

*The Great Gaels of Ireland,  
the race that God made mad.  
All their wars are merry,  
and all their songs are sad.*

G.K. Chesterton

## National Microbiology Monitoring Laboratory To Close

by Cecile Barnett

On March 31, 1979, the doors of the National Microbiology Monitoring Laboratory (N.M.M.L.) installation on the fifth floor of the Saint Mary's Science Building will close. The closing is a result of recent across-the-board federal government cutbacks announced in the fall of 1978.

The N.M.M.L. opened in September, 1974, with the purpose of generating microbiological data for selected commodities and examining them for harmful micro-organisms. The first project of the many undertaken at the lab involved a detailed study of the microbiology of 1305 spice samples and 6535 subsamples, including 21 kinds of pure spices collected from 82 farming and harvesting establishments—both import and export sources.

Suzanne Charbonneau, supervisor of the lab's analytical section, said in a 1975 interview, "we are examining foods which directly affect the health of the nation. We are looking for the presence of Salmonella; fecal coliforms—that is bacteria found in human and / or animal intestine which indicate that the food has been in contact with human (or animal) waste—yeast and molds and Staphylococcus. We are also doing aerobic colony count which estimates the total number of organisms in the specimen."

Now that the lab is closing, Ms. Charbonneau will be moving to Ontario and become a microbiologist in that region. A graduate of Saint Mary's, C. Burke Cushing (B.Sc.'75), formerly an N.M.M.L. identification supervisor, has already resettled, teaching anatomy and physiology at the Nova Scotia Institute of Technology. Burke was connected with the N.M.M.L. almost from its inception. He feels that he was lucky to find another job in the Maritimes. He says he loves the region and would hate to leave it, but he feels that employment is really hard to find here, even for highly trained technicians like himself. The N.M.M.L. chief, Dr. Guenter Riedel, a food scientist trained at the University of Alberta, has also found new employment in the Region in private industry.

Describing the lab soon after its inception in 1975, Dr. Riedel stated: "... There is a real need to develop data on the microbiological quality of food products, based on an adequate sampling base, for the purpose of setting meaningful microbiological standards which can then be followed by the food industry. The Laboratory was conceived as an economical means to achieve large scale surveys of the microbiological quality of selected food commodities (such as) ... spices, chocolate products, dried infant food, pizza, egg rolls; prepared dinners, frozen precooked shrimp, frozen cream pies and frozen fish sticks." All these products were, in fact, duly processed at the N.M.M.L.

The first hint that the lab might be subject to closure came when Prime Minister Trudeau delivered his "austerity speech" last August. Official word of the March 31 cutoff date was received from the Federal Health and Welfare Department on September 25.

Now that the N.M.M.L. is closing, monitoring various foodstuffs will be handled in five individual regions across Canada. No one small regional lab, however, will be able to handle the



Four members of the National Micro. Monitoring Laboratory: [L. to R.] Kevin C. Coffin, Suzanne Charbonneau, Dr. Guenter Riedel, and Patti Wilson.

vast volume of monitoring analysis that the N.M.M.L. habitually processed.

The fifteen present employees of the lab at Saint Mary's have almost all found other employment, in the civil service or in industry in many different areas. All but two have other jobs to go to; the government is actively helping the presently jobless ones to find other posts.

Over the years there have been a number of Saint Mary's graduates employed at the lab. At present there are five: K.C. Coffin (B.Sc.'75), now transferring to Toronto; Patti Wilson (B.Sc.'74), moving to Family Allowances; Tanis Moore (B.Sc.'73), taking a post in Income Security; Cyril Landry (B.Sc.'76), also on to Income Security; and Geraldine Young (Honors Microbiology, '77), moving up the Basin to the Bedford Oceanographic Institute.

It has not yet been decided how Saint Mary's will utilize the 4,500 feet of space vacated by the lab. Some of the valuable specialized equipment will

be removed and utilized by other government testing labs, but the laboratory benches and some other equipment will be left behind for future University use.

