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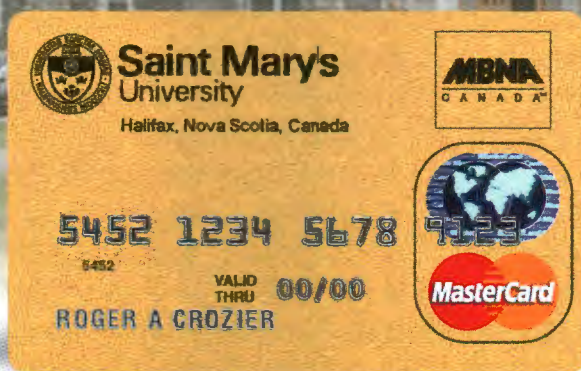
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**DIRECTOR'S NOTE**

**Barry Gallant,**  
BA '88, BEd '89, MEd '93  
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*Dear Santamarians,*

As the new millennium approaches, your alma mater continues to focus on the

future. At Saint Mary's a brand new state of the art Business School greets students and alumni on campus, equipped with the latest technology available. The official opening of the Sobey Building in November 1998 represented a new era in teaching and learning. The future looks bright for students at Saint Mary's University, thanks in no small part to the support and dedication of Saint Mary's alumni who took an active role in every phase of this project from start to finish. I encourage you to visit campus and tour the Sobey Building – you'll definitely like what you see!

Our cover feature, written by alumnus Paul Fitzgerald, focuses on a remarkable Santamarian. Kevin Cleary has "done it all" at Saint Mary's. As a student, he was active in all aspects of campus life. As an employee of Saint Mary's, he served as Assistant to the Dean of Studies, Registrar, Coordinator of Alumni and Secretary of Senate.

I have been very fortunate to work with Kevin Cleary. He truly exemplifies what it means to be a Santamarian through his hard work and dedication to his alma mater. Congratulations and best wishes Kevin, from the Alumni Association, on your retirement in July 1999.

This edition also has news about alumni activities taking place around the world from Toronto to Trinidad! Special thanks to all alumni who planned and attended events. For those of you who were unable to attend, contact the alumni representative in your area and plan to get involved with your local Branch.

As always, you are invited to comment on the Maroon & White magazine. If there is something you would like to see, or should you have a story idea, please let us know. We'd love to hear from you by letter, fax or e-mail. Please keep in touch.

Enjoy this issue of the Maroon & White.

Barry Gallant  
BA'88, BEd'89, MEd'93

# MAROON AND WHITE

A Magazine for Alumni and Friends of Saint Mary's University

**COVER STORY:** From the moment Kevin Cleary walked up the stairs of the McNally building back in 1952, he just knew that he was ready for the experience of his life as a student. But what he never did realize was that he would spend the next forty-six years here on campus. This summer, he will walk out the main doors with his belongings, and officially retire from his position as Secretary to the Senate. Over the years he has seen so much change, and has met so many wonderful people at the University. His story of almost five decades at Saint Mary's is on page 3.

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## ALUMNI PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Fellow  
Santamarians,

Happy New Year! Do your New Year's resolutions include becoming more active in your Alumni Association in 1999? This is one resolution that is easy to keep and can be a lot of fun too. Why not add it to your list? There are plenty of opportunities to be involved, many of which do not require large commitments of your valuable time.

The Branches Committee, chaired by Tim Westhaver, is busy planning receptions and events throughout the Atlantic provinces for the next few months. The Executive of the Association and I look forward to meeting you as we travel the provinces. So far, we have booked dates

in Sydney, Charlottetown, Moncton and Halifax. If you are interested in having us help you organize a reception in your community, please contact me. Establishing a branch, or a chapter is a great way to keep in touch with other alumni on a regular basis. In November, I attended a lively alumni reception in Port of Spain, Trinidad and thoroughly enjoyed renewing acquaintances from almost thirty years ago. I noticed, with pleasure, that many alumni from different years knew each other and kept in touch throughout the years. On the same trip, I met alumni in Nassau who were eager for news of faculty, friends and to form a branch and renew contact with others from their years of study.

The Homecoming Committee, chaired by Heather Harris, had a huge success with the Homecoming Weekend. It was wonderful to see so many alumni and their families on campus for the re-

ception, **Sports Hall of Fame inductions**, the football game and the hockey game. The committee worked **very hard** to include events or activities for **all interests**. We have suggestions for **new events** for next year - hope we'll see you there if you didn't make it this year.

Welcome to the 1998 Fall Convocation graduates. You are our newest Alumni and we all look forward to your active participation in Alumni activities in the future.

Ann MacGillivray  
BComm'71, MBA'95



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It's mid morning, and a wave of fog hovers over the campus. In a matter of seconds it moves closer, and then sits peacefully on top of the McNally building. The grey sky, mingled with the white haze that seems to enclose the south end from the rest of the city, blends perfectly with the grey wet bricks, and shiny wooden brown doors of the old McNally building. It's like a perfect black and white snapshot of when it was built almost fifty years ago, just around the time the Jesuits walked through the main doors to begin their teaching and administrative duties at the University.

Inside the old building, the damp air from the outside brings with it a distinctive smell of old wood. And just as the big, heavy wooden doors of the main entrance close, they quickly open again. A few students quickly rush in with their book bags in one hand and umbrellas in the other. Class is about to begin in a few minutes, so the main hallway is filling up with faculty and students.

In his office just off the main hallway, Kevin Cleary has both hands in his pockets, and he stands, staring out his window. His view is of the courtyard between the old building and the library. "How time flies," he says in a solemn tone.

He moves around his office slowly, taking it all in, and knowing full well that his forty-six years at the University have come to an end. This summer, he will walk out the doors of the McNally building with his belongings, and officially retire from his position as Secretary to the Senate.

At first he isn't sure how to describe his years at Saint Mary's. Then, he looks over and points to 38 volumes of Senate minutes, dating from May, 1963 to August, 1998.

"Here is my life," he laughs. "It seems like yesterday that I first walked in the main doors of this school as a student, and now it's time to leave."

He first started his education in 1951 at McGill University, where he studied engineering. The next summer he returned to his home in Bishops Falls, Newfoundland for a vacation. One day a friend of the family, Mike Fitzpatrick, who graduated from Saint Mary's in 1941, dropped by the house for a visit. Fitzpatrick told Cleary all about his enriching educational experience and fun he had as a student at Saint Mary's.

"You just have to go to Saint Mary's. It's an experience you'll never forget," is all Fitzpatrick kept saying to me," says Cleary.

So, just a few months after their conversation, Cleary found himself on the front steps of the McNally building with his suitcase in hand, ready for classes, and excited to find the "experience" that made such an impression on him.

He certainly found what he was looking for. In fact, he got more than he bargained for. From that moment he walked up the stairs to the main doors, he never realized that he would remain a fixture here at the institution for almost five decades.

Armed with an Anglo Newfoundland Development Company Scholarship, a lucrative scholarship



which allowed only two students from Newfoundland to study at any Canadian or British university, he began studying engineering.

But after attending a philosophy public lecture in the early part of first semester, he was convinced that he would be better off pursuing an Arts Degree, which he completed in 1957.

One year later he would graduate in the first Bachelor of Education class at Saint Mary's. An old picture of him and the three other graduates of the program sits in his office.

## No Bad Memories is the Best Memory After 46 years, Kevin Cleary retires

by Paul Fitzgerald

He then went on to teach in Grand Falls, Newfoundland for two years. Realizing the importance of continuing his education, he returned to Saint Mary's and completed a Master of Arts degree. However, just when he was making plans to head back to Newfoundland in 1962, Father William Stewart asked Cleary to stay on for a while as his assistant. The rest is history.

Shortly after, he took the job as Registrar for ten years, and then moved into the position as Secretary to the Senate.

"I was only going to be Father Stewart's assistant for a couple of years. Then I was only going to take the Registrar's job for a couple of years. And then I

was only going to work in the Senate Office for a couple of years," he says. "What turned out to be a couple of years lasted a long, long time."

When he looks back over the years, he starts to laugh a little, remembering all the good times he had at Saint Mary's. But then he becomes quiet, and his eyes begin to water. "I think of so many things when I look back over the years," he says, wiping a tear.

"It's hard to think back about my best memory of my time here," he says. "I remember the day that Fitzpatrick came by my house and told me to come to Saint Mary's. I remember my first graduation. And I remember all the great people I've met here over the years," he says. "My best memory of Saint Mary's is that there are no bad memories," he says now laughing.

He says that being taught by the Jesuits was a different learning experience altogether. "The Jesuits had their rules, and they were all excellent professors" he says. "I lived on residence, and lights had to be out at 11:00 pm, and when exams were on lights had to be out by 12:30 am. The Jesuits were strict and they made sure we followed the rules."

He recalls his first experience of negotiating with a Jesuit. "The lights-out rule was always in effect," he says. "Me and some other guys wanted to hear the end of a CBC radio show one night, and we knew it would run past 11:00. So, since we each got a pint of milk with every meal, I gave mine to Father Mike O'Donnell, who was the then Dean of Men. My pint of milk allowed us to listen to that radio show. This was my first successful attempt at negotiating, something I wasn't sure would work with a Jesuit, but I gave it a shot anyway."

As a student he also enjoyed the international flavour of the campus, saying that this in itself was an educational experience. "I had men on my floor and professors from abroad. The more I spoke with them and got to know them, the more I became aware of the world around me."

He has certainly seen his share of change over the years at the University. The first computer on campus, night classes being offered, women enrolling in programs, the Jesuits departure from their teaching and administrative duties, and all the new undergraduate and graduate programs, are the changes he highlights.

For the last ten years, he has also overseen the operations of the Drama Society on campus, a job that once belonged to Father Stewart. "When Father Stewart retired, he asked me if I would take on the responsibility to help out the society," he says. "In a fit of madness, I said I would do it for a while, and a decade later I am still helping them," he laughs.

Soon, he will finish packing his pictures and other memorabilia from his office into boxes, and will make his way out the same doors he entered as a young man.

By then, it will be summer, and the fog and damp air will have disappeared. The front of the building and the campus will be hit by the sunlight, just like it was when he first arrived here in the late summer of 1952.

And as Cleary always reminds us - "My, how things have changed."





# Homecoming '98

## *Saint Mary's University – Something for Everyone!!*

### *50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Class of '48 Homecoming Weekend '98*

*By Ron Downie, BA'48*

**H**omecoming Weekend '98 was a great networking experience! Alumni came back to campus to celebrate with classmates, teammates and friends. Lots of activities took place throughout the weekend – including a Saint Mary's Sport Hall of Fame Golf Tournament at Ashburn Golf Course, Drop-In at Alumni House, Golden Grad Luncheon held in the new Sobeys Building hosted by Dr. & Mrs. Ozmon, Campus Tours, Alumni Men's Basketball Game, Opening Reception, SMU Sport Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony, Family Fun for the Kiddies with the SMU Ambassadors, Homecoming Football Game SMU vs St FX, Beer Garden with the local band "Big Fish", SMU Hockey Game SMU vs St. FX, CIBC Run for the Cure – in support of the Canadian Breast Cancer Foundation, 1973 Vanier Cup Football Brunch and Women's & Men's Soccer Games.

All of this is what made Homecoming '98 such a successful weekend with record numbers of alumni in attendance. So mark your calendar now and plan to attend Homecoming 1999 – October 14-17, 1999.

Some of us here today entered Saint Mary's as High School students in September of 1942 — those were still difficult days of the Second World War. We spent the next six years here – or more accurately, there on Windsor Street.

It is peculiar how one has difficulty remembering the serious things which occurred during those six years. One serious subject I do remember was the printing from time to time in the College newspaper of Santamarians missing in action or killed in action. However, much of what is remembered seems to be of the peculiar, the humorous and of the various characters who abounded.

I recollect my old buddy Tom Trainor who identified everyone by reference to the make, model and year

of the car the family drove; there was Don Boyd – Class of '47 – pushing Father Filion to distraction by the use of rough Acadian French during French literature classes; I recall the ineptitude, but great spirit, of some of the inter-faculty football squads produced by Arts and Commerce facilities; I have in mind the last wartime year of COTC in 1945 when we were in Camp Aldershot and we used, to great advantage, the recently learned "panther crawl" to move across the open fields and back into camp after hours; there are memories of the formal proms when mickeys of cheap, dark rum were kept in brown paper bags under the tables because it would have been a patent violation of the law to have a bottle on the table; and who can forget the old, canvas, khaki football pants and leather helmets we wore – cast-off from the 1930's Holy Cross (I believe it was). On some of us, those football pants extended from well up under the armpits to down over the ankles.

Saint Mary's was small in those days, but I believe we produced some good people and we tried to do al-





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most everything a college or university should do. A reasonable range of academic subjects was offered; there were no graduate courses; little or no specializing; no designation of area of a major, or a minor. We competed at varsity level sports, produced a newspaper and a year book, engaged in theatrics, had good debating teams, organized speaking contests and had a full range of campus organizations.

