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Robert (Bob) Shaw Named Top Leader by Saint Mary's University Turning Points Hall of Leadership

Robert (Bob) Shaw will join a small, select group of individuals when he is inducted posthumously into the Saint Mary's University "Turning Points Hall of Leadership" on April 17, 2008.



Robert (Bob) Shaw will be posthumously inducted into the Saint Mary's University "Turning Points Hall of Leadership."

The Turning Points Hall of Leadership was established in 2007 with inaugural inductees Dr. David F. Sobey, Chairman Emeritus, Sobeys Inc., and Paul D. Sobey, President and CEO, Empire Company Limited.

"Bob defined leadership. He was a leader in every sense of the word," said Paul O'Hearn (BComm '82), one of the founders of the Turning Points in Leadership Dinner and former president of the University's Alumni Association (2005 to 2007). "We are honoured to present his family with the Turning Points Hall of Leadership Award as our recognition to one of the great leaders in our region."

Shaw passed away in 2005, leaving behind a legacy reflected in his many career achievements and charitable activities. The Shaw family will accept the award at the Turning Points in Leadership Dinner to be held at Saint Mary's University on Thursday, April 17, 2008. (For full details on this year's Turning

Points in Leadership Dinner, see page story on page 3.)

Shaw graduated with a Bachelor of Commerce degree from Saint Mary's University in the spring of 1968. As a chartered accountant, he was recognized as a Fellow by the Canadian Institute of Chartered Accountants. Through his work in community development as president, chairman and director of The Shaw Group Limited, Shaw was instrumental in building housing projects in communities across the Halifax Regional Municipality. He additionally volunteered as chair and director of numerous foundations and organizations including the Nova Scotia Hospital Foundation, The Abilities Foundation and the Metro United Way Corporate Campaign. He also served as past president of both the Canadian and the Nova Scotia Home Builders' Associations.

Shaw was an important member of the Saint Mary's community. As a student, he served as president of SMUSA and went on to become a member of the University's Board of Governors; president of the alumni association; chair of the Building on Strength Capital Campaign; and a member of the Business Development Centre board.

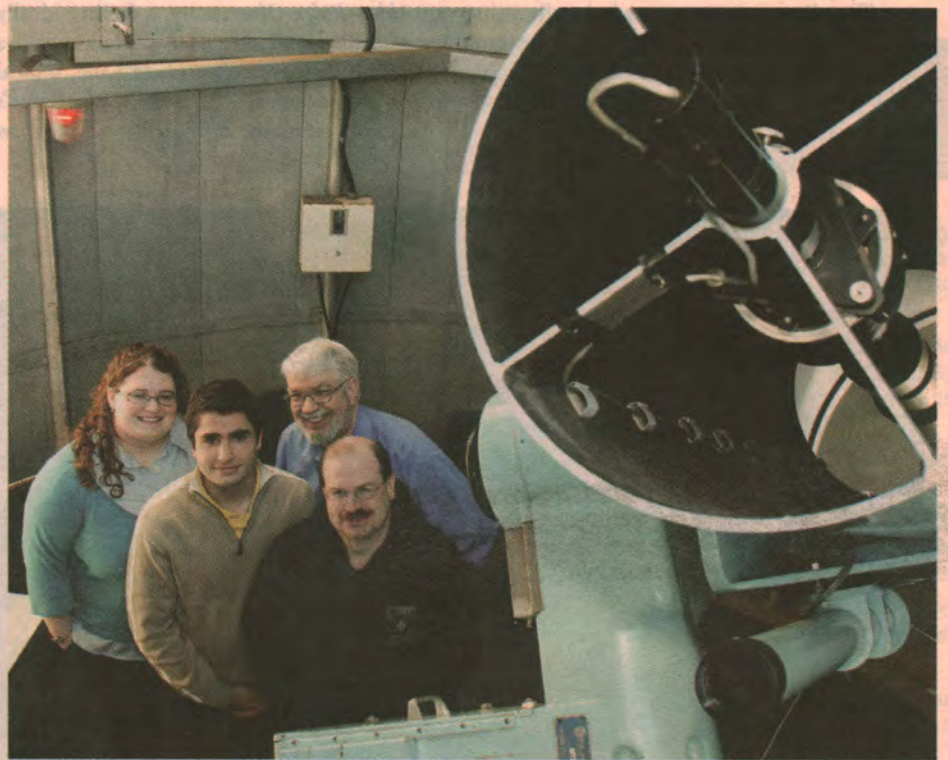
As a student at Saint Mary's, he met his wife, Gretchen, on campus while she was working with Edmund Morris, former president of the University. Their son, Rob, also attended Saint Mary's and earned his Bachelor of Commerce in 1992. Mirroring his father, Rob also met his wife, Shari Mallory-Shaw (BA '92, BComm '94, MBA '07), on campus.

The Shaw family has established the Robert (Bob) Shaw Commerce Scholarship, the Robert (Bob) Shaw MBA Scholarship and the Bob Shaw MBA Case Competition. The Shaw family's remarkable support will ensure that generations of students will have endless opportunities for success regardless of financial limitations.

Reflecting on how Shaw was selected as this year's recipient of the Turning Points award, O'Hearn said, "The Turning Points Hall of Leadership acknowledges the leadership at Saint Mary's University; leadership in business; and leadership in our communities – all values Bob clearly embodied."

The sold out Turning Points in Leadership 2008 will be hosted by Robert P. Kelly, Saint Mary's alumnus and Chief Executive Officer of The Bank of New York Mellon.

Saint Mary's Astronomers Make Stellar Discoveries



Clockwise: left to right: Kathleen Moncrieff, Daniel Majaess, Dr. David Turner, and Dave Lane

A team of Saint Mary's astronomers has identified the mysterious star responsible for illuminating a giant emission nebula in a nearby region of our Milky Way Galaxy. The star, in the constellation of Cepheus, had eluded detection by scientists for more than half a century.

The Saint Mary's team was led by Dr. David Turner, a professor of astronomy and director of the Burke-Gaffney Observatory. Turner explained that the star is about 100,000 times more luminous than our sun, with a corresponding surface temperature of nearly 45,000 degrees Celsius. While our own sun is orbited by many smaller planets, the Saint Mary's team discovered that the Cepheus star is orbited by yet another star every five days – a sharp contrast with the 365 days that it takes earth to orbit the sun.

Said Turner, "Such hot stars are rare in our galactic neighbourhood. More importantly, however, the present discovery allows astronomers to investigate the star's influence on the stellar nursery where it was found. This may help us understand the broader environmental contexts in which our own sun was born."

The newly identified star is a mere infant by cosmological time scales, with an inferred age of only a few million years according to computational models by other Saint Mary's researchers Joel Tanner, Dr. David Guenther, and Mike Casey. Our sun, by comparison, clocks in at 4.5 billion years according to ages derived from the study of meteorites.

Ironically, although the star is far, far younger than the sun, it will end its childhood relatively soon, terminating its brief existence in a cataclysmic supernova explosion in another few million years.

"There is, however, no need for a pre-apocalyptic gala since the explosion will take place at a very distant 30 quadrillion (3 x 10¹⁶) kilometers away, so humanity will be spared," said Daniel Majaess who, along with Dave Lane and Kathleen Moncrieff, is a member of the research team. "I should also remind other students that any attempt to seek a homework extension will be in vain, unfortunately," he added jokingly.

The Cepheus star now takes its place alongside another celebrated star designated Theta 1 Orionis C, the star primarily responsible for illuminating the famous Orion Nebula which can be observed with the unaided eye as a fuzzy-like object (not star-like) in the sword of the hunter depicted as the constellation of Orion. (Story continued page 2.)

