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*Mayann Francis:  
Her Journey From  
Whitney Pier*







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# Director's Note



Dear Santamarians,

Welcome to the fall 2001 edition of the Maroon & White. Our current issue focuses on the success stories of our alumni living around the world. I hope that you enjoy reading about the success of our graduates, locally, nationally and internationally.

Saint Mary's has much to celebrate. In 2002, the University will begin yearlong celebrations of our bicentennial, 200 years of rich history and tradition. Indeed, since its founding in 1802, Saint Mary's has developed into a modern urban university with a strong tradition of excellence in teaching and research, and a strong commitment to community needs. I do hope that each of you will take part in attending alumni events throughout the year, celebrating this significant milestone.

Congratulations to alumni award recipients, Allister Byrne (BComm '68), the recipient of the Alumni

Association's Distinguished Community Service Award for 2001 and Dr. Janet Gregory of the Department of Finance and Management Science, the winner of the Father William A. Stewart, S.J., Medal for Teaching.

Upcoming alumni events include Homecoming Weekend, with activities taking place October 11-14. Welcome to the classes of 1951 and 1976, celebrating 50 and 25-year reunions. I certainly look forward to seeing you on campus. Check out our website: www.smualumni.ca, for information on all Homecoming activities.

We do appreciate your comments on our magazine and look forward to your feedback. Should you have any story ideas, please send them along.

As always, I look forward to seeing you all. Should you have the opportunity, please drop by and visit the University to enjoy some Santamarian spirit!

Best wishes,

Barry Gallant  
Director of Alumni

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# Editor's Mailbox



Great edition of the M&W.

-Kailie Benson (nee Wilson),  
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This is just a note concerning the photo on page 3 of the most recent edition of the Maroon and White (see photo at left). That photo is actually the 1981 graduation ball held at the Lord Nelson Hotel and not 1984 as captioned.

Thanks for all your hard work. M&W is a fine publication and appreciated by those of us who receive it.

Sincerely,  
-Paul G. Allen, CA,  
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The newly designed alumni website is now on-line. Let us know what you think. If you have ideas about how our website can better serve the needs of alumni, we would love to hear from you.

Have you signed up with the alumni association's new communications system - APEC (Alumni Personalized E-MAIL Connection)? The new VIP e-mail service is available to all Saint Mary's alumni. It allows alumni to receive personalized information on campus activities and general university news delivered directly to their e-mail basket. Find out more by visiting our website.

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# A New Partnership for AST and Saint Mary's

Saint Mary's University and the Atlantic School of Theology (AST) have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for a formal affiliation relationship.

AST is a 30 year-old ecumenical school that trains ordained and lay ministers of the Roman Catholic, Anglican and United churches.

"This is an exciting time for both Saint Mary's and AST," says Dr. Colin Dodds, president of Saint Mary's. "This is a far-reaching, innovative and exciting step in an affiliate relationship with AST and has come after more than two years of discussion between our two universities."

Rev. Dr. William J. Close, president of AST, echoes those sentiments. "This is a wonderful arrangement in collaboration with Saint Mary's University. This new relationship will lead to better programming for our students in the future, as well it will solve a number of outstanding issues for AST at the same time."

Both say that this new relationship, which has many academic and administrative components, is being established to promote academic programs, achieve operational efficiencies, and optimize usage of respective facilities.



The AST campus is situated in Halifax's south end overlooking the northwest arm and a short distance from the Saint Mary's campus.

While each university will retain its independent status, Saint Mary's will have a non-voting member on the AST Board of Governors. One of the goals of the MOU is to establish an institute for applied ethics, human rights and public policy as well as theological and secular programs. Both institutions will also be pursuing possible joint cooperation and operational efficiencies in areas which include library services, development and fund-raising, administrative services, facilities management, student services, residences and food services as well as purchasing of goods and services.

## New VP Academic and Research



Dr. Terry Murphy, BA'68, officially became Saint Mary's vice-president academic and research on July 1, 2001.

## Saint Mary's Popular Movie Location

This summer, Saint Mary's was used as a location for two movies. CBS Television was on campus to film *The Town Without Christmas*, starring Peter Faulkner, best known for his work as the television detective Columbo. IMX Communications Inc. used a room in the Loyola Residence to film *Dragon Wheel*, starring Andrew McCarthy and directed by up and coming independent film director Tricia Fish.



(L-R) Assistant director Rick Courtney, BA'85, actors Krista MacDonald and Graham Gavine, director Tricia Fish, and actor Andrew McCarthy, known for his roles in *The Breakfast Club* and *St. Elmo's Fire*.

