

Staff Members Receive Distinguished Service Award

Jon Blosser, Sr. of Hardy, and **Dr. James Dalton** and **Maggie Glosser**, both of Salem, received Roanoke College's Distinguished Service award. For 10 years, Blosser, a painter, has been responsible for keeping the College well protected and attractive. During the summer, he supervises a painting crew of five students.

Dalton's efforts as director of information services have enhanced the work of faculty, staff and students at Roanoke College. He holds the distinction of steering Roanoke College onto the information highway with its first web page.

Glosser, purchasing and payables assistant, was cited for streamlining workflow and building a positive reputation with internal users and external vendors.

The Distinguished Service Award was established in 1988 in order to recognize the outstanding accomplishments and distinguished service of staff members. The award is based on the following criteria: excellence in the individual's position; a record of outstanding accomplishments; loyalty and dedication to the College; and service to the College community.

Grant and Hollis Receive Dean's Council Awards



Dr. Richard Grant



Dr. Gary Hollis

The Roanoke College Dean's Council presented the 2001 Dean's Council Awards to **Dr. Richard Grant**, assistant professor of physics, for Exemplary Teaching, and to **Dr. Gary Hollis, Jr.**, associate professor of chemistry, for Exemplary Professional Achievement.

Grant was recognized for being an exceptional teacher cited by students and colleagues for his

curricular contributions and teaching effectiveness. His innovative courses are taught through problem solving, getting students to think and not just memorize, and trying to instill "physical intuition" in his students. Grant also developed and implemented his department's integrated lecture/lab courses for introductory non-science majors and has assumed major responsibility for restructuring the physics major. During his five years at Roanoke, he has consistently received excellent student evaluations and has received external funding from the Science Museum of Western Virginia for the development of science teaching materials for area teachers.

The Dean's Council acknowledged Hollis for his enormous commitment to undergraduate research, his contributions to chemical education and his own outstanding record of research, presentation and publication in organic chemistry. Hollis' scholarly productivity has included 17 professional publications, including "Jurassic Park as a Teaching Tool in the Chemistry Classroom," and a "Creative Use of Strychnine Chemistry" in an Agatha Christie murder mystery. He supervises an average of two independent study research projects each year in the area of synthetic organic chemistry research and has authored 23 professional presentations, eight of which are co-authored by Roanoke College students.

Lectures on Campus: Religion, Artifacts and Amnesty

Dr. John Stumme, director of the Department for Studies of the Division for Church in Society of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) spoke on "Two Cities, One City, or No City? Reflections on Church and State Today" at Roanoke College's annual Crumley Lecture Series in 2001.

Stumme has served in the Department of Studies since the inception of the ELCA. He taught in the religion department at St. Olaf College for four years and then served as a Lutheran Church in America missionary to Argentina. There he taught theology and ethics at the Protestant Union Seminary in Buenos Aires for 10 years and served as vice president of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Argentina for four years.

The Crumley Lecture Series is sponsored by Roanoke College's Center for Religion and Society and is named after **Bishop James Crumley '48**.

Sister Mary Virginia Orna, professor of chemistry at the College of New Rochelle, discussed "Doing Chemistry at the Art/Archaeology Interface" as part of Roanoke College's annual Charles H. Fisher Lecture Series on March 15, 2001. Sister Mary Virginia Orna, O.S.U. (Order of Saint Ursula) discussed her research and the modern chemical methods used to examine both ancient and modern artifacts. The archaeological work in

Israel involved analysis of ancient pigments and dyes found in excavated materials from caves in the Judean desert and the ancient fortress of Masada. The work in Italy involved the examination of medieval artists' manuals for recipes for blue pigments. She also discussed additional applications of the methods of archaeological chemistry to such famous artifacts as the forgeries of Han van Meegeren and the Shroud of Turin. The lecture series is named after **Dr. Charles H. Fisher '28**, author of more than 200 publications and 72 patents in the fields of organic and polymer chemistry.

Bud Welch, father of a victim of the Oklahoma City bombing, spoke at a Roanoke College convocation. Welch is a strong supporter of Amnesty International and its efforts to abolish the death penalty. He believes our government compounds violence by supporting the death penalty. He also believes that killing is wrong, no matter how heinous the crime, and that the death penalty is nothing more than revenge and hate. Welch's daughter, Julie Marie, worked as a language interpreter for the Social Security Administration in Oklahoma City before the bombing. She died along with 167 others in the bomb blast at the Murrah Federal Building.