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Said Lane, "The Orion Nebula is a spectacular object to view through the University's campus telescope at the Burke-Gaffney Observatory." The telescope is available for public use bimonthly during the winter.

The results of the study will appear in a forthcoming issue of the *Journal of the American Association of Variable Star Observers*, and will also highlight results regarding the nature of several other variable stars investigated by the team. One of the objects, coincidentally, is a star that is remarkably similar to our own sun in temperature, size, and composition. Yet, it appears to be emitting copious amounts of X-rays, which may indicate that it is orbiting a companion at an end state of stellar evolution – "either a white dwarf, neutron star, or possibly an exotic black-hole," said Turner.

The object was co-investigated with David Boyd of the *British Astronomical Association Variable Stars Section* and a number of other astronomers around the globe.

The discoveries were made locally using the *Abbey-Ridge Observatory*, a facility ideally perched on a granite outcrop in the community of Stillwater Lake, near Tantallon, Nova Scotia. The Observatory was designed, constructed, and is operated by Dave Lane, a local astronomer who can be frequently heard discussing astronomical events on CBC Radio's *Maritime Noon*. Lane was recently honoured with the prestigious *2007 Science Champion Award* from the Discovery Centre.



The nebula associated with the cluster of stars catalogued as the Berkeley 59 / Cepheus OB4 Complex is being illuminated by the binary star system discovered by the Saint Mary's team. A POSSII colour composite image of the region was constructed by astrophotographers Noel Carboni & Daniel Majaess (Saint Mary's University).

Majaess noted that the discovery is having a positive impact on the local scientific community. "What is perhaps most rewarding is to observe astronomical phenomena and conduct exciting research from right here in Nova Scotia. The success of the project has generated inquiries from scientists abroad who would like to use the local observatory to acquire data for their own celestial research, which inherently raises the profile and reputation of our community and region."

Reflecting on the significance of the discovery to Saint Mary's, he added, "The discovery is certainly conducive to a growing department. Saint Mary's University has been supportive in creating new facilities and the subsequent instrumentation needed to foster cutting-edge, local research, along with attracting new faculty members and building a broader base of expertise."

The scientific research carried out in the department varies, and is not limited to, gazing back in time at the early universe to examine large scale structure and galaxy formation (David Williamson and Dr. Rob Thacker, Jon Savoy and Bobby Sorba, Dr. Marcin Sawicki); performing complex multidimensional magnetohydrodynamical simulations in order to model outflows from astrophysical jets and supermassive black holes (Nick MacDonald and Jon Ramsey, Dr. David Clarke); computing and visualizing stellar structure using ACENet's new Beowulf supercomputer and immersive 3D virtual reality system (Chris Geroux and Catherine Lovekin, Dr. Robert Deupree); and investigating the quantum structure of the universe by using the world's largest particle accelerators and colliders (Jackie Glistler, Dr. Adam Sarty and Dr. Roby Austin).

For more information on Astronomy & Physics at Saint Mary's, visit www.ap.smu.ca.

Government of Canada Announces \$2.8 Million in Support for Saint Mary's Development Project in Vietnam

Saint Mary's is continuing to earn support from the Government of Canada for its international development projects. The University will receive \$2.8 million in funding for a unique development project that will aid Vietnam's National Economics University (NEU) in modernizing its curriculum and developing business skills training programs.

The project, which is funded by the University Partnerships in Cooperation and Development Program (UPCD) of the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA), will enable Saint Mary's to assist the people of Vietnam in making the transition from a mainly agrarian economy to one that competes more broadly in the global marketplace.

The announcement was made on behalf of the Honourable Beverly J. Oda, Minister of International Cooperation, by the Honourable Peter MacKay, Minister of National Defense and Minister for the Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency (ACOA), at a special event in Truro, NS on February 24, 2008.

"This is a very exciting project for Saint Mary's," said Dr. David Wicks, Dean of the Sobe School of Business, Saint Mary's University. "We will be working directly with the newly formed Centre for Entrepreneurship at National Economics University in Hanoi which will spearhead the initiative. They in turn will work with other departments to develop training programs and coordinate activities among other project partners and stakeholders."

Minister Oda noted that the *Business Entrepreneurship in Vietnam* project will have a significant impact on the country's burgeoning business landscape. "The Saint Mary's project will modernize the curriculum at Vietnam's National Economics University, which will help graduates get jobs in Vietnam's growing business sector," she said.

Economic reforms launched by Vietnam almost two decades ago in support of poverty reduction have resulted in a flourishing multi-sector economy that includes small local businesses, foreign-funded joint ventures, and a gradually reforming state-owned sector. However, continued poverty reduction depends on Vietnam's ability to sustain these high levels of growth and to continue its transition from a centrally planned to a market economy.

"Vietnam has made great strides in reducing poverty through rapid economic growth," said Wicks. "However, despite impressive rates of economic growth, businesses in Vietnam still struggle with important constraints. One of these constraints is a lack of entrepreneurial management skills in Vietnamese enterprises of all sizes."

To address this constraint, Vietnamese managers need to build their skills in all aspects of business management. Vietnam currently lacks infrastructure for business and entrepreneurship education despite very clear messages from government and industry that such education is badly needed.

Dr. Pham Hong Chuong, Deputy Dean for Scientific Research and International Cooperation at NEU and Vietnamese Project Director, explained, "Potential clients for business training have become more demanding in recent years, and NEU is having difficulty offering programming that meets these demands."

The Business entrepreneurship in Vietnam project will, through restructured programs at NEU, modernize curricula, improve instructional capabilities, establish new non-credit training programs, and develop the educational infrastructure needed to improve performance of a wide range of Vietnamese organizations.

Although there are a number of profitable large state-owned enterprises and foreign companies in Vietnam – in addition to many micro-enterprises and household businesses – a significant gap exists between the two ends of the spectrum. Very few small and medium enterprises (SMEs) have been able to establish themselves in Vietnam, and very few micro-enterprises have been successful in growing their businesses to take advantage of the many new market opportunities.

Said Wicks, "It is now time to turn attention to encouraging at least some of these new enterprises to expand beyond household micro-businesses and to helping owners and managers of all sizes of SMEs to develop the entrepreneurial skills necessary for managing an organization in the current global economy."

A newly formed Centre for Entrepreneurship at NEU will spearhead the initiative, working with other departments to develop training programs and coordinate activities among other project partners and stakeholders. Specific training areas will focus on a range of business skills such as human resource management, financial management, marketing (locally and internationally), and strategic planning among others.

Diversity training and business ethics will address the need to include awareness of social justice issues within business training. Project team members, the Vietnam Chamber of Commerce and Industry and two government departments (Agency for Small and Medium Enterprises and Department of Enterprise Reform), will ensure that the new training programs meet the needs of both the business community and government departments.

In addition to the Saint Mary's announcement, the Government of Canada announced funding for a new development project to be managed by the Nova Scotia Agricultural College. The project will help support the agricultural and agri-food industries in Ethiopia.

"The people of Nova Scotia should be immensely proud of the contribution overseas by the students and teachers in our community," said MacKay. "Their dedication to the well-being of those less fortunate exhibits the best of what it means to be Canadian."

A world leader in global outreach, Saint Mary's has been implementing international capacity-building and training projects since the early 1980s. Usually funded by external donors, including the Government of Canada, these projects focus on building the capacity of human resources in developing and transition countries to contribute to their specific development priorities. Working in collaboration with in-country partners, Saint Mary's provides formal and informal training to target groups, advises on policy issues at a variety of levels, and promotes adherence to international standards in governance, gender equality, security, and social justice.

