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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



We are very pleased to announce Pat Crowley (BA'72) has accepted the position of Director of Alumni. He is a respected and active alumnus who brings exceptional leadership skills, knowledge and expertise to this key role. Please join me in welcoming Pat to the Saint Mary's team.

I encourage everyone to take a few minutes to visit our website at www.smu.ca/alumni. It's a great way to stay in touch about events in Halifax and around the world, and traveling alumni are welcome at any event. Being the Best Connected Alumni Association in Canada will lead to more branches, more chapters and therefore more events. It is a great way to stay in touch

Turning Points in Leadership, presented by Sobeys Inc. was held on April 19, 2007. Hosted by Linda A. Kuga Pikulin, President of PBG Canada, The Pepsi Bottling Company and Bill McEwan, President and CEO of Sobeys Inc. with over 50 students joining the hundreds of guests, it proved to be a wonderful evening as today's leaders celebrated turning points in their careers with the leaders of tomorrow. The sold out event will raise over \$1 million for deserving students at Saint Mary's University over the next 10 years!!

The inaugural induction of Dr. David Sobey, Chairman Emeritus, Sobeys Inc. and Mr. Paul Sobey, President and CEO Empire Company Limited into the Turing Points Hall of Leadership was a very special part of the evening.

Discussions have begun with our Toronto Branch to host a Turning Points in Leadership Toronto event next year and, we are very pleased to announce next year's Halifax Turning Points in Leadership event will be held on Thursday April 17, 2008 and will be hosted by Robert P Kelly, Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer, Mellon Financial Corporation.

We recently held our 2nd Annual "Welcome to Alumni Wine and Cheese" hosted by our 25th reunion class of 1982 and attended by over 200 alumni, friends and the Grad class of 2007. This was a wonderful opportunity to welcome our newest alumni to our very exclusive club!

I hope to see many of you during Alumni Weekend 2007, celebrating the 5th, 10th, 25th and 50th reunion years and the Vanier Cup Champions of 2001 and 2002. Essentially, the classes of 2002, 1997, 1982 and 1957 with the Grad class of 2007 hosting.

Enjoy your summer!

Paul G. O'Hearn, BComm.'82

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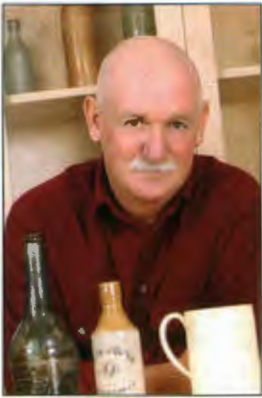
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Students and alumni really dig Davis



"He gives his free time in order to give his students the opportunity to excel,"

- Shannon McDonnell

Students and alumni sure dig Dr. Stephen Davis, recipient of the 2007 Father Stewart Medal for Excellence in Teaching.

Saint Mary's Anthropology Department would not be what it is today without the leadership, dedication and passion of Dr. Stephen Davis, according to students and alumni alike.

This is why Dr. Davis is the recipient of the 2007 Father William A. Stewart, S.J. Medal for Excellence in Teaching — an award presented each year by the Saint Mary's University Alumni Association, in conjunction with the SMU Faculty Union, to a professor who has gone above and beyond the call of duty for students both inside and outside the classroom.

"He gives his free time in order to give his students the opportunity to excel," says Shannon McDonnell, a fourth year anthropology student at SMU.

Dr. Davis received his doctorate from the University of Oxford. He earned a Master of Arts (MA) Degree from Memorial University of Newfoundland (MUN), and a Bachelor of Arts (BA) Degree (Honours) from the University of New Brunswick (UNB).

Davis has had a remarkable career since coming to Saint Mary's in 1973. His early career primarily focused on the First Nations cultures of North

America. Through his association with the Archaeological Survey of Canada he worked on Inuit sites on Dundas and Northern Devon Island and also participated on the excavation and partial restoration of a 12th century Iroquoian site in Southern Ontario. His main research interest has been primarily with the pre-contact cultures of Atlantic Canada particularly Nova Scotia and the Mi'kmaw People.

Throughout his career he has directed archaeological investigations of 15 prehistoric sites, 25 historic sites and conducted over 120 cultural resource assessment surveys. These activities have resulted in over 100 publications in the form of books, chapters, journal articles and contractual documents. He is also President of Davis Archaeological Consultants Limited, and served for a number of years as the Eastern Canadian Representative on the Federal Heritage Legislation Committee for the Canadian Archaeological Association.

He's been listed in the Canadian Who's Who for the past decade, and in 2003 he received the prestigious Saint Mary's President's Award for Excellence in Research.

Alumni around the world rave about his talent as a professor.

"Stephen is personable yet professional, firm but supportive and encouraging, and he always defends the interests of his students. I think this is the bedrock underlying his success as an educator," says Jonathan Fowler, a former student who has worked on a number of digs with Dr. Davis and a part-time anthropology professor at Saint Mary's who will soon complete his DPhil from Oxford University.

Dr. Davis has worn many hats during his time at SMU. He has served as Chairperson for the Department of Anthropology (1983-85, 1986-89, 1997-99, Acting Chairperson – 2000-01); and received the Presidential Appointment to serve on the University Budget Committee (1991-95), Committee on the Future of Saint Mary's (1988-89), and the Committee to Establish the Sackville Extension Centre (1988-89).



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We did it!

Over 1,000 students in the Faculties of Arts, Commerce, Science and Graduate Studies and Research crossed the stage at the Halifax Metro Centre on Friday, May 25 and received their degrees from Saint Mary's.

The Valedictorian for the morning ceremony was Zach Churchill, President of the Saint Mary's University Students' Association from 2005 to 2007. The Hooding Candidate was Ally Read. Adam Lordon was the Valedictorian for the afternoon ceremony, while Margaret Campbell was the Hooding Candidate.

Muriel Duckworth, the Honorable Myra A. Freeman, David Grace, David Hope, Stephen Leahey, and Captain Andrew J. Rae all received Honorary Degrees. For those wishing to read more about their lives, please visit the Saint Mary's website and the May 23, 2007 news release.

Dr. Stephen Davis, Anthropology Department, was presented with the Father William A. Stewart, S.J. Medal for Excellence in Teaching — an award presented by the Saint Mary's University Alumni Association, in conjunction with the SMU Faculty Union, to a professor who has gone above and beyond the call of duty for students inside and outside the classroom. And, Dr. Shelagh Crooks, Philosophy Department, received the Dr. Geraldine Thomas Educational Leadership Award.

The title Registrar Emeritus was bestowed on Dr. Elizabeth Chard, former Registrar. She passed away on May 5, 2007 after a short battle with cancer.

This year's Convocation was emotional for Kenneth Stannix, who crossed the stage to accept a Bachelor of Arts degree awarded to his son, Master Cpl. Christopher Paul Stannix. The 24-year-old SMU student was serving in Afghanistan in April when a bomb hit a military convoy west of Kandahar, killing the reservist and five other Canadian soldiers.

Murray Wilson, Associate Registrar, was formally recognized for his service to SMU. He will retire from his position in June.

Dr. David Richardson was named Dean Emeritus. He served as the Dean of Science at Saint Mary's from 1992 to 2006. The title of Professor Emeritus was bestowed on Dr. Dick Chesley (Accounting Department) and Dr. Andrew Seaman (English Department).

Those who received Medals for academic excellence included: Vanessa Rene Little (Governor General's Silver Medal); Ashley Christine McKenzie (Gold Medal: Faculty of Arts); Tammy L. Shuya (Gold Medal: Sobey School of Business); William Charles Arthur O'Brien (Gold Medal: Faculty of Science); Naomi Jane Hunter (Gold Medal: Division of Engineering); James Suma-Momoh (Governor General's Gold Medal); Stephen J. Foran (Gold Medal: Master of Business Administration); Sara Elizabeth Tingley (Gold



This year's Convocation was a resounding success.

Medal: Executive Master of Business Administration); Laura Elizabeth Black (Gold Medal: Master of Science in Applied Psychology); and Robert Boyle (Gold Medal: Master of Management: Co-operative and Credit Unions).

