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Some of the record numbers of students line up for registration on a misty morning in August.

(West photo)

## Two records broken

### August registration numbers up

Registration figures for this year will not become clear until October, but there certainly seems to be no shortage of students eager to study at Saint Mary's. By the end of August a total of 5,000 students had already registered.

August Registration Week went well, but put a lot of pressure on the Registrar and her staff. This year 2,288 students came to campus to register for their fall classes, while another 2,745 have so far mailed in their registrations. This is almost 1,000 more mail-ins than last year. "This raises for us the question of whether students are doing registration earlier," says Registrar Elizabeth Chard, "or whether there are going to be more students."

The increased numbers have meant more jobs for students. This year the number helping with mail-in registration doubled to five, while 30

students donned fluorescent pink vests to help with the main registration process. Paying tribute to these students, Mrs. Chard says, "We could never conduct these kinds of registrations without a lot of quality student help."

As usual, the really eager beavers camped out in the corridors all night to make sure of a place in their chosen classes and by 8 am some mornings the line extended from the Library entrance across to the Student Centre. The juice and coffee provided by Student Services and the Alumni Association were more than welcome each morning.

In October Mrs. Chard hopes to be able to publish preliminary registration figures for 1990-91. She says, "By then the dust will have settled, withdrawals will be starting and everybody will be in class."

### Summer course enrolment hits new high

On summer evenings, the classrooms and parking lots at Saint Mary's were full. "The University is just as busy as it is during the academic year," says Margaret-Anne Bennett, who co-ordinated summer school this year.

Almost 3,000 people (2,768 to be precise!), took summer courses at Saint Mary's this year, 311 more than last year. In all, 118 classes in Arts, Commerce, Education, Engineering and Science were taught, and the average number of people in each class rose to just over 21.

Margaret-Anne was surprised by the increase. She explains that from 1985 to 1988 numbers remained fairly constant, but they rose sharply last year. She says, "Last year's substantial increase was attributed in part to the Dalhousie and Mount Saint Vincent strikes. We thought maybe things would level out this year. It was not to be."

Saint Mary's is definitely doing something right in its summer school

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## Where tradition meets the future

by Chuck Bridges

**T**HOUSANDS of people came to Saint Mary's this summer, for classes, for conventions, and for sporting events. Among them was a group of East European businessmen who came to Canada on a program funded by the federal and Ontario governments and organized by York University. There were 130 delegates altogether and nine of them came to Saint Mary's to meet local business people, exchange ideas and plans, and make contacts for the future.

Thanks to people like Lois Wasteneys and Associate Dean of Commerce, Dr. Paul Dixon, the nine have left us with more than they had when they arrived. They are richer for the contacts they made and many of us are richer for the new friends we now have. There were goodbyes and promises to write and keep in touch, and it was one of those times when you knew you would keep that promise.

Less than a year ago it would have been extremely difficult to sit down to a cold beer and have "our kind" of conversation with people from Poland, Estonia, Lithuania, Hungary and the Soviet Union. Conversations about the latest marketing plans, management styles, production schedules and entrepreneurship were mixed with stories of babies, wives, sports, relatives and life. It was during one of those conversations that an indelible mark was made on all of us.

Jan Goldstrom is a manager of a company in Grajewo, Poland. It was his turn to tell about his family. He talked about his two boys, his wife, his home and his job. It was then my turn and I talked about my wife, our two sons and our home. I asked Jan about his birth date. He and I were born in 1953 within days of one another. I'm not sure who said it first, but everyone was moved by the significance of how our places in life might have been reversed.

Vlodzimierz Mikulicz dropped by the office to say goodbye before he returned to Toronto and then to Warsaw and his family. He talked about his time here with a sparkle in his eyes. It was the gleam of someone who saw something which he wanted, and knew he could and would achieve it. It was a gleam all nine visitors had when they left Saint Mary's. What Vlodzimierz wants is best described in what he said to me as we shook hands and said goodbye. "Do you know how lucky you are, Chuck?"

I sure do. Vlodzimierz, Jan and the others just re-inforced it.

Commerce secretary a top water color artist

# The art of Ursula Bohlmann

**B**Y DAY Ursula Bohlmann tries to maintain order in the domain of Dr. Colin Dodds, our mercurial

and dynamic Dean of Commerce. In her other life she is a professional watercolor painter who is steadily establishing a reputation for herself in Nova Scotia.

"Hobbies have always been important to me" says Ursula, who also has a notable collection of sea shells and has travelled to South America "shelling." She explains that she was an only child, born in Shanghai, China, where her father worked for a shipping firm. When she was seven the family returned to Bremen, Germany and Ursula met her relatives for the first time. In 1952 the family moved to Halifax, where Ursula attended the Sacred Heart Convent and then obtained a BA at Saint Mary's, majoring in Political Science, in 1962.

Art has always been the real love of Ursula's life, so after completing her degree she took a correspondence course in commercial art. That didn't seem to offer immediate job prospects, so she took a secretarial course, began work in the Psychiatry Department of the Victoria General, moved to Dalhousie and eventually came to Saint Mary's in 1986. In 1988 she started working for Colin Dodds.

A nagging feeling that she should have been an artist led Ursula to take a photography course about ten years ago. Deciding that the market was over stocked with professional photographers, she began working on her painting, using photography as a tool to help her. She soon realized that watercolour was her favourite medium, "Because it is the most difficult and the most rewarding." In 1988 she began taking classes at Saint Mary's with Alice Reed and finally decided to give herself three years to become a professional artist. Ursula has applied the systematic efficiency which is so essential to secretarial work to this campaign, and says, "I gave myself a year to bring my painting up to scratch, then two years to see how the public would react to my work."

This spring she signed a contract with Hollis Galleries in Halifax and also sells her paintings at the Carriage House Gallery in Wolfville. She says, "Since February I have sold 12. For a beginner that is great."

Asked what her favourite subjects are, Ursula says, "Land and seascapes, nature, Nova Scotia. Most of what I am painting is linked to Nova Scotia. Right now I am going through a series of close ups of feathers, sea shells and rocks. These look like abstract paintings."

Ideas are no problem for Ursula, but she does have problems finding space and time to paint. She has signed up for

Painting at home has extra hazards for Ursula in the shape of her three cats, Missi, Schatzi and Pepe. "They just

assume that when I sit to paint it includes them," she says, describing how Siamese Pepe acts as a fur collar during painting sessions.

What are her future plans? She would like to reach a point where she can have a successful solo show, but says, "I need at least another year for people to go into the gallery and actually ask for my work. What is the point of having a show if nobody comes." She also plans to enter juried shows in Nova Scotia and further afield, although she says, "Right now my main concern is that my name be known in the



Ursula Bohlmann with one of her watercolours

a course at the Nova Scotia College of Art and Design in September, partly to make use of the large tables available there, but mainly to keep abreast of what is happening in the art community.

province."

Members of the Saint Mary's community will have an opportunity to see Ursula's work in the annual faculty, student and staff exhibition in January.

## Metro United Way needs you!

**Saint Mary's campaign kick-off Tuesday 25 September — watch for details!**

The elderly, the physically and mentally challenged, children and the sick — these are just some of the people who receive help from the 52 agencies which get part of their funding from the Metro United Way. These agencies include counselling and support services for families and individuals, while others deliver health services. Offenders and their families receive support through some of these agencies, and others are multi-service agencies such as the YMCA and YWCA.

Last year the Metro United Way raised \$3.4 million to help provide these services in Dartmouth, Sackville, Bedford, Cole Harbour and Halifax. The need is always increasing and this year the campaign target is \$4.2 million. Saint Mary's has pledged to raise \$20,000 of this.

Our University has a great record for generosity. We reached our target in both 1988 and 1989, and last year both the Library and the Tower received silver awards for their contributions, while Physical Plant was given a bronze award. The silver award goes to groups which achieve 75

per cent participation and an average gift of \$40, while bronze awards go to groups with 70 per cent participation and a \$25 per gift average.

This year sees Dana Clements (Coordinator of Conferences and Special Events) and Tom McDonell (Director of Alumni Affairs) sharing the responsibility for chairing the campaign. Our co-chairs have decided to increase the size of the team, so this year 20 people will help them solicit support from members of the faculty, staff and student body at Saint Mary's.

Last year's participation rate on campus was just 43 per cent, but this year Dana and Tom will try to make sure that at least half of the people who work for the University support this worthy cause.

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### Coming in October

Loose Connections

An anthology of short stories, poems and dramatic scenes from the Creative Writing Program at Saint Mary's. For more details see the October 1990 edition of The Times.

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# WELCOME BACK!

You'll find a few changes...

**T**HE staff of Physical Plant scarcely had a moment's rest this summer — they were busy with major renovations to the residences, food service areas, and offices in the McNally Building and Burke Education Centre.

Students and professors returning to campus will find the most dramatic changes in the Colonnade, Loyola Building. A Tim Horton's franchise has been installed, along with a Grab and Go, offering sandwiches, fruit and other healthful snacks. The seating area in the cage has been expanded to accommodate 100.

Major changes have been wrought in the Residence and Student Centre Cafeterias as well, including brand new kitchen and servery equipment to accommodate menu changes and line-ups. The Student Centre Cafeteria will offer pizza by the slice for the first time, along with the usual grill fare, a deli bar and prepared salads. The Residence Cafeteria will continue offering full meals, with an expanded deli service and Chinese food specials.

Says Physical Plant Director Louis Dursi: "The changes to food services are the result of the University's renegotiated contract with Marriott."

While these renovations were in progress, staff, students and other groups on campus used the Faculty Lounge in the East Wing of McNally. According to Keith Hotchkiss, Director of Student Services, the support of faculty in allowing staff, students and other members of the University community to use the Faculty Lounge was extremely helpful and much appreciated.

Other changes on campus, particularly renovations to the residences, were a continuation of long-term overhaul projects. Worn furniture, drapes and carpets were replaced throughout the residences, while all apartments in the Vanier Building were freshly-painted. In Rice, 10 units received new kitchen cabinets, completing an overhaul process begun five years ago. Also in Rice, apartments were repainted on 10 floors. Bathrooms on 12 of 19 floors in the Loyola Residence were ripped out and new fixtures, tile, insulation and lighting installed.

