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Emergency button signals University Security

A new emergency number has been launched for faculty, staff and students on Saint Mary's campus.

The new number replaces the old system of having to call University Security. Realizing that in emergency situations people might not always remember a number, Maritime Tel & Tel worked directly with the University's Security Department to incorporate two

push buttons on the lower right hand side of the public payphones. Once hit they automatically dial the new emergency number, and connect to University Security.

"It's a life-line that you may not need. But it is there when you do need it," says Carter MacDonald, Manager of University Security. "This is a co-operative venture with MT&T, who have been an

excellent corporate citizen in helping us simplify the emergency number," he says.

In the process of establishing the emergency number for payphones, MT&T changed all the University payphones over to their new Millennium model. The new model has a digital display running across the top of the phones. With 36 payphones on campus, in 17 different locations, they all have

a digital display reading "Emergency push the red button below." For staff and faculty members using internal phones, the emergency number is 5000, which will directly link the caller with the central dispatch in the Security Office.

"This gave us a chance to upgrade our equipment with top of the line material, on Saint Mary's campus. Plus MT&T believes in promoting community ties," says Tom McLean, Public Telephone Account Manager, with MT&T. With the upgrade to the state of the art equipment, MT&T was able to incorporate the new emergency number for the University, free of charge.

The buttons were placed on the lower right hand side, above the decal which says "Emergency number," so people can easily pick-up the phone and hit the button. When a person calls the emergency number from one of the payphones on campus, security now can locate that person by looking at their digital display on the emergency phones in the central dispatch area, and by checking the payphone location. All payphones on campus have been mapped, so security can respond to emergency numbers more efficiently.

Security has been working on this project for the past four months. The first phase was changing all payphones on campus to the newer Millennium model, and the second stage has been the establishment of a push button emergency number before September. The third stage will be additional payphones on



Moving in

Saint Mary's University Residence Society members help fellow students move in. Back (l to r): Adrian McCardle, Wilson Garvock, Albert Cooper, front (l to r): Debora Wright and Tracy MacDonell

Around campus



Degree awarded

Dr. David Richardson, Dean of Science talking with the Chancellor of Trinity College, University of Dublin after being awarded a Doctor of Science degree.



Mayor comes to call

Chairperson Dillsworth, Mayor of Freetown, Sierra Leone, recently had a chance to visit Saint Mary's University on her way home from the United Nations International

Colloquium for Mayors on Social Development. Chairperson Dillsworth was anxious to meet the members of The CottonTree Partnership which is based in the International Education Centre at Saint Mary's. She wished them continued success in their cooperative efforts of sharing educational and economic development strategies. (l to r): Dr. Kenneth Ozmon, Chairperson Dillsworth, Co-chairs CottonTree Partnership Abdul Wurie and Davie Hartley.

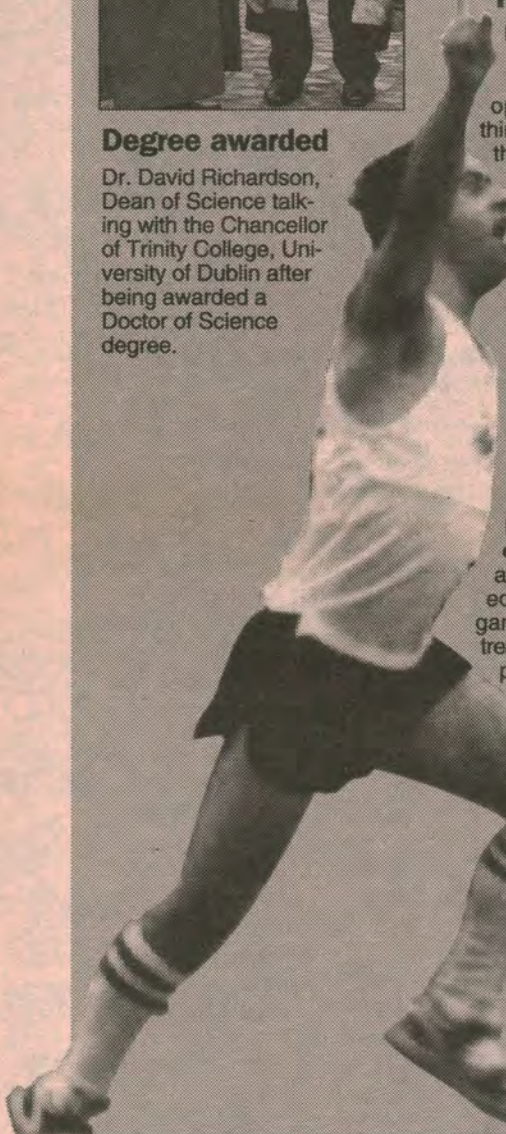
Managing Change in Higher Education

Dr. Kenneth Ozmon, President of Saint Mary's University gave the opening remarks to the third annual conference of the Canadian Institutional Research and Planning Association, called "Managing Change in Higher Education." Judith Murray, Director of the Institutional Research and Analysis Department on campus organized the conference. Dr. Herb Kells, Professor Emeritus at Rutgers University was the key note speaker. Pictured (l) are Judith Murray and Dr. Ozmon.



Special Olympics

Over 300 athletes stayed in the Loyola Residence at Saint Mary's during the week long competition. Over eleven hundred athletes and coaches participated in the first National games held east of Montreal. Athletes from the 10 provinces, including the Yukon, participated in competitions at Saint Mary's, Dalhousie University and the Halifax Commons. The Nova Scotia team consisted of over 45 athletes. The Special Olympics is held every four years. Pictured: An athlete raises his arms in celebration near the finish line.



New Chair of the Board

John "Jack" G. Keith, C.M. was appointed Chair, to the Board of Governors of Saint Mary's University, at a special meeting, on September 1, 1994. Last June, Keith was named a member of the Order of Canada. Robert Belliveau, Q.C. has been appointed the new Vice-Chair of the Board.



Quick turn-around with automated registration

In one week with the new automated registration system in the Multi-Purpose Room, over 2,500 students were registered. With help from the nine students and two staff members of the Registrar's Office, students can expect to see their registration material returned to them in roughly two weeks. "We are half-way through processing," says David Peters, Coordinator of Registry Services. "The system is working great. This year we are attempting to solve any problems that arise. For example, when a course is closed, students can expect a call from the Registrar's Office asking them to sign up for another course." Pictured is: Kelly Hiltz, a Bachelor of Education student who was one of nine students who helped process registration forms using the new automated registration process.



Golf winners

The Annual Saint Mary's University Alumni Golf Tournament at the Oakfield Golf and Country Club was a success, with \$2,500 raised towards the Laurie Smith Scholarship fund. (l to r): Winning team members include Michael Murphy, Dave Lyons, Gary Humphries, Bob Thompson and Terry Keyes.



Mini-University students diligently record their findings, after a morning spent shoveling dirt.

Kids learn environmental science at Mini-University

Children love the chance to mimic what their older sisters/brothers, or parents do. What better chance than Mini-University? Armed with paper and pen, the children, ages 10 to 15, get the chance to participate in university classes such as computers, marketing, sport psychology, environmental science and physical education.

For the past eight years, Saint Mary's has offered Mini-University. This year environmental science joined the list of classes.

For Jamie Spinney, 26, in his second year of a Bachelor of Arts degree, Mini-University is a great way to gain "hands-on experience" working with children. "This is excellent experience. I've tutored several people in the fields of geology

and math, but with environmental science the children use their problem solving skills to evaluate issues," he says.

"Instructors are actual students in the program. This helps to employ Saint Mary's students and it provides them with teaching experience, plus university students can relate to younger children," says Linda Whitehead, Coordinator of the Mini-University and Camp of Champions.

This year 58 students joined Mini-University for the two, two-week sessions. Each day students attended 50 minute classes, plus a Tower hour. There were four instructors for each class and four group leaders, who supervised the children throughout the day.

Push buttons for help

From page 1 campus, in places that address security concerns raised by the Women's Safety Audit Committee which were recommended last year.

The central dispatcher's role

Rachel Jacques, 21, a fourth year political science student at the University, is one of nine students currently working one of the eight hour shifts in Security's new central dispatch area, located on the bottom floor of the McNally building.

Once an emergency call comes into the central dispatch area, Jacques handles what should be done. Working with campus security since her first year at the University, she is well aware of how vital her role is as the central dispatcher.

"The central dispatch area will operate seven days a week, 24 hours a day," says MacDonald. "With Administrative Services being so helpful, we now have voice mail for the general inquiries number in University Security to ensure that all inquiries are answered," he says. People can now call Security even if they just want a walk home, and we will inform the Huskie Patrol to go get them.

The central dispatcher is also responsible for watching the 14 video cameras that record specific areas 24 hours a day around the campus. In instances that look suspicious, the camera is able to zoom in on any one specific person or group of people. The camera in the underground parking lot pans automatically, to ensure complete coverage of the lot. Areas such as the underground parking lot, computer and language labs, and many more areas around the campus have closed-circuit surveillance.



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Get home safely with the Huskies Patrol

With September's classes gearing up, students will once again spend a good portion of their time in the library until closing time. The Huskies patrol, in its second year, offers students a walk home program.

"We had a great year with over 200 walk homes," says Lesa Doucette, a third year International Development student who initiated the program last year. "After going to another university and using their walk home program, I really felt that the students should have the option of using a walk home program."

The first year did have some glitches, with not all the volunteers showing up when they said they would, but Doucette is determined to make this year better.

"Last year, we had many volunteers. People like Mark Gallant, who currently works for University Security, often went out of his way to walk students home. "Even during exams you could count on Mark. After a shift he would walk his partner home and then sleep in the lounge since he often missed the last bus," she says.

"It is a good service that needs to be done," says Gallant, 24, who is going into his second year of Commerce. "This year we hope to get busier. Last year we had some people who felt they shouldn't call us, because they didn't want to bother us. But we want to walk people home."

Doucette is hoping to have 20 committed volunteers for this year's Huskies Patrol. All volunteers are screened through the University committee. Twenty-year old Brian Welcher, a third year Bachelor of Arts and Science student has offered to teach the students self-defence and non-violent intervention.