The University now has almost 35,000 alumni all around the world.



Proud of his son: Kenneth Stannix crossed the stage to accept a Bachelor of Arts degree awarded posthumously to his son, Master Cpl. Christopher Paul Stannix.



Olivier Jarda (right) received his Bachelor of Arts Degree (Honours). He is a Rhodes Scholar from Saint Mary's and this fall will begin his studies at Oxford University. He is pictured here with his mother, Dr. Rolande Colas.

Good Santamarian

A Saint Mary's University student made national headlines for doing a good deed.

Jaime Hawkins, a student enrolled in the Sobey School of Business at the University, found \$10,000.00 on January 9th in the Student Centre on campus.

He found the loot below the newspaper stand for The Journal Newspaper, which is located next to the Royal Bank of Canada (RBC) machine.

"I went to use the bank machine and quickly noticed a whole bunch of twenty-dollar bills stacked up on top of one another, all wrapped in elastic bands," says the third year finance major. "I was just totally floored when I discovered the money," he says.

He immediately took the money to the Information Desk in the Student Centre and staff there contacted Group 4 Securicor, the company which services the RBC bank machine.

When the news of his good deed hit the media, people came forward to help pay his tuition.



Dr. J. Colin Dodds (left), President of Saint Mary's and Jaime Hawkins. Dr. Dodds personally congratulated the SMU student for returning the \$10,000 he found in the Student Centre on campus in January.

Group 4 Securicor awarded the finance major at the Sobey School of Business at SMU with \$500.00. A woman from Toronto, ON, who wishes to remain anonymous, sent him a cheque for \$1,000.00.

As well, The Halifax Daily News Newspaper started a fund to help out Hawkins.

A number of media outlets have reported the story about Hawkins finding "a bread bag of money." Media outlets that have covered this story

include: USA Today (News Blog – Top Stories); CTV Canada AM; CBC Morning Show; The Canadian Press (CP); Broadcast News; CTV News (Atlantic and National); Global TV News (Atlantic and National); CBC Radio (Nova Scotia); CBC Radio (New Brunswick); The Metro Radio Group (C100, 96.5, Q104 and KIXX Country); 92 CJCH Radio; The Halifax Daily News; The Halifax Chronicle-Herald; The Edmonton Journal; The Cape Breton Post; The Toronto Star; The Toronto Sun; The St. John's Telegram; The Charlottetown Guardian; Canoe News; and The Hamilton Spectator.

"I knew right away to turn the money in," Hawkins says. "It was the right thing to do."

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Alumni Weekend 2007

September 20 – 23, 2007

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Vanier Cup Champions 2001 & 2002.

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for updates and details.

Hosted by
the graduating class of 2007.



PepsiCo Canada Gifts \$250,000 to Hearts & Minds Capital Campaign

One of the world's largest food and beverage companies is providing Saint Mary's with a donation that ensures continued growth for the University.

In April, PepsiCo Canada announced their \$250,000 gift to one of Canada's oldest and leading institutions of higher learning. The gift will be directed to the development of a new state-of-the-art-Atrium and Global Learning Commons Building — a facility that will connect the Patrick Power Library with the \$25.5 million renovated Science Building that will be completed in 2008.

A number of alumni, faculty, staff and students gathered to take part in the celebration including Linda A. Kuga Pikulin, President of Pepsi Bottling Group (PBG) Canada, Bill McEwan, President and CEO of Sobeys Inc. and member of the National Gifts Division, Hearts & Minds Capital Campaign, Dr. J. Colin Dodds, President of Saint Mary's, and Zach Churchill, President of the Saint Mary's University Students' Association (SMUSA).

"Pepsi Bottling Group is proud to support Saint Mary's — a university that is so well known for promoting accessibility, diversity, educational advancement, and a globalized curriculum for all its students," says Pikulin. "We are pleased to invest in Saint Mary's University and contribute to the truly unique worldly educational experience they offer students."

Pikulin was the keynote speaker at the Turning Points in Leadership Dinner, while McEwan was the Master of Ceremonies. The annual event is aimed at raising the profile of Saint Mary's alumni, increasing the opportunities for students to connect with their alma mater, and supporting the University's fundraising goals.

During the gift announcement ceremony the University revealed the naming of the ground level computer lab in the Sobeys Building (next to the MBA Study Lounge) the PepsiCo Canada Classroom in honour of the generous support.

"We applaud PepsiCo Canada," says Dr. Dodds. "It is this generosity that ensures Saint Mary's continues to support students, their dreams, and their potential as they prepare to become leading citizens of the world."

The Pepsi Bottling Group is the world's largest manufacturer, seller and distributor of Pepsi-Cola beverages with operations in the United States, Canada, Greece, Mexico, Russia, Spain and Turkey.



Linda A. Kuga Pikulin, President of Pepsi Bottling Group (PBG) Canada, presents Dr. J. Colin Dodds, President of Saint Mary's, with a \$250,000 cheque.



From left to right: Bill McEwan, President and CEO of Sobeys Inc. and member of the National Gifts Division, Hearts & Minds Capital Campaign; Zach Churchill, President of the Saint Mary's University Students' Association (SMUSA); Linda A. Kuga Pikulin, President of Pepsi Bottling Group (PBG) Canada; and Dr. J. Colin Dodds, President of Saint Mary's.

University to students: YOU GET TOP MARKS FOR THIS ONE



Job well done SMUSA! From left to right: Paul Dyer, Chair of the Board of Governors at Saint Mary's, Zach Churchill, President of SMUSA, and Dr. J. Colin Dodds, President of Saint Mary's.

The message Saint Mary's University sent to its students was effective and yet quite simple: job well done!

In March, the University hosted a special recognition event for the Saint Mary's University Students' Association (SMUSA) for raising almost \$300,000.00 in bursaries.

"SMUSA recognizes the challenges facing students today," said Zach Churchill, President of SMUSA, during his talk at the event.

"This is why SMUSA and the students have stepped up to the plate and launched this fundraising campaign. It's been tough fundraising, but the experience has truly been worth it, and we as students are proud to know that we are making a difference in the lives of others who want to obtain higher education."

So far SMUSA has raised \$250,000 and they expect to soon wrap up their campaign. SMUSA fronted \$40,000 (\$5.00 levy from each student) to kick-start the campaign. From there the donations kept rolling in. Two of the largest donations came from Aramark, the campus food service provider who have donated \$30,000. As well, Saint Mary's alumnus Kevin J. Reinhart, BComm'81 is the single largest contributor to the SMUSA Opportunity Bursary Fund. He personally contributed close to \$70,000 and the

company he works for, Calgary based Nexen, also matched his gift up to \$10,000. Kevin J. Reinhart is Vice President, Corporate Planning and Business Development for Nexen. He joined the global energy leader in 1994 and has served as Controller and Director of Risk Management and most recently as Treasurer. Prior to joining Nexen he held senior management positions with KPMG.

Churchill also underscored the efforts of others who have been instrumental in this fundraising campaign like Leah Bilodeau, Vice President of Finance for SMUSA, members of the SMUSA Executive, student volunteers, and a number of alumni from across Canada and around the world.

"This campaign is all about the students helping students," added Churchill to a roar of applause filling the lobby of the Student Centre.

Dr. J. Colin Dodds, President of Saint Mary's, and Paul Dyer, Chair of the Board of Governors at Saint Mary's, were on hand at the event to applaud the students for their kind act of philanthropy. Dr. Dodds and Mr. Dyer presented a special plaque of appreciation from the University to Churchill.

"This initiative is an example of student leadership," said Dr. Dodds. "The University is proud of our students who have all been working together to help the students of today and tomorrow."

Over 100 students attended the lunchtime ceremony and free pizza and pop was served to all those who attended.

Saint Mary's currently offers more than \$3.3 million in scholarships and bursaries to students.

Saint Mary's freezes tuition for programs, and announces tuition reduction for Nova Scotia students

Saint Mary's University will freeze tuition for the 2007-2008 academic year.

The Government of Nova Scotia will provide funding to cover the 3.9% tuition increase that otherwise would have been charged to all students (including international students) studying at Nova Scotia universities.