Major refurbishing of the front steps of the McNally Building was also necessary, says Louis Dursi, "because the mortar was crumbling, the slabs were shifting and the sidewalks were heaving." Workers removed, remortared and replaced all the slabs.

The Physical Plant team also succeeded in creating some badly-needed office space on campus. Twenty offices in total were engineered in the Burke Education Centre, McNally North and McNally Main, through



## Registration day

Above: Projects Co-ordinator Lois Wasteneys advising students;  
Top right: Faculty members cope with the rush of students;  
Right: Students wait in hallway;  
Bottom right: each class has its own pigeon hole.



Photography by Anne West

creative manipulation of existing space.

The campus parking squeeze was also eased with the creation of 24 new spaces and the installation of 24 metres. Another improvement to the

parking situation — proper drainage systems installed under the McNally courtyard should eliminate the 'pond' which, in the past, has formed at one end.

## Summer numbers hit new highs

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offerings and Margaret-Anne believes it could be the care with which the courses are chosen. "We are pretty standard in offering a range of entry level courses in each of the faculties so students can fulfil first year arts and commerce requirements," she says. "But at the upper level we have a master schedule of what we offer each year and how many students take each course. At the 300 level and over we alternate our offerings so that all students get a choice each summer in their area of study."

In addition, efforts are made to ensure the same courses are not offered at all the universities in town. Margaret-Anne says, "I met with the people in charge of summer schools at Dalhousie and Mount Saint Vincent to compare programs so they do not overlap. We work to balance our program with the other universities and

also to balance it internally." As an example, she says, "We would not all offer a course on Shakespeare."

She believes that the people coming to campus represent a fair balance between mature and younger students. Summer courses are of particular interest to mature students, "But," says Margaret-Anne "full-time students are starting to accelerate their programs by taking summer courses."

Another secret of our success may be the quality of teaching at summer courses. "A lot of full-time faculty are teaching," says Margaret-Anne, "and the part-time faculty members who have been teaching for several years have built up credibility with the students."

As an experiment, some of the courses were offered at the World Trade Centre in downtown Halifax for the first time this year. These were very well subscribed.

## Community Week

Each year Saint Mary's opens its doors to give the community a chance to share the intellectual, cultural and athletic life of our campus. This year Community Week runs from October 12 to October 21.

Events so far planned include the launching of *Loose Connections*, Dr. Kay Tudor's anthology of work from the Creative Writing Program at Saint Mary's, celebrations at the Atlantic

Centre of Support for Disabled Students and the President's Block Party for the neighbors.

All Community Week events are widely advertised, so if you are considering organizing an event which is open to the public, plan to hold it during Community Week and take advantage of the publicity available. Please contact Virginia Jackson in the Public Affairs Department at 420-5513.

## Campus smoking policy

For the benefit of newcomers, we are repeating Saint Mary's smoking policy. At Saint Mary's smoking is permitted only in the following designated areas:

- O'Donnell-Hennessey Student Centre
- Gorsebrook Lounge
- Games Room
- Alumni Lounge

### McNally Building

- All existing faculty, staff and student lounges
- Part of the Theatre Auditorium lobby
- Outer lobby - Patrick Power Library

### Loyola Building

- Part of The Cage (smoking and non-smoking areas are marked)
- Marked areas within student lounges
- Open lounge on the south side, 2nd floor

### Burke Education Centre

- Part of 1st floor lobby
- Part of student and staff lounges

### Arena

- Part of lobby
- One lounge

### Private offices

- Except in smoke-free building, may be designated "smoking permitted" or "no smoking" by the occupant.

### Smoke free-buildings

- Science Building
- The Tower
- The Oaks
- 5907 Gorsebrook Avenue

### Eating areas

Each eating area on campus contains sections clearly designated "smoking" and "non-smoking"

# Are schools doing their job?

by Melanie Nolan

**N**OVA Scotian students entering first year science programs at university are not doing very well, says Dr. Clive Elson, Chairman of the Chemistry Department. "There is only a 30 per cent pass rate in Chemistry 100," says Elson, blaming this dismal performance on poor academic preparation for university.

Dr. Elson and many of his colleagues in the Faculty of Science are gravely concerned about the difficulties students are having with first year math and science courses, and fear proposed changes to the secondary school curriculum in Nova Scotia could make the situation worse. Two recommendations of a May 1989 Department of Education report are of particular concern. The report proposes that the number of compulsory math credits be reduced from two to one, and that schools move to a one-stream system within the next ten years.

They have expressed their concern in a petition, signed by 80 per cent of science faculty members, requesting the President, Dr. Kenneth Ozmon, to work with the presidents of other Nova Scotia universities to convince the Department of Education to continue offering honors and enriched programs for students of above-average ability. As stated in the petition, "The secondary school system ought to instill the work habits, study skills, problem-solving abilities and mathematical skills required for the successful transition to tertiary-level programs."

Dr. Ozmon replied to the petition

## High school graduates have trouble with university math and science now, yet changes in secondary education may make things worse

with concern and agreed to broach the matter with his colleagues.

Traditionally, however, universities do not have a key role in secondary school curriculum development — something many university professors feel should change.

Dr. Elson believes the trend towards de-streaming is discouraging for secondary and tertiary teachers alike, many of whom believe it is essential to design challenges to meet the needs of individual students. Teaching to one level does not satisfy the needs at either end of the spectrum. Gifted students need to be challenged and stimulated, and students with lower achievement rates need to be given as much extra assistance as possible.

The 1989 report responds to this concern by stating that: "Teachers should be encouraged, through in-service and professional development as necessary, to focus on students with their individual needs. This approach should make it possible to move into a one-track system within the next ten years, in a continuation of current practice in elementary and junior high grades." The single-stream model may work in theory, but Dr. Elson is not alone in thinking it is not practical, considering how large classes tend to be in high schools. "One teacher cannot possibly meet the individual needs of 40 students, with widely varying levels of achievement, in one class," he says.

Dr. Elson believes there is another area in which the school system is failing. "Material is merely being presented, not learned," he says. "Students are not working with it enough to be able to apply it to learning new things." He uses the example of  $\pi$  to illustrate his point that the current trend away from rote learning, toward what is called 'process learning', is detrimental, particularly in mathematics. "Everything can't be an original discovery," he explains. "If a student wants to calculate the area of a circle, and he or she doesn't know that the formula is  $\pi r^2$ , and that  $\pi$  equals 3.14... $\infty$ , he or she is at a serious disadvantage. Things like  $\pi$  should be firmly planted in memory and used as tools from which to move forward."

The same types of problems crop up in language, as evidenced by the results of a 1987 Southam Inc. survey that discovered 24 per cent of adult Canadians are functionally illiterate (defined as being unable to use written information to function normally in society). Half of the respondents found to be functionally illiterate had gone to high school, and one in 12 university graduates tested illiterate. In an age when public education is mandatory, these figures are alarming.

Schools need to place more emphasis on vocabulary, says English professor Wendy Katz. "Students are often faced with material they can't understand, and are limited in how they can express themselves." She also stresses the importance of grammar, saying "Tools are necessary to understand why some 'sentences' aren't sentences."

Dr. Katz says most students she teaches have satisfactory, or better, language skills, but some do arrive at Saint Mary's with serious disadvantages. She feels a lot has to do with the particular high school in which a student was taught, and with individual teachers. "Teachers are absolutely key," she says. "They have to spend time with the students, particularly with those who need help, they have to provide them with feedback, and they have to challenge

them. I feel that teachers often don't demand much from their students, so they don't get much."

She adds she doesn't think de-streaming can work if classes remain so large, and questions if today's teachers are trained to handle multi-level, open classrooms. Ultimately, however, she feels that, "The students who are highly-motivated and willing to work hard will succeed — the one's who will do the best with what they've got are the one's who will succeed." A lot of that motivation depends on parents and teachers, she says.

According to Dr. John Haysom, who teaches in the Faculty of Education, the problems faced by students entering university cannot be blamed entirely on the school system. He feels the school system is "doing its best to produce liberally-educated, well-rounded people, who are not artistically deaf, and who have a tolerance of each other and an appreciation of multiculturalism." This is the reason behind the proposed curriculum changes, he says, which recommend, along with the reduced math requirement, that credits in global studies, fine arts, independent living skills and physically active lifestyles also be mandatory. Add to that compulsory courses in English, French and science, and the total number of credits required to complete high school is up to 18 from 16.

Yet, says Dr. Haysom, the increased number of compulsory courses, some of which do not satisfy university entrance requirements, will make it very difficult for students to achieve university standards. He adds that de-streaming is likely to make them less well-prepared, academically and admits this dilemma places him in an interesting middle ground.

"It's not necessarily appropriate for universities to place undue pressure on the schools to produce the kids they want. The schools are struggling to meet the needs of the kids in the context of a broader society than university," he says. "We expect education to do everything for us. If we are blinkered by the notion that university is the be all and end all, then we're seriously blinkered. University isn't the right choice for all students leaving high school."

According to Dr. Haysom, universities should re-examine their role in society. Current admission requirements insist students have good marks in a narrow range of accepted courses, a practice Dr. Haysom feels forces an early decision on kids as to what they should do with their lives. "Many kids entering university are still trying to find a niche," he says. "The more we pressure them into specializing, particularly as early on as grade 10 and 11, the greater disservice we do them. Universities should be niche finders."

He suggests universities admit the students with top marks, without worrying too much about whether or not they have the right combination of subjects. "First year university should be an exploratory year. They shouldn't commit themselves to one faculty, but take the courses they will need to specialize, while exploring the many options available to them."

## Conflicting views of Leo Strauss examined

In May 1989 the Institute of Human Values held a symposium on Leo Strauss, an academic refugee from Nazi Germany whose influence created the "Straussian" school of political theory. Eight of the papers read at this symposium, which was held at the annual conference of the Canadian Learned Societies, have now been collected into the first volume of the Institute's publication, *The Vital Nexus*.