Dr. Riedel and all his assistants seem to share sadness over the closing of the N.M.M.L., and their moves elsewhere. The fifth floor Saint Mary's installation was an impressively laid out facility (not to mention its magnificent view high out over the University's towers toward the port). Its scientific equipment and resources were second to none. And, it appears, a great feeling existed there of camaraderie, enthusiasm, and achievement for the lab and the great strides it was making. A staff member recently remarked that the N.M.M.L. received much praise from Ottawa headquarters for the high quality of its output. It's a certainty that N.M.M.L. staffers will miss the Saint Mary's lab, and they all hope that the now-vacant premises will soon be put to good use again by other workers.

## Ronald Murdock To Perform At Saint Mary's

Ronald Murdock, tenor, will appear accompanied by Clifford Benson, pianist, at Saint Mary's University on Monday, March 26, at 8:30 p.m.

Mr. Murdock, a native of Nova Scotia, began his vocal studies here, and continued them in Montreal, Switzerland, and England. He commands a repertoire that ranges widely—from music of the Baroque era through the Classic and Romantic periods and on to the avant-garde of the 20th. Century.

Clifford Benson is a native of Essex, England; he has won a number of prizes for his piano artistry. He is also heard regularly on radio and television, has made several records, and performs at music festivals the world over.

Mr. Murdock performed at Saint Mary's in 1977 at a special concert honouring the University's 175th anniversary.

The *Sunday Times* (London) has praised his "movingly expressive tenor timbre, faultless enunciation, and musical intelligence".

This concert is being sponsored by the Saint Mary's Performing Arts Committee.



Ronald Murdock, Tenor.

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## Profile: Vern Creighton

by Cecile Barnett

Verdon "Vern" Creighton is one of Saint Mary's invaluable "men in white"—a painter on the Maintenance staff who keeps the University's miles of woodwork and walls looking fresh, bright, and well cared for.

Vern, a native of Halifax, has an easy time getting to work—he lives about two blocks from campus in a snappily-painted house on College Street. He has been working at the University since 1964, when Student Services Director Robert Hayes offered him a job as maintenance worker in the Saint Mary's arena. This was followed by a stint at groundskeeping, during which Vern tended the lawns and shrubbery and, according to Vern, "most importantly of all, the University's football field".

A graduate of Saint Patrick's High School, Vern first went to work after graduation as a stevedore on Halifax's bustling docks. Then for a time he moved to Montréal, where he worked as timekeeper for an electrical company. After his marriage, he returned to Halifax and went to work as a dairy route salesman for what is now Farmer's Dairy. He recalls that as recently as eighteen years ago, while he was working dairy routes, he drove a horse and wagon to make his daily deliveries.

Nowadays, when he's not policing the grounds and buildings of Saint Mary's to make sure they're looking their best, Vern performs the same



function in his own house and garden. He says he's the "man of all work" at home too; a particular hobby is building birdhouses and watching the feathered friends they attract.

Vern and his wife Marie especially enjoy music and dancing. He says he attends many jazz concerts at the Rebecca Cohn and elsewhere, and likes to "cut a rug" on a weekend evening—"not that modern teenage disco stuff, but good old-time jitterbugging and foxtrotting, too".

At one time, Vern had the reputation within the University of being the greatest hockey fan

around. He played it sometimes himself, and he was also famous for attending all the Saint Mary's many hockey games in various locales and vociferously leading the cheering section in ever-greater cries of praise for our Huskies. But Vern has a new hobby now that occupies a good bit of time—he works with retarded children and is active in many charitable projects (right now, an upcoming benefit dance) aimed at helping mentally deficient children all over the province.

The Creightons have four children: Robert, an engineer with a degree from Saint Mary's; Gary, now a student at the Nova Scotia College of Art and Design; and Cynthia and Elaine, secretaries to the provincial and federal governments, respectively. The boys, he says, have moved out to their own apartments, though the girls are still at home at this point—"someday, all the birds have got to flutter".

Vern has a university-wide reputation as a good friend to all—students, faculty, employees. Saint Mary's president Dr. Owen Carrigan has said of him: "Vern is a hard-working, extremely personable member of the university community. He's always ready to help and has a friendly 'hello' for everybody; he's a great person to have around".