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Saint Mary's and AST Announce New MA Program in Theology and Religious Studies

The longstanding affiliation between Saint Mary's University and the Atlantic School of Theology (AST) has entered an exciting new chapter. Both institutions are now offering a joint Master of Arts (MA) program in Theology and Religious Studies. The degree, which will commence in Fall 2008, will be the only graduate degree of its kind in Theology and Religious Studies in the maritimes.

The program's coordinators are Dr. Anne Marie Dalton, a professor of religious studies at Saint Mary's, and Rev. Dr. Jody Clarke, pastoral studies and supervisor for field education at AST.

"This new program will offer all the traditional requirements students need for further study and research; however, it also is designed to encourage students to engage with the growing diversity of religious communities in Canada," said Dalton.

"It is hoped that research within the program will be supportive to local, national and international religious communities, and prepare citizens who will be conversant with the issues that arise within religiously diverse societies," she said.

Rev. Dr. Clarke noted that the program is both unique and flexible for students.

"The program allows students who wish to complete PhDs in theology or religious studies, as well as for those who want to pursue less research-focused careers or who are interested in religious questions for other personal reasons," he said.

"Those of us involved with the planning and implementation are truly excited about this program. There has been a big increase in the number of students pursuing the study of religion at the undergraduate level in recent years and we are quite confident that this new program will be immensely successful," he added.

The creation of the joint MA in Theology and Religious Studies has been two years in the making and involved the cooperation of both faculty and administrators at Saint Mary's and AST. The new graduate program is designed to build on the strengths of the two institutions; students can register at either university but all students in the program will benefit from courses and faculty expertise at both. AST is well known for its focus on ecumenical education, bringing together students from diverse Christian denominations, while Saint Mary's has a history of outreach and engagement with both local and international communities.

To learn more about the program, please visit www.smu.ca/academic/arts/religion/grad.html.

Random Acts of Kindness Squad Reaches Out to Community

Submitted by Laura Slauenwhite, SMUSA Volunteer Coordinator

The Saint Mary's Random Acts of Kindness (RAK) Squad is a group of students who perform good deeds all over Halifax. These student volunteers can be seen out and about in their bright orange t-shirts and maroon hats, making people's day with contagious smiles. The RAK squad currently has over 65 members and grows after every event.



RAK Squad volunteers underwent a radical makeover at the Gorsebrook Lounge when they coloured their hair pink in support of the Make A Wish Foundation. Proceeds from the event were combined with funds raised at the St. Valentine's Day Hair 'Massacre' — another event in which the RAK Squad participated during the month of February.

This year, the RAK Squad has taken part in numerous charity events to make an impact both locally and internationally. Acting locally, the RAK Squad participated in the Chronicle Herald's Raise a Reader event in early October, helping to raise more than \$7,000 towards family literacy programs throughout Nova Scotia. Other events include Bowling for Critters, a fundraising event for the Bide-A-While Shelter, as well as visits to nursing homes and free hot chocolate give-a-ways during the winter months.

On an international scale, the RAK Squad has participated in UNICEF's Spread the Net Campaign which raises funds for mosquito nets for children in Africa; Canfar's Have a Heart Campaign which promotes AIDS awareness, and the St. Valentine's Day Hair 'Massacre', with proceeds going to the Make-A-Wish Foundation.

This year, Saint Mary's University celebrated International RAK week from Monday, February 25 through Saturday, March 1. During this time, the RAK squad served at local soup kitchens, held a craft day at Inglis Street School, raised funds for the CIBC's Boys in Red Trust Fund, and held a food drive for FEED NS.

This group of enthusiastic students would like to encourage anyone interested to get involved with the RAK Squad or to begin their own random acts of kindness. "Remember there's no such thing as a small act of kindness. Every act creates a ripple with no logical end" — Scott Adams.

The RAK Squad is a joint project of the Pride in our Shared Neighbourhood Committee and the Saint Mary's University Students' Association (SMUSA). For more information, or to join the squad, please contact the Volunteer Coordinator, Laura Slauenwhite by email at laura.slauenwhite@smu.ca, or by phone at 496.8707.

Saint Mary's University Preparing for Annual Turning Points in Leadership:

The Bank of New York Mellon CEO Bob Kelly to Host April 17 Event

Leaders from across North America will gather at Saint Mary's University to share their perspectives on leadership on Thursday, April 17, 2008, when more than 300 people will attend the third annual Turning Points in Leadership Dinner.

This year's event will be hosted by Robert P. Kelly, Chief Executive Officer of The Bank of New York Mellon, a global financial services growth company with 40,000 employees operating in 34 countries and serving institutions, corporations and high-net-worth individuals in more than 100 markets worldwide. Kelly earned a Bachelor of Commerce degree from the University's Sobey School of Business in 1975 and, in recognition of his numerous achievements, was awarded an Honorary Doctorate of Commerce degree in 1997. Kelly is also a Chartered Accountant (CA) with an MBA and an Honorary Doctorate from the Cass Business School of City University in London, England. He was born and raised in Halifax, and now lives in New York City.

Turning Points in Leadership 2008 is sold out — a success that the event has enjoyed since its inception in 2006.



Robert P. Kelly, Chief Executive Officer of The Bank of New York Mellon and Saint Mary's Alumnus, will serve as keynote speaker at the third annual Turning Points in Leadership Dinner.

The evening will commence with a 5:00 p.m. reception followed by dinner from 6:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. Guests will then enjoy an after-dinner reception and entertainment. Turning Points in Leadership is now being hailed as one of the top business events in the region.

Paul O'Hearn (BComm '82), one of the founders of the Turning Points in Leadership Dinner, stated that Kelly is the perfect person to serve as this year's host.

"Bob Kelly has a proven track record as a leader," said O'Hearn, who served as president of the University's Alumni Association from 2005 until 2007. "Everyone who is attending this year is ecstatic that he is returning to Saint Mary's to host this event."

Kelly's company is a worldwide leader in asset management and securities servicing, with more than \$20 trillion in assets under custody and administration, \$1.1 trillion in assets under management and servicing \$11 trillion in outstanding debt. The combination of Mellon Financial and The Bank of New York was the largest merger in the U.S. in 2007. BNY Mellon's total shareholder return (stock price appreciation plus dividends) last year was 19.4%, making it the top-performing large financial institution in the U.S. and # 5 globally.

Added O'Hearn, "What is particularly impressive is that he accelerated his company's performance and sharpened its focus on client satisfaction."

Kelly was named a top 10 bank CEO in 2006 and 2007 by *U.S. Banker* magazine. Previously, he spent five years as chief financial officer of Wachovia Corporation where he was voted by investors as one of America's best CFOs in *Institutional Investor* magazine in 2004, 2005 and 2006. He also spent 19 years with Toronto-Dominion Bank where he served as a vice-chairman and head of the retail and commercial bank, among other positions.

Norma Lee MacLeod, a producer with CBC News at Six on CBC Television in Nova Scotia, will serve as Master of Ceremonies. MacLeod has twice been nominated for *Gemini Awards*, most recently for best news anchor. Her career with CBC spans more than 20 years during which she held a variety of key roles. Prior to joining CBC News at Six, she led the health content unit for CBC Television and hosted "Health Matters" on CBC Newsworld where she earned a Gemini nomination for best host/interviewer for her work on the program. For six years, she hosted the national morning show on CBC Television and CBC Newsworld. During this period, she hosted CBC's Gemini award-winning live coverage from the scene of the Swissair crash.

O'Hearn said that Turning Points in Leadership 2008 is poised to be one of the highlight events of the year. "Turning Points in Leadership is innovative — it's aimed at raising the profile of Saint Mary's University, its alumni and some of North America's top leaders. It also provides a great opportunity for students to connect with such leaders during their studies while at the same time creating bursaries for deserving students. It's going to be truly an exciting evening — one that everyone won't soon forget."