Full time students from Nova Scotia will also see their tuition reduced by \$500 because of the support from the Government of Nova Scotia.

Recognizing the value of a university education, Saint Mary's also offers \$3.6 million in scholarships and bursaries, as well as more than \$3 million in employment opportunities on campus for students.

"With the support from the Government of Nova Scotia, as well as alumni and friends, Saint Mary's can continue its mission of accessibility for

qualified students," says Dr. Terry Murphy (BA'68), Vice President (Academic and Research). "Approximately 80 percent of students enrolled at Saint Mary's are from Nova Scotia, while another 15 percent are from countries around the world, making the Saint Mary's experience unique, one where the world is on one city block, in one of Canada's best cities."

Support for scholarships and bursaries comes from alumni and friends of Saint Mary's who believe in our mission of "...being the University of choice for aspiring citizens of the world."

Enhanced scholarship and bursaries are a cornerstone in the current \$40 million Hearts & Minds Capital Campaign, chaired by Paul Sobey, which will significantly and positively affect students, faculty and staff at Saint Mary's and our community.

Having a Degree from Saint Mary's is a "Deloitte"

By Paul Fitzgerald (BA '97 and MA '06)

While students in the Sobey School of Business at Saint Mary's, Peter Brown and Jamie Welsh knew the career path they wanted to pursue. And, sure enough, as both graduates just over a decade apart in age contend, Saint Mary's helped to get them there.

Both work with Deloitte — the largest professional services firm in Canada. Deloitte provides audit, tax, financial advisory and an array of consulting services across the country and around the world.

"My time at Saint Mary's was truly amazing," says Brown, 43, who graduated in the spring of 1985 with a Bachelor of Commerce Degree (major in accounting).

He grew up living across Canada and finished high school in Halifax, NS. His neighbour in Halifax was Kevin Cleary, former Secretary of Senate who was known as "Mr. Saint Mary's."

Cleary — who sadly passed away on May 10, 2003 — convinced Brown that Saint Mary's was the school of choice.

Saint Mary's is the place where Brown also met his wife, Mary Ellen (nee Macleod), BComm.'87. This summer they will celebrate their 20th wedding anniversary.

"As a student, I learned how to juggle academic pursuits with life lessons.



My days at SMU were an experience of a lifetime — one that I will never forget,” adds the current Managing Partner for Deloitte, Atlantic Canada, and member of the Board of Directors for Deloitte in Canada.

Welsh echoes Brown’s view. The solid reputation of the Sobey School of Business is what lured him to Saint Mary’s.

“Saint Mary’s was an outstanding experience for me. University life presented me with some amazing opportunities... that I may have been more reluctant to take on at a larger institution,” says Welsh, 31. Welsh, a native of Dartmouth, NS, obtained his Bachelor of Commerce Degree (major in accounting and minor in economics) in the spring of 1998.

He is now a Chartered Accountant and Senior Manager, Assurance and Advisory Services with Deloitte.

“My Saint Mary’s experience started with Frosh Week, but before I knew it the excitement I felt from getting involved and participating led me into playing intramurals like hockey, basketball, volleyball, and touch football. I also became quite involved in organizing student events on campus, serving as Chair of the Board of Directors for The Journal Newspaper, running for the position of Treasurer on Student Council, and eventually being selected to oversee the financial operations of the Saint Mary’s University Students’ Association (SMUSA) and the Gorsebrook Lounge because of my financial background,” he says.

Both recall the top-notch professors they had. Brown states, “Professors like Nicki Young, Dr. David Batemen, Dr. Tim O’Neill, Dr. J. Colin Dodds and David Hope — among others — were truly impressive in the classroom, and they all had a nice blend of academic brilliance with first-class teaching skills. Outside of the professors from the Faculty of Commerce, I still remember Dr. Michael Larsen, professor of English and former Dean of Arts, as one of the most gifted teachers and a truly nice man as well. SMU people seemed to get the concept of balance — academic achievement, athletic achievement and a healthy dose of fun.”

Welsh also has a long list of favorite professors. He says however that Nicki Young was very influential on both his academic and professional career. “She is a special person, one who I will always keep in touch with,” he says.

Jamie Welsh (BComm. ’98) and Peter Brown (BComm. ’85)

At present, there are lots of Saint Mary’s graduates who are working with Deloitte.

“Our firm is full of great people with deep technical skills who are committed to doing great work for our clients and my colleagues are stellar professionals who all share a passion to serve,” says Welsh, who joined Deloitte in September of 1998. Not long after taking a job with Deloitte he married, Jacque (nee Roy), who will give birth this September.

Brown joined the well-known company in the summer of 1985. “I chose to work here because of the great people on board,” he says. “Over the last 22 years, I have had the chance to work in a number of professional roles including audit, advisory and corporate finance and have also had the opportunity to work all over Canada, the United States, Australia, South America, and Africa on client matters,” he adds.

The duo have many more years to grow with Deloitte and are looking forward to ensuring that the firm continues to attract more clients.

As well, they both remain strongly connected to Saint Mary’s.

While Brown currently lives in St. John’s, Newfoundland and Labrador, he still makes a point to come to Halifax to catch the Football Huskies in action. He’s also impressed with the new facilities on campus like the Sobey Building.

“I always follow the news at the University — my alma matter — and keep in touch with old friends. I also ensure that Deloitte hires SMU grads every year as we look for only the best and brightest professionals,” says Brown.

Welsh, who still resides in Dartmouth, has been active as a volunteer with the University’s Alumni Association since graduation. He was elected to the Executive of the Association in 1999 and soon after was elected Vice President, a position he held until 2005.

“I frequently attend home football games, and have played in the Alumni Golf Tournament for the last 10 years,” he says. “Also, I have not missed a Uteck Bowl — formerly called the Atlantic Bowl — and I have accompanied the Huskies Football Team to the Vanier Cup in Toronto in 1999, 2002 and 2003. What can I say: I have a strong passion to support my school.”

So, as Deloitte continues rise in the global market place, keep in mind that it’s Santamarians like Welsh and Brown that are behind the scenes making it all happen.



ALUMNI EVENTS

Turning Points in Leadership 2007

By Tammy Milbury (MBA '06)

On Thursday, April 19, 2007 the campus came alive as guests arrived at the 2nd annual Turning Points in Leadership presented by Sobey's Inc. and hosted by the Saint Mary's University Alumni Association.

The keynote speaker was Linda A. Kuga Pikulin, President, The Pepsi Bottling Group (Canada), Co. and Bill McEwan, President and CEO, Sobey's Inc. was the master of ceremonies. Entertainment was provided by Nova Scotia's Acadian inspired song, dance and theatre group, Grand Dérangement.

A reception hosted by Paul O'Hearn (BComm'82), President of the Saint Mary's University Alumni Association and Co-Chair of Turning Points in Leadership, was attended by eminent alumni including the Honourable Mayann Francis (BA'72); Dr. J. Colin Dodds, President of Saint Mary's University, as well as prominent business leaders and top students. Premier Rodney MacDonald attended and brought greetings from the Province.

The McNally Theatre Auditorium was transformed into a sleek and elegant dining room thanks to the creative genius of Wendy Levy of Innovative Planning Inc.

Featured speaker, Ms. Kuga Pikulin, was both elegant and eloquent. She wowed the audience with her presence and her words of wisdom. Students and business people alike were moved by her recollection of the turning points in her life and career, how they motivated her, and what drives her to continue to strive for success.

An exciting element of this year's evening was the announcement of the Turning Points Hall of Leadership. The hall, to be located in the Loyola Academic Complex at Saint Mary's, will serve as a visual legacy of Turning Points in Leadership and acknowledges the following values: leadership at Saint Mary's University; leadership in business; leadership in our communities; and leadership in life. It recognizes exceptional leaders who share the global vision of the University in their commitment to leadership: One University. One World. Yours.

The inaugural inductees of the Turning Points Hall of Leadership are Dr. David F. Sobey, Chairman Emeritus, Sobey's Inc., and his son, Mr. Paul D. Sobey, President and CEO, Empire Company Limited. Presenting the awards on behalf of Steven Landry (BComm '82), Chairman, DaimlerChrysler Canada, were Alumni Association President Paul O'Hearn (BComm '82) and Tammy Milbury (MBA '06) Turning Points Event Co-Chair.