Vern Creighton, as anyone connected with the University can tell you, is a hard and enthusiastic worker at whatever he turns his hand to. As a result, he says, when he's on vacation, he just likes to "sit in the backyard, drink a beer, and listen to music". And after the many days of vigorous manual labor he expends keeping Saint Mary's looking spic and span, who can blame him?

## The Making Of A President

On January 31, 1978, Saint Mary's President Dr. D.O. Carrigan announced that he would not reoffer for the presidency after the expiration of his current term on June 30, 1979. As a result of this decision, an extensive "search party" was set in motion.

A bylaw of the Saint Mary's Board of Governors regulations clearly indicates the procedures to be followed in selecting a president. The Board or Executive Committee may at any time create a search committee, to seek out worthy candidates. The committee shall consist of 10 persons: The Vice Chancellor (Monsignor Colin Campbell), one university administrator, four board members, three faculty members, and one student. The search committee may determine its own search procedures and may specify time limits for notices, advertisements, interviews and reports.

The ten-man committee, chaired by Monsignor Campbell, advertised the presidential position extensively in commercial and educational publications throughout Canada. Response at first was sparse, but by the application closing date, about 60 replies had been received; another five came in after the deadline. The committee carefully evaluated each applicant; all told it held 15 meetings between February and October. A narrowed field of four candidates was considered during the summer; of these two finalists were selected after on-campus interviews.

Following the democratic processes specified in the bylaws, the committee posted resumés of both candidates in the faculty lounge and arranged public interviews with the candidates visiting the campus. Students, faculty, and staff were encouraged to attend these open meetings and question the candidates.

The two candidates, Dr. Charles Bigelow and Dr. Kenneth Ozmon, submitted by the committee to the Board of Governors, were both deemed worthy and well qualified for the office of president. Dr. Kenneth Ozmon, the Board's final choice, is presently Dean of Arts at the University of Prince Edward Island. Born in the United States, Dr. Ozmon has been a Canadian citizen for some years. He has taught in many institutions in both countries, and holds two advanced degrees in Philosophy, an M.A. from Catholic University in Washington, D.C., and a Ph.D. from the University of Maine. He is the second layman in the University's 176-year history to hold the office of president, and the first selected by the Board according to the procedures outlined above.

### Catholic Chaplaincy Lenten Services

Mass

Monday, Wednesday	7:00 p.m.	Liturgical Centre L 145
Friday	12:30 p.m.	Liturgical Centre L 145
Tuesday, Thursday	7:00 p.m.	St. Ignatius Chapel (across from the Royal Bank)

Communion Service

Monday, Wednesday	12:30 p.m.	Liturgical Centre L 145
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Ash Wednesday—February 28

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Good Friday —April 13  
Easter Sunday —April 15

### March Events At Saint Mary's

March 1,	John Buchanan, Political Science Society lecture, Theatre A, Burke Education Centre, 7 p.m.
March 2- 4,	AUAA Hockey Championships, semi-finals, Saint Mary's Arena
March 1- 3,	AUAA Basketball, Metro Centre
March 7,	John McGowan, Transactional Analysis Lecture, AIESEC, P.M., Science Building 416
March 14,	Atlantic Canada Studies Lecture, Dr. Nanciellen Sealy, "Kin and Community in an Acadian Region", 8:30 p.m., Room 152, Ignatius Loyola Building Don Currie, Computers and Business Lecture, AIESEC, 7 p.m., Science Building 416
March 19-25,	Irish Fortnight program
March 19,	Richard Hatfield, Political Science Society lecture, 7 p.m., Theatre A, Burke Education Centre
March 20,	Athletic Awards Banquet, Multipurpose Room
March 21,	Asian Studies Lecture, Academic and Cultural Exchanges between Canada and Japan, Dr. Donald Burton, 7:30 p.m. Faculty Lounge
March 22,	Charter Day Banquet, Multipurpose Room
March 22-24,	Canadian Black Studies Conference, sponsored by International Education Centre, Hotel Nova Scotian
March 24-25,	Atlantic Stage Band Festival—special guest Phil Nimmons and his jazz quartet
March 26,	Ronald Murdock, tenor, in recital, 8:30 p.m., Theatre Auditorium
March 29,	Residence Awards Banquet, Multipurpose Room



## Dalton Awards Made At Saint Mary's



L. to R.: James G. Crook, Brian W. Downie, Judith A. Redmond, Mrs. Kay Dalton, and the Chairman of the Political Science Department, Dr. Guy Chauvin.

