Green Bay, De Pere, Oshkosh, Marshfield, Onalaska, Eau Claire, and La Crosse.

Dave, 61, who lives in Onalaska, is part owner and CEO of the nine-store corporation. Mark, 34, who is also part owner, lives in Green Bay and serves as the general manager of the four stores located in the Fox River Valley area.

Many in the area remember Mark, a 1992 graduate of Viterbo, as a standout member of the V-Hawk basketball program and one of the elite who has had his jersey retired. After graduation, he became a store manag-



er for Skogens.

Other members of the Skogen family are also involved in the business, which makes the presentation a perfect fit for the series that looks at how family businesses pass values down from one family member to another as well as from present to future generations.

The Skogens' presentation comes after one by the Hansen family, the founders of Kwik Trip.

Two other families are scheduled to discuss their approach to operating a family business in the Brown Bag series. They are:

- Jim and Tim Servais, Hamburg Hills Farm, Jan. 27.
- Steve and Nancy Rose, Rose Jewelers, and Todd and Deb Ondell, Grounded Specialty Coffees, March 10.

The talks are sponsored by the D.B. Reinhart Institute for Ethics in Leadership and the Dahl School of Business.

Presidential Suite

The presidential suite, located in Reinhart Center 103, will be dedicated and named in honor of Marian and John A. Elliot in a ceremony Friday, Nov. 7 at 12:45 p.m. Among the guests who will be on campus for the occasion will be Bishop John J. Paul, Bishop Emeritus, Diocese of La Crosse. The Elliots are long-time supporters of the university and its programs and a scholarship named in their honor is conferred annually to deserving students. A noon mass will precede the dedication.

Author to Read

Jennifer Vaughan Jones who teaches literature and composition at Viterbo University, will read from her new book, "Anna Wickham—A Poet's Daring Life," on Friday, Nov. 14 at 7:30 p.m. at Pearl Street Books, 323 Pearl Street. Jones is a well-known regional poet and educator. This is her first book. For more information, contact Pearl Street Books at 608-782-3424 or Jones at 608-257-0566.

Get Your Flu Shot

There will be a Flu Shot Clinic on Friday, Nov. 7, 12–2 p.m. in the SDC. Shots are \$10.50 and no appointment is necessary.

There will be two additional flu shot clinics on Monday, Nov. 10, 5–7 p.m., and Wednesday, Nov. 12, 6:30–8:30 p.m., both located in the Student Union.

Flu shots are available at any time in the SDC. Marilyn Jaekel's hours are M–F, 10–12 and 1–4 p.m.

under milk wood in Black Box

Join in a moving account of a spring day in Llareggub, a small Welsh coastal town, as Viterbo presents *under milk wood* Thursday through Saturday, Nov. 13–15 and Nov. 20–22, in the La Croix Black Box Theatre.

A dark, yet moving comedy about beauty, love, and human failings, *under milk wood* examines what it truly means to be alive. Originally written by Dylan Thomas for radio, *under milk wood* is structured as a series of vignettes, linked by a narrator. It is a play for voices, where each actor takes on a number of different roles. This poetic glimpse into the life of the inhabitants of Llareggub recalls intimate



Dylan Thomas

dreams and uses earthy prose, verse, and song to bring about the humanity of each character by looking at their lives from dawn to dusk for one day.

With a combination of humor, sadness, and beauty, the audience is able to see each character and their flaws for what they truly are and, in the end, realize that, although these people make mistakes, they are divinely human and, therefore, merit forgiveness.

Show times are at 7:30 p.m. Nov. 13–15 and Nov. 20–22. Tickets are \$9. For more information, contact the Viterbo Box Office at ext. 3100.

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