In the mid-1980s Dr. Sobey served on the Board of Governors of the University and in 1991 was awarded the degree of Doctor of Commerce (honoris causa) from Saint Mary's. From 1993 to 1998 he chaired Saint Mary's Building on Strength capital campaign which raised in excess of \$24 million for various initiatives, including the creation of the Sobey Building - home to the University's business school. In 2005 Dr. David F. Sobey made a personal gift of \$3 million to the University to establish an endowment

Keynote speaker Linda A. Kuga Pikulin, President, The Pepsi Bottling Group (Canada), Co. tells the guests about some of the turning points in her life and career.



Left to right: Linda A. Kuga Pikulin, President, The Pepsi Bottling Group (Canada), Co.; Paul O'Hearn (BComm'82), Saint Mary's University Alumni Association President; Nova Scotia Premier Rodney MacDonald; and Bill McEwan, President & CEO, Sobey's Inc.



The Honourable Mayann Francis (BA'72) and Dr. J. Colin Dodds, President of Saint Mary's University.

to fund, in perpetuity, an academic Chair in Business within the Sobey School of Business.

Today, Paul D. Sobey, President & CEO of Empire Company Limited, is a member of the University's Board of Governors. As well, he is chair of Saint Mary's Hearts & Minds capital campaign and had led the way as the university has already achieved more than seventy-five percent of its \$40 million goal. Find out more about the campaign at www.heartsandminds.ca

Mr. Paul Sobey and his family attended the dinner and he accepted both awards on his family's behalf.

Much of the evening's success can be attributed to the support of its sponsors – trampoline, Progress Magazine, The Globe and Mail, Aramark, Lord Nelson Hotels & Suites, Advocate Printing & Publishing Company Ltd. and Mellon Financial Corporation.

Turning Points in Leadership brings together the best and the brightest graduating students from Saint Mary's with business and community leaders and visionaries to celebrate leadership. As well, this prestigious event raises money for students in financial need with proceeds going to fund the Turning Points in Leadership Award. The \$2000 award is presented annually to full-time, undergraduate students who demonstrate financial need and academic achievement.

The Turning Points in Leadership website is continuously updated. If you are interested in seeing what has happened in the past or are curious to see how the planning is coming along for 2008, please visit www.smu.ca/events/turningpoints.

TURNING POINTS IN LEADERSHIP 2008 IS WELL UNDERWAY!

Mark your calendars now for Thursday April 17, 2008 where the evening host will be Mr. Robert Kelly (BComm '75); Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer of CIBC Mellon Financial Corporation.



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Paul D. Sobey (centre) accepts entry into the the Turning Points in Leadership Hall from Tammy Milbury (MBA'06), Turning Points event Co-Chair, and Paul O'Hearn (BComm '82), President, Saint Mary's Alumni Association. Mr. Sobey accepted the award of inaugural entry into the Turning Points in Leadership Hall for himself and on behalf of his father, Dr. David Sobey.

AIESEC Reception



Members of the community, Alumni, members of the AIESEC Halifax society and Saint Mary's President Dr. J. Colin Dodds met at the Gorsebrook on March 16th for the Stakeholder Reception. This event kicked off AIESEC's Alumni Campaign, an event that will reach out to alumni and re-engage them in the organization. If you or anyone you know used to be involved with AIESEC and would like more information, you can contact Adam Harris at halifax.ca@aiesec.net.

Alumni Movie Night



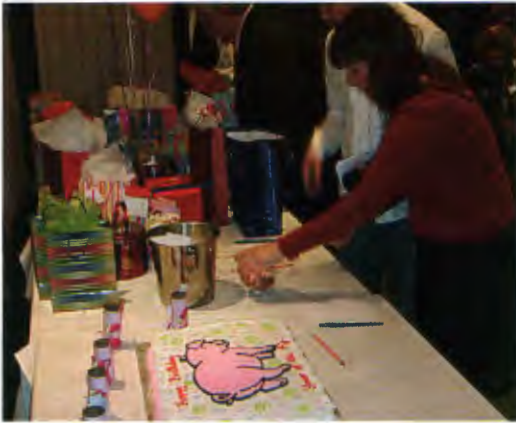
Another successful Alumni Movie Night took place in February at Empire Theatres. Sherri Joyce-Robinson (BA'98) and Jon Robinson came out for the fun!

St. Kitts Meet & Greet



Left to right: Ineacho O'Garro (BSc.'05); Keith Hotchkiss (BA'73) Director, Student Services, Saint Mary's University; Ghislaine Williams (BA'04) and Damille James (BComm.'05) at a 'Meet and Greet' in St. Kitts in winter 2006.

Chinese New Year



The annual Chinese New Year's Dinner was held in Ottawa on February 25, 2007. The event which is attended by various Canadian university alumni kicks off the new alumni season with good wishes for the upcoming year's plans. 2007 is the year of the Golden Pig. The event was well attended and included a ten-course (left) meal and a gift exchange and birthday cake (far left).

Hanoi Reception

On March 28, 2007 the Canadian Ambassador to Vietnam, Gariel-M Lessard, hosted an evening at his official residence in Hanoi to honour Saint Mary's alumni and friends (right). Dozens of people attended including representatives from the Vietnamese Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Vietnamese Ministry for Planning and Investment, officials from partner universities in Hanoi, representatives of local and international NGOs (non-governmental organizations), Embassy personnel, and some local journalists. Saint Mary's was in Hanoi to work with the National Economic University to develop a proposal to be submitted to Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) in entrepreneurial development.



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ELIZABETH ANN HUTTON CHARD SANTAMARIAN. SCHOLAR. FRIEND.

By Paul Fitzgerald (BA '97 and MA '06)

It was Feb. 14, 1999, and about half-an-hour after our plane departed from the Brussels airport, pilots discovered there was something wrong inside the left wing of the airliner.

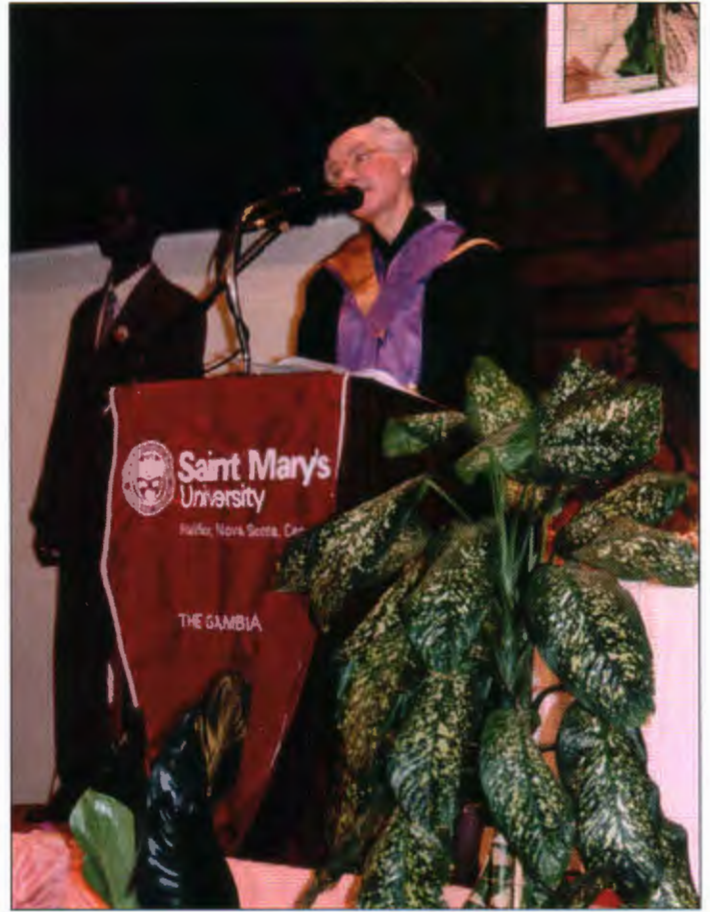
A contingent that included Dr. Elizabeth Chard from Saint Mary's University in Halifax was on this flight en route to Gambia, West Africa. The purpose of the trip was for the group to attend the convocation of more than 70 Gambians who would receive degrees on their home soil earned via the Saint Mary's University Extension Program.