The symposium, entitled "Leo Strauss: Moralism or Machiavellian?" examined widely differing views of Strauss, who taught for many years at the University of Chicago, and whose theories are now closely associated with neo-conservatism in North America.

An assessment of the issues at the beginning of the book states, "Strauss is widely regarded as one of those thinkers who was concerned to put morality back into political theory and indeed to rehabilitate natural law." Shadia Drury, who teaches Political Science at the University of Calgary, has challenged this view of Strauss and argues that he outdoes Machiavelli in his instrumentalist approach to morality because he objects not to the Florentine's cynicism, but only to its

public display. This view is at odds with Strauss's reputation and the symposium was set up by Dr. John MacCormack, Director of the Institute of Human Values, to examine these conflicting views. MacCormack invited a group of students of Strauss and their students to comment on Drury's work and the symposium was the result.

## \$10,000 grant to Irish Chair

The Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC) has given a grant of \$10,000 to the D'Arcy McGee Chair of Irish Studies at Saint Mary's for the purchase of library materials. This brings to a total of \$50,000 the funds received by the Chair from SSHRC to build its library collection.

Asked what the grant will be used for, Dr. Cyril Byrne, Co-ordinator of the Irish Studies program, says, "This money is intended to buy research material. We will probably use it to obtain microfilm of records in Ireland that are relevant to people studying the Irish in Atlantic

Canada. It is aimed mainly at the genealogical side of our work."

Dr. Pádraigh Ó Siadhail, who held the Chair of Irish Studies for the past three years, has returned to Ireland for a year of post-doctoral study. John Shaw of Glendale, Cape Breton, who has a PhD in Celtic studies from Harvard and is an expert on Scots Gaelic, will fill the position for the first semester this year. Joseph Watson, a celticist from Ireland who runs an Irish language summer school, will come to Saint Mary's after Christmas. His special field of study is the gaelic of Cape Breton.

## Faculty News

### New full-time faculty members 1990-91

<b>ARTS</b>		
English	Dr. Brian Bartlett	Asst. Professor
Geography	Dr. Norman Jones	Asst. Professor
History	Michael Vance	Lecturer
Modern Languages & Classics	H. Benoit-Barnes	Lecturer
	Helene Boucher	Lecturer
Philosophy	Dr. William Barthelemy	Asst. Prof.
	Dr. Jean Harvey	Asst. Professor
Political Science	Dr. Therese Arseneau	Asst. Prof.
	Dr. Leonard Preyra	Asst. Prof.
	Edna Keeble	Lecturer
<b>COMMERCE</b>		
Accounting	Lisa MacDougall	Lecturer
	Clyde MacLellan	Lecturer
Economics	Najma Sharif	Lecturer
Finance & Mgt. Science	Dr. Samad Amirkhalkhali	Asst. Prof.
	Sean Cleary	Lecturer
	David McPeak	Lecturer
	Eve Rosenthal	Lecturer
	Dr. Muhong Wang	Asst. Professor
	Harvey Millar	Lecturer
Management	Andrew Cochrane	Lecturer
	William Greer	Asst. Professor
Marketing	Dr. John Priddle	Asst. Professor
	Ravi Tangri	Lecturer
<b>EDUCATION</b>		
	Dr. David Piper	Assoc. Professor
	Dr. Terry Piper	Professor
	Dr. Robert Sargent	Asst. Professor
<b>SCIENCE</b>		
Chemistry	Dr. Adam Piorko	Asst. Professor
	Dr. Melbourne Schriver	Asst. Prof.
Mathematics & Computing Science	Dr. Robert Dawson	Asst. Prof.
Psychology	Dr. Darryl Bruce	Professor

### Promotions

<b>TO FULL PROFESSOR</b>	
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Sociology	Dr. J. McMullan
Geology	Dr. G. Pe-Piper
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Mathematics & Comp. Science	Dr. L. Hughes
Psychology	Dr. G. Pretty
Marketing	Dr. L. Van Esch
Philosophy	Dr. S. Wein
<b>AWARDED TENURE</b>	
Philosophy	Dr. S. Crooks
Modern Languages & Classics	Dr. M. Heukaufer
History	Dr. J. Lee

### Sabbatical

<b>ARTS</b>	
Anthropology	S. Walter
English	L. Falk
	Dr. R. Perkyns
	Dr. T. Whalen
Geography	Dr. D. Day (1 Jan. 91 - 30 June 91)
	B. Robinson
History	Dr. O. Carrigan
Modern Languages & Classics	Dr. P. Bernard
Philosophy	Dr. R. Ansell
Sociology	Dr. H. Ralston
<b>COMMERCE</b>	
Economics	Dr. A. Mukhopadhyay (1 July 90 - 31 Dec. 90)
	Dr. S. Amirkhalkhali
Management	Dr. P. Fitzgerald
Marketing	Dr. T. Musial
<b>EDUCATION</b>	
	B. Hanrahan
	Dr. D. Weeren
<b>SCIENCE</b>	
Chemistry	Dr. K. Vaughan
Engineering	Dr. D. Van Dyer
Geology	Dr. Q. Siddiqui
Mathematics/CSC	Dr. B. Hartnell
	Dr. P. Muir
Physics	Dr. W. Lonc

# Exciting launch for EMBA program

by Anne West

Dr. Hermann Schwind, who has been at Saint Mary's since 1976, was recently appointed Director of the new Executive Master's of Business Administration (EMBA) program. He is excited about the program, which will give senior and middle managers an opportunity to hone their managerial skills without undue disruption of their work or home lives.

The EMBA program is the fourth of its kind to be established in Canada. Other universities offering such programs are Simon Fraser, Concordia and the University of Toronto.

Twenty-six eager students have signed up for the first course, which will last two years and involve study on Fridays and Saturdays every other week. "Their employers have agreed to set them free for Fridays, but the students contribute their Saturday free time," says Dr. Schwind. In addition the students met in two groups for orientation sessions at the end of August

When Dr. Herman Schwind, Director of the Executive MBA Program, completed his term as past president of the Administrative Science Association of Canada, his committee presented him with a genuine "Talking Stick" from the Haida Indian band. The stick was carved by Chief Nick Eagle Raven. At Haida meetings only the holder of the stick may speak.



Members of the first Executive MBA class during their orientation session

and will have a residential week of study during spring break.

Fifteen students were expected to sign



up for the first course and Dr. Schwind is overwhelmed by the support it has received. "We have had to move into larger classroom space at the World Trade Centre," he says. Over 400 people responded to initial advertising of the Executive MBA, which was supposed to start every two years. Schwind says, "We are already

thinking of offering it every year."

Every effort is being made to help the students make the most of their study time. Those from out of town can stay at the Prince George Hotel, just a stone's throw from the WTC and meals, books, library facilities and other necessities are provided so students can concentrate on their studies. At \$11,000 a year, the course is not cheap, but Schwind believes it is providing value for money, and numbers certainly seem to confirm that. Most students are sponsored by the companies or organizations for which they work.

Faculty members have been carefully chosen. Schwind says, "They are mainly from Saint Mary's, but we also employ people from Dalhousie and Concordia. They must have a good teaching record, and practical work experience. Many of our faculty members have as much as 15 years experience in business and industry. They must also have several years experience in teaching management seminars."

Why are such programs becoming popular? Dr. Schwind explains, "There is a definite need in the business community. Many executives reach senior positions and realize that they lack the broader theoretical background for management. They were successful in their special fields, but now that they are in more responsible positions they have to be generalists instead of specialists. They can get that generalist view through the EMBA program."

Managers worldwide are also under pressure to make use of the rapidly developing communications tools of the 'information age.' "The EMBA is one way to get access to these new insights," says Schwind. The program is also responsive to the emerging global economy, explains Schwind. "It will have a very strong international flavour. There will be courses on international business, but all courses will include international aspects."

Schwind admits the first course is critical. "We will be under close scrutiny from other universities and the business community" he says. "We have to work very hard to make sure that it is a success."

The students themselves are a unique feature of the course. With an average age of 37, they bring a wide range of experience with them. "This diversity is a special characteristic of the group," says Schwind. "Everyone will be able to contribute different expertise and different experience." In a departure from normal MBA practice, he says, "we will form groups so that the experience and expertise of the members will complement each other. These groups will work together for the full two years."

## Memory provides research material for new prof

by Anne West

After a certain age, which of us doesn't worry about memory lapses? Dr. Darryl Bruce, who was recently appointed Chairperson of the Department of Psychology, says, "I have been studying problems of memory for 20 to 25 years."

Describing memory lapses, he says, "People worry about it as they get older. It is true that in the elderly basic cognitive capacities do decline, but the decline is not so serious as many people would believe." He adds, "I think as you get older you become more attentive to memory lapses, you tend to notice them more and you think you are falling apart. If you were younger you really would not be worrying too much, you would know it was not serious."

Dr. Bruce also believes that older people have a bad reputation for memory lapses. "Who has the worst memories in the world?" he asks. "In my opinion it is kids." "How often have you left a message with a child or teenager and not had it passed on?" He says, "Nobody ever accuses the young of having bad memories; you make excuses for them, saying it is lack of responsibility, or lack of concern!"

He believes that noticing their memory lapses makes older people feel insecure and this in itself is probably more detrimental to their performance than actual failure of memory. As an example, he says, "A diver may do a certain dive a thousand times in practice flawlessly, but things change when you have to do it in competition before an audience...if you worry a lot about something, it impairs your ability to perform your task."

The way to cope with memory lapses is simple, explains Dr. Bruce. "There are certain counter measures you can take to buttress your memory which everybody

probably knows and does. You can make lists, take notes, make reminders for yourself."

Dr. Bruce's overall studies are dedicated to finding out how the human memory system works. He is currently doing laboratory studies to discover how people estimate how often they have done something. You know the scenario, the doctor says, "Have you been experiencing problems lately?" If you say, "Yes, headaches" the doctor may ask "How often in the past month have you had headaches?" The answers to this type of question vary widely in accuracy and Dr. Bruce is investigating how people make these kinds of frequency judgments.