I think that the Jesuits and those who preceded them believed that the proper education of young men involved classroom activity for most of the day, followed by tiring sports on the playing fields and then an evening of study. The theory was that exhausted young men got into less trouble than otherwise.

We remember with affection Fr. Burke-Gaffney, Professors Jim Ryan and Al Sabeau in Engineering; Harold Beazley, in Commerce; and, in Arts, among others, Frs. Mike O'Donnell, Gordon George, La Belle, Stanford & Rourke.

I think that it is impossible to know the extent of the influence -hopefully for good - which university years have upon our lives. I believe that the influence is, or can, profound; it is life-shaping. Underlying all else, we recollect the institutional attempts to instill moral and ethical standards. Whoever first referred to one's university as a foster or a fostering mother - an Alma Mater - was a very perceptive person.

I suggest that we had the benefit of a demanding but warm fostering mother while at Saint Mary's.



## Class of 1948 Golden Grads Luncheon held in the new Sobey's Building, Homecoming Weekend 1998.



(L to R) Fr. Terry O'Toole, BA'48, Fr. Lloyd Robertson, BA'48, Gerald Mader, BSc'48, Dan Kirk, DipEng'47, BSc'48, Fr. Greg Heenan, BA'48 and Ron Downie, BA'48



# Special Tribute to a Dedicated Individual

During Homecoming Weekend celebrations, the Saint Mary's University Alumni Association paid special tribute to a dedicated individual who has rendered significant service to the University through the Department of Athletics & Recreation and the Alumni Association.

Chris Larsen has been associated with the Saint Mary's hockey program, since 1995. In that time period, he has served as Assistant Coach of the Hockey Huskies during 1995/96 and 1996/97 seasons. Last year, he served as Director of Development for the Huskies. He has been instrumental in developing close ties between the Varsity hockey program and the alumni of Saint Mary's University through the formation of the Huskies Hockey Advisory Committee, Friends of the Hockey Huskies and alumni.

Congratulations Chris and welcome to the Saint Mary's University Alumni Association.



Ann MacGillivray, President, Saint Mary's University Alumni Association and Chris Larsen, Assc '98.

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*Acting Director of Alumni*

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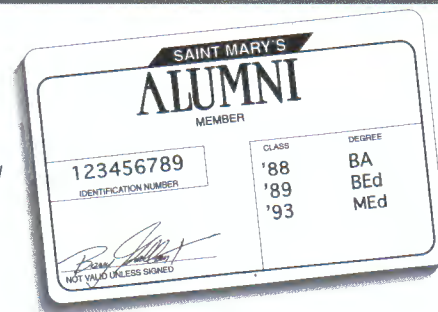
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# Saint Mary's University Alumni Association 1998 Annual Golf Tournament

**O**n Thursday, August 27, 1998, the 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Saint Mary's University Alumni Association Golf Tournament was held at Oakfield Golf & Country Club. A total of 185 Alumni, friends and supporters were registered in the largest ever Alumni Golf Tournament event. Many thanks to the members of the Committee: Kelly Shannon, Chair, Mike Burgoyne, Shaun Fougere, Al Jenkins, Jamie O'Neil, Frank Robinson, Dave Sexton, Chris Matheson, and Barry Gallant in making this event a success. Special Thanks to our major corporate sponsors: Pepsi, Sobey's, Bank of Montreal, Daily News, Wood Motors Ford, Meloche Monnex, Bank of Nova Scotia, PricewaterhouseCoopers, Quaker, Midland Walwyn, Hostess Frito-Lay and many other local metro-area businesses, who donated cash or prizes in excess of \$500.00 in value. A Pre-Tournament Reception was held at the Courtside Lounge of The Tower on Wednesday, August 26<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. The major prize of a Taylor Made Bubble II Titanium driver with a retail value of \$550.00 was given away along with other prizes.

The Tournament commenced with a shot-gun start at 1:00 p.m. Thirty-seven teams played through 18 holes on a modified scramble format with contest holes, including longest drive, closest to the pin, beat the pro, and hole-in-one prizes. The top ten teams participating in the event were awarded prizes and a total of approximately 65 prize packages were distributed to individual members of the remaining teams. Approximately \$15,000 in prizes was given away during the event.

The Friends of the Huskies Society participated in fundraising activities on site during the tournament including a raffle draw and two putting contests and as a result, they were successful in raising almost \$1,500.00 in support of the Huskies Hockey Team. Special thanks to all volunteers who helped during the event We look forward to another successful tournament in 1999 which will be co-chaired by committee members Jamie O'Neil and Mike Burgoyne.



**First Place Winners of the 1998 Annual Alumni Golf Tournament**

(L to R) John Harrington, Bruce Hopkins, Larry Belliveau, Roger MacKinnon, Rand Kellock (missing from photo) and Kelly Shannon, Chair, 1998 Annual Alumni Golf Tournament



(L to R) Barry Gallant, Acting Director of Alumni, Kelly Shannon, Chair, 1998 Annual Alumni Golf Tournament and Ken Donnolly, Winner of the Taylor Made Bubble II Titanium driver.





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# The Swiss Air Tragedy

by Paul Fitzgerald

The tragic Swiss Air crash that happened just five months ago off the coast of Peggy's Cove sent shock waves across the Maritimes and around the world. The pilots flying the major commercial airline radioed to control towers in the area indicating that there was smoke in the cockpit. The pilots were forced to find an airport, and land the plane safely. But the plane never landed. Instead, it plunged into the ocean, and all 229 passengers on board perished. Millions of people around the world tuned into their local radio and TV news stations and read the newspapers closely to learn more about the horrifying incident that happened on a scheduled flight from New York to Geneva.

The impact of such an accident was a painful experience for the victims' families, and for those living in the community. So, having support teams on hand for that horrifying day in early September was key.

When a city in Canada declares an emergency, support teams from many federal, provincial, and municipal government departments are called into action, such as the Military, RCMP, and police. The Emergency Social Services (ESS) are one such agency who began working immediately in providing various kinds of assistance. Many of those who belong to the ESS are normally employed by local or provincial government organizations.

So, when the City of Halifax notified the community that there was an emergency, many people through ESS began working day and night to provide assistance to the families and people living in nearby communities.

"Like everyone else, I was shocked to hear that the plane went down just near Peggy's Cove," says John Webb, who graduated with his Bachelor of Arts in 1972. He is a district manager with the Department of Community Services, and is also the Regional Coordinator for ESS. The mission of the ESS in this case was to work closely with the Department of Health and the Red Cross to primarily look after the physical and psychologi-

cal health of those affected by the crash.

Webb spent much of his time at the operations centre, which was located in the Red Cross building in Halifax's north end. "We worked long hours to ensure that we would provide as much support as possible. The families had to deal with so much pain when they learned that their loved ones lost their lives in the crash," he says. "Even people in the local community were affected. So, we were busy providing as much support as possible."

**The impact of such an accident was a painful experience for the victims' families, and for those living in the community.**

Jim Magee, who graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in 1966, also works with the Department of Community Services as a Casework Supervisor and is also the Department's Emergency Planning Officer.

He worked at the Lord Nelson Hotel in downtown Halifax, where the victims families stayed while visiting the crash site. "It was extremely emotional to see the families," he says. "They felt so much grief."

He found himself performing all sorts of duties. Acting as a liaison with Swiss Air and Delta Air, providing support to the families, organizing transportation for the families, and attending family briefings were among the long list of things-to-do at the hotel. "When there is an emergency of this calibre, you will always find yourself do-



The tragic Swiss Air crash sent shock waves around the world. John Webb, who graduated with his Bachelor of Arts in 1972, is a district manager with the Department of Community Services, and is also the Regional Coordinator for Emergency Social Services (ESS). He spent many hours providing support needed following the tragic accident.

ing more than one job," he says. "We never once questioned the work we did. We just knew that we had to do it."

Joan Parks indicates that a temporary morgue was set-up in Shearwater. She graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in 1975, and is the Coordinator of Occupational Health and Safety for the Department of Community Services.

She worked with the Department of Health in helping to co-ordinate the provincial government staff and the community's "critical incidence stress" response to the tragedy. "It is very important that responders in such a crisis have an opportunity to talk about their experiences, to normalize their feeling and to attempt to have some closure once their work is completed," she says. "Debriefing goes a long way towards preventing future difficulties for those who gave so willingly during the crisis."

"The morgue set-up was a painful place for everyone to work, and there was a tremendous number of people there all the time" she says. "Another job that was very hard was for those who had to comb the ocean and find the remains of bodies. It is these types of situations where people like us need to provide support, as the whole experience is very overwhelming."

While the search continues to find the remaining pieces of the plane, which sits somewhere, our three alumni say the Swiss Air crash will always remain a tragic memory for many people.

All three are ready at any time to provide their support when an emergency is declared by the City. But as always, they have their fingers crossed, hoping that an emergency of any kind never happens.







# Volunteers Throughout the Years

*Volunteers continue to be a valuable resource to the Saint Mary's University Alumni Association. We would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge some of our alumni volunteers who have served their alma mater. Your dedication and commitment to your Alumni Association are greatly appreciated.*

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## Alumni Skate 1999

The Alumni Skate will take place on Sundays from 1 p.m. - 3 p.m. at the Alumni Arena on campus. Admission is \$3.00/person. For groups of 4 - 10 people, the cost is \$10.00/group. Larger groups must contact the Alumni Office at 420-5420 for special group rates.

### 1999

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U98 House Lottery winner Gary Staples

Gary and Barbara Staples of Bedford, Nova Scotia are absolutely thrilled to have won the University '98 house at 2 Kingsley Close in Clayton Park West.

The draw date was November 24, 1998 at 2:00

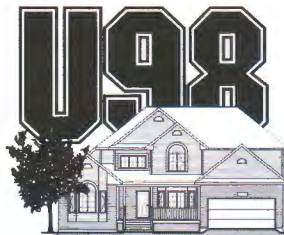
## U98 House Lottery A Major Success

p.m. and hundreds of people gathered outside the house to see who would win. The lucky couple received a phone call from

Pat Forbes, Chair of the University House Lottery informing them of the good news. Gary and Barbara moved into their new home in December 1998.

This year's lottery was a magnificent success with 5129 tickets being sold, an increase of 129 from the previous years sales. The net proceeds to the University will exceed \$200,000 and will fund the Atlantic Centre of Support for Disabled Students through equipment purchases and our alumni leadership award program for deserving varsity athletes.

The U98 Lottery Committee would like to extend thanks to alumni and friends of Saint Mary's who supported the project and plans are now underway for the University '99 House Lottery.



## FRIENDS OF SAINT MARY'S UNIVERSITY

**A** new corporation the Friends of Saint Mary's University has been set up to allow alumni living in the United States to donate corporate gifts and matching gifts with tax benefits.

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## SAINT MARY'S UNIVERSITY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

# 1999

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### 1999 ALUMNI ANNUAL DINNER & DANCE

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# New Sobeys Building at Saint Mary's Officially Opens

## *A night to remember*

**H**undreds of guests lifted their glasses of champagne high to salute the grand opening of one of the best instructional and learning facilities in North America – the Sobeys building.

"We've been waiting for this moment for a long time," said an enthusiastic Dr. Kenneth L. Ozmon, President of Saint Mary's, at the ceremony on November 19.

Just before the toast took place, all the guests sat anxiously inside the Conference Theatre of the new building, and watched the ribbon cutting and plaque unveiling ceremonies on the room's big screen. The new technology throughout the entire facility allowed for a camera to feed the footage from the main lobby into the large size Theatre.

It was truly a special night for everyone who attended. Bagpipers played for guests entering the main doors of the new building. While inside, everyone took in the memorable ceremony, and also toured the new facility and the newly renovated Loyola Academic Complex. Those in attendance ranged from former premiers of the province, politicians from all three levels of government, prominent business leaders from the community, senior University administrators, faculty, staff, students, and alumni.

Dr. David Sobey, Chair of the Building on Strength Campaign, after whose father, The Frank H. Sobey Faculty of Commerce is named, told the audience that the Sobey family's association with Saint Mary's University extends back many years.

"I believe, as does the Sobey Family, that Nova Scotia and Canada are well served by Saint Mary's University," he said. "The relationship and association have grown stronger each year as we have come to know each other. There are many stories that I could tell from my experiences as Chairman.

Building on Strength Capital Campaign which concluded last spring. As you know, we exceeded our private sector goal and, with the contribution of both the Government of Nova Scotia and the Government of Canada, this building has been



The ribbon cutting ceremony. From the left: Archbishop Terrence Prendergast; David Rickard, Architect; Robert Belliveau, QC, Chair of the Board of Governors; Dr. Colin Dodds, Vice-President, Academic and Research; Dr. David Sobey, C.M. Chair of the Building on Strength Campaign; Russell MacLellan, Premier of Nova Scotia; Dr. Kenneth L. Ozmon, OC, President of Saint Mary's; Trevor O'Brien, President of the Students' Association; Michael Zatzman, Chair of the Adhoc Committee for the Sobeys Project; and Senator Willfred Moore.

built. There are also many more scholarships and other activities which have benefited from that Campaign."