People on board became frightened when the flight attendants quickly reminded everyone of emergency procedures. The intensity of the situation ignited uncertainty.

"We are going to be just fine, and nothing is going to stop us from getting to Banjul; just laugh this one off, trust me," she reminded everyone.

Her voice was adamant, and yet her appearance was calm, cool, and collected. She knew we would be okay. And we were.

This is how Elizabeth always was: caring, courageous and full of hope. This is how I — along with many others — remember her.



The only child of the late Robert R. and Mamie W. (Withrow) Hutton, these very traits followed her through her journey of life.

After earning her BA, B. Ed and MA from Dalhousie University, the Jesuits at Saint Mary's hired her as their first full-time female faculty member in the department of history in 1961. The positions she held over her 44-year career included history department chair, dean of women, faculty adviser to women varsity athletes, and head registrar – a position that she held from 1973 to her retirement in 2005.

She cared about the students and was known as a wonderful mentor to thousands of them. She encouraged them to strive to be their best no matter the career path chosen. This is why so many she mentored have gone on to be successful business leaders, politicians and social advocates all around the world.

She also gave back to other communities. She served as the president of Atlantic University Sport (AUS) from 1976 to 1978 and, in 1980 was the first woman to serve as president of Canadian Interuniversity Sport (CIS). Her leadership qualities were the very reason these organizations grew.

She instilled her personal traits in organizations that represented the disabled. In 1982, she demonstrated tremendous leadership with the Pan American Wheelchair Games, the World Wheelchair Basketball Championships, and for more than 10 years, she served on Nova Scotia Special Olympics Committee. She also was an important member of the Rick Hansen Man in Motion Tour in 1986. In 1994 she chaired the Canadian Special Olympics in Halifax. Her goal was to help others reach their goals in the world, no matter what obstacles they faced in life.

Never selfish, many organizations over the years gave her something in return for her caring, courageous and hopeful attitude to life. The CIS awarded her with the Austin Matthew's Award in 1984. She received honorary doctorates from both St. Thomas University and Saint Mary's. The Nova Scotia Sport Hall of Fame inducted her as did the Saint Mary's Sport Hall of Fame and Heritage Centre.



**Mrs. D. Chard,
B.A., M.A.,
Lecturer, History**

While she is gone now, I still remember her words to me while we walked the beach in Gambia not long after we safely landed on our visit eight years ago.

She told me what she told everyone: "Always care about others, have courage and always have hope -- this is how you will make a difference in not only your life, but the lives of others, too."

Elizabeth Ann Hutton Chard

Born Aug. 25, 1939, in Halifax. Died May 5, 2007 in Halifax, of cancer, aged 67.

This article appeared in the Globe and Mail on Wednesday May 23, 2007, page L8.



(top left page) Graduation ceremony at Saint Mary's in the Gambia, 1999

(top right page) 1965 yearbook photo

(bottom right page) Dr. Elizabeth Chard's retirement reception, June 2005

(bottom left page) Elizabeth Chard (in bright red and black robe and her trademark fabulous shoes) at convocation circa 1970s.

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Paul O’Hearn, President, Alumni Association, and Dr. J. Colin Dodds, Saint Mary’s University President, are proud to announce five new appointments to our Santamarian community. Congratulations to Francis Fares, President & CEO, Fares Inc., and Steven Landry, Chairman, DaimlerChrysler Canada and VP Sales, Chrysler Group, who join the Saint Mary’s University Board of Governors. Mr. O’Hearn and Dr. Dodds are also pleased to welcome David Carrigan (missing from photo), Managing Director, Government, xwave, Tammy Milbury, Management Consultant, Dunvegan Loyalty Builders, and Nicole Godbout, Associate Lawyer, Boyne Clarke, newest members of our Alumni Executive.

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Where will you go?

Jackie Barrett

To Alumni, *"Set your goals and aim for it"*



Jackie Barrett (BComm. '98) trains for the Special Olympics on campus at the Tower Athletic Facility.

By Paul Fitzgerald (BA'97, MA'06)

It's around noon at a local gym near downtown Halifax, NS, and the place is buzzing with all sorts of activity.

In one area, fitness buffs in their workout gear run intensely on the large-sized treadmills; most seem attuned to the array of television sets hanging from the ceiling.

The sound of loud technotronic music and the hum from all treadmills fills the room. The energetic feeling from it all is simply contagious.

But then it doesn't take one long to quickly notice the excitement happening in the weightlifting area, which is located right near the sea of treadmills, surrounded by large size wall mirrors.

A small crowd gathers to check out a popular patron of this place in action.

It's Jackie Barrett who is sporting a grey t-shirt, green workout shorts, and white sneakers.

He seems poised to lift some heavy iron.

One can only wonder how much he is trying to squat. Is it 300 lbs.? Is it 400 lbs.? Or, is it 450 lbs.?

"This is 500 lbs, and I am going for it," shouts out an enthusiastic Barrett. His call for triumph on this Friday afternoon earns him some applause from the spectators — all of whom appear to marvel at how much he is attempting to squat.

He is all set to go.

He clutches his hands on the long bar-bell. His facial expression is truly intense. He is down for the squat, and lifts the bar up slowly to his knees, then to his waist.

His face is bright red; his mouth sealed shut; his jaw locked; his eyes wide open.

Will he go all the way?

As one finds it hard to stand the crescendo any longer, he then hoists up 500 lbs. over his head.

Everyone is in awe.

He lets go of the bar bell quickly, and it crashes onto the floor. He raises his arms high in celebration.

He gets a round of applause, which of course is well deserved.

For Barrett, having a crowd — regardless of its size — and lifting this much iron, is all in a day's work being an avid powerlifter — a sport he picked up while a student at Saint Mary's University.

After he graduated from the Sobey School of Business at SMU in the Spring of 1998, Barrett has showed the world that he is a true achiever in his sport of choice.

He's competed in a number of Special Olympic Canada Summer Games and is all set to compete in this year's Special Olympics World Games which is being held in October in Shanghai, China.

He's an achiever, there's no doubt about it.

And, in this interview at the gym, he takes the time to sit down and talk about his days at SMU, his success as a powerlifter, and he even offers his advice to those who want to achieve success in life.

Jackie, how does it feel to be competing in the Special Olympics World Games in Shanghai, China this October?

For me it's definitely a great honour and pride to represent Canada for the second time in my Special Olympics career. The first time was the 1999 Special Olympics World Summer Games in Raleigh-Durham, USA. Competing in the Special Olympics World Games this year will also give me a chance to enjoy Chinese culture, a chance to meet other Special Olympians from around the world, enjoy the thrill of another international level competition, and fulfill my dream of traveling to China.

What kind of training is involved in preparing for such a big event?

When I was training for the 2006 Special Olympics Canada Summer Games in Brandon, Manitoba I often trained up to three hours a day, and three times a week. One day is set aside for squats and leg workouts, another day for bench press and arm related workouts, and another day for deadlift, shoulder, leg, and arm workouts. Right now, I'm training between two and three hours a day, four days a week. In addition to the squat, bench press, and deadlift workouts, I'm also doing speed bench press workouts as well. As for my diet, I don't often have a special diet to follow, just enjoy the foods other people eat.

How would you attribute your experience at Saint Mary's attributed to you being such a big success story on the world stage?

When I was a Commerce Student at SMU, I had to perform group and individual presentations in various courses, such as Marketing, Management, Systems Analysis and Design, Computer Configurations, and Data Communications. Because powerlifting is a high injury risk sport, being able to perform under tremendous pressure in front of hundreds, perhaps thousands, of spectators, and staying focused without showing any nerves is a valuable asset. Performing class presentations in front of over 60 students has given me an ability to perform huge feats of strength and power in pressure situations with little or no problems. The experience I gained in group and individual presentations has also enabled me to do public speaking engagements in front of up to 1,600 people with little or no problem. Being a student at Saint Mary's also taught me about goal setting hard work, self-discipline, and self-dedication in all courses, which carries over not just to your academics, but also in sport.