The new Chairperson of our Psychology Department began his career with a chartered accountant's qualification from McGill, then decided "I did not like the nine-to-five routine of working in an office." He had done introductory psychology at McGill and decided life as an academic in this field is what would really suit him. "I applied to graduate schools," he says, "but they all turned me down because I did not have a psychology background. Berkeley took me as a special student, provided I did OK in a preparatory year in psychology."



Dr. Darryl Bruce

He spent a happy year studying psychology in California, then decided to do his MSc and PhD at Pennsylvania State University. This was followed by 20 years teaching psychology at Florida State University, with short breaks as a lecturer in Experimental Psychology at the University of Sussex and a visiting research fellow at the University of Colorado. In 1986 he returned to Canada as a research fellow at the University of Toronto, and in 1987 became head of the Psychology Department at Mount Allison University.

Dr. Bruce and his wife Marianne Van Pelt, who is a physiotherapist, are living on Edward Street in Halifax.

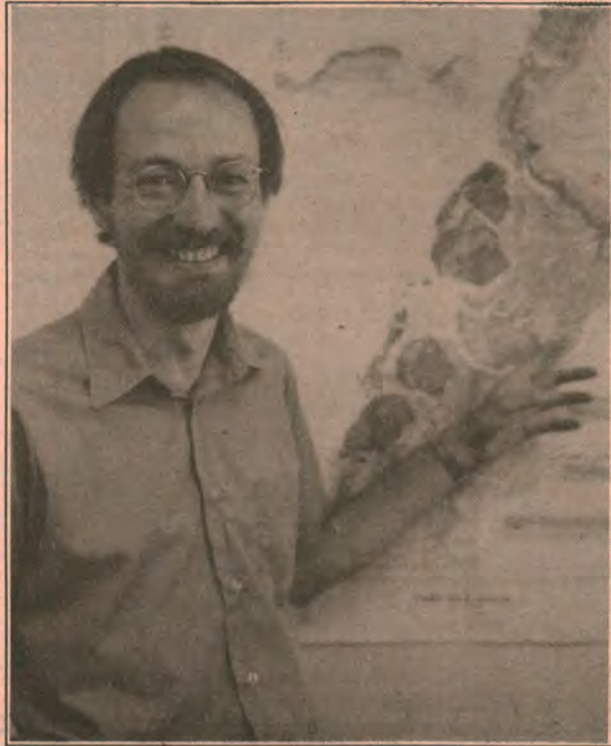
# Lithoprobe explores earth's crust in Newfoundland

What is **Lithoprobe**? The answer can be found in a laboratory on the fifth floor of the Science Building, where Dr. John Waldron, with student assistants Randolph Corney and David Pass, are trying to decipher the structure of the Appalachian mountain chain. Lithoprobe is not the name of some complex machine, but the title of a Canadian project to investigate the structure of the Earth beneath various parts of Canada.

Dr. Waldron explains that "The Lithoprobe project is intended to probe the *lithosphere* - the name given by earth scientists to the outer 100 kilometres or so of the earth. This is the hard, brittle part which is divided into a number of *plates* that move slowly over the more plastic interior." The lithosphere under Atlantic Canada is of particular interest because it is crossed by the remains of the Appalachian Mountain chain, a zone where at least two plates converged and became welded together between about 450 and 300 million years ago.

Much of the lithosphere is beyond the reach of the deepest wells that can be drilled, and can only be seen indirectly by means of a process called *seismic reflection profiling*. "This is a type of echo sounding, in which vibrations are made to bounce off deep layers. By generating vibrations at intervals across the Earth's surface, it is possible for geophysicists to build up a sort of cross-section showing the deep structure," says Dr. Waldron. The mining and petroleum industries routinely bounce vibrations from structures 15 km down in the crust, but the Lithoprobe project, funded mainly by the federal government through Energy Mines and Resources and the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council, has

supported the collection of seismic reflection profiles that show structures as deep as 50 kilometres. "The latest profile was made using a fleet of Earth-vibrating trucks (a technique called *Vibroseis*) that



Dr. John Waldron

crossed the island of Newfoundland, travelling from one side of the ancient Appalachians to the other," says Dr. Waldron.

The results of this latest experiment are still being processed, but Dr. Waldron has been in the field in western Newfoundland the last three summers,

investigating rocks at the surface, and attempting to relate them to the features seen on earlier seismic profiles. Unfortunately, the seismic profiles only show units of rock that reflect shock waves, they can't distinguish different kinds of rock or tell us their age. Often, the seismic profiles highlight areas where more work has to be done on the ground. Lithoprobe recognizes this need by funding projects such as Dr. Waldron's. Within the Geology department, Dr. Victor Owen and Dr. Georgia Pe-Piper have also been involved in Lithoprobe-supported research projects in collaboration with scientists at other universities and government institutions.

This year, Dr. Waldron's project took him to the Port-au-Port Peninsula in western Newfoundland, together with fellow geologist Dr. Glen Stockmal of the Geological Survey of Canada, and student assistants Randolph Corney and David Pass. David Pass won an NSERC summer student award to enable him to gain this research experience. Randolph Corney held a similar award last year, and returned this summer to do work for his Honors thesis; he is studying the deposition of a unit of sedimentary rocks formed during the building of the Appalachians about 450 million years ago.

Despite working in knee-deep brooks for much of the time, and enduring Hurricane Bertha's impact on the field camp, both students are enthusiastic about the geology; western Newfoundland is a wonderful natural laboratory for geological research. The project will be a significant step in our understanding of the development of mountain belts.

## Computer program opens doors

# 'Edmund' helps the handicapped

Imagine a system which would allow someone confined to a house to use a personal computer and the telephone system to search for information. Suppose that person wanted to know about atmospheric pollution. He or she can call up an article on pollution. Within that article a film on Brazilian rain forest destruction is referred to. The person can access the film and watch it, perhaps finally calling up a map of Brazil to see the regions where the destruction is greatest.

Dr. Larry Hughes of the Mathematics and Computing Science Department has received two grants to do work on hypermedia programs for personal computers which could help people with physical handicaps do just that. His research could also be of help to the mentally handicapped.

Hypermedia and multi-media are systems in which a number of different textual and visual media and information

retrieval techniques are linked together to present information in a way that is both challenging and easy to assimilate. Dr. Hughes hopes to make this new technology available to anyone who has an inexpensive personal computer.

At present there are few functioning hypermedia systems. With the help of a \$28,000 grant from NSERC, Dr. Hughes has developed an experimental system known as Edmund. At present Edmund supports three different media — text, charts and still images — on a single IBM compatible microcomputer. Dr. Hughes is now upgrading Edmund so that it can access information by telephone as well as supporting audio and video information.

Once the Edmund project has been extended to support audio and visual information and to access the telephone system, the project will offer information in literally any media to anybody who has access to a low cost microcomputer.

Dr. Hughes expects his research to take two to three years, but will be presenting a paper on it at **Image-Com 90**, an international hypermedia and multi-media conference in Bordeaux, France in November this year.

Although Edmund has many potential applications, Dr. Hughes is especially interested in its possibilities for persons with mental handicaps. He says, "There are times when you see people who are disabled and your heart goes out to them. You ask yourself, 'Is there anything I can do for them?'"

The latest grant which will enable Dr. Hughes to continue with his research is \$6,000 from the Scottish Rite Charitable Foundation of Canada. This foundation is administered by The G. Allan Roeher Institute at York University, which believes Dr Hughes' work is of high priority and will make an important contribution to persons with a mental handicap.

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## — Chairman's message —

# Sincere thanks

At the launch of the Capital Campaign in March 1984, everyone realized the campaign committee was faced with a formidable challenge. The campaign objective was \$13 million, making it the most ambitious appeal in the history of the University.

I am proud to report that we have met that challenge and, in fact, have surpassed our objective by 10 per cent. Over \$14.2 million was committed to Saint Mary's during the five years of canvassing. This unprecedented support for Saint Mary's has enabled one of Canada's fastest growing universities to continue its important and unique work into the 90s.

I would like to extend a most sincere "thank you" to all those who contributed to the campaign, donors and volunteers alike. Your outstanding generosity and valued participation are very much appreciated by the entire University community.

I must also acknowledge the contributions of the President, Dr. Kenneth L. Ozmon, and the Director of University Advancement, Don Keleher, who spearheaded every campaign initiative with determination, enthusiasm, and steadfast optimism. Their drive to succeed was contagious.

Please take a moment to review this final campaign report and share with me the satisfaction and pride in having played a role in bringing Saint Mary's University's 1984-89 Capital Campaign to a successful conclusion.

Thank you,

J. William E. Mingo, Q.C.  
Campaign Chairman



J. William E. Mingo

## — President's message —

# Overwhelmed

Congratulations to Bill Mingo and his Co-Chairmen Ron Downie and John Dickie for leading our Capital Campaign team to a resounding success. I am overwhelmed by the generosity and support extended to Saint Mary's during the campaign. Especially gratifying was the remarkable contribution made by the University family - the Board of Governors, faculty, staff, students and alumni. Each of these groups exceeded its campaign goal by a significant amount. I need not elaborate on how this support on the home front was instrumental in achieving our success with our other constituencies and in other regions of the country.

Campaign leadership at all levels was outstanding. Prominent roles were played by a number of key volunteers including Gordon Bell, Robert Peel, Richard O'Hagan, Bob Shaw, Craig

# 1984-1989 Capital Campaign

**T**HE success of this campaign, which raised \$1.2 million more than its \$13 million objective, has helped create a new confidence in the ability of Saint Mary's to continue to provide excellence in

post-secondary education through these financially critical times. Here is a brief roundup of what has been achieved with the help of Saint Mary's loyal and generous supporters.