Students who wish to use the Huskies Patrol can be escorted anywhere on campus, up to University Avenue and Robie Street, down to Barrington and Morris Street, and Beaufort Avenue and Inglis Street. Students who wish to use the facilities at Dalhousie University's campus can also have access to the Tiger Patrol if they call ahead to arrange the service.

Doucette, who is also this year's Arts representative for the Student Council, hopes to start the Huskies Patrol by September 15. Since students are accompanied by one male and one female walk home volunteer, this doubles the number of volunteers needed. Committed volunteers willing to donate their time from Sunday to Thursday, 6:30 p.m. to 11:30 p.m. are encouraged to call 498-1320 and leave their name and phone number.

Huskies Patrol inquiries should be directed to University Security at 420-5577.

Don't throw it out— give it to the archives

Lost somewhere in the absence of time are forgotten memories, photos and scholarly papers. They could be collecting dust in offices, or simply taking up space. Instead of throwing out the 'so called junk,' send it to the University Archives.

"There is archive material around the University and we are concerned that people within the University who are retiring might throw things out," says Ronald Lewis, Librarian. For the past 10 months the library has utilized the services of Wendy Bullerwell, a full-time staff member, who divides her time between the Archives and the Reference desk. Bullerwell's job has been to organize and catalogue all the information currently in the Archives.

"Any printed media that has to do with the University has some relevance," she says, adding that even video and audio cassettes are more than welcomed. In fact, recently Bullerwell received approximately 55 audio tapes, containing oral history on the University. "Over 49 interviews were

conducted with people like Father Stewart, Dr. Ozmon, Edmund Morris, Kevin Cleary and many more people," she says. While she has not had time to listen to the interviews, Bullerwell plans to make copies of the tapes, so that the original audio cassettes are kept in prime condition. Angela Baker, a former history student of Dr. John Reid was responsible for collecting the oral history. The President's Office provided funding for this endeavor, while Dr. Michael Larsen, Dean of Arts helped with the logistics.

"It is really important for people to

LEFT: The start of a five mile race, held by boys attending the then Saint Mary's School for Boys, in 1921.



BELOW: Just where did the library go? An archive photo of the construction of the library in October 1964.



understand that every day we lose more and more of the University's history," says Lewis, adding "If people aren't sure what is suited for the Archives, we ask that they send the material to the library and we will select anything of value."

The Archives, located on the third floor in the Library will have set hours this year and will be open Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 2 to 4:30 p.m.

Orientation Week



TOP: Saint Mary's frosh students, graduating class of 1998, ready to go.

LEFT: Father Ron Cairns, Saint Mary's Campus Ministry, serves supper as part of the President's dinner for students.

LOWER LEFT: Gayle Chapman, 3rd year geology/geography major and President of the Student Geology Society, points out information to a fellow student at the Saint Mary's Expo, in the Tower.

BOTTOM LEFT: Sri hartati, nicknamed "Tati", a MBA student and student representative for the Student Indonesia Society shows a fellow student a piece of silk from Indonesia.

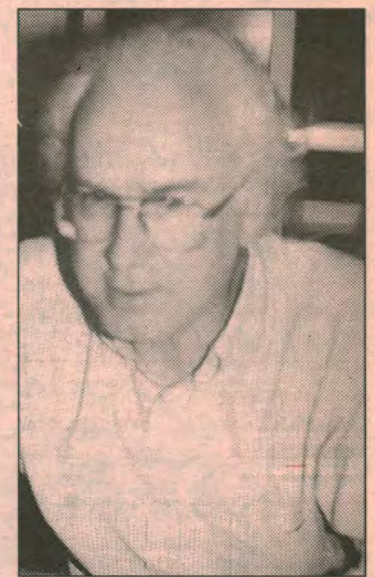
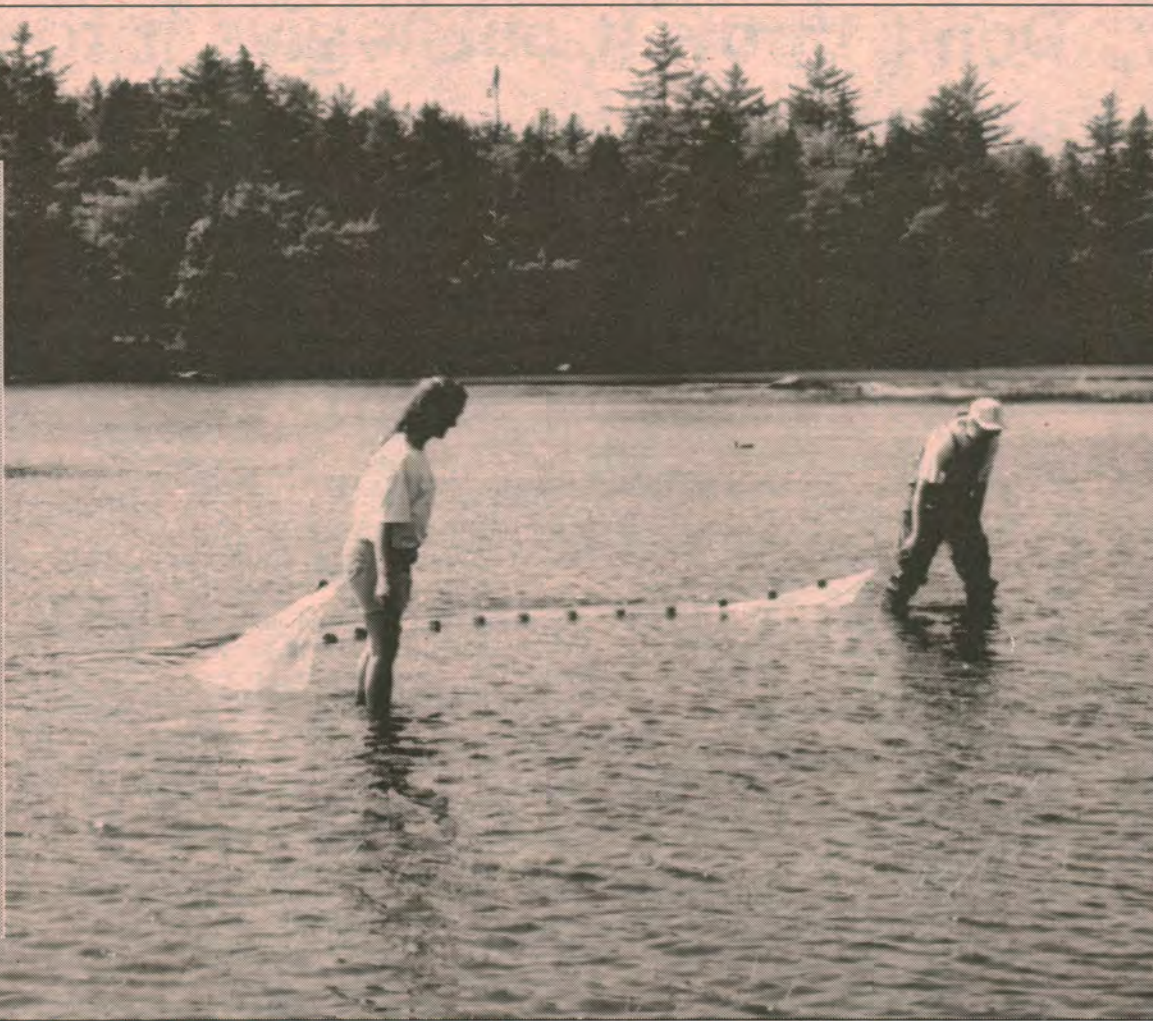
BELOW: Guy Desrochers, a 4th year astronomy/physics student and President of the Combined Student Astronomy/Physics Society explains technical information to Mike Blais, a first-year Bachelor of Science student.

RIGHT: Suzanne Deomey, 3rd year Psychology student and President of the Student Psychology Society is all smiles for students wanting off-campus frosh packs.



Knee deep in study

For the nine students, seven women and two men, taking the Biology field trip course at Vinegar Lake, near Hubbards, Nova Scotia it was "Information overload," say both Andrew Driscoll and Nancy FitzPatrick. The students spent two weeks at the Vinegar Lake Research Station, learning about lichens, insects, and fish species. "I couldn't get over all the different types of species in one community," says Driscoll. "We could sit and listen to Dr. Strongman and Dr. David Cone for hours," they say. The students get half a credit for the two week course. "There's quite a bit to it," says Dr. Strongman and "We try to give the students the real spectrum of biology."



Dr. Barry Gorman

New chair of Accounting Department

Dr. Barry Gorman is the new Chair of the Accounting Department at Saint Mary's. Dr. Gorman started his career at the University in 1979, and later became the first Director of the Certified Management Accounting program which began in 1989.

"We have one of the largest faculties of accounting in the country," he says, and "We have a blueprint for change." With over 120 accounting majors and up to 30 additional senior level students a year taking accounting courses, the department is working on ways to improve services. In the future the department hopes to offer more than just the one concentration in financial accounting. Rather the department hopes to offer five streams including financial and management accounting, taxation, information systems and a general stream. The department is also looking at ways for accounting specialists in the country to guest lecture or teach one term. This year 52 sections are offered in accounting and 10 sections in Commercial Law, which falls under Dr. Gorman's department.

"We have a very large part-time faculty. Probably over 20 part-time accounting and commercial law instructors who teach each semester." With some of the students taking half of their degree from part-time instructors, Dr. Gorman worries that the students might not have the support they need. As the new Chair of the department he realizes the work involved in addressing faculty and student concerns and the financial reality at the University.

"We have always had a good relationship with the business community and hope to build on that," he says, adding "I am always surprised when I see how dispersed our accounting students are all across the country."