Robert Belliveau, QC, Chair of the University's Board of Governors, said it was 36 years ago this fall that he walked through the doors of the McNally building with fellow Board member, Fred MacGillivray.

"This day has been achieved because of the remarkable dedication of many individuals whose sole purpose has been the continued success of Saint Mary's," he said. "The marble, brick and glass that surround us are the culmination of more than 18 months of a highly intensive design and construction effort. The Sobeys building and the renovated Loyola Complex are the result of vision, leadership and commitment of those who have dedicated themselves to Saint Mary's."

All speakers that evening also stressed the hard work and dedication of Michael Zatzman, a member of the University's Board and head of the Adhoc Committee for the Sobeys Project; Guy Noel, retired Vice-President of Administration; Bert Bartheaux, Project Manager; David Rickard,

Architect; and Keith MacRae, Dineen Construction.

The building will house the largest and leading business school in Atlantic Canada as well as science and arts classes. The feedback from students is universally positive as they absolutely love the new facility and renovated Loyola Complex.

The computer lab capacity has more than doubled; there is close to \$1 million invested in new computers; classrooms are wired for voice, video and data with projectors; rooms are hooked into a sophisticated media delivery system which allows for video-conferencing and there are Internet connections in every room and meeting space. The building is fully wired for the day that portable computing does become affordable for students.

Comfort and ease of communication between students and faculty were key considerations when designing the new building and with this in mind there are lots of meeting and lounge spaces, as well as close to natural lighting as possible, outstanding acoustics and ventilation – windows that open and tables, chairs and counters allowing for ample work space and interaction.



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# CAMPUS DIGEST

## Dr. Dave Murphy works hard & plays hard

by Paul Fitzgerald

Dr. Dave Murphy enjoys some downtime in the lobby of his Dartmouth office. "We're charging everyone a buck for a bag of popcorn, but since you could make it here, I'll give you one for free. Now how's that for service?," he says with a big grin while reaching out for one of those solid hand shakes. Sure, he's a big doctor in town, with a lavish office just a stone's throw away from the ferry terminal. But no matter how successful he gets, he admits that he'll never stop having fun.

His secretaries shake their heads and laugh in a tone like they've seen him up to no good a million times.

"There's time for work," he says. "But I like to work hard and play hard. Life is just too short to be serious all the time."

So, just where did he learn how to be successful, and still know when to have fun?

"I was taught by the Jesuits," he says. "They embedded discipline, dedication, and desire into our brains. Everyone I went to school with back in the sixties developed those three things, and today we are all now very successful people."

He says that back in the old days, no one was even allowed to walk around the school without a sport coat and a tie on. "The Jesuits taught us that even though we might think the rules are stupid, we'd damn well better follow them. And they had all kinds of penalties if we did something wrong, I mean lots of penalties," he says.

Today, Murphy is just as popular on campus as he was almost 40 years ago. He came to Saint Mary's from Portland, Maine in 1962. Four years later he graduated with a Bachelor of Arts Degree, majoring in chemistry. He then went on to Dalhousie University and obtained a DDS Degree. And in 1970, he went to New York University where he conducted his internship at Bellvue Hospital.

During his time at Saint Mary's, he was not only

popular for getting good grades and getting into mischief, but also for being an outstanding quarterback for the Huskies. He took the football team to many wins, including the 1964 Atlantic Bowl game. During his time at Saint Mary's he also played junior varsity basketball.

His friends and peers will also never forget his hard work as a lab assistant in the first year chemistry laboratory in the old McNally building.

He's always had a strong love for football. During his first year at Dalhousie, he played for the Buccaneers Football Team, which was the then senior football club for Halifax.

While at NYU, he didn't play ball, but scooped season tickets for the New York Jets, and made sure he caught as many games as possible.

"I love ball," he says. "It's a great sport that is very addictive," he says, throwing his arm up for

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a pass, almost like he would if he were in a game.

After finishing at NYU, he moved back to Halifax and began practicing oral maxillofacial surgery. It's a demanding line of work as he conducts major facial surgery on patients. "I deal with people who have genetic malformations of their hard tissues, and I literally break their bones and put them where they are supposed to be," he says.

He was thrilled to start his career as he would be required to work long hours, perform intense surgery, and of course meet all sorts of people. But he still had a strong desire to come back on campus and join the Huskies football club.

He returned to the team, but this time he didn't run out into the stadium dressed in full gear, focused on throwing touchdown passes while hundreds of fans cheered the team on. Instead, he came back as an offensive coordinator, a demanding coaching position in football.

"We had an unbelievable team in 1973," he says. "It was a real pleasure to help coach them.



Dr. Dave Murphy (right) is joined by a fellow Santamarian, Skip Oliver. The two have been good buddies since their days at Saint Mary's..

We had a superb team with a bunch of great guys, and of course went to Toronto that year and won the Vanier Cup."

He worked with the team until 1976, just around the time he became interested in coaching local basketball. "I equally love the game on the court with the game on the field," he says. "I was not able to work and raise a family while coaching two sports. So, of course the choice was to make a move for basketball."

And what a move it was. That same year he and a friend formed the Norwood Knights Basketball Organization. Today it's the biggest organization of its kind in the city. He also has been coaching in this organization for the last 22 years.

Just around the time that he got back into basketball, he still had a strong desire to stay close to Saint Mary's, and returned to serve as a member of the University's Board of Governors.

Over the past few years he's had his plate full as a member of a number of professional organizations. He is the immediate past president of the Canadian Association for Maxillofacial Surgeons, and he is presently the Chief of Surgery at Dartmouth General Hospital.

"I like to stay busy," he says. "I like my family, my job, my sports, and a whole bunch of other things."

And as he walks towards the door in his office, he adds that he still likes to get into trouble every once and a while. With his right thumb up high, he says, "I've learned to master all sorts of traits, including getting into trouble and not getting caught. I am sure this was also a long term goal that the Jesuits would hope we all would learn someday."

He laughs and pulls out his hand for another big promising shake, and then opens the main door of his office. "I'll see that we keep our popcorn on stock in case you come by for another visit."



# All Eyes on SMU Alumnus

By Andrew W. Murphy, BA '97

"Okay. Sit back and relax. The chair will recline. I'm just going to position your head under the laser and grab the retainer. The retainer will hold your eye lids open comfortably of course."

This is a typical scenario at the Nova Vision eye laser clinic in the Halifax Shopping Centre, run by Mark Walsh, BA '89. This Newfoundland native says he opened the clinic last September and hasn't been happier. Walsh graduated from Saint Mary's with a major in Political Science. Perhaps a poli sci degree enables you to become the executive director of a laser vision clinic in some countries, but certainly not here in Canada. So how does that transition come about? Well, he says a number of interesting jobs led to this smooth shift from foreign policy to reshaping the cornea with laser technology.

"The year I graduated, I began working for the Nova Scotia World Commission on Health Care," says Walsh. "It was a commission to overhaul the health care system in our province."

Walsh did this for a year and then headed to the west coast. He worked at Douglas College doing institutional research. The title may sound impressive, but Walsh tells us not to be fooled.

"Basically I sat there and counted the number of people who used the photocopier and things like that," he says.

Besides creating tally charts of copiers, Walsh also kept himself busy by joining the 72nd Seaforth Highlanders of Vancouver and becoming an officer. He stayed in the military for three years. It was the military where he says he learned more in three years than the time at university. But both were positive experiences for him.

"The military taught me motivational and time management skills," he says, sitting back in his high back office chair. "I mean, god bless university, but political science didn't prep me for marketing ophthalmology."

Walsh's wife's father was an optometrist who bought a laser for his Vancouver clinic in 1992. His was one of the first clinics in Canada to have laser technology. Walsh says this was a crucial time for the growth and development in the eye laser correction business on a global scale so he decided to get involved.

"I developed a recruitment process and familiarized the staff with the equipment," he says smiling. "We had a call centre with a goal of doing 100 eyes per year, but by 1993 we were doing 100 people a month, and it just kept growing."

Walsh "rode the wave of development" as he called it, and ended up producing the best sales and education process for laser correction. And the proof is walking through his front door at his own clinic here in Halifax six years later. Walsh actually left his position as education coordinator at his father-in-law's clinic in 1995 to become a marketing consultant for the largest laser manufacturer in the United States-VisX. Three years later, he ended up moving back to the east coast where his family was. It would end up being his wife's first real winter (she's from Vancouver) and his first step to opening a clinic of his own.

"I saw there was a demand for another laser clinic in Halifax so I began to put a business plan together to open my own clinic," he says. "I opened in September with Christopher Seamone as the certified laser vision correction surgeon."

With the increase in education on the wonders of laser technology for near and now far-sighted people, business is up and so is the number of clinics. And this means mile-high prices for the 45-60 second laser blast to the eyes are coming down.

"There are about 60 clinics in Canada right now," an animated Walsh explains. "There's two in Halifax and even one in Newfoundland."

So what's this procedure going to cost the average person with, say astigmatism?

"It used to cost about \$2,400 per eye," he says. "But it's gone down to about \$4,000 for both."

Walsh is hoping to develop a regional awareness and education program that will involve regular optometrists. There are many clinics in North America that will do the procedure for a relatively low cost, but once you've had the surgery, you're sent home and that's it. Walsh wants to develop a partnership of sorts between the laser people and doctors and/or optometrists offering post-operative care to the patient.

"I'd like to have the situation where we are helping each other out," he says.

This former SMU campus police officer is now the warden of new territory. Walsh tells those skeptical of the surgery not to worry.

"We do everything here [at the clinic]," he says. "There are no surprises. The patient is well educated about the procedure before they undergo it."

Walsh explains dual value of laser vision correction as we go on a tour of the clinic.

"We market it as a retail purchase, but it's also a medical procedure," he says. "It's sales, but it's also medicine. It's great because we actually change people's lives."

As Walsh finishes his tour of the laser clinic-last stop store room, he's obviously elated about his relatively new-found career choice. On behalf of SMU alumni, we wish you all the best Mark!

## 1959 Grad Goes From Lawyer to Shutterbug

Making the right career decision can be a difficult task. So why choose only one?

Ronald Wong received his Bachelor of Science degree from Saint Mary's in 1959. Since then, he's been on the medical path, the legal track, and now finally on a business streak. And that's where he intends to stay, as managing director of Halina Marketing (UK) Limited.

Wong, a Hong Kong native, craved change long before he began career hopping. "At 19 I wanted to break away from the Hong Kong society," he says. "So I went to Saint Mary's University in Nova Scotia where I started my first year reading pre-medicine."

He entered pre-medicine in hopes of fulfilling his mother's wish that he become a doctor. One post-mortem and a plate of corned beef quickly changed all of that.

Realizing he couldn't possibly spend the rest of his life looking at intestines, Wong tried another route. He completed his science degree, and went on to study law at Birmingham. He spent the next 15 years practicing law in Hong Kong.

The customary long work days in Hong Kong

soon their toll on Ronald and his family. In 1984, he moved his wife Carmen and children, Andrew and Adrienne, to England. "I felt that Adrienne and Andrew were coming to the age when we had to decide how we were going to educate them," he says.

Not long afterwards, Wong's father, the late Dr. Haking Wong, asked him to join the family's photography business. "I was quite excited," Wong says of the prospect. "I had had enough of the stiff collar, straight-faced type of practice as a lawyer. The legal profession is very formal, but in a business one can

be a little more relaxed. Also you get to know people, rather than having clients coming and going."

Wong's days now consist of camera and binocular equipment. He continues the world-wide reputation his father established with Halina Marketing. His next challenge is to encourage more Eastern businesses to invest in the UK.

"I feel in some respects indebted to society here, and I have always been very anxious to do something in return as my contribution - a public service in a way," explains Wong.

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# Saint Mary's Grad Heads United Arab Emirates School

Many of us know people who have traveled overseas to teach. But not many can say we know someone who actually heads an overseas international school.

In August 1998, Paul Abraham, BSc '79 and BEd '80, left Halifax with his family for Abu Dhabi in the United Arab Emirates. He is now in charge of the Abu Dhabi Grammar School, a private grade primary to 12 school that uses the Nova Scotia public school curriculum.

For the past four years, Abraham was principal of St. Joseph's-Alexander MacKay School. He had accepted a position as principal of Highland Park Junior High School in the summer, but the overseas opportunity was too good to pass up. "I'm a person who loves a challenge, and this is a school that needs a Nova Scotia principal," says Abraham.

The overseas connection came about when Fatima Assad, founder of Abu Dhabi Grammar School and one-time Nova Scotia resident, asked the Nova Scotia Department of Education if she could use the province's curriculum for the school. The province agreed, and several years ago the school became accredited by the department. A Nova Scotia flag now flies over the school.

"The Canadian education system and the Nova Scotia curriculum in particular is highly regarded internationally," explains Abraham. The United Arab Emirates can implement any education program it chooses because it has the world's highest standard of living.