## Benefits

### Tangible

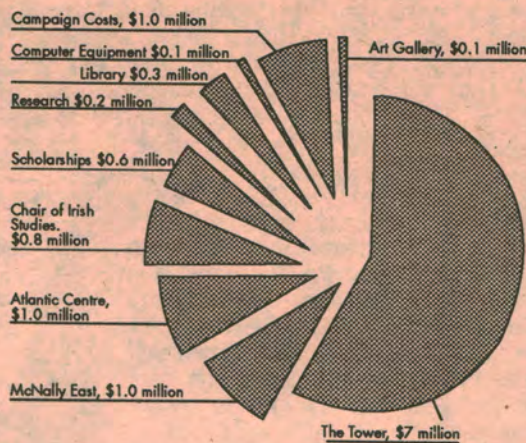
- The Tower constructed and equipped
- McNally East construction (partial)
- 30 new scholarships endowed
- Apple computer centre endowed
- Chair of Irish studies endowed
- International Education Centre
- Gorsebrook Research Centre
- Computers purchased for many departments
- Fergusson Library for the Visually Impaired established
- Improvements to the campus, including arena, parking lot
- Funding for Chair of Religious Studies and the Chaplaincy
- Business Administration program
- Library book endowment established
- Funding for Fisheries Lecture Series

### Intangible

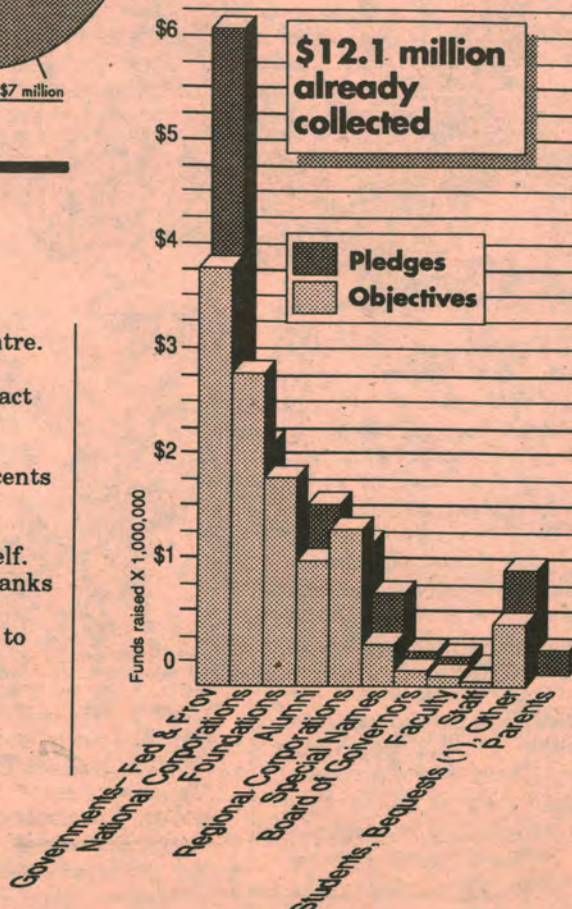
- Enhanced national reputation of Saint Mary's
- Enhanced corporate and foundation contacts
- New computer system for donors
- Alumni records purged and revised
- New Annual Fund solicitation program started
- Personal contact with over 13,000 alumni
- Personal contact with over 500 corporations
- Vast gain in experience by campaign team
- The University has gained confidence and self-respect in surpassing its campaign goal



PHOTOS: Campaign worker solicits donations; The Tower complete; computers bought with campaign funds.



## Where the money came from and where it went



## Statement of Mission

Saint Mary's University is committed to excellence in:

- Undergraduate education in the Arts, Sciences, Education and Commerce
- Some graduate programs
- Research, including the involvement of undergraduate students
- Continuing education: the provision of an extensive program of credit and non-credit courses on and off campus and by distance education
- Being accessible to all qualified applicants
- Providing a resource to the community and being responsive to the needs of all its groups, with particular attention to physically challenged persons

Based on this commitment, Saint Mary's continues to:

- Provide a university environment conducive to the intellectual and personal development of students, faculty, staff and administrators
- Reach out to the community and cooperate with business, government agencies and other academic institutions
- Strengthen and broaden international links in areas of the world that complement our programs, including the People's Republic of China, Japan, the Pacific Rim, the Caribbean, Eastern Europe and the Latin American nations.
- Practice fiscal responsibility.

## by generosity and support

Dobbin, Denis Ryan and Jim Crane. The University is indebted to these individuals and to a large number of loyal and hard working volunteers for their invaluable assistance.

The Province of Nova Scotia made a substantial lead grant which provided a natural launch for the appeal in 1984. We are most grateful for this vital support.

The tangible benefits of the Capital Campaign are evident throughout our campus. Over \$12 million has already been committed to major improvements. As a result of the generosity of our donors, we boast a new recreation centre (The Tower), a state-of-the-art computer centre in completely renovated premises, a Chair of Irish Studies, over 30 new endowed scholarships, as well as new funding for our library, the Atlantic Centre of Support for Disabled Students,

and the International Education Centre. These campaign achievements, and many others, will have a lasting impact on our campus.

The cost of this appeal must be highlighted. It was less than seven cents per dollar raised. This figure is well below the national average, a commendable accomplishment in itself.

I extend personal and heartfelt thanks to all those who have donated to the Capital Campaign. You have helped to ensure the continued vitality and academic excellence in which Saint Mary's takes such pride. As the University grows and increases in stature, our needs and demands will increase correspondingly. Your continued support is therefore most critical to our quest for excellence.

**Kenneth L. Ozmon**  
President

# Summer at Saint Mary's

## Super-bikes on campus

In July, the University played host to 2,000 middle-aged teens, couples from across the length and breadth of North America whose hobby, riding Honda Gold Wing motorcycles, has kept them young at heart. They were delegates to the annual convention of the Honda Gold Wing Road Riders Association, attending Wing Fling '90.

For days the arena parking lot was a sea of machinery. With the cost of a basic touring bike starting around \$13,000 US, simple arithmetic tells you that the total value of the 1,000 bikes, (\$13 million), was a little higher than the usual student, faculty and staff vehicles.

Throughout the weekend the halls were thronged, each chapter easily identified by the numbers emblazoned on their backs and by uniforms with strong cowboy overtones. Jeans, whether they suited the wearer or not, were *de rigueur*. High on the priority list for members of the GWRA is to give an image of respectability and safety to riders of two-wheeled machines. Our visitors certainly did that.

From early morning to late at night the parking lots were full of people lovingly polishing the gleaming monsters and chatting about their journeys and their equipment. These were people who have other lives and other vehicles, but whose summer delight is to obey the call of the open road and roam the highways of North America.

There is serious competition to add to the already luxurious basic machines, which come equipped with luggage lockers and comfortable armchair-style saddles. Most bikes have trailers, but one couple were living in a folding camper that towed behind their bike. Add-ons ranged from a trailer made out of a wooden barrel to TV sets in the sidecars. Radio communication between the driver and the passenger was almost universal and imagination had run riot in the decoration of the bikes. One scarlet space rocket turned out to have the body of a Gold Wing hidden somewhere inside it.

Our visitors were just as keen on mascots as any other teenagers. Many bikes sported teddy bears, and other, stranger creatures on the back. Some couples brought along the family dog, who enjoyed the luxury of the sidecar while the wife rode pillion, but one intrepid pet was seen perched on the rear seat.

While here, the bikers entered contests for elegance, toured Nova Scotia and generally hung out in the parking lots. Their visit coincided with the 24-Hour Relay and our bikers generously clubbed together to make a donation to the Abilities Foundation. Highlight of the week was a parade round Halifax with Mayor Ron Wallace riding the sidecar of the leading bike and Town Crier Peter Cox on bike number two.



Mayor Ron Wallace rode in the side car of the leading bike in a parade through downtown Halifax



Dr. Mike Zaworotko (Chemistry) organized the symposia for the inorganic division of the 73rd Canadian Chemical Congress with Dr. Neil Burford of Dalhousie. Seen here at a reception in The Tower for invited speakers are (L to R) Dr. Zaworotko, Dr. Kevin Grundy of Dalhousie and Dr. Burford. The Congress took place at Dalhousie, but two social events were held at Saint Mary's.

Also at the reception were (L to R) Dr. Marv Rausch (University of Massachusetts), Dr. Jerry Atwood (University of Alabama), Dr. Zaworotko, Dr. John Wilkie (U.S. Air Force Academy) and Dr. Chris Orvig (University of British Columbia)



Three teams from Saint Mary's participated in the 1990 Labatts Lite 24-hour relay: The Lighthouse (The Tower), The Wizards of Oz (University), and the Saint Mary's University Student's Association team. The three groups collectively raised \$4,338 for the Abilities Foundation of Nova Scotia

## Mini-U mixes fun and education

Co-ordinator Kathy Mullane strives to make Mini-University a little bit more exciting each year, and this year, the fourth, was a winner. More than 90 young people between the ages of 10 and 15 mixed fun and education at two two-week sessions.

For the first time the courses included engineering, with MBA student Heather MacLean, who also has an engineering degree from TUNS, teaching the young people about the structure of buildings and helping them construct model bridges. Third year Commerce student Joseph Daniel took the kids through MacWrite, MacPaint and other programs in computer sessions in the Macintosh Lab., while second year Psychology student Theresa Emberley, who also has a fine arts degree from the Nova Scotia College of Art and Design, taught Psychology by encouraging the kids to use the creative arts to explore and understand their own self-image. Designing T-shirts was one project of this imaginative



Mini-University!

course. In his sessions Professor Rick Collins explained different types of creative writing, including mystery stories and how they are written.

Last but not least is the physical education component of Mini-U. This is co-ordinated by Kathy herself, who says, "We try to do things they do not do in regular physical education classes." The students enjoy two days of fencing, two days of tennis, some weight training, aerobics and a session on athletic injuries taught by Dianne Webster.

Kathy, her instructors and their faculty advisors Dr. Brent Vulcano, Dr. Janet Gregory and Dr. Peter Boyle, tried to link the sessions. One way in which this was done was to give the students a chance to do their creative writing assignments in the Macintosh computer sessions.

Each day ended with fun at the SMU Zoo, which has become a well known feature of Saint Mary's Mini-University. This year's activities included a talent show featuring students and staff, and a lip synch. display by the instructors. Other high spots of the two week sessions included a visit to MacNab's Island, which, for one group, was complete with the excitement of almost missing the boat.