International Development Week 2008: "Gender, Equality and Women's Empowerment"

Submitted by Alana Robb, International Student Services

In its sixth year at Saint Mary's, International Development Week provided an occasion to showcase international opportunities and cultures, as well as activities that encourage discussion and sharing of ideas on issues of great concern.

The theme for International Development Week 2008 took its inspiration from the third Millennium Development Goal presented by the United Nations Development Program (UNDP), "Gender, Equality and Women's Empowerment."

Seventeen diverse events included a mix of films, lectures, presentations, exhibits and cultural events. The largest event has always been International Night and this year was no exception. Approximately 425 students, staff and community members enjoyed an international buffet, entertainment and a DJ dance. About 75 volunteers and performers put on an excellent show of song and dance. Other standard events included exhibits of departments on campus and community organizations that offer international experiences for students and new graduates. As is tradition, trivia night ended the week. The International Development Grad Society presented a lively night of tricky questions with all proceeds going toward Salutory Angels, an NGO that was established by a Saint Mary's University student, Marie Helene Beauboeuf. This was followed by a concert by Saa Andrew Gbongbor, a Sierra Leone war survivor.

Many members of the Saint Mary's community had the opportunity to listen to Mirwais Nahzat, a former sponsored student from Afghanistan who heads the Centre for Afghanistan Progress, an organization that he helped found. Nahzat now works for World University Service of Canada (WUSC) administering an aid project for widows in Kabul. He gave his impressions of the current situation in Afghanistan after a recent three-week fact finding mission.

Dr. Meridith Ralston of Mount Saint Vincent University presented her documentary film, *Hope in Heaven*, a product of Saint Mary's and MSVU's joint CIDA project, *Sex Trade in the Philippines*. Other presentations included the panel, *Migrant Women and Transnational Caregiving*, moderated by Dr. Evie Tastsoglou; *Women, Communication and Technology* by Marian Pelletier; *Women and Conflict in the DRC: Victims, Peace-Builders and Participants* by Shelly Whitman, and *Children and Disabilities in Uganda* by Shawna O'Hearn.

The members of the International Development Week committee span several departments and student societies. Next year, the committee hopes to involve even more university departments in this very worthwhile event. Should you wish to become involved, please contact Alana Robb, Manager, International Student Services, at 420.5436.



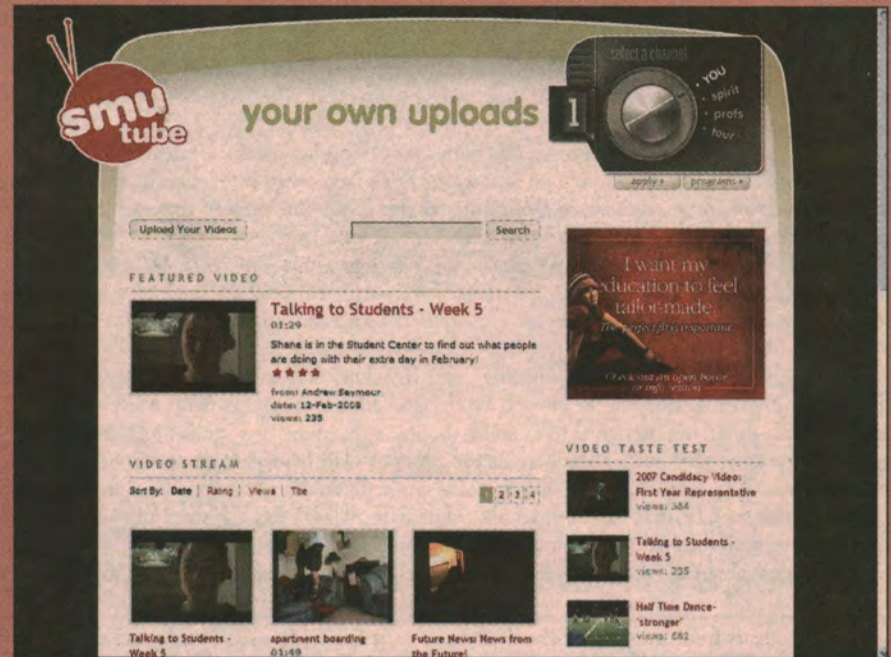
Students perform a "Bollywood" dance at International Night.



Members of the International Centre's student volunteer group, Students Acting for Global Awareness (SAGA)

SMUtube Captures Gold at CASE Awards

University on winning streak with innovative microsite



Thanks to the diversity of student video uploads, the SMUtube homepage is constantly changing.

Saint Mary's is celebrating a gold medal win for SMUtube, its video-based recruitment microsite that was launched in June 2007. The award was presented by the Council for the Advancement and Support of Education (CASE) at its District I conference which was held in Boston, MA from February 8-10. The video anthem, "Where will you go?" also brought home a silver medal in the television category.

The CASE awards recognize outstanding achievement in higher education, independent school and non-profit organization communications, with the judges assessing overall design, content and writing, the use of photography, graphics and technology. CASE District I, of which Saint Mary's is a member, encompasses eastern Canada and the northeastern United States with member institutions such as Harvard, Yale, and MIT.

Chuck Bridges, Vice-President (Assoc.) External Affairs, noted that the CASE awards are widely regarded as a barometer of excellence in the arena of university advancement. Said Bridges, "We want to tell prospective students that Saint Mary's can offer them a globalized education that will take the where they want to go, anywhere in the world. These awards are a testament to the fact that we are communicating that message effectively."



Visitors to SMUtube can explore the Saint Mary's campus through a virtual tour.

SMUtube was developed in collaboration with trampoline, a Halifax branding, design and advertising firm. The innovative microsite attracts both current and prospective students by appealing to them in today's most popular online format. Based on the growing popularity of media sharing sites such as Flickr and YouTube, and social networking sites such as Facebook and MySpace, SMUtube allows students to upload their own video clips to share with others.

Bridges added that, in addition to fostering an even greater sense of community at the University, the video uploads provide prospective students with another tool that they can use when determining if Saint Mary's is the right choice for them.

Just three weeks after SMUtube went live, more than 2,200 unique visitors from 52 countries had visited the site. Still less than a year old, the site has now attracted over 20,000 visitors from more than 130 countries.

The success of the site can also be viewed in terms of admissions, with applications to Saint Mary's up by 18% over last year in addition to a 5% increase in first year enrolments.

The "Where will you go?" video, which earned the silver medal in the television category, is a visually exciting depiction of the aspirations of Saint Mary's students. Viewed in cinemas and broadcast during television events such as the 2007 Vanier Cup, the video has already reached a national audience of nearly one million.

In addition to the CASE awards, Saint Mary's has been well recognized at the 2007 Admissions Marketing Report Awards. It received seven awards for the "Where will you go?" marketing campaign, including the prestigious "Best of Show" in the television category for the "Where will you go?" anthem.



Left to right: Dr. Ellen Farrell, Management Department, Sobey School of Business; Jamie DeWolfe, Chris Woodburn, Corey Hollis, and Ryan MacKenzie

Sobey Students Shine at Enterprize Competitions

Team Leaps to Nationals Following Atlantic Success

Four students from the Sobey School of Business at Saint Mary's University are demonstrating their business acumen on the national stage. Jamie DeWolfe, Corey Hollis, Ryan MacKenzie and Chris Woodburn recently competed in the 2008 Enterprize Business Plan Competition which was held in Vancouver, BC from February 1-3. Sponsored by the BDC, the student competition is the largest of its kind in Canada and among the largest in the world.