Classes at the school are taught in English. The academic year is similar to Nova Scotia's, with the acceptance of daily prayers and the observance of Ramadan, the month-long Muslim fast. About half the students are native Emirians, and the others are children of Canadians, Americans and Europeans working in the sheikdom's oil industry. "It's going to be a pretty complex, diplomatic juggling act as well as an administration challenge," acknowledged the new principal before leaving Canada.

Many of the students look forward to a North American secondary education. Abraham intends to encourage them to pursue international studies at Saint Mary's by creating links between the grammar school and the University. "There are going to be students enrolling at Saint Mary's University from Abu Dhabi as a result of that," he said. "That's good for Halifax economically."

Unlike many of his friends and associates, Abraham doesn't fear for his family's safety in the Persian Gulf city. "If I was going to New York, I'd be in much more danger

than in Abu Dhabi," he says. His wife and their two daughters, ages 17 and 12, were excited about the move and the anticipated changes.

Abraham is on a leave of absence from the

Halifax Regional School Board during his two-year contract in Abu Dhabi. But if things work out, he says, the city might have to wait just a little longer.



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# A Little Sports History of Saint Mary's University



Top row: First two pictures are from the 1975 *Santamarian*, the next photo is of Bob Hayes and Father Hennessey is from the *Journal*, April 4, 1979. Next row: The Astroturf being laid in the Huskies Stadium beside a shot of the Mens Basketball team winning the AUA (from the 1975 *Santamarian*). At left is the Men's Hockey AIHL Champions.



# BRANCH EVENTS

## MBA Alumni Reception

Saint Mary's MBA alumni were invited to a reception held on Friday, November 27, 1998 in the Sobeys Building. The reception provided an opportunity for alumni to mix and mingle. MBA Director Dr. Ramesh Venkat and MBA Chapter President Lewis Page welcomed alumni and updated the group on the latest developments taking place in the MBA program. Alumni were also provided tours of the Sobeys Building by current MBA students following the reception.

## Moncton Branch

Moncton and area alumni were invited to an alumni reception held on October 24, 1998 at Owens Art Gallery on the campus of Mount Allison University prior to the Huskies versus Mounties football game. Alumni from Moncton, Newcastle, Amherst, Halifax and Sackville, N.B. attended to cheer the Huskies, hosted by Don Keleher, Director of University Advancement and Barry Gallant, Acting Director of Alumni.

## Annapolis Valley Branch

Saint Mary's alumni in the Annapolis Valley gathered at Acadia University on October 31, 1998 to cheer on the Huskies as they faced the Acadia Axemen in AUSA football play. Pre-game and half time receptions were hosted by Ann MacGillivray, President, Saint Mary's University Alumni Association and Barry Gallant, Acting Director of Alumni.

## New England Branch



Saint Mary's University alumni living in New England met in Boston on December 5, 1998 to take part in the Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony at the Prudential Centre. Alumni gathered with government representatives from New England and the Province of Nova Scotia at a reception held at Dick's Last Resort in Boston prior to the Lighting ceremony. The reception provided an opportunity for Saint Mary's alumni living in New England to speak with Guidance Counsellors from the area about the value of obtaining a Saint Mary's degree.

## Trinidad Branch

Alumni from Trinidad gathered at the Ambassador Hotel in Port of Spain on Monday, November 16, 1998 for a meet and greet social. The event was hosted by Ann MacGillivray, BComm'71, MBA'94, Saint Mary's University Alumni Association President and Keith Hotchkiss, BA'73, Director of Student Services at Saint Mary's. The Trinidad Branch of the Alumni Association organized the event which included an opportunity for alumni to catch up on the latest news from Saint Mary's.

## Ottawa Alumni Christmas Get-Together

Ottawa and area alumni met on December 7, 1998 at the RCAF Officers Mess in Ottawa to celebrate the holiday season together. Greetings on behalf of the Saint Mary's University were extended by Ottawa Branch President, Jim Lovett, BSc'63, BA'64. Alumni enjoyed a great evening of socializing and Christmas cheer.

## Ottawa Alumni Tee It Up!



L-R: Paul Lynch, BComm '76, Roy Kendall, BComm '74, Terry Mercer, BA '71 and Barry Gallant, BA '88, BEd '89, MEd '93.

On September 14, 1998, alumni in Ottawa took part in the eleventh annual Golf Tournament. The prestigious Hylands Golf Course was the setting for the event. Alumni members of the Club were instrumental in scheduling the tournament and have agreed to support its return again next year. This may be a good reason as four of the club members: Larry Davis, BComm'51, Pat Crosby, BComm'51, Ed Murphy, BComm'50 and Lorne Hemphill, BComm'55 won the best ball event with a three under par score. Ernie Gummer, DipEng'43 won the Closest to the Hole contest and Roy Kendall, BComm'74, the longest drive competition. The annual tournament spans several generations of alumni and provides a great opportunity for conversation both on and off the course. Several brother teams, couples and families played together, along with traditional foresomes who have supported the tournament for eleven years. Special thank you to Ovide Mercredi, a 1992 Honorary Degree recipient of Saint Mary's who joined us. Special thanks also to prize contributors Craig Bannon, BComm'93, Jim Lovett, BSc'63, BA'64, Roy Kendall, BComm'74, Paul Lynch, BComm'76, Laurence Leahy, BComm'84, Terry Mercer, BA'71, the Dennehey family and the Saint Mary's University Alumni Association.



## Bermuda Branch



Greg Ferguson, BComm '74, Director of Admissions, Saint Mary's University talks to students in Bermuda.

Saint Mary's alumni in Bermuda gathered on Thursday, November 19, 1998 at the Princess Hotel in Hamilton, Bermuda. The event was hosted by Greg Ferguson, BComm '74, Director of Admissions, who brought greetings on behalf of Saint Mary's University. Graduates from the 70's, 80, and 90's attended the event and enjoyed a wonderful evening of socializing.



## St. Lucia Branch



Back row: Baldwin Taylor, BComm '95, Barry Gallant, BA '88, BEd '89, MEd '93, Keith Hotchkiss, BA '73 and Olaf Fontenelle, BComm '97. Front row: Shermaine Glasgow, BSc '96, Wayne Theobalds, BComm '97 and Lurline Cumberbatch, BComm '98.

The Saint Mary's University Alumni Association hosted a reception for alumni in St Lucia on Saturday, November 14. The evening, hosted by Barry Gallant, Acting Director of Alumni and Keith Hotchkiss, Director of Student Services provided a great opportunity to mix and mingle. Special thanks to Baldwin Taylor, BComm'95 and Olaf Fontenelle, BComm'97 who spoke to students interested in attending Saint Mary's University.

## Vancouver Branch

The Atlantic Trap and Grill in Vancouver, B.C. was the setting for a reception and Pub Night for Saint Mary's alumni, held on Thursday, November 19, 1998. The event was hosted by Vancouver Branch representatives Kevin Winsor, BComm'94 and Dwane Brosseau, BComm'93.

Approximately 50 Saint Mary's alumni gathered to enjoy some East Coast hospitality which included Alexander Keith's prizes, Saint Mary's crested clothing and lots to eat and drink! Entertainment was supplied by the band Murphy's Law as alumni partied the night away!

## Toronto Branch

Toronto and area alumni gathered at Shoeless Joe's Pub on Saturday, November 28, 1998 for an alumni reception prior to the Vanier Cup at the Skydome. The event was organized by Alumni Branch President Ayesha Adhami, BA'93 and Eric Cogswell, BComm'94. The event was a great opportunity for alumni to meet prior to the big game.

## Trinidad Branch



Ann MacGillivray, BComm '71, MBA '95 and Lucille Salloum, BComm '90 at the Alumni reception held at the Ambassador Hotel, Port of Spain, Trinidad.

Keith Hotchkiss and Ann MacGillivray, President of the Saint Mary's Alumni Association hosted an Alumni reception at the Ambassador Hotel in Port of Spain, Trinidad. Attending this year's event was Patrick Flook, Norman Allan Poon, Natalie Miles-Guzman, Charlene Nivet (Serrao), Louella Woods, Alberuni Khan, Allan Serrao, Eaman Foster, Diane Taylor-Goper, Elizabeth Nicolas, Sister Francisca Serrette, Warren Soloman, Henry May, Hamish Herrera, Geoffrey Herrera, Michael Farah, Lennox Phillips, Michael Look Tong and Winston Soloman. A special thank you to Lucille Salloum who organized this event. Lucille is also the contact person for the Trinidad Alumni chapter.

## Bahamas Branch



L-R: Kenris Lightbourne, BSc '96, Cleora Farquharson, BComm '96, Marjorie Scavella, BComm '96, Ann MacGillivray, BComm '71 and Jim Dunn, BSc '86.

Ann MacGillivray, President of the Saint Mary's University Alumni Association and Jim Dunn, Assistant Director of Admissions, Saint Mary's University, met with alumni in the Bahamas recently during an International Recruiting Fair held in Nassau. Alumni attending were updated on the latest developments at Saint Mary's.



## Antigua Branch



Alumni reception, Cortsland Hotel, Antigua, 1998.

Keith Hotchkiss, BA'73, Director of Student Services, hosted an Alumni reception at the Cortsland Hotel in Antigua. Attending the event were Joann Boulos-Callais, Barbara Bird, Rudolf Davis, Jason Jones, Hoseph Allayne, Donna Cort, Yvette Henry Edwards, Edith O'Reilly Clushing, Edmond Mansoor, Errol Cort and Ruben Richards. Plans are underway to establish an Alumni chapter in Antigua. Interested alumni can contact either Joann Boulos-Callais, Edith O'Reilly Clushing or Barbara Bird for more information.

### What are Antigua alumni up to?

Joann Boulos-Callais, BA'82, BEd'83, MEd'89, has recently opened her own Mail Boxes Plus business in St. Johns, Antigua.

Donna Cort, BComm'78, is working for the Bank of Antigua

Edith O'Reilly-Clushing and her husband own a nursery and plant shop.

Edmond Mansoor, BSc'87, has established a family medicine practice in St. Johns, Antigua.

Errol Cort, BComm'78, is a lawyer in St. Johns, Antigua

Ruben Richards, BSc.'86, works for the Antigua Telephone Company.

Rudolf Davis is assistant to the principal at St. Joseph's Academy. In addition to his teaching and administrative responsibilities, he keeps busy singing in local productions as well as church functions.

## Barbados Branch



Left to right: Nicole Brome, BComm'94, P. Greg Webster, BComm'94, Brian Robinson, BComm'83, Peter Sandiford, Dip Eng'92 and Barry Gallant, BA'88, BEd'89, MEd'93

Saint Mary's University Acting Alumni Director Barry Gallant was in Barbados on university business in November, and took the opportunity to host Saint Mary's alumni living in Barbados. A reception was held at the Shak Shak Restaurant on Saturday, November 7, 1998. Special thanks to Branch representative Brian Robinson, BComm'83 for his help in organizing the reception.

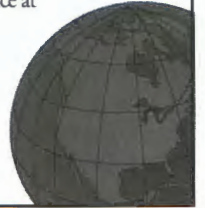
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# SPORTS



## The Gentle Giant of Football

by Penny Murdock

Blake Nill is not big on promises. When he was announced as head coach of the football Huskies' a year ago, he wasn't making any promises of a winning season. At least not right away. But what he did promise was to give his new position everything he had.

And that's exactly what he did. "Football is my life," says Nill. When asked about whether he has any other interests, he replies: "I don't do much else, other than football." Time away from the game is spent with his family, the other love of his life.

Even with such a single focus at this point in his life, he is anything but a shallow person. You would be hard pressed to find a more charismatic coach in the league. He has been described by more than one person as a gentle giant. He stands six-foot-six and weighs well over 200 pounds, but what emerges from this enormous frame is a soft-spoken, kind and emotional individual. But combine these characteristics with a hard-working, intense and determined coach and what you get, while without making promises, is a gentle giant who will lead a Saint Mary's team to a national title before long.

With five years in the Canadian Football League, plus coaching junior and high school football in Quebec and his home province of Alberta, and six years as defensive coordinator at Saint Francis Xavier University in Antigonish, the position at Saint Mary's had Blake Nill written all over it.

"I was at a point in my career with the success I had had, that it was time for a change, not just for me but the entire family," he says. He is married to Maura McGowan and they have two sons, Taylor, eight and Bryce, just four months old. "Coming to Saint Mary's allowed me to fulfill a dream of coaching football at this level."

"I was always impressed with the atmosphere at Saint Mary's and the winning tradition of the school," he says. The University enjoys an unparalleled history of excellence in university athletic competition with Huskies' teams winning more than 40 AUAA and CIAU championships, a record unmatched in Atlantic Canada.



When the Huskies' football team didn't make it to the AUAA playoffs for three years in a row, it was decided a new face at the helm might help. It walked Nill. He is confident he has the leadership and commitment necessary to create a nationally competitive football team at Saint Mary's.

And he hasn't let us down. He didn't waste any time getting to work. He knew his biggest challenge at first was getting the players to believe they could win. He is convinced that off-season conditioning and academics are just as important as what takes place on the field in regular season play.