The William J. Dalton Memorial Scholarship for 1978 has been awarded to three Saint Mary's political science students. This year the \$1,000 scholarship has been divided among three students: they are Judith A. Redmond, Brian W. Downie, and James G. Crook.

The scholarship was instituted in 1976; it is made up of contributions from former students, colleagues, and friends of the late William Dalton. Dr. Dalton founded the political science department at Saint Mary's and served as its chairman for 25 years.

The awards were presented to the three winners by his widow, Mrs. Kay Dalton, at a ceremony at Saint Mary's recently.

Judith A. Redmond is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Francis Redmond, of Head of Chezzetcook. Brian W. Downie is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Downie, of Emscote Drive, Halifax. James G. Crook is the son of Mr. and Mrs. George W. Crook, of Windmill Road, Dartmouth.

## Federal Information Sources

by Murray Baillie

On December 4 and 5, 1978, I attended a seminar on the above subject at the Canadian Government Conference Centre in Ottawa. The seminar was sponsored by Statistics Canada and the American Marketing Association, National Capital Chapter.

"A large part of Canada's information is generated by the federal government and is available at little or no cost to the user." The purpose of the seminar was to assist in the discovery and use of these resources.

While primarily designed for business, a goodly number of librarians turned up. I was one of two Nova Scotians there; if I had known in advance, I would have taken a Nova Scotia flag to wave.

Below are some notes on useful information given by various branches of government. Any publication listed will be in the government documents section of the Patrick Power Library or will be on order.

Harold Nightingale, Director, Marketing Planning, almost made the Post Office sound like an exciting place to work. The Post Office has a stake in advertising mail and has a number of publications available:

(1) *Householder Figures for Letter Carrier Offices*. An edition is published annually for each province.

(2) *Householder Figures for Non-Letter Carrier Offices*. Likewise, one is published for each province.

(3) Letter carrier walk maps are available for all areas of Canada. Overlay maps can be used in conjunction with the census tracts from Statistics Canada.

(4) Postal code directories are available for all regions of Canada. The most up-to-date postal information is produced on microfiche every four weeks.

Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation is the largest collector of data on housing in Canada.

## News From The International Education Centre

The International Education Centre recently acquired a set of cassette tapes from the Symposium on Human Development held at the Coady Institute in October, 1978. The tapes include The Antigonish Movement and Problems of Development (Hon. A.J. MacEachen, Deputy Prime Minister of Canada), Global Overview of the Problems of Development, Past and Present (Hon. Sir Shridath Rampal, Director General, British Commonwealth), Canada's Role in Development (Michael Dupuy, President of the Canadian International Development Agency), a Convocation Address by Rev. Theodore Hershburgh, President, University of Notre Dame titled Solution to the Problems of Development: A Futuristic Outlook, and a address by Lady Jackson (Barbara Ward), noted social scientist.

They publish *Canadian Housing Statistics* annually with a monthly supplement.

Statistics Canada, with an output of about nine publications per day, is surely the champion when it comes to government publishing. Ellis Drover of User Advisory Services, and also a proud native of Nova Scotia, spoke of the surveys done and the information available. He stated, "I cannot say enough about the importance of libraries in disseminating Statistics Canada data."

Two recent publications on use of data have been *How a Retailer Can Profit from Facts* and *How a Manufacturer Can Profit from Facts*. Both booklets contain detailed case studies of various businesses.