What was your time at SMU like as a student?

My time at Saint Mary's University was one of the best experiences of my life. I had a chance to make new friends from around the world, take on new challenges, enjoy some social activities in the Games Room, and spend some time lifting weights at The Tower. The only sad point about my time at Saint Mary's is after my graduation in 1998 as I miss hearing from my friends and acquaintances I met while being a student. I'm not worried too much since I compete in powerlifting because I love the sport, and the joy of lifting tremendous weights. Since the Special Olympics World Summer Games will give me an opportunity to meet, socialize, and compete with athletes from other nations, I believe my time as a student at Saint Mary's will be beneficial at the Special Olympics World Games.



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Do you have any professors/administrators who you credit for your success in life?

The administrator I give credit to is Dr. Elizabeth Chard, the former Registrar at Saint Mary's, who was also an active volunteer with Special Olympics Nova Scotia. Elizabeth has put a lot of work and effort to make Special Olympics Nova Scotia very successful through her diligent work in preparing for the Special Olympics Nova Scotia Summer Games, and the 1994 Special Olympics Canada Summer Games. Without her hard work and effort, Special Olympians would not have an opportunity to showcase their athleticism and skills at the provincial, national, or even international level.

So, what made you get into powerlifting?

When I was a student at J. L. Isley High School, I usually spent my lunch hour lifting weights to assist me in two sports: swimming and football. After about two months of lifting weights, I notice my speed dramatically increased, and I stuck with weight lifting as part of my cross training for swimming. During my freshman and sophomore years at Saint Mary's University, I normally spent between one to two hours a day lifting weights at The Tower to prepare for the 1994 Special Olympics Canada Summer Games in Halifax as a swimmer. When I competed at the 1994 Special Olympics Canada Summer Games, I watched the powerlifting competition, and I was amazed at the amount of weight some Special Olympians were lifting. One athlete even performed a deadlift almost three times their bodyweight. At the 1994 Special Olympics Canada Summer Games, one of my competitors asked: "If I was so strong, then why don't I take up powerlifting?" Later in 1994, my swimming coach also suggested I should take up powerlifting since I love to lift weights. Before I took up powerlifting, the big challenge for me was finding a coach or lifter with experience since the sport was not known in Halifax in the mid 1990's. But in February of 1995, after a weight room attendant at The Tower found one or two powerlifting coaches, I was able to start training and competing as a powerlifter. After the 1996 Special Olympics Nova Scotia Summer Games, I decided to retire as a swimmer to focus more on my studies at Saint Mary's and training for the 1997 Special Olympics Nova Scotia Summer Games as a powerlifter.

Can you tell me your successes to date as a powerlifter?

My personal bests for powerlifting are 585 lbs. in the squat; 337 lbs. in the bench press; and 651 lbs. in the deadlift. I previously competed in the 1998, 2002, and 2006 Special Olympics Canada Summer Games, and also the 1999 Special Olympics World Summer Games as a powerlifter. I competed in the 1994 Special Olympics Canada Summer Games as a swimmer. My other successes as a powerlifter include setting over 60 Special Olympics Canada records and approximately 10 unofficial



Special Olympics World Records. I'm also the current Nova Scotia Powerlifting Association Men's Open Super-Heavyweight record holder in the deadlift. In 2000, I was also the runner-up for Sport Nova Scotia "Male Athlete of the Year" and Special Olympics Canada "Male Athlete of the Year" which was a great moment in life.

What advice do you have for others who want to be successful like you?

Never give up. Like with school, work, and other life things there will come times when we get stuck or reach our sticking point which make us feel like giving up. When you're in this situation, always seek help from your coach, instructor, teacher, or peers to help you get past these hurdles. I have experienced many hurdles as a powerlifter and as a former student, and I always found a way to overcome it by changing my training strategy or seek assistance when needed. Other pieces of advice I have for others is remain committed to what it is you want to achieve in life, always listen to others, be mentally prepared, and set your goals and aim for it.

HEROES & ICONS SPORT HALL OF FAME ANNOUNCES 2007 INDUCTEES AND WILL HONOUR DR. ELIZABETH A. CHARD

The latest sports heroes to be inducted into the Saint Mary's Sport Hall of Fame and Heritage Centre are John Gallinaugh, Father George Leach, S.J., and Lee Thomas.

At this year's ceremony, (Saturday, September 22, 2007) the achievements of Dr. Elizabeth A. Chard, who passed away on May 5, 2007 after a short battle with cancer, will be saluted. Dr. Chard was a member of the Steering Committee for the Hall, and was the first woman to be inducted into the Hall in 1998 as a "builder" of varsity sport at SMU.

"She was an amazing person and she touched the lives of many people," says Dr. David Murphy, Director of the Athletics and Recreation Department.

"This year we are going to honour Elizabeth, who was a close friend and mentor, and a person who shaped the culture of varsity sport and academic excellence at Saint Mary's," he says.

Paul Puma, Chair of the Saint Mary's Sport Hall of Fame and Heritage Centre Steering Committee, echoes this view.

"The Hall lost a great friend, and we want to recognize all the great things Elizabeth did for academics, varsity sport and the growth of Saint Mary's," says Puma. "She will certainly be missed as she did so much for the Saint Mary's community and beyond."

Those being inducted this year were instrumental in the growth of sport at Saint Mary's.

Father Leach, who hailed from Dartmouth, NS, came to Saint Mary's to study engineering. From 1952 to 1957, he was known as a natural athlete who played football, hockey, basketball and track and field. He was a leader in every sport he participated in and is the longest living three-time championship quarterback to lead SMU on the field. Then known as the "Saints," he shared fullback and quarterback tasks to lead to the Nova Scotia Championship. From there, he quarterbacked the SMU squad in 1955 to the Nova Scotia Provincial Title (now the esteemed Canadian Junior Football League). By 1956 Father Leach won every league game to reach the conference's first Maritime title match. He left Saint Mary's to enter the Jesuit seminary in Guelph, ON in 1957. Last fall and winter he served as Chaplain for the students at Saint Mary's.

Hailing from Rockaway Beach, New York, John Gallinaugh was an outstanding high school athlete who continued his academic path at Saint Mary's, earning a Bachelor of Commerce Degree in 1974. Known as "the King of Basketball," he was one of the greatest players to ever don the colours. His skills and leadership as captain of the Huskies basketball team resulted in a win at the Atlantic University Sport (AUS) and the Canadian Interuniversity Sport (CIS) National Championship in 1973. Since graduating from SMU, he has seen success in business in Halifax and continues to back to his alma mater and the Halifax community. He supports SMU and his community and has coached basketball at the minor and high school levels.



Lee Thomas was a spectacular basketball player. He played with the Huskies from 1973 to 1976 and during his time on the court earned many awards. His tenacity paid off and led the Huskies to win the CIS National Championship in 1973. He made a number of honour rolls, including: AUS All Conference All Star (1973, 1974 and 1976); Starting Line-Up for All-Canadian (1975 and 1976); National Tournament All-Star (1973 and 1976); CJCH TV Athlete of the Week (1972); National Basketball Festival of Canadian All-Stars (1974 and 1976); AUS Rebound Champ (1973, 1974, 1975 and 1976); SMU Rookie of the Year (1973); SMU Most Valuable Player (1974); and the Thoroughbred Award (1974-1975). Since graduating, he went on to work at the YMCA in Halifax coaching basketball and mentoring inner city youth. He now resides in New Jersey and is the owner of a Notary Signing Agency.

Red plus White equals *Gold!*

Saint Mary's University men's hockey coach Trevor Stienburg led the way to victory as Head Coach for Team Canada for the World University Games that took place in January in Turin, Italy.

Team Canada took the gold from Russia in an exciting 3-1 game.

The team of all-stars from the Atlantic University Sport conference captured Canada's third-ever World University Games men's hockey title. Canada first claimed gold in 1981 in Jaca, Spain and again in 1991 in Sapporo, Japan.