"They are not just football players, but student athletes," he says. "This philosophy is what it takes to win."

Nill admits he has an emotional side. "It's one of my weaknesses. I can get a little over emotional at times, on the field and in practice. You see win-

ning is so important to me."

The Huskies' got off to a strong start this past season and at one point the team was four and one in regular season play and ranked fifth in the country.

"It was tough, there was so much pressure and such great expectations of the kids (the players). The kids were just not able to respond to the pressure accordingly. It got to their heads and they got away from the work ethic that got us there in the first place," explains Nill. "That was one of the problems we had." That coupled with heavy injuries in the last three games (they lost a total of eight players), led the Huskies' to end their season with four wins and four losses.

While this was a huge blow to everyone – the players, coaches and fans – no one could quash the Huskies' pride that was rampant throughout the campus, the city of Halifax and surrounding areas.

"The fan support from the entire Halifax community was tremendous, especially when we were winning," says Nill. "This city is a football hotbed. They are starving for a successful team and we gave them a taste of it this year, just wait until next year."

He says expect major improvements in the team next year. While still not making any promises, he comes ever so close. "We will be a team that will challenge for the playoffs and the AUAA title, and maybe even the national title. I didn't say that last year. Although my goal all along has been to win."

## Nominations Required

The Saint Mary's University Sport Hall of Fame & Heritage Centre is seeking nominations for potential inductees for 1999. The deadline for nominations is March 31, 1999. Nomination forms and further information can be obtained from:

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## Huskies' Soccer Coach Gets Top Honours for Third Time

**T**he Head Coach of the Men's Huskies' Soccer Program has been named AUAA Coach of the Year for the third time. Stewart Galloway came to Saint Mary's after an impressive playing career, as well as elite coaching experience.

A former AUAA All-Star, AUAA MVP and 1st Team All-Canadian from the University of New Brunswick, Galloway has both a Bachelor of Arts and a Bachelor of Business Administration degree. He went on to play professional soccer with the Winnipeg Fury and the Nova Scotia Clippers of the Canadian Soccer League.

He was named Coach of the Year in 1992, 1994, and now in 1998. In 1994, he was also chosen CIAU Coach of the Year. He holds a "C" Level Coaching Certification. When he is not on the field, Galloway works as a full-time financial advisor with Financial Concept Group.

The 1998 season was his 7th season with the Huskies' and they finished with a 7-3-3 record in regular season.

## Fall Sports Wrap-Up

It's hard to believe that another fall sports season has come and gone. Our sports have moved indoors to the arenas and courts. So how did we do?

### Men's Soccer

The soccer Huskies' finished the '98 regular season with a 7-3-3 record. Advancing into semi-final action at the Championships held at the University of Prince Edward Island on November 1-3, the Huskies' fell to Dalhousie 2-0. Chris Harrison and Fernando Lucas were chosen AUAA All-Stars, while Head Coach, Stewart Galloway was named AUAA Coach of the Year.

### Women's Soccer

The Huskies' finished the regular season in second place in the East Division with a 7-4-2 record. In the Championships held November 1-3 in Antigonish, the Huskies' lost out to the Memorial Seahawks 3-1. Rookie Erin Keating, from Halifax and 5th year player, Lynn Wright were named to the AUAA All-Star Team.

### Field Hockey

The Huskies' advanced to the playoffs after finishing 0-5-3 in regular season play. The Huskies' got past the UPEI Panthers in semi-final action 2-1, but were defeated 2-0 by the University of New Brunswick Varsity Reds in the final. Three Huskies' were named to the AUAA All-

Star Team, Colleen O'Brien, Tanya Young and Katherine Scott. Both Tanya Young and Colleen O'Brien were named second team CIAU All-Canadians.

### Football

The Huskies' finished the '98 season with a 4-4 record, just missing a chance at the playoffs. In Coach Blake Nill's first season at the helm, the team took a giant step forward and expect great things from the team in '99. Players David Bottrill and Joshua Tavares were named to the AUAA Defensive All-Star team. Joshua Tavares also received CIAU All-Canadian honours. Running back Luis Perez, Brad Chalmers, Charlie Toth and Jocelyn Frenette were named to the AUAA Offensive All-Star team. Luis Perez had a great season finishing second in rushing with 743 yards. Ray Skeete finished third with 423 yards. Rookie Curtis Nash showed his talents finishing first in Punt Returns with 281 total and a 16.5 average.

### Cross Country

Andrew Pepper was the lead runner for the Saint Mary's Cross Country team this year. Andrew finished in ninth position in the AUAA Championships held in Halifax at Point Pleasant Park. His time for the 10k was 33.39. Andrew went on to the CIAU National Championships at the University of Waterloo and finished in 70th spot.

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### JANUARY 16, 1999

Sydney, Nova Scotia  
6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.  
Hospitality Multi Purpose Room (CE 341 B)  
Student Culture and Heritage Centre  
University College of Cape Breton (UCCB)

8:00 p.m. AUAA Men's Basketball  
Saint Mary's vs UCCB  
Sullivan Fieldhouse

### February 22, 1999

Tampa, Florida  
All Canadian Universities Alumni Branch  
Further details to follow

### February 23, 1999

Moncton, New Brunswick  
5:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.  
Boomerangs Steakhouse  
130 Westmoreland St.

### February 24, 1999

Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island  
5:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.  
The Charlottetown – A Rodd Classic Hotel  
Corner of Kent and Pownal Streets  
"Georgian Room"  
8:00 p.m. AUAA Basketball  
UPEI vs Saint Mary's @ UPEI Fieldhouse

## Maria Elena Jimenez-Taylor

Maria Elena Jimenez-Taylor was born and raised in Tegucigalpa, Honduras. She came to Halifax in 1962 and studied at Mount Saint Vincent University. After her first year she decided she wanted to study economics. At the time the Mount did not have an Economics Department and because Saint Mary's was not co-educational at the time, the sisters made a special agreement with Saint Mary's, so that she could take all her economic courses at Saint Mary's. She graduated in 1966.

While at Saint Mary's she met her husband Jim Taylor (BA '68). After graduation, Maria went home to work and Jim followed her. For a while she worked in the Socioeconomic Council of Honduras on fiscal policy. Then she went to the Tourist Bureau as head of the Planification Department. She subsequently was appointed Deputy Director and Director of the Bureau. She also worked as a Budget Programming Advisor in the Agricultural Development Bank (BANADESA.)

In 1981 when the American Government decided to oppose the Sandinista government of Nicaragua, Honduras was used as the stepping stone. At that time Maria and Jim had four small children and decided it would be better if they returned to Halifax. She went back to Saint Mary's to take her Masters on International Development and graduated in the fall of 1997. Their oldest son Patrick is also a Saint Mary's graduate and their second son Julian is in his third year of a science program at the University.

After her graduation she returned to Honduras and began working for the Opportunity International Network. This organization provides credit and training for people in chronic poverty who have the drive and vision to establish viable businesses and transform their lives. Opportunity provides loans, basic business training, and strong commitment to facilitate the success of these fledgling enterprises. It has six supporting partners Australia, Germany, New Zealand, United Kingdom, United States, and the newest in Canada. These institutions obtain funds to finance the work of the implementing partners in 28 developing countries. Maria is the Project Coordinator for the Poverty Alleviation Project in Central America and is based in Honduras.

*On the following page is Maria's letter from Honduras in the wake of Hurricane Mitch:*

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Inhabitants of Tegucigalpa, Honduras learned a hard lesson on Oct. 29, 1998. Accustomed to be spectators of the suffering caused by natural disasters on other parts of the country or the world, we felt very secure and safe. The sights we had seen in TV, could never happen to us, after all we were protected by a high mountain range, that acts as a barrier against menacing winds.

Early in the week Jim -my husband - and the boys had called from Halifax and Kingston worried that Mitch could affect us; but as everyone else, I was confident that the heavy rains would only be beneficial. Friday morning I had left quite early to work, I was expecting some people from our offices in Great Britain that were coming to visit some of our Trust Banks and get some life stories. I was not worried about the rain, I knew it would be very muddy in the hills, but my trusty 4X4 would get me over the hills where our clients live.

As I crossed the bridge a block before our office I saw people looking down at the river, to my surprise, the almost empty creek had increased considerably and was starting to look like rapids. I still did not pay attention, the work that I had to do during the day was more important in my mind. But that was not to last very long, half an hour after I arrived to the office, one of our credit officers came back with the news that some cracks had developed in the bridge in they were closing it. It was then when I realised that I could be left on the other side of the bridge from where my daughter was that I realised the seriousness of the situation.

Work became less important than it had been just a few minutes before and all I could think that I had to go back to the house.

Thankfully, when I arrived with my 4X4 loaded with other members of the staff, we were allowed to cross one car at a time. We said a prayer and got to the other side of the bridge unharmed. How many other people did the same thing I did, but did not make it through; today their bodies are trapped in the dike formed by the side of the mountain that fell over the muddy river waters.

Until now, Honduras has been practically unknown to the world. Recently when I went to a travel agent in Halifax to book a trip to Tegucigalpa I was told "Is there actually a place called like that? I thought it was a place that only existed in stories." Today that name has gone through the world. Honduras is now well known because a hurricane remained over its territory for six days, destroying its people, its infrastructure, its economy, but also the hopes and dreams of six million people.

Honduras' geography, especially in the centre of the country, is full of mountain rocks that made the building of its infrastructure a hardship to its people; turning it into a highly indebted country. The reason for Honduras to be so highly indebted, is precisely the same infrastructure, that infamous week, was destroyed by Mitch.

In the past, the central area of Honduras has been extremely dry suffering from drought. Its rivers were only phantoms of the waters carried in the past. Nobody could ever have predicted that they would grow to such an extent. The old people recall that during this century the waters only reached the bridges twice. After this hurricane "Rio Grande" or "Choluteca River" turned into a raging river - approximately 60 feet over flood stage - ripping and destroying everything in its path. A good section of the downtown was destroyed - Central Market, etc. As in most hurricane emergencies, there was warning. The government tried to warn people. Some listened and sought shelter; others ignored the warnings. Just like most people, living below Citadel Hill would never believe that they would be flooded out of their homes. It would never happen... they said.

The poorest of the poor were hit the hardest, since they had no radios or television. Tegucigalpa is surrounded by high mountains, and the poor, living in Barrios hanging on the edge of these mountains, were completely wiped out. Massive mudslides brought entire communities down the hills and mountains. These are especially sad sights to see, since we may never

really find out how many died in these mudslides.

When we asked the members of the "Torres Fuertes" Trust Bank to meet with us to assess their situation the President excused herself saying that she would not be able to come to our meeting because she had to bury her grandchild. Instead of meeting, we attended the humble burial of that poor child. How unimportant all the things that had worried me on October 29 seemed then. His house had caved in an area destroyed by a mud slide; he had been rescued but had been unable to survive, he died three days later.

Maria Calix, a Trust Bank client fought through water up to her chest, two of her children hanging on to her hair, her oldest son carrying her other two children. She made her way to a refugee centre but was turned away. The next day, homeless with five hungry children, she stopped a man on the street and begged for scraps of food for her children.

The man said, "How can I give you just a scrap?" He gave her five small bags of food and water. Now she is in a refugee centre. There is not enough food. She carries buckets of sand in a work for food project. This is how she feeds her kids. We went with her to her "home." Three walls are standing; her father and brother have dug out 8 feet of mud and sand. While we were visiting, her little boy ran up with money in his hand. Someone wanted to buy some beans. She sent the little boy back with the money. "Tell him I have nothing to sell," she said. Then she cried.

The outpouring of help from all over the world has been incredible. The first ones to arrive to our help were the Mexicans; with their ample experience on natural disaster strategies they arrived with heavy machinery to remove the mountains of mud and debris that cover most of the cities and towns. Some others came to help us connect the different areas of the countries that had been disconnected due to the destruction of bridges and highways.

Today most of the country has been patched up, although we are still waiting for bailey bridges that have been promised, but people manage to get from place to place, using cables and baskets, or small ferries. Many people are still living in the refugee centres or outside without any protection. Where are the 1,500,000 people that lost their homes going to be located? Will the international organisations respond to the suffering of this wounded country?

Honduras has not benefited from the facilities extended by the Paris Club to the most indebted countries because its debt is mainly bilateral or multilateral and not with commercial banks. Thirty five percent of Honduras budget is dedicated to servicing its international debt. After the disaster some countries including Great Britain, France, Spain, Japan and even Canada announced they would forgive the Honduran debt. Nevertheless, the US and international financial organisations - such as AID, IDB, CABEL, and the World Bank - with whom Honduras has its largest debt, are not saying anything about forgiveness.

In fact, Michael Camdeuss, Director of the IMF -International Monetary Fund- at his arrival at Tegucigalpa, said that this is not the time to talk about condoning the debt. According to him, Honduras should concentrate on reconstruction and applying for fresh funds.