Budget cuts have affected Statistics Canada. A total of ninety-five publications will be discontinued. According to Mr. Drover, "In some cases, the data will still be collected but just not published on a regular basis. However in the vast majority of cases we will be simply discontinuing the survey activity itself. For most of these surveys being cut there are no alternative sources of data." The implications of this for current and future academic research are rather frightening.

The Corporations Branch of the Department of Consumer and Corporate Affairs publishes a monthly *Bulletin* on corporations, bankruptcy and insolvency.

The Bank of Canada publishes the monthly *Bank of Canada Review* of banking statistics.

Librarians from the Canada Institute of Scientific and Technical Information spoke on library services to the business community. Mrs. Inez Haseltine indicated that librarians have a marketing problem; too many people still think of librarians as old ladies with buns and running shoes.

The seminar was useful to me to find out both what I knew and what I didn't know. To keep up with what is happening in government publishing requires eternal vigilance and stamina.

## Noteworthy Notes

PAUL BERNARD (Modern Languages) has agreed to write critical commentaries on seven African works which will be included in a Dictionary of Black French-African Literature to be published by the CELEF (Centre d'Etudes des Littératures d'Expression Française) at the University of Sherbrooke.

FATHER W.P. LONC (Physics) presented a paper entitled "Rooftop Radio Astronomy" at a recent joint annual Meeting of the American Physical Society and the American Association of Physics Teachers in New York. The paper was based on measurements made with the radio telescope installation located on the Saint Mary's campus.

PROFESSOR HUGH MILLWARD (Geography) appeared on the Hi-Noon and Atlantic PM television programs on January 23 and 24, respectively. He was interviewed on current proposals for space settlement, in connection with the newly formed Nova Scotia L-5 Society.

DR. STEPHEN J. TURNER (Finance and Management Science) chaired sessions on library operations research applications at the New Orleans Spring 1979 joint meeting of the Operations Research Society of America and the Institute of Management Science.

With Dr. Ilan Vertinsky (UBC), DR. JOHN YOUNG (Chemistry) has recently completed a research contract for the Federal Office of Energy Research and Development on information access and systems analysis techniques in support of Canadian national energy policy formulation. This research project was coordinated by the Montreal-based Institute for Research on Public Policy.

## International Education Centre To Host Black Studies Conference

The International Education Centre of Saint Mary's University will host a three-day Canadian Black Studies Conference on March 22-24. The sessions will be held at the Hotel Nova Scotian in Halifax.

Among the notable speakers at the conference will be Dr. Martin Kanyiki, of the Universities of Dar es Salaam and Dalhousie; Dr. Fraser Taylor, Carleton University; Dr. W.P. Oliver, pastor of the Beechville-Cobequid Road United Baptist Churches; Dr. Wilson Head, of York University; and Prof. Jean Luc Gouveia, from the Université de Québec à Trois Rivières, who will give a talk in French on "the difficulty of being a minority unlike others".

Conference chairperson is Dr. B. Pachai, Director of the International Education Centre. This is the second such Black studies conference held in Canada; last year's, at the University of Windsor, occasioned much interest and enthusiastic participation.

The conference program and registration forms are now available at the International Education Centre. Since a limited number of participants can be accommodated, early registration is advisable.

In the second summer session a new course entitled "Blacks in Canada, 1628 to the Present" (History 347) will be offered at Saint Mary's University. The conference will be extremely valuable to those who wish to attend this class.

## Political Science Students Invite Buchanan and Hatfield

The Political Science Society, a student body of political science students at Saint Mary's University, have invited two notable political speakers in March. On March 1, Nova Scotia Premier John Buchanan will speak at 7 p.m. in the Burke Education Centre, Theatre A, on the Constitution of Canada. A question-and-answer period will follow.

On March 19, New Brunswick Premier Richard Hatfield will speak on Canadian Unity, at the same hour, same locale. Both these speeches are free and open to the public.



## Saint Mary's MacBeth In Rehearsal

*MacBeth*, to be presented by the Saint Mary's University Dramatic Society as its spring production on March 7 to 11, at 8:30 p.m. in the Gymnasium, Administration Building, is well into rehearsal.