Scholarly and Professional Development

Biology

Dr. Thomas Rand, Biology Department, recently received the Best Paper Award for the *Journal of Aquatic Animal Health*, for his paper "Chemotaxis of zoospores of two fish-egg-pathogenic strains of *Saprolegnia diclina* (Oomycotina: Saprolegniaceae) toward salmonid egg chorion extracts and selected amino acids and sugars." The book was co-authored by **Dawn Gordon**, an honors biology student while she worked on her thesis. The award was given out during the Business Meeting of the American Fisheries Society conference, held at the

World Trade and Convention Centre in Halifax.

Chemistry

Dr. John Young recently visited Ulm in Bavaria to give a one-day seminar to the engineering staff of a German industrial company on his research work on drag reduction. Dr. Young also has been awarded a one-year research grant of \$64,200 by the Federal Department of Natural Resources to study the effects of hydraulic drag reducing agents on heat transfer processes.

English

Dr. Russell Perkin

published "Locking George Sand in the Attic: Female Passion and Domestic Realism in the Victorian Novel," in the *University of Toronto Quarterly*; Vol. 63, 1994, pp. 408-28, and "Thackeray and Imperialism: A Response to Sandy Morey Norton," in *Narrative*; Vol. 2, 1994, pp. 161-66. Dr. Perkin also presented a paper called "Inhabiting Wuthering Heights: Jane Urquhart's Rewriting of Emily Bronte," at the International Conference on Narrative Literature in Vancouver, B.C. on May 29, 1994.

Geography

Dr. Douglas Day and

Glen Herbert (a former student) presented a poster session at the Gulf of Maine Council Meeting at Acadia University on August 2 to the 4th on "Fisheries Violations, Surveillance, and Enforcement along the Hague Line." They also presented "Fisheries violations of an arbitrated maritime boundary: the Gulf of Maine case," at a conference on the Peaceful Management of Transboundary Resources in Durham, England on April 14th.

International Education Centre

Joy Woolfrey presented a paper and workshop in collaboration with Marie Benoit, on "Women, Transportation and Sustainable Development," at the International Conference on Women and Sustainable Development at the University of British Columbia during the summer.

Management

Dr. Hermann Schwind, Management Department, after being invited to be an external reviewer for PhD theses in the International PhD program of the

University of South Australia, Adelaide, has now been awarded the title "Adjunct Professor" by the university.

Sociology

Dr. Linda Christiansen-Ruffman, Sociology Department, was elected by the Research Council to the Executive of the International Sociology Association at the recent conference held in Bielefeld, Germany.

Coastal Zone Canada Conference

Dr. Tony Charles, of the Finance and Management Science Department, along with **Dr. Peter Ricketts**, of the Geography Department, and **Dr. Terrance Day**, Director of the Atlantic Canada Centre for Environmental Science, will give presentations at the first Coastal Zone Canada Conference, on September 22, at the World Trade and Convention Centre, in Halifax. Over 600 people are expected for the conference. **Dr. Ricketts** edited proceedings for the conference. **Dr. Day** will give a presentation on "Coastal Resource Utilization; Sand and Gravel," along with a

New books

The Real Guide to Canadian Universities: Written by Students for Students has hit the shelves. **Colin MacMillan**, Capital Campaign Assistant, co-authored the Saint Mary's University chapter with **Ayesha Adhami**, former editor of *The Journal*. The book written for high school students takes a broad look at the University and campus life. "We wrote a lot about the academics, our overall programs, the

history of the University and where to hang out on the campus," says MacMillan. "The book is a great way for students to see what our University offers compared to others."

Laird Niven, Research Assistant in the Anthropology Department at Saint Mary's recently compiled, *The Birchtown Archaeological Survey (1993): The Black Loyalist Settlement of*

Shelburne County, Nova Scotia, Canada, published by Roseway Publishing Company, Lunenburg, Nova Scotia. The book is a first for detailed site summaries, which outline what the two archeologists and two volunteers found. "The survey confirmed the presence of undocumented 18th and 19th century occupants, many of which are likely associated with Blacks," wrote Niven in his concluding remarks.

African history hits the streets

by Renee Field

Did you know that the first black man to come to Canada was an interpreter for the French and Mi'kmaq people, or that the inventor of traffic lights was a black person? Names like Matthew de Costa, believed to be a former Portuguese slave who travelled with de Monts' 1605 expedition to Port Royal, Nova Scotia and Garret Morgan, the man who stopped traffic with the design of three lights, are slowly being rewritten back into the pages of history books.

Recognizing the importance of African history, Saint Mary's is offering the first course in "Africa in the 20th Century, Colonialism and Independence," at the North Branch Library for students and community members.

"We are holding this course at the North Branch Library to encourage members from the

New course offered at North Branch Library

community to learn more about the history of Africa," says Dr. Julius Adekunle, of the History Department at Saint Mary's and Professor for the course. "I am quite excited about offering this course and hope it is going to be very interesting." Guest speakers from other institutions and from across the province will give lectures during the 12 week course.

"After five years of working with the History Department, which has been very keen on reaching out to the community, the division of Continuing Education is pleased to offer this course," says Linda MacDonald, Associate Director of the Continuing Education Department.

The course was set up with help from The Black Educators Association (BEA), The African Canadian Education Project, The Black Learners Advisory Committee, the North Branch Library and Community Programs at the Halifax City Regional Library. The Halifax City Regional Library also helped in providing funding to cover the cost of travel arrangements for guest speakers.

"I can't even begin to tell you how exciting this is. This is the first time a program like this has been offered at the North Branch Library and a first, to reach out to the community," says Tracy Jones, Branch Head for the North Branch Library. "We had input and the Professor wanted our recommendations for key speakers," she says. Jones, who has worked on establishing a course of this nature for some time, organized a mail-out survey within the community to find out if people were interested. "Over 50 per cent responded to the survey, and we were amazed at the feedback."

"I am thrilled about it and it is

nice to be able to take a course in the community," says Doug Earle, Executive Director of the BEA. "I feel that this is something that is needed and hopefully later on, we can offer a course in black Canadian history."

"This course will be taught quite different from a university

setting," says Dr. Adekunle.

"We want the community to feel welcomed, to join and to participate, while providing in-depth study for the students."

The course is free for all community members who wish to participate. The course focus is on colonial rule, decolonization, the struggle for

independence in sub-Saharan African States and consequences after independence. There will also be discussions on the political problems that face many African States today. The course is offered at the North Branch Library, in the Terry Simmons Auditorium and lectures are held every Thursday from 7 - 9 p.m. with tutorials scheduled for Tuesday evenings for the students.

New associate director of continuing education

For the past eight years Linda MacDonald has helped to make Saint Mary's Continuing Education Department successful. Not only has she played a vital role in establishing the metro extension courses that have been offered for the past four years, but she truly delights in having the opportunity to work on new courses.

Recently MacDonald was promoted to Associate Director of the Division of Continuing Education. "The major priority will be to enhance the connections and relationships between the Division and the various faculties," she says.

MacDonald recognizes the



Linda MacDonald

pressures some faculty members may feel when asked to accommodate a Continuing Education course, but she believes that "Mutual benefit is the basis for cooperation. Continuing Education can work with faculty members to assist with new course development, curriculum change, and even research activities." One of the facets of Saint Mary's mission has been outreach, and the Continuing Education division has contributed in many ways to this outreach.

MacDonald will be located in the new location on Robie Street that the Continuing Education Department plans to move into this Fall. She plans to emphasize ways that faculty concerns and Continuing Education goals can be meshed.

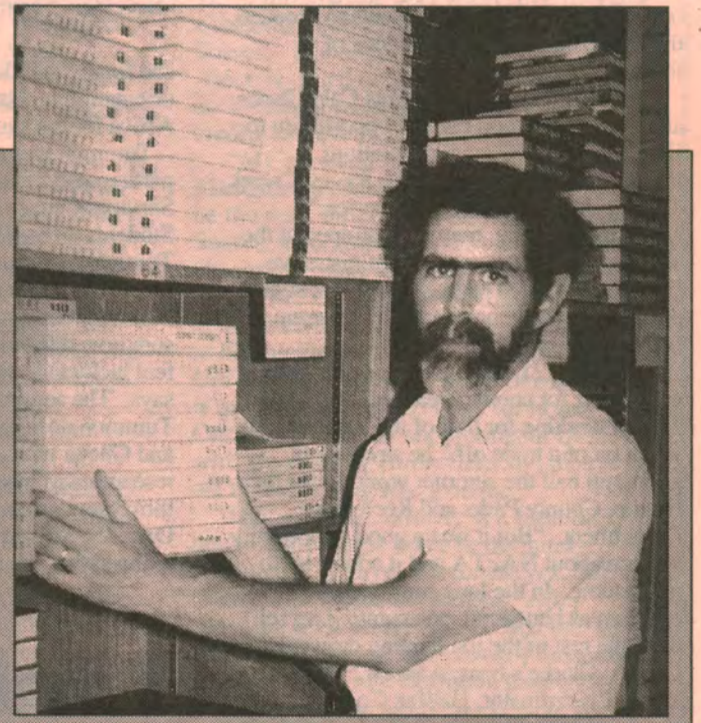


Touch up in the weight room

Jim Young, of the Physical Plant puts on a new layer of paint while the floor in the weight room in the Tower is replaced.

Save money—buy used books

"A quick way to save money is for students to buy used books," says Don Harper, Manager, Saint Mary's Bookstore. "A lot of students think that when they buy a used book they can't resell it." The truth is that when a student buys a used book they can sell it back to the Bookstore at the end of April if it is on the buy-back list and get half the value of the book. If a student buys a \$10 economic book used for \$7.50, at the end of the year they can sell it back to the University and they'll get \$5 back. So in the end the student only pays \$2.50 for the book. This year the Bookstore has over 60,000 books with 8,000 used ones. Pictured here: Don Harper shelving used books for the upcoming academic term.



Benford's Law

Prof proves Clinton honest on tax returns

The traditional line 'Murphy's Law' might soon be thrown out the window in Washington, DC once United States President Bill Clinton realizes that thanks to 'Benford's Law' his taxes have been given a clean slate.

Using Benford's Law, Dr. Mark Nigrini, of the Accounting Department at Saint Mary's, showed that the Clinton tax returns, from 1977 to 1992, were not manipulated.