"It's an unbelievable feeling, just unbelievable," said Trevor Stienburg. "Our general manager, Chris Larsen, came up with our team motto 'Red plus White equals Gold'. That's what we've had in mind since this group first got together about two months ago."

Seven Saint Mary's University players and staff (or friends of Saint Mary's) contributed to Canada's first Gold Medal hockey championship in 21 years at the World University Games.



(above) Team Canada Gold Medal Winners at the World University Games celebrate their victory. Photo by Richiardi fotocronache

(left) Saint Mary's University was well represented within the Gold Medal Team Canada. (left to right): Trevor Stienburg (Head Coach), Chad Newhook (Head Athletic Therapist), Scott Hathan (D), Dan Rudisuela (F), Marc Rancourt (F), Fred Devlin (Video Coach), Chris Larsen (General Manager).



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Garry Morehouse, BComm, has worked in Toronto for 30 years in the corporate sector, primarily with Eaton's. He left his job in Toronto, as a Director for Visa Canada Association to live full time in Midland, ON. In 2001, Garry made a career switch to the charitable sector to start-up a Community Foundation. He bought into the concept of community foundation 'endowments' as a way to make charitable donations last forever. This has significant appeal to him personally and he sees it as being very good for the future of the community. Garry would like to look back and say that he played a part in generating assets in excess of \$2,000,000 that enabled the Huronia Communities Foundation to make grants of more than \$100,000 each year, forever. You can see the website: www.huroniacommunities.com.

Jeremy Simms, BA, BEd'69, retired as chief superintendent, after more than 10 years with the Calgary Catholic School District. He has 38 years of experience in the school system. Jeremy also taught graduate and undergraduate courses in Nova Scotia universities. Jeremy and his wife Phyllis have three children and one grandchild. During his term as chief superintendent, he successfully opened five high schools, eight elementary/junior highs and three elementary schools. He instituted a Family of Schools, District Advisory Council, Community of Caring, Faith Day and a number of programs available to students in the District.

1975

Self Help Connection

Linda Bayers, MA, is director of Self Help Connection, a national non-profit health organization. They encourage people to help themselves through difficulties in their lives with referral to self-help and peer support groups. Linda stopped teaching in the school system to work in the community to concentrate her efforts on adults facing problems. She joined Self Help Connection in 1988 and took on the position of director in 1991. Linda was raised in north-end Halifax. Her mother passed away when she was 10 years old and although she had responsibilities at home, her father believed in education, so she attended Bloomfield, Alexandra schools and Queen Elizabeth High. Along with her Master's degree from Saint Mary's, she graduated from Dalhousie and obtained a doctorate in education, from the University of South Australia. Linda teaches educational psychology at Mount Saint Vincent University. Self Help Connection began in 1987 with only 38 groups. Now, celebrating its 20th anniversary, Self Help Connection now has more than 500 groups in Nova Scotia. Linda quotes Gandi: "Live like you're going to die tomorrow. Learn like you're going to live forever."

1977

Nil d'Entremont, BSc., BEd'78, CA, is corporate controller for the Art Gallery of Nova Scotia.

Blaine Whynot, BA, informs us that thirty-two years ago, while at Saint Mary's University, **Michel Arsenault, BComm'76**, and himself created the very first NHL hockey playoff pools. It was so popular that in '76 and '77, Blaine was given an office on the 5th floor of the SUB from which to run this playoff hockey pool. Both Mike and Blaine were valedictorians of their graduating class in '77, Michel for business and Blaine for arts. They would like to say hello to all the Santamarians, who remember those first playoff pools and to let them know they're still going strong, after three decades.

1978

Ron Guest BComm and his wife Sueann Guest (nee Hernden), BA'79 reside in Oakville, Ontario. They have been married for twenty-five years and have three daughters. Ron is CEO of Bottomline HR Inc., an online HR service for small business. He would like to hear from friends from the SMU years at rquest@bottomlinehr.com.

William (Willie) Follette, BA, has been employed for 10 years with the Government of Alberta as a Career and Employment Consultant/Business and industry liaison. In this position, he assists people and employers in career development, education and employment training and job finding/matching. In his spare time, he runs marathons and hopes to come to Halifax to run the Bluenose Marathon. Willie last raced in the World's Master's Games half marathon in Edmonton in 2005. He plans to run the marathon in Sydney, Australia in 2009. Willie and his wife have three children, Matthew, 17, grade 12, Mary 14, grade 9 and Whitney, 12, grade 7. All three are involved in music, sports and youth activities at the Alliance Church. Matthew and Mary are planning a short term mission trip this summer, Matt to Nicaragua and Mary to Thailand.

1981

Alumnus becomes Archbishop of Edmonton

Richard Smith, BComm, took on the post of Archbishop of Edmonton at the Archdiocese in Edmonton, Alberta, in early May. He plans to take his cue from Pope Benedict and become a good listener. Richard met the pope last fall at a pilgrimage by Ontario bishops. Richard has served as a bishop in Pembroke, Ontario for the past five years. He was ordained in 1987. Richard worked in Bridgewater, Truro, Sheet Harbour, before making his way in 1991, to the Pontifical Gregorian University in Rome, where he obtained his doctorate. Richard also served as a parish priest at St. John the Baptist in Armdale and as Vicar General for the Archdiocese of Halifax under Archbishop Terrence Prendergast.

1982

Leo McKenna, CA, BComm, was recently re-elected Chair of Halifax Public Libraries, a volunteer position he has held, since September, 2004. Leo is the Chief Financial Officer with the Workers' Compensation Board of Nova Scotia.

1988

Founder and CEO of Erdene Gold Inc. is nothing, if not diverse.

Peter Ackerley, BSc, is a geologist and CEO of Erdene Gold Inc. a company he founded 10 years ago. Erdene explores for gold and gold-copper deposits focusing on East Central Asian countries. The company holds 47 mineral and 17 uranium licenses bordering on the countries of Russia and China. Located near Glace Bay, NS, Erdene Gold Inc. has a stake in Donkin Coal Alliance and a number of kaolin clay deposits in Central Georgia. The company has diversified with the Halifax firm Kao clay Resources which holds kaolin clay deposits (used in paper making and pottery) in Georgia and South Carolina, and a 25 percent stake in Donkin, Glace Bay, Nova Scotia along with Xstrata a Swiss mining giant. Erdene does business with Huber, family-owned businesses in the United States, for its kaolin clay. Zuun Mod in Mongolia is one of the most advanced in Erdene Gold Inc.'s energy portfolio and is used in steel manufacturing. Predictions are that Erdene will outperform comparable mining companies.

Laura Methot, BA, is a partner with Continuous Learning Group (CLG), Pittsburg, PA. She started her employment with CLG in 1999. Laura's specialty is training & development, executive & performance coaching; and organizational change implementation. Her career spans twenty years and she has co-authored several books. Laura's work has been featured in numerous scientific journals and various professional conferences. She holds a MA and a PhD from Western Michigan University.

1990

Kathryn (Smith) Watts, BA, writes romantic and racy novels as a labor of love. She has written 13 historical romances, chronicling everything from human love to amorous adventures of vampires and vixens. Kathryn resides in Connecticut, close to her editor and publisher in New York. She studied English at Saint Mary's University and researched the romance genre, while working on a novel. Kathryn's book "Elusive Passion" came out in April 2001. Her most recent book "Night of the Huntress" was ranked 146 on the US Today's Top 150 bestsellers.

1994

Const. Desmond Lambert, BA, is equity diversity officer for the Halifax Police Department. He recently spoke to church members at the Cornwallis Street United Baptist Church to mark the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination.

1995

Richard Berrigan, DipEng also graduated from the Technical University of Nova Scotia with a Bachelor's of Electrical Engineering in 1998. He recently finished his position with the Asian Games in Doha, Qatar. Richard is moving to Beijing, China for further employment.

1996

Alan MacMullen, BA, obtained his education degree from the University of Maine and graduated from the Information Technology Institute in 2001. He spent several years employed with the government at both the provincial and federal levels and most recently, with the House of Commons. Alan is now a sales representative for Coldwell Banker Associates Real Estate. He and his wife **Cara, BA'99** reside in Timberlea, Nova Scotia. He invites fellow graduates to contact them at: alan-macmullen@coldwellbanker.ca.