Dr. Ellen Farrell, professor of management at the Sobey School of Business, served as team coach. "It is certainly notable that our undergraduate students are competing in the mix with graduate level students from other universities," said Farrell, "This is a testament to the Sobey School's entrepreneurship program and the quality of students attending Saint Mary's."

Through initiatives such as national seminars and interactive sessions with judges, student competitors have the opportunity to improve their skills, build on their ideas, and ultimately make a claim for a share of a six-figure prize. The Sobey team earned the green light to compete at the national finals after giving a superb presentation at this year's Enterprize Atlantic Business Plan Competition which was held in Halifax from January 18 - 20, 2008.

The Enterprize Atlantic judges were extremely impressed by the team's epoxy flooring business plan. The students targeted a consumer market composed of high income homeowners, with attached garages, for a flooring finish normally used in industrial applications. Even better, the Sobey team had developed a strong franchise growth strategy.

The 2nd annual Enterprize Atlantic entrepreneurial conference and competition for Atlantic Canada's post-secondary students was supported by the Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency (ACOA) and the Nova Scotia Office of Economic Development (OED). It included an interactive entrepreneurial conference featuring professional workshops on a wide range of business management and development topics, talks by successful entrepreneurs, and networking activities. The conference is open to all post-secondary students in Atlantic Canada who have an interest in developing their entrepreneurship skills. It served as the regional qualifying round for the nation-wide Enterprize 2008 Business Plan Competition in Vancouver.

Today's Problems. Tomorrow's Chemistry: Saint Mary's To Host ChemCon '08

This spring, almost 200 chemists from across Atlantic Canada will converge on the Saint Mary's campus to discuss and debate chemistry related issues.

From May 8 to 11, Saint Mary's University will host the 33rd APICS (Atlantic Provinces Council on the Sciences) CIC Student Chemistry Conference.

Amy Holland, a chemistry major at Saint Mary's, serves as chairperson of ChemCon '08. "Everyone is gearing up for the big conference," said Holland. "The theme of this year's conference is 'Today's Problems. Tomorrow's Chemistry,' which stems from the idea that chemists have and will continue to influence society, and that the challenges of today can provide inspiration for the future."

Dr. Philip Jessop, Queen's University, and Dr. Warren Piers, University of Calgary, will serve as keynote speakers. Both are widely acclaimed chemists.

"The conference gives the opportunity for students from across the Atlantic provinces to share their research through oral and poster presentations while learning a great deal from other students and professional participants," said Holland.

The organizing committee has been working steadily to prepare for the four-day event. Committee members include Marissa Bender, Lindsay Cameron, Darrell Dean, Katie Nizio, Courtney Schaller, and Carrie-Lee Trider.

Event sponsors include the Canadian Consumer Specialty Products Association, the Canadian Salt Company Limited, the CEM Corporation, Sepracor Canada, and GE Canada. Sponsors from Saint Mary's include the chemistry department, the Dean of Graduate Studies and Research, the Vice-President (Academic and Research) and the President's Office.

Saint Mary's is home to a unique and innovative Chemistry Department that attracts students from around the world. Majors and Honors programs in chemistry at Saint Mary's are accredited by the Canadian Society for Chemistry. The broad range of chemistry courses at the University prepares students to succeed in their chosen disciplines including chemistry, life sciences, earth and environmental sciences, engineering, physical sciences, psychology, and forensic sciences.

For more information on the conference, please visit <http://smu.ca/~chemcon08>.

Saint Mary's Profs Awarded \$600,000 to Fuel Energy Sector

Two professors from the Sobey School of Business at Saint Mary's University will be taking a lead role in boosting the development of the province's oil and gas industry. Dr. Sean Cleary and Dr. Greg MacKinnon, both of whom are professors of Finance, Information Systems and Management Science, have been named Pengrowth Nova Scotia Professors in Petroleum Financial Management.



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The pair has received \$600,000 to conduct research on a variety of petroleum related projects from 2008 through 2011. Funding for the professorship roles has been provided by the Province of Nova Scotia and Pengrowth Energy.

"We will be actively engaged in research issues identified by the funding partners," said Cleary. "The research agenda will deal with issues related to the petroleum industry and is designed to hold relevance for income trusts, investors, and regulators."

"This news is another indication of the ability of the Sobey School of Business to foster productive working relationships with the business community and government," he added.

Said MacKinnon, "We are honoured to have the backing and support of the Province and Pengrowth, and are excited by the possibilities for collaboration that will benefit the Sobey School of Business, Pengrowth and the Province of Nova Scotia. This is a tremendous vote of confidence in the ability of the Sobey School of Business faculty to conduct research that is both cutting edge and relevant to the real world."

Dr. J. Colin Dodds, President, Saint Mary's University, applauded the announcement. "With the professorship being held at Saint Mary's, it means that the University will remain a leader in energy and financial research - areas in which we have been very active over the last number of years," he said.

Time for Tea

Sunday, June 22nd, 2008
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Left to right: Awa Chery-Mbai, Dalhousie student from The Gambia; Ysaac Rodriguez-Arias, International Student Advisor, Saint Mary's; Fatou Demba, Saint Mary's student from The Gambia; Gumbo Touray, UTG Director of International Affairs and Communication; Elsa Steigen, UTG; Vice-Chancellor Andreas Steigen, UTG; Dr. Colin Dodds, President, Saint Mary's; Dr. Esther Enns, Dean of Arts, Saint Mary's; Lamin Jaiteh, UTG Registrar; Dr. Kevin Vessey, Dean of the Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research, Saint Mary's; Maureen Woodhouse, International Activities Program Manager / Acting Director, Saint Mary's; Dr. John Young, Chemistry Department, Saint Mary's; Dr. Pawan Lingras, Mathematics and Computing Science Department, Saint Mary's.

Saint Mary's Strengthens Ties with University of The Gambia

Saint Mary's University recently welcomed visiting delegates from longtime partner, the University of the Gambia. **Andreas Steigen**, Vice-Chancellor, and his wife, **Elsa Steigen**, were accompanied by **Lamin Jaiteh**, UTG Registrar, and **Gumbo Touray**, Director of International Affairs and Communication, for a February 24 visit to the Saint Mary's campus. The purpose of the visit was to strengthen existing ties between the two universities and to identify areas in which cooperation can continue.

Between 1996 and 2000, Saint Mary's University worked with the Gambian government and the Nova Scotia Gambia Association (NSGA) to deliver university programming in The Gambia through the University Extension Program. Faculty from Saint Mary's, Gambian colleges and other Canadian universities taught students in The Gambia prior to the establishment of the UTG. As of the year 2000, 200 Gambian students have received Saint Mary's degrees through extension courses taught in The Gambia.

From 1997 through 2002, Saint Mary's, the Nova Scotia Agricultural College (NSAC), the Gambian Department for State Education and NSGA partnered on the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) funded project, Capacity Building for Higher Education in The Gambia. The project focused on strengthening Gambian higher education governance structures, policy formation and planning mechanisms, and administrative and management systems. Many exchanges between Canadian and Gambian participants took place, including meetings, workshops and professional placements, all of which helped establish the basis for the development of UTG.

More recently, Saint Mary's and UTG have teamed up with QuantumNET, a Gambian private sector company, to deliver a Gambian-based diploma in Computing Science and Business Administration. Saint Mary's is providing curriculum, monitoring and faculty resources.

Saint Mary's Around the Globe



During a recent trip to visit the Canadian troops in Afghanistan, Montreal Alouettes SB Dave Stala (BComm '03) was pleasantly surprised to see a Saint Mary's University banner displayed prominently in the Canadian base lounge in Kandahar. The Kandahar chapter is one of more than 30 Saint Mary's alumni chapters around the world.

Saint Mary's Professor Elected President of IIFET

Dr. Tony Charles, professor of management science and environmental studies, has been elected President of the International Institute for Fisheries Economics and Trade.