"It seems that the returns look very clean and tidy," he says, adding "I can't find any evasion." Two other studies, by

Money Magazine and *Tax Notes* did find some questionable items, but by using the research methods Dr. Nigrini utilizes, which consists of looking at numbers and the patterns they form, no fraud was found.

"I did find that there was a lot more estimating than normal compared to Benford's Law, but it appears that all of the estimations were done with care."

Benford's Law is named after physicist Frank Benford, who observed the number of times (or frequency) numbers

appeared in data sets. For example, the digit 1 is six times more likely to appear first in a data set than digit 9, and the digit 0 is probably the most frequent second digit used.

The theory behind Benford's Law is quite complex, and analysing large data sets is a challenge. In the Clinton case, the income tax forms consisted of over 600 pages of information and a total of 931 manipulable numbers were analyzed.

Dr. Nigrini's work is getting a lot of attention these days,

especially in the United States, Holland, Sweden and the United Kingdom. Since the American income tax return includes itemized deductions, certain types of cheating are more of a problem than in Canada. The Canadian income tax return excludes itemized deductions.

"This is the challenge for me," he says. "People think they are lying and cheating and they go through all of this cognitive thinking to come up with apparently authentic numbers. I enjoy detecting the patterns that emerge."

SPANNING



Cale Clarke and Bridgette Weiss, all smiles after getting top marks at ISU.

Two from SMU to ISU

Summer exchange programs can be a lot of work for returning students. Often it means giving up a summer job, academically working harder all year and coping with less money for the next school term. But when all is said and done, exchange programs are one of the best ways for students to broaden their horizons and have a chance of a lifetime.

So when Commerce students Cale Clarke and Bridgette Weiss had the opportunity to fill the only two Canadian positions at Illinois State University (ISU) for a six week "Doing Business in North America," exchange program, they both jumped at the chance. Lois Wasteneys, Administrative Director, Certified Management Accounting program, helped coordinate the program between ISU and Saint Mary's.

For Weiss, 21, the trip meant delaying graduating for another year and for Clarke, 21, not working for half of the summer. "It was a bit of a trade off," he says, about giving up half the summer working for the Halifax County Parks and Recreation Department. "But it was a good opportunity to learn about NAFTA and it adds a lot to my resume. In the long run I see the program as beneficial in separating myself from the rest of the job hunting crowd," says Clarke. Clarke's boss, Andrew Hillaby, Youth Co-ordinator, Halifax County Parks and Recreation Department had no problem letting his summer student study abroad, because when he was a student he had the opportunity to study overseas but didn't go and has regretted it ever since, says Clarke.

ISU, located in Normal, Illinois, roughly two hours from Chicago, has approximately 22,000 full-time students and another 5,000 summer students.

"The people at ISU went out of their way to make us feel welcomed," says Weiss. Buddies were available for the students, but both Weiss and Clarke found that once they got to know their roommates they didn't need the buddies. Weiss and Clarke were housed separately in four bedroom apartments with other students taking the course. Before the two Saint Mary's students went to ISU they didn't know each other, but once in the class of 47 students they quickly identified each other and became friends. While the majority of students in the course were Mexicans (32 in all) there were students from Germany,

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When less means so much more

The Republic of Benin is considered to be one of the least developed countries in Africa. You won't find many tourists walking through the cities or towns.

Boardered by Nigeria to the east and Togo to the west, Benin has only its hospitality as a beckoning mark.



Nisa Mairi Tummon

For Nisa Mairi Tummon, 20, a third year combined International Development and French major at Saint Mary's, Benin was the country of her dreams from January to May. On May 12,

she finally left Halifax for a two-day orientation in Ottawa and then it was off to Africa for the summer.

Tummon was one of 30 students who participated in this year's World University Services Canada (WUSC) seminar in Africa. Students were selected across Canada and Tummon was one of four students selected from Atlantic Canada.

"I was really surprised. I wasn't really sure how difficult it would be to get in, but I feel lucky to have had the opportunity," she says. The seminar lasted six weeks, but Tummon decided to stay and travel to Togo and Ghana with another woman. Her research was based on the co-operative movement as a means of development. Once she arrived in Benin, Tummon quickly realized that she had to narrow down her

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THEY waded through rice fields in China, hiked up mountains in Japan, dodged military soldiers in The Gambia, slept in huts in Africa and worked in the



ABOVE: Hair braided for the hot African sun, Karen Shaw in The Gambia.

RIGHT: front page of the Daily Observer, Banjul, Gambia, July 25, 1994

Living through a coup

by Renee Field

Saint Mary's students who went to The Gambia during the summer had quite a trip. First there were the rains, which flooded out the street in their compound and then the coup.

"None of us expected it. It seemed like quite a surprise and none of the Gambians working with us expected it," says Karen Shaw, 21, a psychology graduate student from Saint Mary's, who spent two months in The Gambia.

Shaw worked on Project 15, Youth Health Education Centres in The Gambia, and more specifically on the Peer Health Education project, funded by the Partners for Children Fund, Health Canada. The project was organized and coordinated by the Nova Scotia Gambia Association, which sent seven students studying in the

Maritimes to The Gambia. For the first time there were three Canadian groups working on educational areas in The Gambia over the summer.

The Peer Health Education project worked on the establishment of a two-year plan to educate the people about AIDS, family planning, sexually transmitted diseases, drugs, nutrition, stress management and environmental health. Shaw gave a presentation about stress management and the effects of stress on a person's health. The goal of the project is to train 200 Gambian students, who will continue the educational work throughout the year.

This is the third time Shaw has ventured to The Gambia, but her first coup. "Our bus was boarded nine times to be checked by soldiers. Overall they were young, but

Trial by fire: Learning Japanese culture

by Renee Field

Studying Japanese symbolism in a library is one thing, but to actually go to Japan and discover how important everyday symbols are, sculpts a different image. It was this symbolism Elise Lemoine, a second year engineering student at Saint Mary's, was only too happy to uncover.

"The older people know more about symbolism than the younger ones," she says. "The children of the host family kept asking me questions about the Japanese symbols and what they meant."

Symbols are extremely important in Japan. There is the "beckoning cat," which has a paw outstretched to call in business, the "inu (dog)," which helps women raise children and aids them during child-bearing years, the "ship with treasures," which contains the seven deities that come in the New Year and much more. "When I left, my host father made me a beckoning cat to

bring back with me," says Lemoine, 32, smiling, as she touches the two inch tall clay cat, brightly painted as a welcoming sign.

Lemoine was the first Engineering student ever to participate in Saint Mary's summer exchange program with Hokkaido University of Education, Hakodate campus. Accompanying her was David Ing, 27, a fourth year Asian Studies student from the University. Both went for different reasons and both had unique experiences.

The students travelled 23 hours in total before reaching the city of Hakodate located on Japan's northernmost island, Hokkaido. The island is boardered by the Sea of Japan on the west, the Pacific Ocean on the south and the Sea of Okhotsk on the northeast. Hokkaido is roughly the same size as Austria, with six major cities, including Hakodate, where Saint Mary's sister university is located. Today, with a

population of more than five and a half million people, the island has become one of Japan's leading suppliers of food crops including potatoes, sweet corn, wheat, beans and rice. Foreigners are few and far between on this picturesque island.

The students stayed with host families. Ing, living 30 minutes away from the campus was in the heart of the city. "The younger students are intimidated to talk to Westerners. They speak English but are afraid to use it. Just like I was afraid to speak Japanese at first. But once the students open up they really want to learn about Canada and how it relates to the media portrayal they see on television," he says.

Ing's host family previously hosted more than 20 students with Ing being the second Canadian. He was surprised that the structure of the courses was relaxed, but this gave him more time to see the scenic

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Gregory Soares, on the Great Wall of China, during his trip to China for the summer.



ancient capital of Vietnam. Who are they? Why, the amazing students of Saint Mary's! Here's how a few of them spent their summers.

Tackling the Asian market

With today's tough economic climate, students have to be willing and able to set themselves apart from the crowd. For Gregory Soares that meant taking Saint Mary's Asian Studies program.

"The biggest growth in the world is the Asian market," says Soares, 23, who recently returned from three months in an intensive summer language program. Soares was one of four students who spent the summer studying Mandarin at the University of Xiamen, which is located in the city of Xiamen, in southern China. With a population of 300,000 the city is trying to open up to foreigners.

Pumped up for Vietnam

What could be so interesting about irrigation pumps that a student would want to spend their summer surveying farmers to find out if the pumps help them financially?

It could be the hot, sunny days; the chance to meet new people; or simply, for Maureen Woodhouse the fact that the pumps were in Vietnam.

Woodhouse, 38, worked for the non-governmental organization, International Development Enterprises section (IDE), which employes people in the province of Thanh Hoa, located approximately three hours south of Hanoi. The main office is located in Hanoi, with branches in Thanh Hoa and Hue. The pumps utilize manual technology and are sold to farmers, with the hope of increasing their income. The goal of the IDE, which is a joint Canadian and United States project, is to be self-sustaining within five years. This is the second year of the project and Woodhouse's job was to find out if the pumps are beneficial to the farmers.

"This was the first time I did anything like this and I can look back now and see all the things I did

wrong," she says. For Woodhouse, a second-year combined Masters in Business Administration and International Development Studies (IDS) student at

Saint Mary's, this was the first chance she had to use her academic training in the everyday world.

Travelling to Vietnam was a big undertaking. It often meant sharing rooms with people she did not know but, "It was all so interesting that I didn't really mind," she says.

Woodhouse, along with five other students and Dr. Gerry Cameron, an IDS Professor, travelled first to Beijing, for a one-week orientation to Asia and then to Hanoi. From Hanoi, which is quite westernized and has over a couple of million people, it was off to the city of Hue, known as Vietnam's ancient capital. There she spent a few weeks interviewing farmers who owned pumps. "Did it increase their income? In some cases it was too early to tell," she says. From Hue it was off to the province of Thanh Hoa, which was where she spent most of her summer.