Jennifer Hatcher, BSc., and her fiancé **Matthew Malone, BA'03** announce their engagement. They plan to marry on Saturday, July 28th at the home of the bride's parents in Sydney, Cape Breton. Matthew is also a graduate from Wollongong University in Australia. The couple resides in Brampton Ontario, where Jennifer is employed with HSBC in Woodbridge and Matthew is employed with the Brampton Transit Commission.

1997



Dr. Sara Gordon, BSc., is an associate professor and director of oral pathology graduate studies, Department of Oral Medicine and Diagnostic Sciences, University of Illinois at Chicago College of Dentistry.

She was elected President of the Canadian Academy of Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology and Oral Medicine at the annual general meeting in San Diego. The organization is the academy for all specialists in the Canadian specialty of oral medicine/pathology and the term is two years. Sara also was appointed as a consultant to the American Dental Association's Commission on Dental Accreditation, as newsletter Editor for the American Academy of Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology, and to the American College of Prosthodontists' Oral Cancer Education/Screening Task Force.

2002

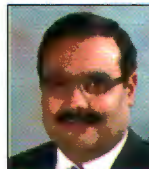


Colleen Alexander, CERHRM has joined HRA management consulting team, Dartmouth, Nova Scotia. Colleen offers human resources consulting services to their clients across Nova Scotia from the HRM office. She has held management and senior internal and external consulting roles across a range of industries including finance, energy and services. From small businesses to Fortune 500 companies, Colleen has played integral roles in supporting business leaders in improving business results through the effective management of human capital. Earlier in her career, Colleen oversaw the market research division of a strategic planning and management consulting practice. Colleen can be reached at 902.468.3582 or at www.hra.ca.

Malamin Sanyang, BA, has returned home to Gambia after completing a Master's Degree in International Customs Law and Administration at the University of Canberra in Australia. Malamin is employed in the Customs and Excise Department in Banjul.

Lisa Warner, BA, is employed with Richardson Partners Financial Limited, Family Wealth Management. She is responsible for the administration aspect of their practice and ensures that it runs smoothly and efficiently. Prior to this, Lisa worked as an English teacher at Saint Andrew Gifted School and JungShul Language School in South Korea. She is the daughter of alumnus **Robert (Bob) Warner, BA'75** and **Rachelle Warner, Modern Languages & Classics, Saint Mary's University**.

2006



Bradley LeLièvre, BA, is attending the University of Maine at Fort Kent in the education program.

Breanne LeLièvre, DipEng'06, now attends Dalhousie University in the B.Eng (Mech) program.

MBA

Vikram Khurana, MBA'95, an engineering graduate from India, is the founder and CEO of Prudential Consulting Inc., Toronto, Ontario. Vikram worked for the Toronto Dominion Bank in Commercial Credit and in 1995 became founder of Leading System Consultant, a business involved in IT staff augmentation. He established Prudential Chem Inc. in 2004, a company engaged in marketing pharmaceutical formulations and ingredients. Vikram is a shareholder and is on the Board for Global Reach. This company owns IT consulting companies in India, the United States and the United Kingdom. Vikram has served on the board of numerous multinational companies in the field of Information Technology and Technology Enabled Services as an adviser and consultant. He is also involved in the community and is as an honorary Board member at Mount Sinai Hospital, Toronto. He also serves The Indus Entrepreneurs (TIE) as a charter member. Vikram is now busy in beginning a Canada-India Forum which is proposed to better understand Indian culture and geo-political issues in Canada.

Stephen Shaw, MBA'99, is an investment executive with Scotia McLeod, Kentville, NS. He provides financial advice and assists clients with all of their retirement and financial planning needs. Stephen has over seven years experience in the financial services industry and has a wealth of knowledge in the areas of small business and financial planning.

Congratulations

Saint Mary's University Alumni Association congratulates the following alumni in successfully completing the 2006 Uniform Evaluation (UFE) of the Canadian Institute of Chartered Accountants:

- Robin Allison, BComm'04**
- Mark Beaton, BComm'05**
- Jessica Bitsack, BComm'04**
- Melanie Bonner, BComm'03**
- Jillian Bryant, BComm'05**
- Darrell Crawshaw, BComm'05**
- Charles Eisenor, BComm'05**
- Georg Ernst, BComm'99**
- Kelly Gaudet, BComm'04**
- Adam Harding, BComm'04**
- Helen Hasluk, BComm'04**
- Steven Jackson, BComm'04**
- Colleen Johansen, BComm'04**
- Caroline Marshall, BComm'04**
- Michael Martin, BComm'02**
- Lierka Milos-King, BComm'02**
- Mustafa Omran, BComm'05**
- Jennifer Smith, BComm'03**
- Paula Snair, BComm'04.**

Births



Joanne Darby, BComm '93 and Dave Meyer, a son, Oliver David Darby Meyer on November 20, 2006, weighing 7 lbs. Joanne and family live in Calgary, Alberta. (j.darby@telus.net).



Troy Flemming, BComm '95, and his wife Connie, a son, Nathan Daniel, born on February 3, 2005, a brother for Emily Autumn, who was born on January 12, 2002. The Flemming family can be contacted at: tflemming@auracom.com.

Terra MacMillan (nee Bonn), BComm'02, and her husband Shawn, a daughter, Marissa Ashley, on December 3, 2006. A little sister for Jake William, 2.

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University Community Mourns the Loss of Exemplary Students.

The Saint Mary's University community is deeply saddened by the death of 22 year old **Raella Dean Haines** who died suddenly on May 27, 2007 as a result of a motor vehicle accident.

Born in Halifax she was a studying biology and anthropology with the hopes of becoming a medical examiner, and had just returned from a forensic research field trip to Miami where she had a chance to put her blossoming skills to the test. She was also a loving mother to 16 month old Jack. The University sends its deepest condolences to family and friends of Raella.

Members of the Saint Mary's are mourning the loss of one of our students who died in the line of duty for our country. **Master Cpl. Chris Stannix** died on April 8, 2007, during an attack on Canadian troops in Afghanistan, 75 kilometres west of Kandahar city.

The 24 year-old took time off from his studies in history and political science to serve in the Canadian Military. He was a stellar student and had a wonderful sense of humour. He will truly be missed. The University sends its deepest condolences to Cpl. Stannix's family and friends during this difficult time.



IN MEMORIAM

Robert E. Allan, BComm'74

January 28, 2007

Husband of Christine (Kenny) Allan, BComm'74.

George C. Bragg, BA'86

January 18, 2007

Michelle H. Brigley, BComm'98

April 15, 2007

Jocelyne Couture-Nowak, BEd'91

April 16, 2007

Pauline G. Fitzpatrick (nee MacDonald)

February 24, 2007

Wife of Edward, BA'53 and mother of Andrew, BComm'88; Anne Marie, BA'78; John, BA'81 and Joseph BComm'83

Helen G. Kelly

March 13, 2007

Mother of Robert Kelly, BComm'75, Pittsburg, PA

Scott D. Ritcey, BA'02

February 21, 2007

Gloria M. Shave (nee Wegener)

March 30, 2007

Mother of Heather Fitzpatrick, acting director of development, Saint Mary's University, mother-in-law of John Fitzpatrick, BA'81, Saint Mary's University Board of Governors

Dr. Hobartson A.J. (Gus) Wedderburn, MA'61

February 24, 2007

Father of John Wedderburn, BA'90, passed away on

Dr. Terry Whalen, BA'65

May 22, 2007

Dr. Terry Whalen died peacefully at his home in Port Medway, NS.

Terry served with distinction as a full-time member of the Saint Mary's University Department of English since 1970. He was the author of many scholarly works, including books on Bliss Carman, Charles G.D. Roberts, and Philip Larkin. From 1980 – 1990 he served as editor of the influential Atlantic Provinces Book Review.

Terry will be greatly missed by his many friends at Saint Mary's including faculty, former students, and staff.

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