I appeal to the conscience of my fellow Canadians, please do not forget these suffering people they need of your help today more than ever. The cameramen have left, the big dignitaries from all over the world have taken their tour of the disaster areas. We are being left all alone once again, we understand you have to leave, but please do not forget us. Join in the collection of funds for the reconstruction or a group to persuade the US and the international financial organizations to forgive Honduras debt and that of all other poor countries.

Always remember that there is a small country called Honduras where one day the implausible happened. So long and thank you for all you have done for us.

Sincerely,

Maria Elena Jimenez-Taylor



# SNIPPETS



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**Betty Jean Frenette, Assc '92**  
*Acting Alumni Officer*

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or wedding photos to  
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**'34**

*We have lost contact, but we haven't  
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Henry L. Langley, DipEng'34

**'40**

*We've lost contact, but we haven't  
forgotten you!*  
Francis X. Dolan, '40

**'56**

*We've lost contact, but we haven't  
forgotten you!*  
J.C. Garceau, BComm'56

**'60**

*We've lost contact, but we haven't  
forgotten you!*  
Ann Miller, BEd'69

**'65**

*We've lost contact, but we haven't  
forgotten you!*  
Michael S. Fedorsky, BA'65

**'66**

Rev. Joseph B. Christensen, BA, received his Doctor of Ministry Degree in Pastoral Counselling at Spring Convocation from the Graduate Theological Foundation in Indiana, USA. He is a parish priest at St. John Vianney Parish, Lower Sackville, NS.

After Saint Mary's, **Brendan Minihan**, BA, went on to receive his Master's in Hospital Administration at the University of Ottawa in 1969. He is presently a medical consultant in New Jersey and Pennsylvania. He resides in Moorestown, New Jersey.

**'67**

*We've lost contact, but we haven't  
forgotten you!*  
Karl M. Desmarais, BComm'67  
Colin Grainger, BSc'67



James J. Oliver, BA'67

While at Saint Mary's University, **James J. Oliver, BA**, was vice president of his class, and received athletic, literary and gold "M"s for his extracurricular activities. He was named Man of the Year during his senior year. He continued on to Dalhousie where he was President of the Law School Domus Legis Society. Presently, he practices in the Philadelphia area and specializes in the area of corporate, personal injury and products liability litigation.

**'68**



Robert (Buzz) Donovan, BA'68, BEd'69

After Saint Mary's, **Robert (Buzz) Donovan, BA, BEd'69**, received his Masters in Health Administration from Trinity University in San Antonio, Texas. He is vice president of operations of Continental Health Affiliates Inc. He resides with his family in Baskin Ridge, New Jersey.

**'69**

*We've lost contact, but we haven't  
forgotten you!*  
David Butcher, BComm'69  
Gordon W. McMillan, BA'69, BEd'70

**Frank Garner, BA**, executive director of the 1997 World Canoe Championships in Dartmouth, is executive director of Events Halifax. With a staff of two he has already begun discussions with many groups about their events coming to Halifax, including 2002 World Junior Hockey Championships and the Labatt Brier, last held in Halifax in 1996. He is also seeking the 2002 Can-Am Police and Fire Games, 2003 World Cup Canoe Championships, 2001 Canadian Music Awards and 2003 World Congress and Theatre Festival. **Fred MacGillivray, '63**, is president of the World Trade Centre Ltd. and is chairman of the Events Halifax advisory board, which includes community, business, sport and arts representatives.

**Lance Scaravelli**, received his BA from Saint Mary's University in 1969 and LL.B from Dalhousie University in 1972 and has been a member of the Nova Scotia Barristers' Society, since 1973. He is also a member of the Canadian Bar Association, the Nova Scotia Criminal Lawyers Association, the US National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers and the Ontario Trial Lawyers Association.

**'70**

*We've lost contact, but we haven't  
forgotten you!*  
Shaun D. Murphy, BA'70  
Vincent Poirier, BEd'70

**John M. Parks, BComm**, completed his Masters of Divinity degree from Acadia Divinity College in 1995. He is presently working as a chaplain at a 600 person retirement community in Des Moines, Washington state called Wesley Homes.

**'71**

*We've lost contact, but we haven't  
forgotten you!*  
John L. Cox, BA'71  
C.M. Morris, BA'71

**'72**

*We've lost contact, but we haven't  
forgotten you!*  
Maureen Forrester, Hon'72  
Edgar G. Griffin, BComm'72

**'73**

*We've lost contact, but we haven't  
forgotten you!*  
Louis Comeau, BA'73  
Douglas R. Ingram, BEd'73, MA'80  
John A. Johnstone, BA'73

**David Young, BComm**, is the owner/manager of the Neweit Enrollment Agency in Nova Scotia for Canadian Scholarship Trust Plans (RESP). He will continue offering Registered Education Savings Plans to families in Nova Scotia. David, his wife Steffie, son William and daughter, Andrea reside in west-end Halifax.

**Robert Gibson, BA**, received his Doctor of Ministry Degree in preaching from the Chicago Theological Seminary, Chicago, Illinois. Presently he is United Church of Canada minister in Sarnia, Ontario.

**'74**

*We've lost contact, but we haven't  
forgotten you!*  
Nancy R. Leary, BA'74

**'75**

*We've lost contact, but we haven't  
forgotten you!*  
Russell F. Cameron, BA'75, BEd'76  
Adrian J. Fuger, BA'75  
R.M. Lennox, BSc'75

**'76**

*We've lost contact, but we haven't  
forgotten you!*  
Bruce Dwyer, BComm'76  
Joyce Gillard, BA'76  
Gerald B. Hoganson, BComm'76

**Reginald Miller, BA, BEd'77**, is an English Teacher with the Centre for British Teachers in Brunei Darussalam. Since 1991, he has been exploring Canada and the world with teacher/writer Joanne Light teaching in such diverse settings as the Canadian Boreal Forest, the southern mountain region of South Korea, the megalopolis of Seoul, and the tropical rain forest of Borneo. Reginald is presently studying towards an MA in Applied Linguistics from the University of Leicester.

**Mary E. Jones (nee Hanko), BSc, BEd'76**, and her husband Allan reside in Montmartre, Saskatchewan and they spend their summers at their cottage in Springfield Lake, Annapolis County, NS. She left her position as senior science teacher for the Regina East School Division to pursue other interests. Over the years, Mary has coached volleyball, football, acted as peer counsellor and mentor to high school students. Allan is a Phys. Ed teacher and a renowned coach with numerous awards for coaching and volunteer work. They have three children, Sara-Lynne, 16; Brin, 13; and Christina, 11. Mary looks forward to hearing from old friends from her Saint Mary's days.



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**'77**

*We've lost contact, but we haven't forgotten you!*

Nora Chau, BComm'77

**Richard J. (Rick) Joseph, BA**, is director of marketing and business development for OCL Services Group and Land & Sea Environmental Consultants Ltd. He brings over 20 years of experience in government and the private sector to the position. Richard is responsible for business development in Atlantic Canada and the Caribbean.

**Blair Beed, BComm**, has published a book entitled "1917 Halifax Explosion and American Response," published by Dtours. He has used many never before published stories and photographs, some of the people offering relief are introduced. From bishops and newspaper boys, royalty and poor widows, money was sent to "aid the Halifax sufferers." Blair's book takes readers through the sites of the disaster, drawing on the dramatic, heartwarming and sometimes humorous events of the most important date in Halifax's history. He sponsors the annual July 4th American Visitors Party in Halifax.

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**'78**

*We've lost contact, but we haven't forgotten you!*

Aruna D. Kabe, BComm'78  
Carol I. MacCoul, BA'78

**Paul Kent, BSc.**, is vice president and managing director for DMR Consulting Group's business in Atlantic Canada. DMR is an information technology professional services firm with 8000 employees worldwide and over 300 in Atlantic Canada. He lives in Dartmouth with his wife of nearly 20 years, Barbara and their two children, Julia, 11 and Jessica, 7.

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**'79**

*We've lost contact, but we haven't forgotten you!*

Rublin Audain, BComm'79  
Murray J. Oxford, BA'79  
Aline M. Terris, BA'79, BComm'82

**Mark A. Canty, BA**, and his wife Pam were married in August, 1998. They reside in Saint John with their four year old son Bryden Myles. Mark practices law with Gilbert McGloan Gillis, a Saint John law firm which specializes in civil litigation and insurance defence work. He has been with this firm, since 1992. Mark became partner of the firm on January 1, 1999.

During the summer of '98, Mario Lisi, BComm, and his family relocated to Burlington, Ontario where he has accepted a position with Compass Group the largest food service company in the

world. Mario is vice president - Canteen of Canada responsible for Automated Dining Service in Southern Ontario.

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**'80**

*We've lost contact, but we haven't forgotten you!*

Rod Waller, '80

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**'81**

*We've lost contact, but we haven't forgotten you!*

Bruce G. Dean, BA'81  
Marg Ryan-Westhaver, BComm'81

**Kevin J. Reinhart, BComm**, has been appointed treasurer for the Canadian Occidental Petroleum Ltd. He joined the company in June 1994 as Controller. Since then he has assumed increasing responsibilities and most recently held the position of Controller and Director, Risk Management. Prior to joining the company, he worked with KPMG in Calgary and Toronto. He is a Chartered Accountant.

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**'82**

*We've lost contact, but we haven't forgotten you!*

Eileen W. Churchill, BA'82  
Herbert P. Dickieson, BEd'82  
Brian L. McIntosh, BEd'82  
Francis W. Morris, BComm'82

**Lorraine Clayton, BComm, CMA**, formally a director with the Office of the Auditor General is now working in the Nunavut Secretariat, Department of Indian Affairs & Northern Development.

**Steven J. Landry, BComm**, is manager retail-technologies for Chrysler Corporation in Detroit. He will be relocating to Michigan for 3 years before returning to Canada. Steven is enrolled in the Executive MBA program at Michigan State.

**Margaret Crook, BA**, and her husband Captain James Simiana were married on May 30, 1998, in Ottawa. **Jim Crook, BA'79** escorted his sister down the aisle, **Bobbi Zahra (nee Skinner), BA'83** was a bridesmaid. Bobbi's daughter Bronwyn was junior bridesmaid. Margaret is executive director of The Friends of the National Archives, a non-profit organization. Her husband James is a Public Affairs Officer in the Canadian military.

**Peter J. Weal, Assoc.**, retired from Saint Mary's in 1995, after 27 years as Manager of Printing Services. He serves on the following: Vice President, Army Cadet League of Canada, Nova Scotia Branch, served two consecutive terms as President of Halifax Rifles Armories Association, Immediate Past President - Halifax Wildlife Association - served as president on two occasions. Peter was awarded a Life Membership at the Halifax Wildlife Association's 1998 Annual

Meeting. Citation on the plaque reads: "In recognition of his dedication to and work for the enhancement of the natural wildlife habitat." This marks only the sixth person in the 150 year history of the Association to receive the award. He has received recognition from the NS Wildlife Federation, NS Environmental Council and the Federal Government. While at Saint Mary's, Peter was the recipient of three Gold "M" Awards. Wife Carol, daughters Joanne Fraser, BA'87, Paulette Jollimore and son Peter along with their families are very proud of these accomplishments. For those of you who know him, he's not one to slow down!

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**'83**

*We've lost contact, but we haven't forgotten you!*

Vick Bharrath-Singh, BA'83

**David B. Harrison, BComm**, and his wife Sandra were married in 1985. They have three children Heather, 12, Lauren, 9 and Rebecca. David manages the Cobequid Housing Authority.

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**'84**

*We've lost contact, but we haven't forgotten you!*

Lewis U. Chiekwe, BComm'84  
Donna L. Perrin, BComm'84

**Wayne J. Crawley, CA, BComm**, is president and chief executive officer of Enercom Inc. He is responsible for all aspects of developing and implementing Enercom's business development and related strategies. Wayne has held many leadership roles at Nova Scotia Power; including Internal Audit, Corporate Effectiveness and most recently Customer service operations. He is also active in the community and to his profession, serving on the Board of Directors for the IWK/Grace Health Centre Foundation, Nova Scotia Film Development Corporation, Pier 21 Centre Development and Financial Executives Institute of Atlantic Canada.

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**'85**

*We've lost contact, but we haven't forgotten you!*

Kelly A. Brown, BA'85  
Marie Halley, BEd'85  
Cathy D. Higgins, BA'85  
Helen V. Roberts, BComm'85  
Michael P. Rolle, BComm'85

**Doug Drysdale, BComm**, retired eighteen months ago from the Navy after 32 years service. He and his wife Beverly have moved to their retirement home on the South Shore of Nova Scotia.

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**'86**

*We've lost contact, but we haven't forgotten you!*

Othusitse Bosa, DipEng'86  
Michael R. Trus, BSc'86

**Barry Hudson, BA**, recently qualified for the CGA and CPA designations. He is project lead - Asia Pacific for Elite Information Systems. Barry will be responsible for implementing client software for this region from Australia to Japan. He & his wife Jessica (nee Sanoy) were married on October 24, 1998. They reside in Hong Kong.