The fullscale production of a play considered by many to be Shakespeare's most terrifying tragedy will have a cast of 20 males, three or four adolescents, and eight females. To play it, actors have been drawn from all aspects of local life—offspring of workers, regular students, University administrators, and faculty members.

The principals will be played by Dominic Larkin (Macbeth), Alice MacDonald (Lady Macbeth), and James Sweeney (Banquo), all Saint Mary's students. English professor Cyril Byrne will play a porter; Information Services Director Liz Stevens will enact a gentlewoman. The Chairman of the Philosophy Department, Dr. Arthur Monahan, will play "Siward". Mathematics Professor Porter Scobey takes the role of one of the murderers.

Saint Mary's Artist-in-Residence, Commander Anthony Law, has designed an "electrifying set—intellectually satisfying and yet subtly conveying an atmosphere of horror and evil through muted tones of beige, fawn, and gray" says Tony Johnstone, the play's director. A former Saint Mary's student, Johnstone is active in theatrical productions throughout the province.



James Sweeney is "Banquo".

The director believes that his 1979 Scottish band will depict the drama in a "natural, rhythmic way," avoiding out-of-date rhetoric and yet showing clearly the barbaric motivations behind the civilized veneer of the medieval thanes over whom Macbeth held sway.

Tickets are \$2.50 (\$1.50 for senior citizens).

## 1978-79 A.U.A.A. Men's Basketball Championships

The Canadian Progress Club, in conjunction with the A.U.A.A., are hosting the 1978-79 Men's Basketball Championships at the Halifax Metro Centre on March 1 and 3. In semi-final action on Thursday evening, March 1, the third-place finisher will face the second-place team and the fourth-place finisher will challenge the number one team. On Saturday night, March 3, at 8:00 p.m. the two winners of Thursday's games will play for the conference championship and the right to advance to the Nationals in Calgary.

Only four clubs from the seven team league advance to the playoffs, and it appears the Saint

Mary's Huskies, St. Francis Xavier X-Men, Acadia Axemen, and U.P.E.I. Panthers will be the top four—probably finishing the regular season in that order.

Tickets are now on sale at the X, Acadia, Saint Mary's, and Dalhousie Ticket Offices during their regular hours, and at the Metro Centre Box Office from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Prices are \$3.00 and \$4.00 / night for students, and \$4.00 and \$5.00 / night general. Huskie season pass holders are offered their choice of seats until February 22.

## 1978-79 A.U.A.A. Hockey Playoffs

The 1978-79 A.U.A.A. Hockey Playoffs will decide the conference champions over a two weekend period and will involve the top four teams. The eventual winner will advance to the C.I.A.U. Championships March 15 to 18 at Concordia University.

Semi-final action takes place March 2, 3, and 4—fourth place team at the home of the first place team and the third place team at the home of the second place team. Winners will advance to the finals on March 9, 10 and 11 at the home of

the higher place team. Both series will follow a best two of three games format.

The Saint Mary's Huskies have clinched top spot in the league, with the Dal Tigers, St. F.X. X-Men, Acadia Axemen, and U.P.E.I. Panthers all vying for the other three playoff berths. The semi-finals hosted by the Huskies will be at Alumni Winter Arena. Should the Huskies host the finals, the Halifax Metro Centre is a possible location.

Sports Information compiled by Debi Woodford.

## Faculty of Education Summer School Course Offerings—1979

Saint Mary's University's Faculty of Education is presenting a six-course summer school program which highlights curriculum development and evaluation. Because of the current emphasis on basics in education, it is especially important at this time to combine theory and practice with curriculum as the focal point.

The Faculty is especially delighted to have Professor Jim Eggleston, Dean of Education, Nottingham, a renowned curriculum evaluation expert, to teach a course—Curriculum Evaluation—this summer. Professor Eggleston has recently acted as consultant to a number of Nova Scotia school boards and the Nova Scotia Department of Education.

All courses are presented for graduate credit and in many instances they may be used for upgrading purposes as well.