Living in a foreign country and not being able to speak or understand the language can be difficult. "The cultural shock was not being able to go to a restaurant and order a meal or basic functions such as getting something in your room repaired. But it is very hard to be lonely in a country as big as Vietnam."

Over 80 per cent of Vietnam's industry base is agricultural, which includes fishing. Today Vietnam has a growing fish farming industry. For Woodhouse, having a chance to see the everyday images of people working the rice fields with bamboo hats, young boys riding water buffalo, and people living in bamboo huts had a profound affect on her. "Often it was the poor families that sent me home with bags of limes, and offered me tea or coconut milk," she says. Each region varied with its treatment of foreigners.

"It was hard, hot, smelly, lacking in sanitation facilities, noisy, no privacy but, I would go back. The people were friendly and my work would be beneficial to the

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Maureen Woodhouse



ABOVE: David Ing (middle) relaxing with his host family in Hakodate, Japan. LEFT: Elise Lemoine



re in Japan

sights around the city with his host family. Lemoine was the first student for her host family. Living with host families allowed the students to truly discover what Japanese life is like. It is a lot of work. Her host family's two daughters studied from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., which included school and after school activities like piano lessons, mathematics and English. High school is three stressful years for Japanese students (240 school days in Japan, compared to 195 teaching days with a maximum of eight in-service days in Nova Scotia). High school years are spent studying for entrance exams to the right university. One of the "right" universities is Tokyo University, known simply as "Todai." Going to Todai assures

graduates of a job, or it used to, says Lemoine. In fact, graduates from any Japanese university used to boast that jobs found them. Now, however, graduates are finding that the big companies are starting to hire less people. "Employment used to be 100 per cent. But a lot of students are having to look for a job now. Plus the younger generation is wanting more family

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Classes consisted of three and a half hours a day, plus three hour tutorials each day, as well as daily homework. "I learned more than I thought possible.

Three months is a very short time to learn a language but I can converse now," says Soares. Upon completion of the course, which is based on a pass or fail system, each student received two and a half credits toward their Saint Mary's degree.

"My personal intention was to learn Mandarin because I feel that China could be the next superpower in the world," says Soares, who already speaks Thai. With the summer language program behind him Soares did not have much time in Nova Scotia to wrap up loose ends he didn't get to during his academic year, here at the University. Originally from Bermuda, he is quickly packing his bags for home. Once home, he has six months of training with the Bank of Butterfield and then it is off to their Hong Kong office.

"The economic climate is a little bit better in Bermuda and I'm definitely fortunate," he says. Fortunate yes, but Soares knew what he wanted. After finishing high school, he studied the Thai language and took two years of business administration at a Bermuda College. Realizing that he would need more in order to work in the Asian market, he came to Saint Mary's especially for the Asian Studies program. "It's nice for people to know that you really can make something out of an Asian studies degree," he says. "You get to learn about cultures and you can go to really dynamic parts of the world."

But even with a Bachelor of Arts degree behind him, Soares knew he would have to get out into Bermuda's business community in order to get a job. So last Christmas he talked to the Vice-President of International and Corporate Banking, who oversees all banking on the island. After submitting his resume, they offered him a job in their new Hong Kong bank because of his background with languages and experiences with different cultures.

"Eventually I would definitely like to get into the import, export business in the future," he says. "I appreciate the opportunities Saint Mary's has provided me, but I won't miss the Canadian winter."

EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION

Saint Mary's honors longest serving employee

It is 10 a.m. and Murray Martin sits down for a break. It's a chance for the employees in the Physical Plant to catch up on what happened over the weekend and more recently what Martin did for his vacation.

After 36 years working with Saint Mary's it doesn't take him long to smile and remember what University life used to be like. "When I first started here, there was only one building," he says, with the kitchen on the third floor. The kitchen was where Martin began his career.

Back then work consisted of 12 hour shifts, Monday to Saturday and after 56 hours a week, he earned \$29. After a few years in the kitchen he moved to cleaning, where he was able to earn \$40 a week.

With his co-workers encouraging him, the stories start to spill out. One winter, the students sneaked into the kitchen and took food back to their rooms. Food was only allowed in the kitchen and the Jesuit priests were strict about that rule. Afraid of getting caught, the

boys threw the evidence out the window into the snowbanks. Once the snow melted, all the plates were found, he says laughing.

After cleaning, it was off to become a boiler's helper. In addition to maintaining the boilers, cutting the two fields, and taking care of the garbage, Martin drove an old truck which

used to haul the grass cutters behind it for cutting the two fields. The fields are the site of the Loyola Parking Lot and Huskies Track and Field. "Excluding food which was picked up by someone for their pigs," he says, "All the garbage was compressed in the basement of McNally and then taken to the city landfill site."

Once Martin became a plumber's helper, the law had moved to a 40 hour work week, so shifts were cut down to eight hours, instead of 12 hours. "That was the best thing about that law. We worked less and still got our money," he remembers.

"There have been good and bad times," he says. "When the Jesuits were here all the employees had to wear dress pants, and a shirt and tie, even if you were a cleaner."

A lot has changed on the campus. Gone is the one building on campus, which used to house the priests on each of the five floors, two or three boys to a room, and the kitchen on the third floor. "The monks were harder. If something wasn't done when they asked for it, it was trouble," he says, smiling.

Martin is the longest serving employee with the University. This year, Saint Mary's will honor employees with 10 plus years and 25 years of service, on October 14 from 2 to 5 p.m., in the Theatre Auditorium, in the McNally building. It will bring back memories for Martin and many other employees who have contributed to the unparalleled success of Saint Mary's University.

Learning Japanese

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and personal time," she says.

While Lemoine studied symbolism, Ing was busy learning everything and anything about tourism in Hakodate. "I brought back boxes and boxes on tourism and there is definitely a market for Japanese tourists in Halifax," he says. "I went to Hakodate to develop my language and cultural skills, to help me generate a job in the tourist industry."

Both Lemoine and Ing studied the Japanese language on campus. With Ing having already studied the language for a year at Saint Mary's, Lemoine spent a lot of time catching up. The students also had to learn the proper social graces, like showing respect when someone hands you their business card and for Lemoine, coping with standing out in a crowd as a foreigner.

"One day as I was biking to the University a whole bus load of boys stopped to take pictures of me," she says. "Initially that is very disruptive and it makes one feel uncomfortable, but by the end you got used to it." With help from her host family, she was able to master half of the three Japanese alphabets. "At least now I can read Japanese ingredients," she says, jokingly. In Japan there is almost a symbolic way business cards are treated. "First you look at it, observe it, never write on it, and always acknowledge the person's position by remarking on it. Never put it in your back pocket, show it respect," says Lemoine. "Business cards are a way for people to know your position in society and in Japan

Vietnam

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farmers. I feel that I can do something useful."

The students are part of the three-year Atlantic-Canada-Vietnam linkage project at Saint Mary's, funded by the Max Bell Foundation and the Asia Pacific Foundation.

people bow according to status."

One thing Ing got used to quickly, was the respect people are shown. "Even when I walked into a department store, they would open the doors and bow to you," he says. "Plus crime is minimal in Japan."

Lemoine would have liked the classes to be more regulated, but her time was well spent learning the language from her host family. The family lived 12 kilometres from the Hakodate campus. "I spent more time walking than in school," adding she spent up to four and a half hours walking to and from the campus. When her host family realized how far she had to walk everyday, they went out of their way to acquire a mountain bike for her.

Asked if they would go back to Japan, Lemoine says, "I would go back to Japan but at a different time of year, maybe in May or October and hopefully with more money," she says. For Ing the question is just of matter of when. "I felt really comfortable there. Everything was so new and different and the people were very friendly and respectful."

Living through a coup

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group was more worried about what their families would think than their own safety.

"We were nervous because for the first four days we didn't have all the information. Most of us were worried about our families and we were afraid of what they would hear on CNN or the BBC," says Shaw.

Before the coup the group was fairly free in their movements around the country, but with curfews, which changed almost daily, they were encouraged to stay close to the compound.

"At first the people were very excited at having someone young take power," she says, "But before we left the people weren't that sure." In the early stages of the coup, Lieutenant Yahya Jammeh named the cabinet and appointed 15



Short Term Cultural Exchange Program

Twelve students from Hokkaido University of Education in Hakodate, Japan, took part in this year's short term cultural exchange at Saint Mary's. Sue Lundquist, Coordinator of the program and Cultural Assistants Carolee Buckler and David Ing were on hand to help the students adjust.

Back, (l to r): TODA Osamu, AONOMIWA, YOKOYAMA Yurie, YAMAZAKI Satoko, Carolee BUCKLER; Middle (l to r): TOMAYoko, TAKUMORI Yuko, OSAWACHIEKO, TOMIKI Yuko, Sue LUNDQUIST; Front (l to r): NUMAKURA Yoko, HIRANO Akiko, KAWAKAMI Nako, NAKAJIMAMIki and David ING on their first day at Saint Mary's.

When less means more

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focus, so she concentrated on women co-operatives. "I was able to get some information from the library, but most I got by doing interviews with different women co-operatives," she says.

Travelling throughout the country gave her the chance to experience bush-taxis, which is the only way to get around in Benin. A bush-taxi is either a bus, or large van, which jams people in

until it is full and overcrowded. "There is no set schedule, so in Africa you have to develop patience," says Tummon.

Benin, once a French colony, became independent in August, 1960. There are seven different ethnic groups; the Fon, Aja, Yoruba, Boriba, Somba, Peul and Dendi. French is still the official language, so this year's students had to be bilingual.

Tummon managed to make her way north to live with a family for a week. "It was wonderful. That was the most valuable part of the seminar. You go there with so many Western images of Africa and to actually be there destroys those false ideas." In the north, homes are grouped together based on family ties and the extended family is one unit. For Tummon, the realization that people can do so much with so little made the most lasting impression on her. One day, one of the wives in the family she was staying with gave her a big mango. "Fresh fruit and vegetables aren't accessible. It was really touching to realize how much she paid for it and unselfishly gave it to me."