**Stephanie Cleary, BSc.**, is a barrister and solicitor in Medicine Hat where she resides with her husband Dr. Padriac McComb, Captain. **Carolyn Cleary, BA'94** and her husband John Meagher were married on October 10, 1998. **Dr. Cynthia Cleary, BSc'91**, is a member of the gastroenterology fellows clinic, Faculty of Medicine, Calgary, Alberta.

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**'87**

**Joanne Fraser (nee Weal), BA**, and her husband Derek were married in 1992 in Scotland. They have two children Connor, 6 and Hannah, 5. Joanne's father Peter Weal, Assc'82 managed the Saint Mary's University Printing Department, until his retirement.

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**'88**

*We've lost contact, but we haven't forgotten you!*

Jeffrey Bell, BSc'88  
Paul MacDougall, BEd'88  
Peter H. Montgomery, MEd'88

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**'89**

*We've lost contact, but we haven't forgotten you!*

Ronny A. Hasen, BA'89

**Darren S. Nantes, BComm, CA, CMC**, is chief financial officer of the Maritime Broadcasting System. His responsibilities include the overall financial and technology management and direction of the company. Darren is a strong community supporter and has held positions as President of Nova Scotia and the Canadian Crime Stoppers Association and serves as a Director of Ethiopia Airlift Society and the Children's Wish Foundation (NS Chapter). His professional affiliations include serving as a Council Member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Nova Scotia, the Board of Governors of the Atlantic Institute of Internal Auditors, and as a Council and past Executive member of Nova-Knowledge.

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**'90**

*We've lost contact, but we haven't forgotten you!*

Penny L. Lighthall, BA'90  
Deanna H. MacDonald, BA'90  
Ye Zhang, BSc'90



**Mark Hines, BSc,** and his wife **Shelley (nee McCulley), BSc'93,** were married on June 27, 1998 in Parrsboro, Nova Scotia. They are now living in Campbellton, New Brunswick where Mark is a Pharmacy manager of a Pharmasave and Shelley is employed as a staff Pharmacist with the Drugstore Pharmacy chain.

**Lisa Doucette (nee McCarthy), BComm,** and her husband Paul Doucette were married on July 25, 1998. They are currently residing in Fredericton, NB where Lisa works as a Human Resource Consultant, Department of Finance and Paul is a programmer/analyst for Maritime Information Technology Inc.

**Katherine Robertson (nee Parsons), BComm,** and her husband **Douglas Robertson, MBA'86** were married on August 22, 1998 at the family cottage in Shediac, New Brunswick. The couple are now enjoying life with Cameron & Christopher in Moncton, New Brunswick.

**Darcy Bears, BComm, CA,** has joined Scotia McLeod as an investment advisor in their Bridgewater, NS office. His wife **Karen (nee Jones), BComm '90,** has left Proctor & Gamble to stay at home with their son Benjamin, 15 months. They are expecting a new addition to the family in May '99.

**Sean Strugnell, BComm,** and his wife **Wendy (nee Goolcharan)** were married on May 2, 1998. He is manager of Aircraft Ramp Operations at Federal Express, Vancouver, BC. Prior to that, Sean worked as a duty manager at the Vancouver International Airport Authority. He completed his MBA at UBC in 1992.

## '91

*We've lost contact, but we haven't forgotten you!*  
**Scott Boutilier, BComm'91**  
**Heather M. Howell, BA'91**

**Brenda Hogan, BComm,** is associate with MT & T Innovations, the strategic investment division of MT&T.

**Charles Tingley, BComm,** has been working for a medical laser company, ESC Medical Systems for the last year. He has been living in Atlanta and working in the medical laser industry for the last four years. Charles is southeast manager for ESC Medical. He performs laser procedures such as: face lifts, skin tightening, hair removal and eye surgery.

**Nancy Erhard, BA,** has commenced Doctoral Studies in Ecological Ethics at Union Theological Seminary in New York City. She has plans to return to Halifax in four years.

## '92

*We've lost contact, but we haven't forgotten you!*  
**Stacey Anthony, MED'92**

**Michael Bullerwell, BED'92**  
**Christine M. Smith, BComm'92**  
**Jerome S. Sparks, BSc'92**

## '93

*We've lost contact, but haven't forgotten you!*

**Patrick J. Druhan, BA'93, Cer Crim'94**  
**Darryl A. MacIsaac, BComm'93**  
**Mark O'Leary, BA'93**  
**Joanne L. Stone, MBA'93**

**Krista J. Brookes, BA, (LLB'93 Dal),** and her husband, **Jim Cooke,** were married on May 12, 1998 in Cancun, Mexico. After graduating from Saint Mary's, she earned her law degree from Dalhousie in 1993, articulated with the Nova Scotia Legal Aid Commission in Sydney and was called to the Nova Scotia Bar in 1994. Krista is currently employed as a Senior Policy Analyst/Legal Advisor with the Atlantic Policy Congress of First Nation Chiefs in Amherst. Krista and her husband and their two dogs reside in Truro.

**Marie MacLeod, Cer Egl'92, BEd'93** and her husband **Allan Kennedy** were married on July 19, 1997. They reside outside Antigonish. Marie teaches at St. Mary's Rural High School.

**Shawn Harmon, BA,** graduated from the University of New Brunswick Law School in 1996. He was admitted to the Nova Scotia Bar in 1997 and clerked with the Federal Court of Canada prior to his employment with Huestis Holm. He is practicing in litigation as a member of Huestis Holm's Litigation & Dispute Resolution Group. Shawn is a member of both the Canadian Bar Association and the Nova Scotia Barristers Society. He has also received his Certificate in Alternate Dispute Resolution from the Canadian International Institute of Applied Negotiation.

## '94

*We've lost contact but we haven't forgotten you!*

**Michael S. Shook, MA'94**

**Craig Teeple, BA,** was an All Canadian hockey player for the Huskies in 1992 & 1993. Currently, he is playing in the New South African Hockey League. Craig lead the league in scoring last season with 71 points in 55 games. Craig and his wife Nicole have been married for 3 years and have two children Cassidy and James. He attended the marriage of ex-SMU goaltender and teammate Jamie McGuire. Craig plans to retire after this season and go back home to Brampton to help run the family business producing smoked meats.

**Linda Oakley (nee Gray), BComm** and her husband **John, BComm'97** were married on May 30, 1998. She is pres-

ently working for Raymond Bishop, a small accounting firm in Port Williams. Linda is taking her final course towards her professional designation of Certified General Accountant. John is working for Grant Thornton (previously known as Doane Raymond) in Kentville. He is taking his final course of the CA program (Chartered Accountant) in preparation for the uniform final examination (UFE). They reside in Coldbrook, NS.

**Heather Tkalec, DipEng,** graduated from TUNS in May '98 with B.Eng. Electrical. She is working for Newbridge Networks in Ottawa in a hardware test engineering position.

## '95

*We've lost contact but we haven't forgotten you!*

**Robin L. White, BA'95**

In mid-1998, **Inge Laino, BA,** joined the United States Peace Corps and would welcome letters from fellow alumnae.

**Chris Vermeersch, BA,** graduated from the RCMP Training Academy in January of 1998 and was posted to Stellarton, NS. He is a graduate of the Criminology program, where he met his spouse **Kim (nee Emery), Crim'93** (BSc, CCP, MA).

**Don Joskow, BA,** graduated with his masters degree in Science Education from Niagara University, New York State with an average of 3.9 GPA at the top of his class and was also on the Dean's List. Don is a grade two teacher for the Separate School Board in Oshawa, Ont.



**Linette and Matt Stevens,**  
August 8, 1998

**Linette Stevens (nee Winsor), BA,** and her husband **Matt** were married on August 8, 1998 in Dartmouth. She is currently employed with Maritime Life Assurance Company and Matt is the Atlantic technical representative for Rider Computer Services.

## '96

**Signa Butler, BA,** is now doing a graduate degree in journalism from Ryerson Polytechnic University in Toronto. She is a former women's varsity soccer player for 5 years and former editor of The Journal, the Saint Mary's student newspaper (1997-98).

**Jeff MacDonald, BComm,** has completed his Masters of Business Administration from Illinois State University. He is working, as a market analyst, at Illinois Power, since May '98. Jeff and his wife **Lori** recently relocated from Bloomington, IL to Decatur, IL. They celebrated their first wedding anniversary on October 1, 1998.

**Jennifer Coleman-Ford, BA, Cer Crim,** and her husband **Allister** were married on August 23, 1997. They now reside in Windsor, NS. Jennifer (a former track hussy) is a certified strength fitness instructor, wellness instructor and on-floor fitness instructor with the Locker Room Health and Fitness Club in Windsor, NS.

**Sheri Parkyn, BComm,** joined Canada 3000 Airlines in January 1997, as a passenger services supervisor. A few months later, she was promoted to ground staff trainer. Sheri trained ground staff in Halifax, Toronto, and helped set-up the Moncton station. She works out of the Halifax International Airport.

For the past two years, **Gerald F. Gabriel, MA,** has been an associate with the Matrix Consulting Group, PEI. He is currently working on a Culture Tourism Strategy for PEI and a new five year strategic plan for the Tourism Industry of the Island. Gerald says that this work is directly related to his thesis "A Community Approach to Tourism Development" completed at Saint Mary's with the help of the Gorsebrook Research Fellowship.

**Krista Murray, BA,** and her husband **Troy Matheson** were married on July 19, 1997.

## '97

**Tammy Annis, BComm,** is employed with Akrosil Canada Ltd., a division of International Paper, as an Accounting Analyst. She completed and passed the Canadian Securities Course in December 1997. Tammy is applying for the CMA program. She lives in Oakville, Ontario with her roommate.

## '98

**Allison Shadbolt, BComm,** has been travelling and working in Europe, since July'98. So far, her travels have taken her to London, France, Italy,







# BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS



## Announcing



*Congratulations to the following alumni on new additions to their families.*

**David Chabassol, BA'94, BComm'94,** and his wife Karyn, a son, Ryan James on August 6, 1998. David is an investment advisor with RBC Dominion Securities, Truro, NS. Karyn is a chartered accountant with Smith & Teale, Chartered Accountants.

**Eric Franson, BA '95,** and his wife Shawnda (BSc'96, Dal), a daughter Callie Renee on September 28, 1998

**Joanne, Heukshorst-Hatch, BComm'93,** and her husband David, a son, Thomas James, on May 2, 1998 at 10:27 a.m., weighing 9 lbs 6 oz., 20 1/2 inches long. She is working for Dr. John Birzgalis at Northtown Dental doing office administration in Edmonton, Alberta.

**Dan Lamey, BComm'74,** and his wife Rita (nee Martin), a daughter, Catherine Elizabeth on January 11, 1998 in Fairfax, Virginia. This is their first child. In October, the Lamey family re-located back to Miami, Florida after six years in Washington, D.C. Dan is Executive Vice President of MFM Group Inc., an international conference planning and simultaneous interpretation company with offices in Miami, Fl and Washington, DC.

**Vivian Mancini-Miller, BA '91,** and her husband Peter were married in October 1995. They have twins Kaegan and Angus, born on November 25, 1997. Vivian is staying home with the children. She played in the Alumni field hockey game during Homecoming'98.

**Angela Piper-McKegney, BA'98,** and her husband Gary, a son, Joseph McKegney on October 22, 1998.

**Jennifer Meek (nee Gray), BA'90,** and her husband Blaine, a son, Samuel James Meek on August 12, 1998 weighing 9 lbs 15 oz in Peterborough, Ontario. A brother for Benjamin, 3. She will be returning to her position at Warnaco of Canada as their Sales representative for Eastern Ontario.

**Teresa von Richter (nee Hoeg), CMA, BComm'89,** and her husband Mark, CMA, a son, Eric James on June 30, 1998 weighing 9 lbs. 10 oz. Both Mark and Teresa are employed as assistant controllers within the Irving organization in Saint John, NB.

**Jonathan Waye, BSc'92, BEd'95,** and his wife Mary-Anne, a daughter, Lauren Elizabeth Anne on August 21, 1997.

**Kathryn White (nee Snelson), BA'94,** and her husband Jonathan, a son, William "Jackson" (Jack) on August 6, 1998 in St. Thomas, Ontario. Kathryn and Jonathan moved to St. Thomas last January so that he could pursue a flying career.