Kathy says special thanks are due to Linda Smith, who has helped with Mini-U for each of its four years and former student president Sanjeev Chowdhury, whose cheery presence quickly became popular with the kids.





East European visitors, L to R: Anti Kuus (Estonia), Jan Lepp (Poland), Peter Szijarto (Hungary), Jury Batuev (Russia), Wieslaw Trzcinski (Poland), Wlodzimierz Mikulicz (Poland), Dean of Commerce Dr. Collin Dodds, Voldemaras Dudenas (Lithuania), Jan Goldstrom (Poland) and Jaroslav Jatkiewicz (Poland).

# Faces of Eastern Europe

by Anne West

**A**T SAINT MARY'S this summer, there was a chance to put real faces to the evolving story of the USSR, its republics and the Eastern European countries which have been under its

domination since the 1940s. For many of us, news from the rebel republics of Estonia and Lithuania will now remind us of our friends Anti Kuus and Voldemaras Dudenas; when Poland is mentioned we will think of five entrepreneurs we met; Hungary will bring to mind marine engineer Peter Szijarto, while Mother Russia herself now bears the human face of Jury Batuev, one man who is trying to do his share to bring his troubled country into a peaceful 21st century.

In August Saint Mary's played host to nine East Europeans who were part of a group of 129 who visited Canada to study our economy and forge trade links. The project was sponsored by External Affairs, the Ontario Provincial government and private sector sources. The group spent a month at York University studying marketing, business management, economics, and other aspects of a

western-style economy. They then split into groups and travelled to smaller centres to gain experience with companies and organizations working in their own fields. In Halifax the response to their desire to learn about our methods and make business contacts was magnificent. Virtually everyone contacted by Associate Dean of Commerce Paul Dixon and Special Assistant Lois Wasteneys, who co-ordinated the visit, agreed to help at short notice by opening their doors to the visitors.

The Times asked five of the visitors, one from each country represented, about their hopes and fears for the future, why they had come, and whether the visit had been worthwhile. Their comments on Canada's economy were fascinating. Without exception they were impressed by our level of social services and saw Canada as an example



## Saint Mary's helps nine East Europeans learn western business methods

of socialism actually working. On the other side of the coin, however, they were fascinated by the concept of marketing. Coming from countries where there is a dearth of consumer goods, the very idea of having to market a product was totally new. During the interviews it seemed nothing short of a miracle that these young men had managed to acquire such independent minds and dedication to the ideal of a free enterprise economy, despite a lifetime of communist indoctrination.

### • Voldemaras Dudenas

*Lithuania: swallowed by the USSR in 1940 when the USSR and Germany "carved up" eastern Europe. In the*

*process of trying to regain its independence.*

*Although its borders are controlled by Russian troops, changes are taking place inside the country.*

Voldemaras is employed by his country's Ministry of Trade and his task was to study Canada's economy and look for things which could be useful to Lithuania.

Describing his work he says, "The Trade Department includes wholesale, retail and foreign trade. I am in the foreign trade section." He adds, "My minister is a very young, very positive man; he became minister a

year ago and is very positive about the future." Of what he hopes to do with the knowledge he has gained in Canada he says, "We are looking how to make our business profitable, how to buy goods. Maybe I will tell my minister something that will be useful." Voldemaras also came to learn about tax and trade links with the United States and Western

Hungary knew anything about Canadian shipbuilders. We just supposed that a country with such big rivers, lakes and coastline must have some shipbuilding."

Peter visited shipyards in Halifax, Dartmouth, and Pictou and says, "Now if I have a problem I can lift the phone and ask. And of course *vice versa*; we have four decades of experience of Russian ship markets."

Peter describes himself as a technician, but found the month of study at York useful. "It was very good to learn these things because in the future I have to work with these economic terms. Just to speak of a company being 'in the red' or 'in the black', you cannot find these terms in the dictionary."

He appreciated a chance to see computers at work in the design and management aspects of shipbuilding, but felt it would be a long time before they are part of the Hungarian industry.

He did, however, find something which he hopes to implement at once. "I was in Dartmouth and every foreman had a walkie talkie. This is a very good thing because sometimes I spend hours searching for foremen by telephone to solve a problem."

Hungary is taking steps to introduce a less socialist economy and last year Peter's shipyard became a company with shareholders. He says, "The majority of the shares are still owned by the government, but there are some others. The most important thing is that the first steps have been taken. This spring the stock exchange, in Budapest, the first ever in a communist country, began trading. You have to start somewhere."

Peter, too, admires the Canadian economy. "I think it is a good model," he says. "Canada is a socialist country in the real meaning of the word. Here you pay a lot of taxes for everything, but you have health insurance so that if you go to hospital your time is paid, your operation is paid. Not like the United States. Of course you have to work for it and pay for it, but you are safe."



Central Europe

European countries.

Explaining his education, Voldemaras says, "When I learned at university we had two economics. We learned about the economics of capitalism, and then the political economics of socialism. We learned that the free market was very wrong and socialism was very good." Despite this he says, "Lithuanians have not forgotten how to work and how to make a profit."

Talking about Canada's economy, Voldemaras says, "I understand there is more socialism here in Canada. You do not pay for health services, after 65 people do not pay for prescriptions, you have unemployment money." He feels the terms capitalism and socialism are out of date, that Western economies are a combination of both and says, "We must change the words."

### • Peter Szijarto

*Hungary: taken over by the Russians in 1945. After 45 years of one party rule, the Hungarian Democratic Forum party was elected this spring, with two opposition parties. Peter is a marine engineer employed by a shipyard in Budapest.*

Peter's purpose in visiting Canada was as much to make contacts as to study academic subjects. "In every industry, linkages are important," he says. "Neither I nor anybody in

### • Jury Batuev

Jury works for a large firm in Moscow which rents vehicles to tourists and diplomats to raise much needed hard currency. He came to Canada to learn business. His firm is in the front line of privatization in Russia.

"Our company is one of the first in the country to receive the unique status of a leaseholder organization," explains

## Arts update

**Criminology Certificate Program:** The Board of Governors of the Law Foundation of Nova Scotia recently awarded Saint Mary's \$20,000 for the purchase of library materials in Criminology.

**International Development Studies:** CIDA has approved \$32,000 through the Youth Initiatives Program for nine of our International Development Studies students to do field work and research in Dominica (More about this next month).

**Atlantic Provinces Book review:** Has just received a \$10,000 grant from the Department of Communications for computer equipment. This year it also received a \$47,000 grant from the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council.

## Publications

### History

- **Dr. George F.W. Young** had an article entitled "Anglo-German banking syndicates and the issue of South American government loans in the era of High Imperialism, 1885-1914," published in *Bankhistorisches Archiv* Volume 16, No.1, in June.
- **Francis I.W. Jones**, a student of Dr. George F.W. Young, who is a retired naval officer, had a paper entitled "The German Challenge to British Shipping, 1885-1914: its magnitude, nature and impact in China," published in the May 1990 issue of *The Mariner's Mirror*, which is the international journal of the Society for Nautical Research.
- **Dr. John Reid** contributed an article on the debate over academic excellence at Mount Allison university in 1960s in the *Dalhousie Review*, Volume 69, No.2.

### Economics

- **Dr. James C.W. Akiakpor** published an article entitled "Drawing misleading conclusions from one-period data: a comment on Anyinam," in the *Canadian Journal of African Studies*, Volume 23, No.2, 1989, pages 295-96. He also reviewed "Technical Change and Economic Theory," by G. Dosi, et al, (editors), in *Small Business Economics*, Volume 2, No.1, 1990, pages 79-81.

### Management

- **Drs. Hermann Schwind and Hari Das** published the third edition of their text *Canadian Human Resource Management*, (with Werther and Davis), McGraw-Hill Ryerson Ltd. The book has sold over 63,000 copies since 1982.

# Faculty members take note:

## Librarians love helping students!

Librarians at the Patrick Power Library enjoy showing students how to use the library more effectively. Sometimes students even learn that doing research can be fun as well as rewarding.

For 200 level classes, the Library provides a Library Workbook which takes the place of a formal classroom session. The workbooks can be distributed during a class period and students are required to read the 20-page books and complete five assignments. With the help of information contained in the workbook and a small measure of initiative, students learn how to use encyclopaedias, dictionaries, the on-line public catalogue, periodical indices and book review sources. Sample copies of the Library Workbook and accompanying assignments can be obtained from the User



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Library Workbooks can be provided for your class with a few days' notice, but preparation for upper-level classes takes time and it is important to give at least two weeks notice.

Contact: Cynthia Tanner, Collections Development/User Education Librarian, 420-5541.



## People

### Religious Studies

- **Dr. Donald Weeren** presented a paper entitled "Collaboration, containment and conflict in religious and moral education: three Canadian cases," at the Seventh International Seminar on Religious Education and Values, held in Denmark in June.

### Management

- **Dr. Herman Schwind** presented a paper entitled "Work, non-work, and mental health: a study of Japanese managers," at the XII World Congress of Sociology in Madrid (with V.V. Baba, Concordia University).

### Geography

- **Dr. Douglas Day** has been appointed as an Associate by the board of directors of the Oceans Institute of Canada for two years. The Oceans Institute, which was established in 1976, is a federally incorporated, non-profit organization based in Halifax that undertakes research, education, and training on ocean-related developments in Canada and abroad.

### Alumni

- Director **Tom McDonell** has been elected president of the Association of Canadian Alumni Administrators (ACAA) for 1990-91. He has also been elected as an officer on the Canadian Council for Advancement in Education (CCAEE) Board and will hold the position of secretary for 1990-91.

### Chemistry

- **Dr. Keith Vaughan** continues to receive accolades for his photography. The Summer 1990 edition of *Camera Canada* contains an article by him entitled "The Magic of Seasmoke." This article, which is illustrated with his photographs, presents a glimpse of the magic created by the fog in Halifax Harbour at different seasons of the year. In addition, Vaughan received the Photographer of the Year Award from the Photographic Guild of Nova Scotia for the third year in succession.