Presently, Tummon is writing up her final report for WUSC. "I think I found it much harder coming back," she says. "It's difficult when you see how much is wasted here, and realize how much could be done with it there."

Two from SMU to ISU

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Portugal and Brazil. "In every apartment there was an apartment leader and the students were internationally mixed, so we could all experience the different cultures," says Clarke. While in the United States, both students had the chance to see a World Cup Soccer Game and visit small American companies.

This is the second year ISU has run the International exchange program and the first time that there were Canadian students. "I was pleasantly surprised," says Clarke when he found out he was accepted. Even with scholarships the students had to pay for their own airfare (roughly \$600) and \$935 American to cover room and board, food, tuition, books and field trips. "We were lucky we got scholarships, some of the Mexican students had to pay \$2,200 each," says Weiss.

There were two classes, three hours long each day and the students received one full credit. Both Clarke and Weiss received top marks for their final grade. "I didn't expect to get an A but I wanted to represent Canada and Saint Mary's well, so I worked really hard," says Clarke. Next year ISU is hoping to have more scholarships for Saint Mary's, and the university hopes to fill 10 Canadian spots.

Making sense of student loans

If you think of a student loan like a car loan, after four years of study and a \$20,000 debt, you are behind the wheel of a red sports car. But unlike the vehicle, which depreciates in value as soon as you leave the dealer, the value of your education increases year after year; and unlike a car that has unforeseen expenses like gas, insurance and maintenance up-keep, an education is a one-stop payment action that can open gates of opportunity.

But the paperwork for a student loan and understanding payment options can be complex. That's where Helen Merrill, Saint Mary's one and only Financial Aid Officer steps in.

Last year, Saint Mary's processed 1,815 student loans. "There was a point when I had between 500 to 600 students a year to see for Nova Scotia student loans," she says. "When I initiated the open sessions, which usually consisted of 15 to 30 students



Helen Merrill, Financial Aid Officer looks over student loan application forms.

once a week, I was able to answer most of the common questions concerning both the Provincial student loan and the federal, Canada Student Loan (CSL). Now on average I might see 20 students a day." Students should become

aware of their financial obligations, the importance of meeting deadlines and the number of scholarships out there, says Merrill. While deadlines might not seem all that important, they could mean the difference between going to university or not.

"In Nova Scotia a four year degree, which cost \$20,000 for the student, actually cost anywhere from \$60,000 to \$80,000 for the institution," says Earl Stone, Financial Advisor for the Nova Scotia Council on Higher Education. The costs to the institution include grants, capital cost, lab equipment and much more, he says. "While an Arts program might cost \$60,000, Science programs could cost between \$80,000 to \$100,000."

Changes in student loans

There have been a lot of changes to the student loan process over the past few years, and students can expect more in the future. When students apply for a Provincial loan they are automatically considered for the CSL. No interest is paid on the loan while studying, but 30 days after graduating interest starts to accrue on the loan. If a student isn't working they can apply for an 18 month interest free period.

One year of university costs approximately \$10,000. The government increased the CSL by \$50 a week, increasing the total amount available to \$5,280 for eligible students and \$4,800 for the Provincial loan. Students can now receive a loan of \$10,080 annually.

With the end of the Provincial bursary program the Nova Scotia government now allows students who have successfully completed all their courses to receive a loan remission of up to \$1,600 for five successfully completed courses. If a student only took three credits they would be eligible for \$960.

Processing student loans is very time consuming. "I spend more time on out of province

loans than Nova Scotia provincial loans," says Merrill. Last year 527 out of province loans, plus 15 American loans, which take 30 minutes each were processed by Merrill.

In the future students could have to pay an application fee, or a charge for the application, she says. Saint Mary's also administers temporary loans and "need based bursaries," with the average award of \$500 compared to the average need of a couple of thousand dollars.

Merrill, who also was appointed by the Minister of Education to sit on the Provincial Appeal Board for student loans, says "Negotiations are underway to come up with a more equitable way for students to repay their loans." Currently the banks

offer limited flexibility, she says. One idea being tossed around is income contingency, where the banks look at what a student earns in a job, and set loan payments according to income. Currently banks look at the total loan and payments are based, regardless of a job, on what a student owes. Students have the option of either a nine year or five year loan repayment plan. Income contingency is not favoured by Merrill or other financial aid administrators, who worry that institutions will raise tuition if it is put into practice. "That is exactly what happened in the United States, because the governments started to give less and less each year to the universities, so the institutions had to raise tuition," she says.

Taking the English language on the road

Teaching the English language is not an easy task. Instructors have to be patient, diligently work with students and encourage them to learn by their mistakes. If the language is hard work to teach, so too is promoting the Teaching English as a Second Language (TESL) Centre.

Dr. Jane Jackson, Director of the TESL Centre at Saint Mary's spent four weeks this summer promoting the program throughout Southeast Asia including China, Korea, Taiwan and Hong Kong.

With temperatures at 40 C and a whirlwind of activities and places to go, Dr. Jackson did not have much time to relax and chit-chat with people. This summer marked the first time she stopped in Korea and Taiwan to promote the TESL Centre and its English language and teacher education programs.

"I think we have identified a really important market. The larger institutions are not working on Korea and in this country the interest is increasing. The government is now making it easier for students to go outside the country to study," she says.

"Over 40 per cent of Koreans are unable to gain admission to the university of their choice. Mainly because students are allowed to apply to only one university each year." While most students prefer to do their undergraduate degrees in their own country, they believe in spending at least one year abroad. "This is usually in the third year and it is a chance for them to improve their English skills and learn about Western culture," says Dr. Jackson. With Korea's recent policy to

internationalize, trade routes are opening up and the country is becoming accustomed to foreigners.

One stumbling block was convincing the Koreans that Canada is not a remote, cold, barren place and that Nova Scotia is not located in the Arctic. "You have to promote Nova Scotia as a very safe, clean place, and a very short plane trip from New York or Boston," she says. When Koreans decide to go abroad they don't want to go places where there are a lot of other Koreans and that gives Nova Scotia an edge over Vancouver or Toronto, says Dr. Jackson. Ideally Dr. Jackson is hoping to arrange for 20 Korean students to come to Saint Mary's by May. The reality is that while there is interest, it is word of mouth that will make the program successful.

With the TESL Centre entering its fifth year, class sizes range anywhere from five to 12 students. Last year English For Academic Purposes (EAP) was offered all year. This year there are eight students taking the EAP summer course.

As a follow-up to her recent visit, the TESL Centre will be represented at this year's education fair in Seoul, South Korea and Taipei, Taiwan. Dr. Jackson soon hopes to welcome more Korean and Taiwanese students to Saint Mary's TESL Centre.



Dr. Jane Jackson



Alcohol Awareness Committee, Back (l to r): Keith Hotchkiss, Kati Kilfoil, Michael Sandalis, Joe Varner; Middle (l to r): Michelle Fulford, Jill Maxwell, Trevor Adams, Craig Wright, Amy Weedon; Front (l to r): Sarah Morris, Lorraine Ferguson.

Alcohol Awareness

Student Services at Saint Mary's has launched the first Task Force on Alcohol Awareness. "The target group for the task force are first year students," says Lorraine Ferguson, Vice-President, Student Affairs, SMUSA

The task force originated from last year's alcohol awareness week. After the week was over Ferguson and other committee members evaluated it and saw the need for more non-alcohol activities on campus. "What we did during that week wasn't enough," says Ferguson, Coordinator of the task force.

With help from a leadership conference held this year in Quebec, which promotes responsible drinking, Ferguson was able to gather more information and ideas on how to promote safe drinking within the University community.

"We want to promote that you can have a good time without drinking to excess," she says.

The task force includes: two residence assistants, three staff members, one faculty member, one administrator, one alumni ambassador, one student peer support volunteer and three students, including the Pub manager and one varsity member. The campaign is called Students Working to Organize Responsible Drinking (SWORD).

Throughout the year the members have planned a number of non-alcohol activities, such as BYOB (bring your own banana) night, skating party, and mock-tail contests at the Pub. A "Wall of life" will be set up on display during the year, in between the Chaplain's Office and Tim Horton's in the Loyola Building.

The Faculty Wives Association

Lending a helping hand

Dr. Enriqueta Unturbe-Rojo wistfully recalls her first days as a faculty member at Saint Mary's. Coming from Spain, she found the temperatures hard to deal with and friends even harder to make, but joining the Faculty Wives Association was like opening a door for her.

Not only did the Association befriend her and help her adjust to her new position, as biology professor (and later Chair of the department), but the other wives of faculty members knew and understood exactly what she was experiencing.

Today, 30 years later, Dr. Unturbe-Rojo wants more than anything to help other faculty members' wives or new faculty members. "We want them to feel welcome and we have a lot to offer them," says Unturbe-Rojo, President of the Association.

"When I came to Halifax, the faculty was very small (less than 40 members) and we looked at each other like family. Even when you retire, or your husband dies, you are still part of that family. There is nothing political about the association, it's about human values and helping each other."

Help such as where to go shopping, how to get around the city, where the libraries are and where the best places are to take children swimming. But besides the everyday help, the Association is a good way to meet people, to learn new and interesting crafts, painting, cooking, sewing and simple chit-chat. Each member contributes to the two scholarship funds, set up in faculty wives' names. Membership in the association is \$10, with \$5 going towards the scholarship funds to help Saint Mary's students.

"We are getting older and we need new people in the Association. We want to find out what the younger members need so we can help them," she says.

This year the Faculty Wives Association is planning a Pot Luck Supper in October, a Children's Christmas Party in the Tower and a Pot Luck Sunday Brunch in March, plus a number of other special dinners.

Exploring an 18th century building

by Renee Field

After a total of 20 days excavating a plot of land in Birchtown, located just outside Shelburne, Nova Scotia, the archeology students and community volunteers spent their last day heaping the mounds of soil they unearthed back over their work sites.

This summer's expedition was a success, says Dr. Stephen Davis, of the Anthropology Department at Saint Mary's, who hoped to find some type of structure revealing the existence of part of the black Loyalist settlement which existed there in the 18th century. Birchtown, once home to one of the largest black Loyalist settlements in the province is trying to record the history of its early founders.