(L to R) Kaegan and Angus Miller at 6 months



Benjamin & Samuel Meek



Catherine Elizabeth Lamey



Thomas James Hatch



Eric James von Richter



# IN MEMORIAM

*The Saint Mary's University Alumni Association would like to convey our sincere condolences to the families of the following alumni and friends:*

**Kenneth W.J. Butler, DipEng'49, BSc'50**, died on Tuesday, November 3, 1998, in the VG Site, QEII after a short illness with leukemia. As president, since 1965, of Butler Bros. Ltd., a real estate development company, he led the development of Fairmount Subdivision located on the former site of the Sir Andrew Downs Botanical Gardens. From 1965-1980, Ken managed the development of the Bayers Road Shopping Centre, a family oriented mall, often the site of "moose burger" fries organized in aid of local charities. After he graduated from Saint Mary's, he went on to study civil engineering at the Nova Scotia Technical College. He became an accredited appraiser in 1974, a certified land planner and a fellow of the Real Institute of Canada in 1980. He served as national president of the Urban Development Institute of Canada, chair of the Nova Scotia Chapter of the Appraisal Institute of Canada, vice president of the Nova Scotia Chapter of the Appraisal Institute of Canada, vice president of the Nova Scotia Home Building and Urban Development Association of Canada, member of the National Research Council of Canada - National Building Code Committee, member of the International Council of Shopping Centres, chair of the Development Committee of the Halifax Industrial Commission and member of the Construction Association of Nova Scotia. He served as chair of the Catholic Cemeteries Commission from 1982-1996 and was a member of their board since 1956. He was a founding member of the Mount Uniacke Historic Society. He served on the Board of Governors of Saint Mary's University, AIESEC, CNIB and the advisory board of Montreal Trust. He also served as president of the Nova Scotia Society for the Care of Crippled Children, the Spryfield Board of Trade and was chair of the former Central Region Nova Scotia Health Council. He was a member of St. Lawrence's parish. He was an avid hunter, part-time historian and above all a devoted husband, father and grandfather.

**Darrell Charles Davis, BA'58, BEd'59, MA'68**, died on November 15, 1998 at home, after a courageous battle with cancer. He was a retired school teacher, having taught at St. Patrick's High School, Halifax, for 13 years. As well, Darrell taught at Harrison Trimble High School. He was a former district school supervisor, assistant superintendent and district superintendent of school districts 16 & 17. Darrell was a member of the Holy Family Parish. He was a charter member of the Knights of Columbus, 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree Council 9372. He was president of Holy Family Seniors Club and

charter member of Irish Canadian Cultural Association.

**Gerald Hebert Dugas, BSc'57**, died on October 6, 1998 in Yarmouth Regional Hospital. He was also a graduate of Université Sainte-Anne with a Bachelor of Arts. Gerald was born in Little Brook Station, he was the son of the late Edouard and Laura (Gaudet) Dugas.

**Joseph John James Hemsforth, DipEng'48, PEng.**, died July 15, 1997. After graduating from Saint Mary's, where he was active in many sports receiving the Gold "M" and Silver "M" and many letters. He also played in the H&D League. Joseph attended N.S. Tech and then went on to work with Cunards & Municipal School Board as a Maintenance Officer. He joined the Department of National Defence in 1966 and retired as a Base Civil Engineer Officer in 1986. Public Speaking was always a great interest and passion and Joe loved to teach others the 4 S's.

**Francis Joseph Laba, BA'45, BComm'51**, died on September 29, 1998. He was a graduate of St. Patrick's High School, Saint Mary's University & Dalhousie. Francis worked with the Department of Education, Province of Nova Scotia, for many years, prior to his retirement in 1984.

**Francis George Murphy, DipEng**, died on November 4, 1998 in the QEII Health Sciences, Restoration Care Unit. He was a graduate from the Nova Scotia Technical College in 1948, as an electrical engineer, though he practiced civil and structural engineering throughout his career. He was a life member of the Association of Professional Engineers of Nova Scotia which presented him the Engineering Award for distinctive achievement in the practice of engineering as a structural designer. Frank contributed to many structures throughout the province, though he was most proud of his structural design contributions to the Rebecca Cohn Auditorium and the Halifax Metro Centre. He retired as vice-president of JP Vaughan and Associates, Engineers, after 35 years of association with the company.

**Rev. Robert P.J. Ryan, '46**, died on November 5, 1998 in Cobequid Multi-Service Centre. He received his post-secondary education at Saint Mary's University, St. Francis Xavier Seminary (Scarboro Bluffs), Holy Heart Seminary and was ordained to the priesthood on June 5, 1955, by Archbishop J. Gerald Berry. For 48 years, in spite of having to struggle often as a result of

ill-health, he served the people of the Archdiocese of Halifax faithfully as a curate and pastor in a number of parishes. He began his priestly ministry as a curate at St. Peter's Parish in Dartmouth. He then went on to serve as a curate in St. Lawrence Parish and St. Joseph's Parish in Halifax. In 1966, he was appointed pastor of St. Thomas More Parish in Pugwash. He then went on to serve as pastor of St. Brigid's Parish in Parrsboro and at St. John's Parish in Springhill, NS. In 1976, he took up residence at St. Agnes Parish in Halifax where he assisted in the Sacramental life of the parish.

**Gregory Paul Worthylake, BComm'94**, died as a result of a tragic accident in Stoney Plain, Alberta. He attended and graduated from Kings County Academy, Kentville, NS. Gregory was formerly employed with the Dairy Queen in New Minas and later the Dairy Queen in Halifax and Dartmouth. At the time of his death, he was manager of Sunwapta Falls Resort, Jasper, Alberta. In his earlier years, Greg volunteered with Katimavik, The Valley Care Line, Middleton, a Help Line in British Columbia, The Canadian Mental Health Association and N.S. Head Injury Association.

**George Edward Doncaster, BComm'72**, died on December 10, 1998 in Highland View Regional Hospital, Amherst, NS. He was a member of the Royal Canadian Air Force for 12 years. George owned and operated a TV repair shop in Ontario. He returned to Nova Scotia in 1967 following a car accident in Ontario which confined him to a wheelchair. He operated George's Smoke Shop in Amherst. George was active with United Way and the Canadian Paraplegic Association.

**Dr. Gerald Burns, BA'59 (MD'65, Dalhousie)**, died on December 8, 1998, after a courageous battle with cancer. He held the rank of lecturer in the Department of Surgery at Dalhousie, and was a committed member of the surgery staff at the VG Hospital from 1970 until his retirement in 1997. During these 27 years, he served on many hospital committees and was active in teaching and mentoring both undergraduates and residents. He joined the consulting staff of the Dartmouth General Hospital upon its opening in 1976, and served as chief of surgery from 1976 until 1990. Gerald was a founding member of the DGH Medical Staff Association and was a valuable member of many hospital committees, including serving as chair of the OR committee.



The stale summer heat trapped in the walls of the old science building makes it feel like an oven, siphoning the energy out of its dreary inhabitants over the course of the past few months. Like a gust of cold wind, it's suddenly replaced with crisp autumn air that signals the beginning of another academic year in the life of the institution.

The stillness in the halls is suddenly taken over by the chatter of voices, and the hustle and bustle of people racing about as they go about their research and academic duties in time for the weekend. Yet there is a certain sense of order to it all. After all, it's just another Friday in September on the fifth floor.

But amidst the chaos, one can hear the gentle voice of a woman speaking to another woman as she sifts through her late husband's belongings.

As she goes through the boxes and stacks of paper, Louise Ginsburg reminisces about the good times her husband had as a chemistry professor for almost three decades. This summer, the Saint Mary's community lost one of their most respected and cherished professors, Dr. Jack Ginsburg.

"Jack Ginsburg personified the word 'integrity'," says Dr. Keith Vaughan. They began their teaching careers at the University in 1969. And from the first moment they shook hands, they immediately became close colleagues and friends. "He loved chemistry and he loved teaching it," he says. "When Jack passed away I lost a personal friend, a colleague, and a confidante. He cannot be replaced."

These same feelings are being echoed by many since the sad news of his death hit the campus. Integrity, thoughtfulness, intelligence, a good sense of humour, and a legendary wine lover, are all ways he has been described since he passed away in late August. His fiery red hair won't soon be forgotten either.

Just recently, his co-workers, former students, and other friends attended a service on campus to celebrate the life of Jack.

Born in Philadelphia, his love of science was evident early on. As a teenager, he developed a passion for chemistry after watching chemical company ads showing the marvels of organic chemistry. He received degrees from Temple University, Pennsylvania State University, Rutgers University, and McMaster University.

He arrived at Saint Mary's to teach the following year. Four other chemists were hired that same year.

Outside of the classroom and chemistry lab, he wore many hats at the University. He will go down in the Saint Mary's history books as one of the founding members of the University's Faculty Union. And, at the Union's first general meeting, he was made President.

He also served as Department Chair of Chemistry, Acting Dean of Science, Member of the Board and Senate, and as a member on numerous committees.

In 1988 his ability to make students "think" and become more involved in the field of chemistry earned him the Father Stewart Medal for Excellence in Teaching - a highly prestigious award granted each year to a faculty member for their outstanding teaching performance and dedication to working with students outside the classroom.

"Jack was a very special person who touched the lives of many people and made them feel valued,"

# As good as they get — Jack Ginsburg

by Paul Fitzgerald

his wife reveals. She sits at his office desk, peering over the books and papers, and then glancing at the rows of shelves filled with books. The emotions run deep, but her fondness for her husband brings a smile to her face. Her energy is contagious as she talks about her late husband. "There are just so many neat and interesting stories to tell about this special man," she says.

And how true. In a light-hearted tone, Dr. Rob Singer, another colleague of Jack's, describes the night he saved his life. You see, Dr. Singer was one of his students in the eighties. Following a chemistry department dart tournament held at a local downtown pub, the professor and student made their way home in the early hours of the morning. "I lived on Tobin Street and Jack lived on Maclean Street. So, we took the same route homeward together," he says. "As it was the middle of January, it was very cold. Since my place was along his way, Jack stopped by for a hot bowl of my famous suicide chili to get warmed up. I claim that bowl of chili saved his life that night, and that it thawed him out before he finished his trek home. He tended to agree with this view," laughs Dr. Singer.

Even after Dr. Singer went on to pursue graduate studies at Simon Fraser University in British Columbia, he and Jack kept in touch. And eventually he too was hired as a chemistry professor at Saint Mary's.

Dr. Vaughan has his own "Jack story" - the day he wore a pair of mismatched shoes to work. "Yes, Jack wore odd shoes," he says. "This was amazing because although Jack dressed casually, he was a stickler for neatness. We were standing by the catwalk that connects McNally building to the Science building, around morning coffee time. I looked down and I noticed he had odd shoes - one brown, one reddish-brown. I was so surprised I couldn't help exclaiming 'Jack, you have odd shoes on.' He looked down and said, 'My God, you're right.' He looked around furtively and took off in the direction of his office. I didn't see him until lunch, by which time he had been home and got his shoes matched. I kicked myself for not keeping quiet because I could have made a few bucks on bets with other faculty that Jack would never wear odd shoes."

Dr. John O'C. Young, arrived in the chemistry department around the same time as Jack. He says that he instinctively turned to Jack for guidance on how to be a university professor, a role for which he was not prepared for as he came from a mainly non-academic industrial background. "I found Jack to be knowledgeable, influential and adept in human relations," he says.

Dr. Young remembers Jack as an effective leader during the stressful times that many faculty members experienced during the formation of the Fac-

ulty Union. "While circumstances then and subsequently, have occasionally placed faculty and administration in adversarial roles, the fact that our differences have been worked out in an atmosphere of civility and mutual respect owes much to the personal style and negotiating tone set by Jack."

When it came time to select a good bottle of cheap wine, Dr. Young could always count on Jack.

Elaine McCulloch, the campus Health and Safety Coordinator, and a former chemistry professor, says that her first memory of Jack is his great bush of fiery red hair when she met him in 1970. She says that he was a warm, fun-loving person with a keen intelligence, and was renowned for his sense of humour and his placid but strong personality.

"His contributions to Saint Mary's are too numerous to mention," she says. "He contributed at every level to the tremendous advancement of this University which occurred in the seventies and eighties."

Jack was a familiar face outside his department as well.

Dr. Milt Chew of the finance and management science department says that he knew Jack for about 20 years. He knew him as a fellow faculty member on the University Senate and on the Faculty Union Executive. Jack was also a member of the "cribbage-playing gang" at lunch time in the faculty lounge.

"In my view, Jack played a major role in the growth and development of this University," says Dr. Chew. "I will surely miss him."

Dr. Richard Twomey of the History department says that he also knew Jack for many years. "He was a special colleague and friend, and what struck me about him was a combination of qualities: his breadth of interests and concerns, his competence and reliability, and his sense of humour," he says. "He brought all these qualities to both his academic and personal activities, whether it was addressing an issue in Senate or in a Faculty Union meeting, or bantering over countless cribbage games with his friends and colleagues in the faculty lounge at lunch."

The Chemistry department secretary, Chauna James, worked next door to Jack. "He was a great person," she says. "They don't come as good as Jack. Everyone liked him, and he always had a smile on his face. He's really missed around here."

No one knows that more than his wife Louise. "I can hear you talk about my man," laughs Louise as her head peers through the doorway that connects both offices.

"Of course you can," smiles James. "And you always will."

The fifth floor moves onward with its daily routine on that fall morning. Louise continues to go through her husband's belongings. Even after his belongings are gone, the memories of Jack will remain at the University forever.

Even though the change of seasons takes place every year, it takes a while to get used to the sudden crisp of the fall air. The loss of Jack will take even longer.

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