Dr. Tony Charles, Management Science / Environmental Studies

"IIFET is truly a global organization, so it is a special honour to be elected by people from around the world to take on the top leadership role with such a respected international group," said Charles.

"During my time as IIFET President, I am hoping to attract to the organization new members coming from a wide range of research, management, industry and nongovernmental groups – not only those in the field of fisheries economics, but others with related interests," he said. "I am looking at IIFET as an international forum for discussion and networking on a broad range of issues relating to natural resources and particularly to how people and oceans connect together."

He indicates that his appointment as President is yet another example of how faculty at Saint Mary's are involved in the world outside the university – whether in our local communities, or on a national scale, or in this case, operating globally.

"When a faculty member has a position such as this, it is not only that individual who is known by their organization, but their home institution as well – so this sort of thing gets the Saint Mary's name out around the world," he says.

Dr. Charles is a Pew Fellow in Marine Conservation.

He specializes in the interdisciplinary analysis of fisheries, aquaculture and coastal issues, with a focus on themes of sustainability and resilience, integrated indicator frameworks, community-based resource management, and ocean policy.

Dr. Charles is the author of a wide range of publications, including the Blackwell Science book *Sustainable Fishery Systems*, the NRC Press book *Canadian Marine Fisheries in a Changing and Uncertain World*, the GPI Atlantic report *Nova Scotia GPI Fisheries and Marine Environment Accounts*, and a new Handbook on Community-based Fisheries Management (to be available through the Coastal CURA website, www.coastalcura.ca).

He is the founding Director, past Chair, and current Board Member of Canada's Ocean Management Research Network.

He serves as an advisor to several fisheries organizations in Atlantic Canada, and internationally he has worked on fishery, aquaculture and coastal management projects in Asia, Latin America and the Caribbean, as well as working on FAO and OECD research studies and expert panels.

Scholarly Professional DEVELOPMENT

ANTHROPOLOGY

Dr. Susan Walter presented the paper, "Women, Food Storage, Feasting & Trade in Northwest Coast Societies" at the 40th Annual Chacmool Conference held in Calgary from November 10-12, 2007.

Dr. Tanya Peckmann presented her research with the Membertou community and 3-D facial reconstruction with Aboriginal populations at the Canadian Association for Physical Anthropology (CAPA) in Banff from November 14-17, 2007. Two students who attended the "Internship in Forensic Anthropology" course in Miami in 2007 also presented a poster about the importance of experiential hands-on courses.

ENGLISH

Dr. Renée Hulan was an invited participant in the workshop "Cultural Nordicity: How the Imagined North was Constructed" in Québec City on January 18, 2008.

Dr. Deborah Kennedy has published the book chapter, "Englishwomen and Napoleon Bonaparte" in the new book *Women against Napoleon* (Campus Verlag / University of Chicago Press, 2007).

Dr. Sean Kennedy presented a paper, "Landscapes of Memory: Mourning Ireland in Beckett's Texts for Nothing" as part of a special session on landscape and alienation which he organized on December 28 at this year's MLA convention in Chicago.

Dr. Sean Kennedy presented a paper, "Ireland/Europe ... Beckett/Beckett," at the Irish Modernism conference in Trinity College, Dublin on October 20th. He has also put together a special session, "Landscape and Alienation in Irish Protestant Writing after Independence," for the Modern Language Association annual convention in Chicago (December 07) where he will present on "Landscapes of Memory: Mourning Ireland in Beckett's Texts for Nothing".

GEOGRAPHY AND ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES

Dr. Cristian Suteanu's paper, "You Cannot Swim in Foam: Information Flooding and Information Dilution in Processes of Change" was published in the *International Journal of the Humanities*, 2007, Volume 5, Number 5, p. 69-76.

In October, **Dr. Tim Stretton** commented on a panel on 'Law, Justice and Murder in Late Medieval and Early Modern England' at the North Eastern Conference on British Studies held at Dalhousie and, in November, gave a paper entitled 'Written obligations and the rivalry between law and equity, 1560-1640' at the Law and Governance in Britain, 1350-1850 conference at the University of Western Ontario. In December, he gave the paper entitled 'Coverture and Unity of Person in Blackstone's Commentaries' at the International Blackstone Symposium in Adelaide, Australia.

INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT STUDIES

Dr. Saturnino M. Borrás Jr. gave the international keynote address at the national conference on 'Land Policy Options in South Africa' held in Cape Town in October 2007 and organized by PLAAS of the University of Western Cape.

Dr. Borrás co-edited (with **Cristobal Kay** and **Edward Lahiff**) a special issue of the Third World Quarterly entitled, "Market-Led Agrarian Reform: Trajectories and Contestations", vol. 28, no. 8 (2007).

Dr. Borrás co-authored with **Jennifer Franco** the working paper, "The National Campaign for Land Reform in the Philippines" released in October by the 'Participation, Power and Social Change Team' at IDS, Sussex, U.K. <http://www.ids.ac.uk/ids/Part/proj/pnp.html>

Dr. Borrás gave the international keynote address at the national conference: "Another Countryside?: Policy Options for Land and Agrarian Reform in South Africa" held in Cape Town on 23-25 October, organized by the University of Western Cape's PLAAS.

MODERN LANGUAGES AND CLASSICS

Dr. Rohini Bannerjee presented her paper titled "La construction identitaire dans l'oeuvre romanesque d'Ananda Devi" at the International conference on "Penser l'altérité: autour de l'oeuvre d'Ananda Devi et des écrivaines mauriciennes contemporaines" at l'Université catholique de Louvain (Louvain-la-Neuve/ Belgium), November 30 - December 1, 2007

Dr. Rohini Bannerjee presented her paper, "The 'Kala pani' connection: Francophone migration narratives in the Indo-Caribbean writing of Raphaël Confiant and the Indo-Mauritian writing of Ananda Devi" at the The Asian Experience in the Caribbean and the Guyanas: Labor, Migration, Literature and Culture - Hosted by Caribbean Literary Studies at the University of Miami November 1-November 3, 2007.

Dr. Rohini Bannerjee also presented her paper titled "Rompre le silence: La femme chagossienne dans Le Silence des Chagos de Shenaz Patel" at the 49th Annual Midwest Modern Language Association Convention in Cleveland, Ohio, November 8-11, 2007.

Dr. Rohini Bannerjee has been named secretary of the Women in French session for the upcoming MMLA conference in Minneapolis (2008) and named chair of the Women in French session at the MMLA conference in St. Louis (2009).

Dr. Rohini Bannerjee served on the Arts adjudication panel for the Saint Mary's Academic Writing Awards (2007-2008).

PHILOSOPHY

Dr. Mark Mercer's comment on the Shiraz Dossa affair, the case of the St. Francis Xavier professor who participated in a conference in Tehran, appeared in the September 2007 issue of the newsletter of the *Society for Academic Freedom and Scholarship*.

Drs. John MacKinnon, Chris MacDonald and **Mark Mercer** organized this year's meetings of the Atlantic Region Philosophers' Association, held at Saint Mary's University, on 26 and 27 October. The meetings involved 66 sessions and attracted more than a hundred philosophers from the Atlantic Provinces and elsewhere.

On October 26, **Dr. Mark Mercer** presented a paper entitled "Freedom of Expression and Emotional Harm" at the meetings of the Atlantic Region Philosophers' Association.

Dr. Mercer writes a weekly column, "The Cranky Professor," for The Journal, the student newspaper at Saint Mary's. Dr. Mercer hopes through the column to stimulate thought and discussion on matters of importance to the Saint Mary's community.