"We were able to completely define it and got all the sides of it," he says, referring to the structure the students uncovered. "We even found a barrel hoop on the floor and a midden (garbage dump), plus a hearth out in front of the structure."

"We expected to find a little root cellar and in the end it expanded to be larger than what we expected," says Laird Niven,



Artifacts, 200 years old from the Shelburne dig: a cup almost completely intact and a pair of rusty scissors.

Research Assistant. The structure is believed to be a 5X7 rectangular shape, but "We just hit the edge of it," says Dr. Davis.

The 10 students and three

community volunteers who participated in the dig also found a pair of rust-coated scissors, a cup almost together, a cloth button, pieces of glass from broken bottles, clay pottery and pieces of porcelain.

There were two open houses for members of the community

to see the artifacts. The pieces were laid out in the community school, which was where the students stayed. "Over 40 people from the community turned out and five visitors from Parks Canada also took a look," says Dr. Davis.

The hard part now is cataloguing and piecing together each of the pieces found in the one by one square metre area, says Niven, who will painstakingly record all the information pertaining to each find for the next 10 to 12 weeks. Once every piece has been catalogued, the artifacts will hopefully go on exhibit at the Shelburne County Museum.

"We are going to do a lot of research now on what was found. In the short term we hope to publish our findings in *The Canadian Journal of African Studies*," says Dr. Davis, adding "The Shelburne County Cultural Society wanted us to stay and finish clearing the midden, but with funding constraints that wasn't possible." What Dr. Davis and Niven hope for in the future, is that a more in-depth survey and study of the Birchtown area can be accomplished.

Dr. Peter Ricketts finishes research term

After five years as the first University Research Officer, Dr. Peter Ricketts is looking forward to returning to being a full-time faculty member in the Department of Geography.

While his time was split between the Geography Department and the Research Office, he's proud to say that during his term the Research Support Office accomplished two major achievements.

"First there is the dollar value of substantial increases in funding from the Natural Sciences Engineering Research Council of Canada (NSERC) and Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC)," he says. Since Dr. Ricketts became Research Officer, over 20 to 25 people hold SSHRC grants now compared to five or eight in the past, and last year the NSERC awards increased by 8.5 per cent from the previous year.

"Secondly, we worked on the human side by making an effort to identify the people who have good potential for research funding," says Dr. Ricketts.

"Applying for grants can be very intimidating to people," he says, stressing that when he first arrived at Saint Mary's it took him close to five years before he applied for a grant. "When I came from England, no one told me how to apply for grants or what forms to look for, plus



Dr. Peter Ricketts

there was no real encouragement," he says. Only through the persuasion of Dr. Joseph Jabbar, former Vice President (Academic and Research) did Dr. Ricketts apply for a Department of Supply and Services contract. That year he received over \$600,000 in research funds.

Applying for grants can be a long tedious process, but the outcomes are well worth it. Application forms have to be filled out by October or early November and recipients often don't hear until April or May.

Plus, applying for a grant is often like undertaking a mini research project. You have to know what the organization wants and how you can fit into their plan.

The establishment of a Research Support Office has enabled the University to centralize all grant application forms in one place. Previously grant forms were scattered among a variety of areas in the University. Now, people know where to come if they have any questions about awards.

"Despite the financial stresses facing University administration, it would be a great mistake not to continue the present level of research support," says Dr. Ricketts. "The office generates far more money than it costs, and faculty need effective support and encouragement if the recent successful levels of funding are to be maintained or increased. You need to be able to talk effectively with scientists, social scientists and humanists," he says, adding that being a professor of geography helped him because it straddles various fields of interest.

"I helped to make people feel good about their research, the University, and their Department. This was the most rewarding part of the job." With the support of Sharon Landry, Secretary for the Research

Office, Dr. Ricketts was able to juggle research, teaching, students and administrative work. "She is so good with the faculty and that's really important," he says. "When a person walks into the office they know it is an inviting friendly place."

Even though Dr. Ricketts is no longer the Research Officer for the University he is still planning on contributing to the research field and emphasizing Saint Mary's research potential to other agencies. With his recent appointment to the National Executive of the Canadian Association of University Research Administrators (CAURA) this goal has become more attainable. "The larger universities tend to dismiss us, but over the past few years they have come to recognize that Saint Mary's plays a major role in research."

"My real love is teaching and research, and it is time for someone else to take over the position of Research Officer to bring new perspectives and enthusiasm. The groundwork has been done but there is still considerable untapped potential for research funding at Saint Mary's. I wish my successor every success, and as much enjoyment as I have had over the past five years."

When push comes to shove

What makes people tick? Kimberly Denton, a recent graduate from the Psychology Master's program at Saint Mary's wants to understand what triggers sexual aggression in some people and none in others.

"I like studying all aspects of human psychology," says Denton, who originally intended to study languages but took one psychology course and was hooked. When Denton started her thesis two years ago, the idea that today she would still be utilizing the information never entered her mind. Her thesis, partly funded by the Correctional Service of Canada, included 121 participants. Denton paid \$25 for each student to fill out the one and a

Grad student investigates triggers to sexual aggression

half hour questionnaire. The end results were worth it. "The answers were frank."

Currently working at a private practice in Halifax, she recently presented her continued research into sexual aggression at the American Psychological Association (APA) conference in Los Angeles, California. Her research, "Comparison of Sexual Assault by Offenders and Non-Offenders," interested the APA so much, that they not only invited her to attend the conference, but they asked her to present her findings. "I was extremely pleased to have a chance to speak at this conference. Not many



(l to r): Brian Gudger, Mary McGrath, Kim Denton and Steven Cann, all "team" players working at a private clinic researching sexual behavior in Halifax.

Canadians are invited so it really was quite an honor," she says.

Denton's research focused on the relationship between males

who were sexually abused and males who were perpetrators of similar acts. "While being a victim of sexual abuse does not

cause someone to become a sexual offender, a significant portion of males (nearly 70 per cent) who report committing acts of forced sex also report having been a victim of sexual abuse. In many cases they reported the perpetrator as female," she says.

"Society has to start looking at sexual aggression and victimization as being a problem which spans both genders," says Denton.

"Sexual aggression is a form of sexual behavior in which a perpetrator afflicts harm onto a victim by forcing sexual acts," she says. Denton adds, "Sexual offenders are a heterogeneous group, meaning that there is no one 'profile' or 'type' of person that commits these acts."

When studying sexual aggression, Denton incorporates factors such as biological, social, medical/psychiatric, personality, cognitive/behavioral, and significant childhood or development experiences.

"Treatment may be successful with some sexual offenders in reducing their risk to reoffend but the risk can never be eliminated altogether. But, providing treatment for offenders who are assessed as having potential to control their deviant behavior is an essential component to the prevention of reoffence."

Her goals in undertaking a long term study on sexual aggression are to find some way of developing better methods of "Prevention of the perpetuation of such behavior." Before going to the APA conference, Denton presented a poster at this year's Canadian Psychological Association (CPA) conference in British Columbia. Her talk, based on sexual harassment and aggression, stressed that more research was needed to understand this field of behavior. What her research shows is that males who reported having sexually harassed someone in the past, also tended to report having forced sex. "The evidence is compelling that a strong relationship exists between sexual harassment and sexual aggression."

Drs. R.J. Konopasky and Philip Street of the Psychology Department at the University, both co-authored the APA and CPA presentation. Denton couldn't have completed her work without them, she says. Over the past four years, Denton and a team of students have worked with Dr. Konopasky. He emphasizes the need for a cooperative and respectful environment among the students. Students also learn to develop a professional ethic which is essential given the sensitive nature of sexual abuse.

Critiquing crime in the media

by Renee Field

Statistics have proven that most sexual assault victims know their assailant, yet the media tends to focus on the ones which occur between complete strangers.

This inversion of reality has Dr. Chris McCormick of the Sociology Department at Saint Mary's, poring through bundles upon bundles of newspapers. Half of his office is piled high with newspapers and there are more waiting for him in the library. These papers make up an integral part of his research into the portrayal of crime in the media. For example, Dr. McCormick is trying to discover why newspapers construct the sense that violence happens more often between strangers." For the past five years he has sifted through The Chronicle Herald, The Daily News and The Globe and Mail, seven days a week, clipping all crime articles or commentaries referring to issues such as sexual assault, crime increases, fear of crime and prostitution. The Saint Mary's library provides the Toronto Star, the New York Times and the Winnipeg Free Press, so he can look for specific stories, such as the Karla Homolka trial in Ontario or the Krever Inquiry into Canada's blood scandal.

Dr. McCormick does not feel that the media get the facts wrong, rather they are distorted. "They (the media) present a false view of the world, which works against women," he says. Based on victim surveys, less than 10 per cent of sexual assaults are committed by strangers and less than six per cent of all victims report abuse." However, through his analysis, Dr. McCormick has



Dr. Chris McCormick points out a recent example of sensationalism with the O.J. murders.

found that sexual assaults by strangers predominate the news.

This research raises a lot of questions. Why has there been an explosion of articles on youth and immigration crime in recent years? Why is wife battering not heard of more in the press? Why is more coverage given to homicides nationally compared to violence against women? "In 1991 homicides were reported three times more often than they occurred, but the chances of a sexual assault being reported in the news was 1400 to 1. These distortions have consequences in terms of how people think about crime."

In four years (1989 - 1993), 30 women were killed in Nova Scotia. Of that number, 19 were murdered by someone they knew. Stories such as; "Husband of 15 years kills wife with a 30-30 rifle because he believed his wife had been unfaithful;" "Husband of 24 years strangles wife with shoelace;" "Boyfriend kills woman in bathtub and husband kills wife with hatchet,"

commonly fill the court papers yearly, yet these stories are only covered when the woman is killed, and then only briefly. "All the underlying conditions, such as domestic battery and the difficulty of getting the criminal justice system to do anything about it, are seldom covered," he says.