### Sociology

- **Dr. Ronald L. Cosper** gave a paper with Dr. Nancy Jabbar (Dalhousie, now of Loyola Marymount University), at the annual meeting of the Canadian Sociology and Anthropology Association in Victoria in May. The paper was entitled "Income inequality of ethnic groups in Atlantic Canada." They used 1986 census data and a new technique for analysis of variance.

### English

- **Dr. Wendy Katz** presented a paper on "Margaret Gatty and the emblem tradition" at the International Conference for Emblem Studies in Glasgow, Scotland, in August.

### Modern Languages and Classics

- **Dr. Karen Flikeid** has received a Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council grant for \$86,775 over three years to study "Dimensions of variation in Acadian French."

# Faces of Eastern Europe

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Jury. "We have an agreement with the Moscow City Soviet to lease the vehicles. We must serve our clients at the state tariffs, and we receive all our cars and spare parts at set prices, but we have no power above us." He says that within the company all workers are equal, but adds, "In our enterprise...we have a board that is elected among our employees. There are 30 people on the board. This board elects the managers who rule the company. I am one of the members of the board and I am a manager." Plans are to privatize the company and Jury says, "Our first task is to buy our enterprise from the state."

Has the visit to Canada been useful to Jury? "In my two years as a manager I have met a lot of western businessmen, but I sometimes cannot understand their viewpoint. Now I understand business people better than before."

While in Halifax, Jury was shown around by both Avis and Hertz, which he found valuable. He says, "I think we must do our business by franchising with a western company. If people come to our country, they must drive a good car, not a Russian car. I know very well Russian car and cannot defend!"

The USSR is facing enormous changes and Jury fears that the peaceful modernization of the economy will be prevented by outbreaks of nationalist violence among the republics. Asked whether for him economic or political change is most important, he says, "Glasnost is most important for me. Openness is much more important than empty shelves in our shops. Not only openness but choice. Freedom is most important for me, but a lot of people in our country....want consumer goods."

## • Anti Kuus

*Estonia: seized by USSR in 1940 after a pact between the USSR and Germany divided Europe. Previously a successful capitalist country exporting agricultural products to the West. Now its products go mainly to Russia because Estonia needs raw materials. It is moving rapidly towards a western style economy. Anti is an entrepreneur who is on the board of an investment company.*

Anti explains, "First of all the law of private property came out, so people can obtain property without restrictions. In a process of privatization, the state is selling property back to the people." He adds, "The main idea is to go back to the old system before Second World War."

## Commerce Dean on SSHRC Committee

Dr. Colin Dodds will act as Chair for the September 1990 adjudication in the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC) new strategic theme program "Managing for Global Competitiveness."

This program of grants has a new emphasis on multi-disciplinary and group research, and encourages the involvement of individuals and groups from outside the university sector in research projects. Those who are seeking grants through this program must submit a plan for the dissemination of their findings to the "user" community as well as the academic community.

Also new this year are small grants of up to \$5,000 designed to enable researchers to seek out and formalize links with potential partners.

Dr. Dodds' fellow committee members are Michel Laroche of Concordia University, Louise Heslop of Carleton University, Richard Beaudry of the *Centre de recherche industrielle du Québec* and Timothy O'Neill, President of the Atlantic Provinces Economic Council, and a member of the of Saint Mary's faculty

Why did Anti come to Canada? "I came to Canada to learn," he says, "but now that I am leaving I find that I have met a lot of people who are ready to do business, so I did more than I expected."

Asked what he had learned, Anti says, "People think very differently. Some people are more communist in capitalist countries than in Estonia...they are more left thinking than most Estonians." He also found it very interesting to study business theory, and says, "During 50 years you could not learn this in Estonia. I am very interested to know how it is working...in this country."

Anti is optimistic but at the same time fears the process of evolution in the Russian federation. "They have lost their trust in communism, but do not know what to do now," he says, adding "Many people still cannot understand that a better living standard is possible through democracy and that it is working very well in the Western countries."

## • Wlodzimierz Mikulicz

*Poland: came under USSR domination after the Second World War, but has broken away over the last few years and now has democratic government under the trade union Solidarity. Wlodzimierz owns his own business, which is an agency for a West German foreign trade company. He imports such things as shoes, tea, coffee, orange and pineapple juice and fish.*

Wlodzimierz explains that the new government decided to leap boldly into a capitalist system. "Tough laws were brought in on January 1st," he says. "There are almost no subsidized products in Poland now, so prices have skyrocketed. In 1989 inflation was 1,000 per cent."

Wlodzimierz says the government aim is to "Raise prices, stop wages from growing and stop inflation," but explains that so far this is not entirely successful. Poverty is becoming more obvious, he says, partly because under communism "the rich did not show what they had and the poor were not that much poorer. Now you can see people who...drive Porsches and BMWs and there are people who are having problems getting basic foodstuffs."

Why did he come to Canada? "This was my first chance to take part in an official business course." He found lectures on financing, accounting, marketing and market segmentation very interesting, but is not sure how he will apply what he learned.

Asked what is the biggest problem facing his country, Wlodzimierz says, unequivocally, "People." He adds, "Poles are unruly, they do not like authority (whether it be) the communists, Solidarity, or the Church. If you have two Poles you have three political parties!" Another problem is what to do with the 1.5 million Communist party members and their families, a total of 8 million people. Many of these are essential technical experts on which the country relies, he says, but "some people say get rid of them."

Wlodzimierz sees tough times ahead for Poland. He explains, "When Solidarity came to power they said 'Forget 45 years and start new, it will be tough for maybe half a year or a year, and then better.' In one year you cannot fix half a century of mis-management. Prices are going up, workers are getting restive and starting in January all our foreign trade with the Soviet Union will be in hard currency." Although entrepreneurship is encouraged, the economic climate is no help. Borrowing money to start any kind of business is tough when interest rates are over 30 per cent.

Wlodzimierz believe's Canada's economy works better than the communist system, but he had a word of advice. "You have a big powerful neighbour which buys a lot of your goods. This is good on one hand, but on the other hand, too much dependence on one country is dangerous."

## Planned Giving is new thrust

An old friend of Saint Mary's, Edmund Morris, has returned to campus in an exciting new role for the University, that of part-time Planned Giving Consultant.

Saint Mary's is initiating a Planned Giving program under the direction of University Advancement Director Don Keleher. Planned Gift programs, principally deferred bequests by will and life insurance, have been highly successful in the United States and Saint Mary's is among a small but growing number of Canadian universities to establish such a program.



Edmund Morris

"It is an important additional effort in fund-raising for Saint Mary's," says Mr. Keleher. "Alumni and other friends and supporters recognize that Saint Mary's is performing increasingly important educational services, and want to assure their continuance and further strengthening at a time when government funding is not keeping up with needs, and financial support from others is increasingly necessary."

Edmund Morris attended the old Saint Mary's College high school, directed by the Christian Brothers, and was Vice President for Finance and Development for the University from 1969 to 1974 and interim President in 1976. He has been a federal MP, Mayor of Halifax, provincial MLA and cabinet minister. He was Nova Scotia's first Minister of Advanced Education, and during his term the Nova Scotia Council on Higher Education, the Nova Scotia Students' Advisory Committee and Literacy Nova Scotia were established.

Morris is also chairperson of the Halifax Foundation and of next April's "Halifax 1999" conference to plan for the 250th anniversary of the city's founding. Saint Mary's awarded him an honorary doctorate of civil law in 1986.

## Sailing students get Maritime Semester

Sailing students from the tall ship *Westward* had classes in Maritime History and Culture from Dr. John Reid (back row, centre) while in Halifax in August. They were on a program run by the Sea Education Association out of Woods Hole, Massachusetts, which

offers a "Maritime Semester" to American college students. The group enjoyed a party hosted for them by the Atlantic Canada Studies Program.



## Sports

# Camp of Champions enjoyed by all

Summer at Saint Mary's means kids, lots of them. In all, 628 boys and girls between the ages of seven and 17 came to campus to have fun and learn new skills in their favourite sports.

**Soccer:** This year coach Peter Wicha ran only two soccer camps because he travelled to Italy to watch the World Cup, but those two were

memorable. Both sessions were full with 230 kids taking part, a quarter of them girls. Because there were so many kids Peter says, "This year we had a smaller camper/instructor ratio. We had one coach for every ten kids and they all got attention." The 14 coaches included Dennis Robinson of the soccer Huskies and two member's of the

women's soccer Huskies.

Peter says, "The best thing is the fact that about 70 per cent of the kids are coming back for the second or third time. That tells us they are learning about the game of soccer, improving their skills and enjoying it. Many of them are developing into really fine players."

Describing the highspots, Peter says, "One little fellow just showed up and asked if he could play with us. He biked from home every day. He was eight years old and probably the most skillful player in the whole camp. He loved it."

**Girls' Basketball:** This is the second year that Saint Mary's has offered a camp for girls and Coach Jill Healey had 48 in her one-week session. She thinks the kids appreciate a chance to take part in an all-girls camp and found that they really improved their skills during the week. In addition she believes that having the campers coached by members of the women's Huskies team provides them with an excellent role model. She also says, "It is an excellent opportunity for my players to work with the girls and show their skills off." Although she had hoped for higher numbers, she says, "We had a much better quality turn out this time."

**Boys' Basketball:** Coach Ross Quackenbush held three camps in July and August and in all 150 boys took part. To help him with the coaching he had a fine roster, including Assistant Coach Mickey Fox, Nick Morash, who is Head Coach at Halifax West, and Huskies Brian Thompson, Richard Sullivan and Jason Darling. One week saw a guest, Jim Ogilvie from the Grand Rapids, Michigan, high school system, helping on the coaching roster. Another helper was William Njoku, from Halifax West High School, who is a member of Canada's National Junior Team and a freshman at Saint Mary's.

Were the camps a success? Coach Quackenbush says, "We saw some kids that looked like they were going to be pretty good players. It was well received by the kids and we had some good feedback from the parents and the coaches." He also says, "I believe it is great for the community. It shows Saint Mary's providing a good service for the community."