"Folk Psychology's Epistemic Credentials," by **Dr. Mark Mercer**, will appear in *Facta Philosophica*, Vol. 9 (2007).

POLITICAL SCIENCE

The Department of Political Science is again offering its Model United Nations course under the supervision of **Dr. Marc Doucet**. A student delegation of 19 students will attend the Canadian International Model United Nations (CANIMUN) conference in Ottawa from March 12-15 and the National Model United Nations (NMUN) in New York from April 22-27. CANIMUN is Canada's only officially bilingual conference and brings together Canadian university students from across the country. NMUN is one of the largest Model UN conferences in the world, bringing some 3,000 students to New York to debate the most pressing issues of contemporary world politics.

Dr. Alexandra Dobrowolsky presented her paper, "Charter Champions? Women and Equality After 25 Years of Charter Challenges," at an invited workshop sponsored by the Université de Montréal/McGill University's Institut d'études européennes / Institute for European Studies on July 9, 2007.

PSYCHOLOGY

Dr. Arla Day has been elected as a Fellow of the Canadian Psychological Association. Her election recognizes her achievements as both a researcher and a promoter of the application of Industrial / Organizational (I/O) psychology.

RELIGIOUS STUDIES

Dr. Anne Marie Dalton presented a paper entitled, "Which Women? Which Religion? What Development: The World Bank and Religion" at the Women, Religion and Development Conference at University of Ottawa, November 8, 2007.

Dr. Anne Marie Dalton's "The Contribution of Ziauddin Sardar's Work to the Religion-Science Conversation" was published in *World Futures: The Journal of General Evolution*. Vol.63, 8 (December 2007): 599-610.

Dr. Alec Soucy was invited to present a paper at a conference on The Anthropology of Vietnam in Vietnam, December 14-18. Dr. Soucy presented the paper, "Wedding Invitations and Relationship Negotiation in Hanoi."

SOCIOLOGY & CRIMINOLOGY

Dr. Val Marie Johnson organized a panel on Histories of Regulation as Histories of the Human Sciences and presented "Knowing and Governing Youth, Justice, and Liberalism in Canada, 1960-1971" at The Social Science History Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, November 18, 2007. She also served as the Panel Discussant on Migration Policy, Transnationalism and Gender at the Social Science History Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, November 16, 2007.

Dr. Zohreh Bayatrizi presented, "The 19th Century Project to Prevent Self-killing" on the same panel at the Social Science History Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, November 18, 2007.

Dr. Diane Crocker will be speaking on a Roundtable on Ethical Considerations for Socio Legal Research at the Mid Winter meeting of the Canadian Law and Society Association in Ottawa.

Dr. Zohreh Bayatrizi presented a paper titled 'The 19th Century Project to Prevent Self-killing' at the Social Science History Association Conference in Chicago (November). The paper discusses the process through which medicine and statistics became the primary frameworks within which suicide was understood, regulated, and prevented in the 19th century.

Dr. David Perrier's article, *The Security of Gambling and Gambling with Security: Hacking, Law Enforcement and Public Policy*, co-authored with **Dr. John McMullan**, was published in *International Gambling Studies*, Volume 7, Number 1, 43-58, 2007.

Dr. David Perrier also published his 6th edition of his book entitled "From Crime to Punishment: An Introduction to the Criminal Law System", co-authored with **Joel Pink** Q.C. Thompson/Carswell Publisher, April 2007.

TESL CENTRE

Maureen Sargent presented the session, "Public vs. Private: Myth vs. Reality," at the 2007 Canada Language Council conference: Quality: It's Everyone's Business, which was recently held in Victoria, BC. Sargent is Past Co-President of the CLC and she presented the session with **Robyn Inman**, International Director of Pacific Language Institute (PLI), with whom she shared the presidency.



In the News...

Dr. Blake Brown, History Department, was featured on the Andrew Krystal Show (Maritime Morning) where he discussed his appointment as Fulbright Visiting Chair at Vanderbilt University by the Canada-US Fulbright Commission. He will spend the next five months in Nashville where he will lecture and undertake a comparative study of gun control legislation.

Dr. Vic Catano, Psychology Department, was featured in numerous media outlets following the release of his study on workplace stress at universities in Canada. Media outlets reporting on his study included: *The Calgary Herald*, *The Edmonton Journal*, *The Hamilton Spectator*, *The National Post*, *The Vancouver Sun*, *The Regina Leader Post*, *The Ottawa Citizen*, and *The Montreal Gazette*.

Dr. Jim Cameron, Psychology Department, was featured on Live at 5 (CTV - Atlantic). The popular show highlighted his work as a professor and as a bassist with his rock group, The Sorries.

Dr. John Chamard, Management Department, was interviewed by CTV News, CBC Radio (Nova Scotia) and *The Halifax Daily News* regarding issues facing retailers and consumers. He also wrote a column for *The Halifax Chronicle-Herald* about the importance of family business in Nova Scotia and the Maritimes.

Dr. Sean Cleary, Finance, Information Systems & Management Science Department, was interviewed by CBC Radio (Halifax), CBC National, CTV News (Atlantic and National), *The Halifax Chronicle-Herald*, and *The Halifax Daily News* about the rise in the Canadian dollar.

Dr. Diane Crocker, Sociology Department, was interviewed by CJCJ (1270 AM) and *The Halifax Chronicle-Herald* about the restorative justice meeting in Nova Scotia which she organized with a number of professors.

Dr. Arla Day, Psychology Department, was quoted in *The Halifax Daily News* about parental leave.

Dr. J. Colin Dodds, President, Saint Mary's, was featured in *The Halifax Daily News* and *The Halifax Chronicle-Herald* where he discussed campus renewal initiatives and the importance of attracting students from abroad to Nova Scotia universities. He was also quoted in *The Halifax Daily News* and *The Halifax Chronicle Herald* regarding the Government of Canada's \$2 million support for a new Atrium and Global Learning Commons at Saint Mary's. CTV News (Atlantic), CBC TV (Halifax), CBC Radio (Nova Scotia) and the Canadian Press (CP) also covered the story. As well, Dr. Dodds contributed a regular column to *The Halifax Daily News* on finance topics in the global economy. This past semester, he was also interviewed by *Macleans Magazine* regarding the growth of Saint Mary's and its international reach.

Dr. Cathy Driscoll, Management Department, was interviewed on CBC Information Morning (Halifax) where she discussed ethics and bankruptcy.

Dr. Lori Francis, Psychology Department, was interviewed by CBC Mainstreet (Halifax) about the workforce in Nova Scotia.

Dr. Gordon Fullerton, Marketing Department, was interviewed by CBC Sounds Like Canada regarding provinces' use of strategic branding initiatives for marketing purposes.

Dr. Judy and **Dr. Larry Haiven**, Management Department, were interviewed by *The Halifax Chronicle-Herald* and *The Cape Breton Post* on several occasions regarding their recent study on health care workers' right to strike which appeared in the Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives. Dr. Judy Haiven was also interviewed by *The Halifax Chronicle-Herald* about charities in Nova Scotia.

Dr. Kevin Kelloway, Management and Psychology Departments, was featured on CBC Mainstreet (Halifax) where he discussed labour and family time.

Dave Lane, Astronomy and Physics, was featured on CBC Information Morning (Halifax), CBC Canada Now, CTV News (Atlantic and National), and Global National News where he spoke about the eclipse on February 20, 2008. He was also featured on EastLink TV Magazine where he discussed the leap year. As well, he was interviewed by CBC Canada Now (National) and CTV News (Atlantic and National) about bright lights that filled the night sky in mid-December that appeared as a result of dumped rocket fuel in space. As well, *The Halifax Chronicle-Herald* highlighted the news of Lane winning the esteemed Science Champion Award from the Discovery Centre.