The amount of research Dr. McCormick has acquired over the years has prompted him to compile a book on his findings, making them more accessible to the public. Using examples that the public can identify with, he is hoping to get people thinking. One example is the so called, string of stranger assaults that happened last July and August in Halifax. Last summer over a period of one week three different women came forward, claiming they had been sexually assaulted by a complete stranger. "When the first report came out on a Friday night the media portrayed it as quite rare. By examining the language of the article they were able to build up a false sense of reality," he says. In this case the police became the main source for expert commentary, and in turn they put the onus on women. "They told reporters that it was the 'heat' causing this and that women should lock their doors," says Dr. McCormick. "This is extremely frustrating to women because why should they be punished when men were the ones who committed the crimes?" he asks. After the police started to investigate the cases it turned out that the women knew their assailants, yet this was buried by the press.

"Quite often crime reporters are not trained in criminology and they tend to focus on only

the early parts in a case," he says. "Plus they rely too much on experts. Sixty per cent of crime stories use the police as the dominant point of view."

From the 1991 conference organized by Dr. McCormick called "Crime and Social Problems," he has been able to use prefaces to introduce some of his chapters in the book. Halifax lawyer Anne Derrick introduces the chapter on prostitution. She raises a number of questions surrounding the media's portrayal of prostitutes in Halifax. Why does the media focus on the problem of prostitution rather than the cause of it? And why is the language used to describe women murdered who happen to be prostitutes, dirty and unclean, she asks. Later in the chapter, Dr. McCormick goes into detail with a number of cases concerning the crackdown on the prostitution in certain parts of Halifax's downtown area. Through the media's use of the word "john" a faceless identity without any real meaning comes to mind, whereas "prostitutes" conjure up a different image.

With our attention, as readers, becoming harder to attract, Dr. McCormick feels the media must sensationalize stories to maintain the reader's interest.

Dr. McCormick's book will examine three topics: Gender, Distortion, and Law and the Media. Within each section well known, topical cases have been identified and evaluated — The Mount Cashell Inquiry, The Halifax Race Riot, and The Westray Tragedy to name a few. He is currently working on the final draft of the book and hopes to have it available sometime in Spring 1995.

Football fever!

Metro Halifax football fans awaken! Live football is back at Huskie Stadium.

Residents who heard the pounding of feet on pavement know that try-outs for the '94 team have come and gone. From the grunts and groans during those last few days of August, it was obvious a few Huskies wished they had run a few more miles, lifted a few more weights, and had not eaten all that pizza. Ninety-eight student athletes were welcomed to training camp - only sixty-four remained after the opening game. Head Coach Larry Uteck spent weeks surveying the troops, and chose the best-of-the-best to complete his roster.

"The first real test will be our first home game on September 17," says Uteck, entering his 13th year as Head Coach. "We usually have a home game the first weekend in September and this gives us an opportunity to see how certain players will react in a game situation on our home turf." The first game at St. Francis Xavier, in Antigonish, will be a test for everyone. Saint Mary's has been fortunate to recruit two top local players, lineman Neil Morley (Queen Elizabeth High School) and defensive lineman George Michelakos (Halifax West). Middle linebacker Andrew Nicholson and running back Dave Bottril from Ottawa join fellow Ontarians, linebacker

Brian Carter running back/receiver Ray Skeete tight-end/offensive lineman Kelly Ireland and defensive end Enes Medanhodzic as rookies this year.

"We have two quarterbacks this year who can really throw the ball," says Uteck. "They both have team experience but it will be their first time starting. This year we want to concentrate on spreading the defence and utilizing our receivers."

Huskies never roam far from home with former Huskies and Saint Mary's graduates Joe Beuckx (B.Ed. '84) Bill Scollard (B.Comm. '90), Todd Barter (B.A. '91) and Gus Karouzakis (B.Comm. '93) back in the fold as Assistant Coaches.

The '94 Huskies will look to seniors Alex Eliopoulos, Colin O'Donnell, Noah Cantor, Brian Walker and Sean Mongey to demonstrate the courage and heart winners possess.



She's pulling for him

Molly Simon, 7, pulls a fellow player as part of the exercise programs the children participated in during the Hockey Camp, of the Camp of Champions. Paul Boutilier, Hockey Coach watches Molly.



Kudos to our top Huskies

Congratulations to each of the 15 Saint Mary's student-athletes who excelled at both their varsity sport and academics in 1993-94, as well as the coaches who encouraged them all year. The minimum requirement for eligibility as a CIAU All-

Canadian is a GPA of 3.5 and participation as a varsity athlete.

Our 1993-94 CIAU All-Canadians are:

Tracy Clinch	Volleyball
Kelly-Ann Collier	Volleyball
Vicki Collier	Soccer
Graeme Day	Soccer
Samara Eaton	Basketball
Jillian Hockey	Soccer
Erika Leonard	Basketball
Colette Levangie	Soccer
Mary MacDonald	Basketball
Sabrina MacKenzie	Field Hockey
Bonnie MacLean	Basketball
Trudi McCulloch	Soccer
Lewis Page	Soccer
Susan Roach	Soccer
Tara Timms	Soccer

Between the goal posts

As if the Huskies do not have enough to fill their days, many team members are active in community work.

Dana Segin (punter) and Mark Dalla Riva (field goal kicker) will be kicking this year in support of "Frontier College: Students for Literacy." Last year Dana raised pledges for the number of kicks he made during one home game. Wanting to contribute more to the Frontier College, Dana asked Mark if he would join in a year-long campaign for "Students for Literacy." Sponsors will pledge on the total yardage of both punts and field goals completed by Dana and Mark.

Alex Eliopoulos and his teammates will once again be part of the Bill Lynch Fair and visit the IWK Children's Hospital. The Shriners Bowl will be played on Saturday, October 1. All proceeds will be donated to the Burn Unit of the IWK in support of the Shriners activities for children with disabilities and burn victims, and the Atlantic Centre of Support for Disabled Students at Saint Mary's.

Field hockey

In her third year as Field Hockey's Head Coach, Sharon Rajaraman is looking for a title. Her coaching skills were kept sharp this summer while guiding the Nova Scotia Provincial Field Hockey team to a consolation round winner finish in the Canadian Senior Field Hockey Championships, held at Saint Mary's in August.

Rajaraman feels that her team will be quick off the mark, with five of the veterans prepared and in shape after spending the summer training and competing with the Provincial team (Alana Spicer, All-Canadian Erin O'Brien, Sabrina MacKenzie, Sabetha Masih and Nancy Hartnett). "The other universities have lost quite a few starters and our key players are back," says Rajaraman. "We want to make the most of this year." Taking on the manager's role will be Karen McHugh, a former Huskie. Saint Mary's will host the AUSA Field Hockey Championships October 29-31, with the Huskies goal to be on the field playing for the '94 title and a trip to the CIAU championships.

Upcoming Home Games

Saturday, Sept. 24	Field Hockey	
Sunday, Sept. 25	PEI vs. SMU	4pm
Saturday, Oct. 8	PEI vs. SMU	12noon
Sunday, Oct. 9	UNB vs. SMU	4pm
Oct. 29-30	UNB vs. SMU	12 noon
	AUAA Playoffs	
	Football	
Saturday, Sept. 17	ACA vs. SMU	2pm
Saturday, Oct. 1	ACA vs. SMU (Shriner's Bowl)	2pm
Saturday, Oct. 15	SFX vs. SMU	2pm
Saturday, Oct. 22	MTA vs. SMU	2pm
Saturday, Nov. 5	AUAA Playoffs	
Saturday, Nov. 12	Atlantic Bowl	
	Men's Soccer	
Sunday, Sept. 18	PEI vs. SMU	3pm
Wed., Sept. 21	ACA vs. SMU	7pm
Friday, Oct. 14	UdeM vs. SMU	4pm
Wed., Oct. 19	DAL vs. SMU	4pm
Wed., Oct. 26	SFX vs. SMU	4pm
November 5-6	AUAA Playoffs	
	Women's Soccer	
Sunday, Sept. 18	UNB vs. SMU (X)	11am
Sunday, Sept. 25	MTA vs. SMU	2pm
Wed., Sept. 28	ACA vs. SMU	7pm
Sunday, Oct. 2	SFX vs. SMU	2pm
Wed., Oct. 19	DAL vs. SMU	6:30pm
Sat., Oct. 29	UdeM vs. SMU	3pm
November 4-6	AUAA Playoffs	

Men's soccer

Last year's team finished in a tie for the last play-off spot, and lost on a one-point goal differential narrowly missing the AUAA's playoffs. Expectations are high for this season, with a strong core of veterans and recruit potential. Returnees Jeff Fennell, Dylan Loy, Mark Butler, Desmond Lambert and All-Canadian Lewis Page, will provide the experience and leadership for the team, while rookies Idrus Mert and Chris Coulter will add to the speed and scoring threat of the Huskies.

These two recruits have had the summer to prepare for the varsity season playing in the Nova Scotia Senior Men's League - Idrus (along with Head Coach Stewart Galloway) for the

first-place Halifax King of Donair, and Chris Coulter for arch-rival Dartmouth Soccer Pro. With club experience under their belts, these rookies, noted for their quickness and scoring ability, will have an immediate

impact in the league. Coach Galloway feels that "The combination of youth and experience will develop into a formidable opponent and a contender for the '94 AUAA title."

Women's soccer

"Go for goal" will be the cry of the 1994-95 women's soccer team.

With talented veteran forwards Kelley Hiltz, and Tara Timms, and the addition of rookie Lynn Wright, the Huskies will have their most potent offence of recent years. They will be supported by the

1993 team MVP Susan Roach, and veterans Debbie Pottie and Terynn Boulten in the mid-field. Lisa Reid, back for her third year, will anchor the defensive back four. This year's team will demonstrate a creative passing offence with high pressure defence, adding up to an exciting team to watch.

Linda Whitehead, Head Coach, has spent the summer keeping an eye on the budding stars at Saint Mary's Camp of Champions and will now turn her attention to the '94 Huskies in search of an AUAA title. Assistant Coach, Helen Radford, returns for her third season in a coaching capacity.