**Hockey School:** Norm McCauley, too, had a very successful summer camp. In four separate weeks 200 kids between the ages of 7 and 16 were working hard at the rink. "The kids who come to the Camp of Champions are getting the best instructional staff in the Maritimes," says Norm. Helping him with the coaching were Don MacAdam, coach of the Cape Breton Oilers, Danny Flynn, Assistant Coach of the Sault Ste. Marie Greyhounds, Mike McPhee of the Montréal Canadiens and Don Matheson of the Dartmouth School Board. In addition there were two Czechoslovakian players on the roster, Lavislav Trel who played for the Halifax Citadels and has now signed a contract with the Los Angeles Kings, and Jaroslav Sevcik of the Citadels.

Norm likes the fact that the camps also give his hockey players employment opportunities and says, "The standard of play was good. The kids came to have fun, work hard and learn a lot, and I think we achieved our goals."

## New coach for women's soccer

Saint Mary's women's soccer team starts the new season with a new coach. Debbie Rowsell is from Corner Brook, Newfoundland, and brings a wealth of playing, coaching and leadership experience to her first year as head coach of the women's soccer program.

Debbie played badminton, basketball, volleyball, soccer, and broomball during her school days at Herdman Collegiate in Corner Brook, but since then has devoted herself primarily to soccer. On entering Memorial University of Newfoundland in 1973 she was discouraged to find no women's soccer program. Undeterred, she played field hockey for the university, but dedicated her spare time to the development of women's soccer in Newfoundland and at the university level. When she graduated with Bachelor of Physical Education and Bachelor of Education degrees in 1977, she was elected to Memorial's Athletic Honour Society in recognition of her contribution to the athletic program at the university.

Debbie then returned to her own high school and coached its volleyball and soccer teams to provincial championships. During her ten years at Herdman she played soccer, chaired soccer leagues, ran clinics and coached under-18 and senior women's teams to provincial club titles. She also served as women's chairperson on the executive of the Newfoundland Soccer association and was head coach for the provincial women's all star team in 1987. In the same year she received the Provincial Recognition Award for her outstanding contribution to high school athletics.

In 1987 Debbie moved to Nova Scotia with husband Roger and daughter Ashley. Since then she has completed her "C" licence and coached the Halifax Resolute Women's Soccer Club to two provincial titles and one Atlantic title. She is excited about joining Saint Mary's and is delighted to be part of such an enthusiastic and dedicated athletic department.



Debbie Rowsell

## Young, but determined Huskies football team this season

A news conference was held in the Courtside Lounge August 20 to unveil this year's Atlantic Universities Football Conference. Coaches from Saint Mary's Huskies, the Acadia Axemen, the Saint Francis Xavier X-Men, the Mount Allison Mounties and the newly formed Cape Breton Capers, joined Russ Jackson and

Jamie Bone of TSN to discuss new recruits, training schedules and goals for the 1990 season. TSN announced they will again cover several season games, the Atlantic Bowl and the Vanier Cup.

The Huskies will field a young but determined team this season, minus 12 starters, including eight AUFC all-stars. This has not dampened the spirits of the 1990 team. "This year we shall not see such lopsided scores," says Saint Mary's coach Larry Uteck. "By the end of the year, our team is going to be as good as last year, but the other teams are going to improve greatly."

The Huskies have won the AUFC the last three years, losing twice in the Atlantic Bowl and once in the national final. This year the Huskies want to prove that the old saying "three strikes and you're out" does not apply to their football team. Uteck says, "We are going to be there again."

## Geology students take field trip in the Rockies

Julie Selway and Howard Pancu, both entering their final year of study in Geology, were selected with 28 other students from across Canada to participate in the Student Industry Field Trip (SIFT). The trip, sponsored by the Canadian Society of

Petroleum Geologists, is designed to give top geology students a first-hand look at the petroleum industry, as well as an introduction to western Canadian geology.

Julie and Howard set off for Calgary for their two-week field trip in late April.

Part of the trip consisted of seminars on the petroleum industry, and tours of oil rigs and refineries. The group, led by two geologists from Shell Canada, also took several day trips to study the geology around the Calgary area. But, as Julie says, "By far the most exciting part of the trip was a four-day field trip into the Rocky Mountains. It was my first time in the Rockies, and I just loved it."

The two were selected on the basis of their academic performance, and strong recommendations by Dr. Georgia Pe-Piper, Chairman of the Geology Department. Students from all universities across Canada with Geology departments went on the trip, but Saint Mary's, McGill and the University of Alberta were the only universities represented by more than one student — quite an honour for Saint Mary's, says Julie.

The students will be giving informal presentations about their trip to classmates early in the school year.



Julie Selway

### Donation for Atlantic Centre

In August Xerox presented the second instalment of a three-year, \$30,000, pledge to the Atlantic Centre of Support for Disabled Students. Seen here are (L to R) Karen Cormier (Xerox Account Manager for Saint Mary's), Dr. Kenneth L. Ozmon (President) and Mel Thompson (Atlantic District Manager, Xerox).



## Indonesian students prepare for university at Saint Mary's

To a foreign student, the prospect of coming to Canada to go to university could be a daunting one: classes in an unfamiliar language, fellow students with strange customs and universities in alien cities. One of the 'reasons d'être' of the International Briefing Centre at Saint Mary's is to lessen the difficulties foreign students face when they arrive in Canada to go to school. The Centre also assists Canadians who are going abroad to work, study or live.

This summer, the Centre, along with the International Language Institute (ILI), hosted 35 Indonesian students in a five-week orientation program initiated by World University Service of Canada (WUSC) and Environmental Management and Development in Indonesia (EMDI). The students, mostly at the graduate level, were given a taste not only of what graduate school is like in Canada, but of Canadian culture and social life. Better yet, they were also given a taste of traditional Nova Scotian fare at a lobster and corn boil held during their last week in Halifax.

The students were divided into three groups based on their fields of study. Commerce professor Don Dougherty taught the accounting students, while International Development Studies professor Assis Malaquias taught the technical students about the impact of technology on a country's development. The third group, environmental studies students, was taught by Patricia Manuel, a Halifax-based environmental consultant.

In addition to these core courses, the

International Briefing Centre walked them through library and cultural orientation programs. The International Language Institute helped them improve their English language skills, and taught them how to use various computer systems and programs.

With this orientation program under their belts, the students are now embarking on their studies. Seven accounting students are staying on at Saint Mary's, while the rest will attend universities across the country, from University of Victoria to Memorial. All will return to Indonesia when they finish their programs.

"The people in this program are extremely committed," says Michael Shook, International Briefing Centre co-ordinator. "One woman left a four-month old baby behind. They're very serious about doing a good job and getting an education."

According to Shook, "Orientation programs are absolutely essential. Without them, international students have difficulty adjusting and may, as a result, not complete their studies in Canada. This is a failure for the student, the sponsoring agency and the university involved. The students need support and help easing into different cultural situations before they can successfully take on the stress of an advanced academic program."

This year was the first year for this particular orientation program, but WUSC and EMDI are already eagerly making plans for next year.

## First Year Experience program

# Making the first-year experience better

by Melanie Nolan

First year university can be tough for students. Away from home, often for the first time, they may be nervous about living in a unfamiliar place, coping with classes and making new friends. Loneliness, uncertainty and anxiety are the frequent companions of young students arriving on campus. But groups of university administrators and teachers across Canada and the United States are working to make the transition from high school to university as painless as possible.

To help meet first-year student needs, a program called the "Freshman Year Experience" was set up in the 1970's at the University of South Carolina. It has since expanded across North America. Under this program, a Canadian-American conference, "Enhancing the First Year Experience on Your Campus", was held at Saint Mary's in July. The aim of the conference, according to Student Services Director Keith Hotchkiss, was to educate professors and administrators about various aspects of the first year experience, and ways they can help improve it.

Seminars focused on topics as diverse as teaching students with math anxiety, enhancing student self-esteem, setting up peer counselling and tutoring programs, and learning to see things from a student perspective. Explains Keith Hotchkiss: "One of the aims of the conference is to sensitize faculty to the problems their first year students will face, by having them relate back to their own first-year experiences."

Another aspect of the drive to improve the first year experience for students is a credit course set up at several universities in Canada and the States, designed to teach study, research and other survival skills. Saint Mary's does not yet offer such a course, but has focused on providing a wide range of counselling programs.

The Peer Counselling Program, initiated by Dr. John Young and Keith Hotchkiss three years ago, is one very important way to help first year students adjust. Under this program, returning students volunteer to take first year students under their wing, show them around, give them advice, or point them in the right direction to get

help should they need it.

The Parents' Orientation Reception, held in August, is another part of the process of zeroing in on the first year student, says Hotchkiss. He would also like to see a first year student advice centre set up, so students could receive in-depth, one-on-one academic counselling in the weeks prior to registration, "rather than having to make all their course selection decisions in five minutes during the heat of the registration process," he explains.

But a social orientation program is just as important as an academic one, says Hotchkiss, as many students feel more threatened by the prospect of being surrounded by strangers than by the prospect of not doing well academically. The student-run orientation program at Saint Mary's is purely social and generally successful in breaking the ice for first year students.

"Students have gotten entirely away from the idea of 'initiation', which can do serious psychological harm," says Hotchkiss. "The orientation program is a very positive experience for most students."

## Saint Mary's University Faculty Women's Association

1990-91 Schedule  
Mark these dates on your calendar

- 1 to 3 pm, Sunday 30 September  
Opening Luncheon. Pot Luck salad and dessert luncheon at the home of Betty Ozmon
- 10 am, Saturday 20 October  
Spin-Off Coffee Party at the home of Jane Law. This event will raise money towards a scholarship
- 1 to 3 pm, Sunday 9 December  
University Children's Christmas Party, Courtside Lounge, The Tower
- 1 to 3 pm, Sunday 17 March  
Spring Pot Luck Luncheon at the home of Jane Law
- 1 to 3 pm, Sunday 14 April  
Closing Luncheon, VIP Lounge, The Tower

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