For application or inquiries, please contact:

Continuing Education or Dr. Michael MacMillan  
422-7361, local 250, 251 Dean of Education  
422-7361, local 236, 237

## Senate Excerpts January 12

Excerpts from Senate minutes is a regular feature in THE TIMES. The following "excerpts" from the meeting on January 12 were culled from the minutes by the Editor. If there are any questions about the excerpts, a copy of the actual minutes is available in the Senate Office or in the Information Office.

The following dates were approved:  
1979-80—First Semester

First day for residence registration for new students: September 4 (Tuesday).

Orientation for new students: September 5 (Wednesday).

Registration: September 6, 7 (Thursday and Friday). Classes: September 10 (Monday) to December 7 (Friday). Examinations: December 10 (Monday) to December 18 (Tuesday) (or longer if needed).

1979-80—Second Semester

Classes: January 7 (Monday) to April 11 (Friday). Examinations: April 14 (Monday) to April 25 (Friday) (or longer if needed). Graduation: May 12 (Monday).

## Leakey Attracts Huge Crowd

Saint Mary's Theatre Auditorium and the Administration Building front hall were jam-packed with anthropology aficionados on Tuesday night, February 6, for a talk by Richard Leakey. Son of the equally celebrated (deceased) anthropologist Louis Leakey, Richard Leakey, at 34, is the author of the best selling book *Origins* and Director of the National Museums of Kenya.

In an often amusing, always reflective and frequently fascinating talk, Leakey discussed the "commonality of man"—the fact that we are all descended from a common anthropoid, apelike creature, more and more evidences of which he and his researchers continue to find in Kenya and Tanzania.

Leakey reiterated a warning that failure to rise above ideological and religious conflicts can lead to a threat to man's very existence. He stressed that world peace *can* be achieved "if people stop quarrelling and start cooperating."

The lecture, often sparked by humorous asides from a man obviously well equipped to entrance any audience, was illustrated by slides. Many showed the very areas where Leakey and his team are working now, on lakesides and in crater beds in Tanzania. The slides indicate that many of his most devoted and skilled co-workers are Africans, accustomed to the climate and skilled in the delicate handling of age-old fossils.

Leakey is a firm believer that human aggressiveness is a learned, not an innate, characteristic. "If there is any innate behavioral trait developed by man over millions of years, it would be a genius for cooperation." He refutes the theory of scientists such as Robert Ardrey (*Territorial Imperative* author) that humans are hereditarily and essentially warlike, stressing instead that man can, and must, learn that prejudice is "an outmoded concept".

## Stanfield Speech Enthusiastically Received

The fifth annual commerce dinner, held on February 7, was remarkably well attended, even in comparison to past years of this popular event. The after-dinner speaker was Robert Stanfield, for 11 years Nova Scotia's Progressive Conservative Premier and present MP for Halifax North. Over four hundred Saint Mary's students, local business representatives and interested listeners were present at the event.

Stanfield's talk was entitled "Some Challenges in Regional Development". His message was primarily one of tempered optimism: "Sometimes we can become a little discouraged (about economic development in the Maritimes) but we should remember that the struggle for development has been going on here from time immemorial and that recent decades have perhaps seen more progress than most."

Stanfield also warned against local dependence on the national government: "Atlantic Canada has moved from poverty to dependency." But he is optimistic about the growth of the port of Halifax "an important North American terminus for rapidly developing ocean container services". He also urged the Maritimes to "get mixed up in" substantial revisions in trading policies, asking "does the possibility of a prudent enlargement of free trade with the U.S. not offer a possibility of reducing our present disadvantages?"

Ending on a thought-provoking note, Mr. Stanfield left us with a question: "We have opportunities, there is much to be encouraged about, there is a chance at least that market patterns will improve. It is perhaps a terrible question to ask, but do we need to have our heads knocked together a little?"

## United Way Campaign 1978-1979

The final contributions have been received by the United Way Campaign for 1978-79. The total contribution amounted to \$3,704. This represents a 92% increase over the 1977-78 campaign contribution.