Heather MacLeod-Leslie, Anthropology Department, spoke on the Andrew Krystal Show (Maritime Morning) about issues facing African Nova Scotians/Canadians.

Dr. Pawan Lingras, Mathematics and Computing Science, appeared on Live at 5:00 (CTV - Atlantic) where he spoke about growing popularity of social networking applications such as Facebook and My Space.

The Vancouver Sun featured **Dr. Jeremy Lundholm**, Biology Department, and his "green roof" research.

Dr. Tanya Peckmann, Anthropology Department, was interviewed by *Macleans Magazine* about the Saint Mary's experience.

Martin Rutte, International Chair of the Centre for the Spirituality and the Workplace at Saint Mary's, appeared on CKDU FM (Halifax) where he spoke about why big businesses in Canada and the USA may consider banning email use among employees in order to boost productivity.

Dr. Madine VanderPlaats, Sociology Department, was interviewed by *The Halifax Chronicle-Herald* regarding the importance of Nova Scotia attracting more immigrants.

Dr. David Turner, Astronomy and Physics, and a team of astronomers from Saint Mary's, found a star roughly 100,000 times more luminous than our sun with a surface temperature of nearly 45,000 C. The following media outlets covered the major discovery: *The Vancouver Sun*, *The Edmonton Journal*, *The Ottawa Citizen*, *The Saskatoon Star Phoenix*, *The Windsor Star*, *The Calgary Herald*, *The National Post*, *The Andrew Krystal Show (Maritime Morning)*, and *The Halifax Daily News*.

Dr. David Wicks, Dean of the Sobey School of Business, was featured in a live segment on CBC Mainstreet (Halifax) where he discussed pay-day loan outlets in the province.

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Santamarians Address Pet Overpopulation Through Planned Pethood

A new non-profit organization formed by a group of Santamarians should be a great treat for pet owners.

"Planned Pethood will seek to help prevent the further overpopulation of companion animals by providing financial aid to approved applicants for spay and neuter operations," said Brittany Hilton, a fourth year psychology student at Saint Mary's.

"We recognize that spaying and neutering is the most humane and effective way to control the overwhelming pet overpopulation, which has reached a critical level. Local shelters are full and struggling to stretch limited resources in order to meet the needs of the animals already in their care, yet the number of pets that are unwanted and unplanned for continues to grow exponentially. As a result, too many cats and dogs are euthanized annually or fated to suffer as strays," explained the 23 year-old.

Hilton, along with Saint Mary's graduates Jason Ellsworth and Julia Fitzgerald, spent ample time sniffing out the idea to form *Planned Pethood*. They knew that their organization would benefit society, and are now working with the business community — both locally and nationally — to ensure that it grows.

They have also developed a comprehensive Humane Education Program (HEP) which will soon be made available in the form of an e-module online. The HEP is an e-learning certificate course that they will eventually lobby so that it becomes mandatory for owners to adopt a pet, buy a pet, or breed.

Hilton is currently the president of Partnership for Animal Welfare (PAWS), an active society at Saint Mary's. Ellsworth and Fitzgerald are past presidents.

"Planned Pethood is an extension of PAWS," said Hilton. "This new initiative is broader in scope and one we want to grow right across Canada."

The Nova Scotia Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (NSSPCA) estimates there to be 300,000 feral cats — cats who have never had contact with humans and who are the offspring of abandoned, unaltered domestic cats — roaming the parks, waterfronts, backyards, and back streets of the Halifax Regional Municipality (HRM). Over a seven year period, two cats and their offspring can theoretically produce a staggering 420,000 kittens.

The over-population of felines is now considered such a widespread problem that the HRM has recently passed the A-300 City Bylaw, which gives residents and Animal Control Officers the power to trap cats who will be euthanized if left unclaimed for three days. The controversial new bylaw will come into effect this April.

According to Ellsworth, Planned Pethood's humane solution to the overpopulation of companion animals is based on the philosophy of prevention.

"By providing spay and neuter assistance to eligible applicants, we seek to drastically reduce the large numbers of unplanned and unwanted companion animals born annually. Most domestic pet breeding is accidental, so by helping to finance these procedures we will help to ensure that fewer animals are dropped off or returned to shelters, euthanized, mistreated or abandoned, which further reduces the pet overpopulation crisis," he said.

Said Fitzgerald, "To reach our goal, we will identify local veterinarians who are willing to offer discounted spay and neuter operations to Planned Pethood-approved clients."

"By entering a partnership with those professionals who share our vision, we will drastically reduce our costs. We believe that knowledge is power, and by making the public aware of the pet overpopulation crisis and issues relevant to the welfare of companion animals, we can instigate positive change," she added.

For more information about Planned Pethood, please e-mail contact@plannedpethood.ca

Winners of Academic Writing Awards Announced

It's official. The judges for the Saint Mary's University Academic Writing Awards have announced the Fall 2007 winners of this competitive award.

"This is the third time we've run the awards, and we received the greatest number of entries to date," said Julie-Ann Vincent, Director of the Saint Mary's Writing Centre. The Centre is located on the main level of the Burke Building.

"The decision to vote on winners becomes harder each time as we receive top-notch submissions," she added. Students can submit papers with the approval of their course professors, or faculty members can suggest that particular students enter. The prize is \$100 and an awards entry on the student's transcript. Runners-up receive \$50.

Vincent and Heather Sanderson (Information Literacy Librarian) served as judges in all categories. Other judges in specific categories included Dr. Nicole Neatby (History) and Dr. Rohini Bannerjee (French) for Arts; Dr. Jeremy Lundholm (Biology) for Science; and Dr. Karen Lightstone (Accounting) for Business.

Congratulations to all winners!

- **BEST UPPER-LEVEL ARTS PAPER** Alex Colgan
Marx and Hegel: The Premise Not Taken (Political Science)
- **RUNNER UP, UPPER-LEVEL ARTS PAPER** Phoebe Smith
Simulation Report (Political Science)
- **BEST FIRST-YEAR ARTS PAPER** Liz MacKenzie
The External World of Skepticism (Philosophy)
- **BEST UPPER-LEVEL BUSINESS PAPER** Barbara Capes
Requested Report on the Best Region in Nova Scotia for Co-Production: Glace Bay (Marketing)
- **RUNNER UP, UPPER-LEVEL BUSINESS PAPER** Skylar Loder
Co-op Work Term Report (Co-op)
- **BEST UNDERGRADUATE SCIENCE PAPER** Kendra Matheson
The Toppling of Giants: Paradigms in the Understanding of the South American Plio-Pleistocene Extinction (Geology)

The deadline for the Winter 2008 Saint Mary's University Academic Writing Awards is April 30, 2008. For full details, Please visit www.smu.ca/academic/writingcentre

Director of Writing Centre Shines in "You're Hired!" Competition

Julie-Ann Vincent, Director of the Writing Centre, has won the *You're Hired!* Interview Competition organized through Dalhousie University's Faculty of Management. The competition, sponsored by Bell Aliant, required applicants to submit a resume and cover letter for a job posting at Bell Aliant. From these submissions, the top 24 competitors were invited to a feedback session and one-on-one interviews with industry recruiters. The top three competitors were then interviewed by a panel of Bell Aliant human resource professionals and Dalhousie management professors. This interview was conducted in front of an audience, with one interviewer's thoughts and notes projected on a screen for the audience to view.

Time for Wine



More than 200 members of the University community attended the annual Time for Wine winetasting and silent auction this February. The highly anticipated event celebrated a record year, raising more than \$10,000 in support of student financial aid. Among those in attendance were, left to right, Dinah Grace, Event Chair (B Comm '91) and Bill & Lisa Haley.