## Saint Mary's a Leader in Alcohol Awareness Initiatives

Saint Mary's D.R.A.F.T. Team (drink responsibly and feel terrific) is receiving national praise for its campus alcohol awareness program. DRAFT is a volunteer student group that promotes responsible alcohol use. The University has won the top national award from one of Canada's leading organizations devoted to raising alcohol awareness and education.

Donnie Jeffrey, counselor for Student Services, was presented with the Carmi Cimicata Founders award from BACCHUS Canada, a division of the Student Life Education Company, on behalf of the University during a national conference in June in Barrie, Ontario.

Since it began in 1995, DRAFT's objective has been to encourage students to make responsible choices about alcohol consumption. In 1999, the DRAFT Team received the National Collegiate Alcohol Awareness Week award from BACCHUS Canada.



## Residences Re-open

Student-centered from start to finish, the Loyola and Vanier residence renovation project represents a major investment in the University's infrastructure and dedication to the quality of life and learning environment of its residence students. The residences were officially re-opened in early September in time for this year's incoming students.

"The \$25 million investment, completed on time and on budget, provides our students with high quality, community-centred residence life with all the 21st century conveniences," says Saint Mary's President Dr. Colin Dodds. "The residence renovations are a result of the dedication of the Board of Governors, our student body and administrators at the University."

The investment is the largest capital campaign project ever undertaken by the University. Every room in residence is now fully equipped to pro-

vide students with Internet, telephone and cable access, making Saint Mary's residences one of the most "wired" in Atlantic Canada. Every student living in residence can now plug-in to the Internet, Saint Mary's on-line courses and the large Patrick Power Library resources. This is in addition to the more than 1,000 Internet access ports located throughout the Sobey Building and Loyola Academic Complex in offices, labs, study rooms, lounges, classrooms and everywhere students meet.

The aesthetic and design improvements include new exterior cladding, larger energy efficient windows to enhance interior light, attractive modern furniture, lounge areas and apartment suites for senior students.

The Rice Residence Building has already been renovated, also providing students with the same high-tech access.

## Appointments Part of New Direction

As Saint Mary's prepares for the most ambitious and innovative capital campaign in its history, current trends in university advancement, as well as the report from the University's consultants, indicate that success is tied very much to the importance of creating and maintaining alumni, corporate and government relationships. A new position of vice-president (associate), external affairs has been created to better facilitate this goal. The realignment of Saint Mary's externally focussed departments will better position Saint Mary's to meet the challenges of reaching out to the many communities that will be vital to the

future of the University. Chuck Bridges, formerly director of external affairs, has accepted the newly created position.

In addition, given the strategic importance of financial services to the University, Larry Corrigan's position of chief financial officer has been changed to vice-president, finance. This change more clearly defines his executive management role and responsibilities at the university as well as being more reflective of Canadian university practice.

## Keleher Retires



After 20 years of dedicated service to Saint Mary's University, Donald Keleher, director of university advancement, retired this past July. Keleher was instrumental in the success of two major capital campaigns that resulted in the construction of The Tower and The Sobey Building. Over 150 endowed scholarships were established during his tenure. The University's endowment grew over his 20 years with Saint Mary's from approximately \$600,000 to well over \$8 million. He also played a key role in facilitating the recent \$2.1 million Robert Dauphinee bequest.

## And the winner is...

Christina Hill of Dartmouth is this year's winner of the Saint Mary's U01 Lottery House. The Portland Hills, Dartmouth home, valued at \$320,000 was drawn for on July 17.

Sempra Energy Service, the natural gas marketing affiliate of Sempra Atlantic Gas, was the presenting partner for the U01 Lottery House. This is the University's fifth lottery home to raise funds for scholarships for student athletes.

## Criminology Professor an Onassis Fellow!

Dr. George Rigakos, assistant professor of sociology and criminology has been awarded a prestigious Onassis Fellowship. Past recipients of the fellowship include Nobel Laureates and heads of state.

In September, Rigakos left for three months of research in Athens, Greece. "I am very excited about working with Dr. Calliope Spinellis at the Centre for Penal and Criminological Research at the University of Athens Law School. The Onassis Grant will allow us to conduct comparative research on public and private policing in Greece and Canada."

The grant is funded through the Alexander S. Onassis Public Benefit Foundation. The foundation was created by Greek tycoon, Aristotelis Onassis, one of the most successful shipowners in the world. The Foundation is active in developing public benefit projects directed towards Greece and outside Greece.

Rigakos has conducted research on the emerging relationship between public and private security. "I am slated to present to the National Police Academy and the Greek Society of Criminology on today's important relationships between public and private policing sectors in an international context," he says.



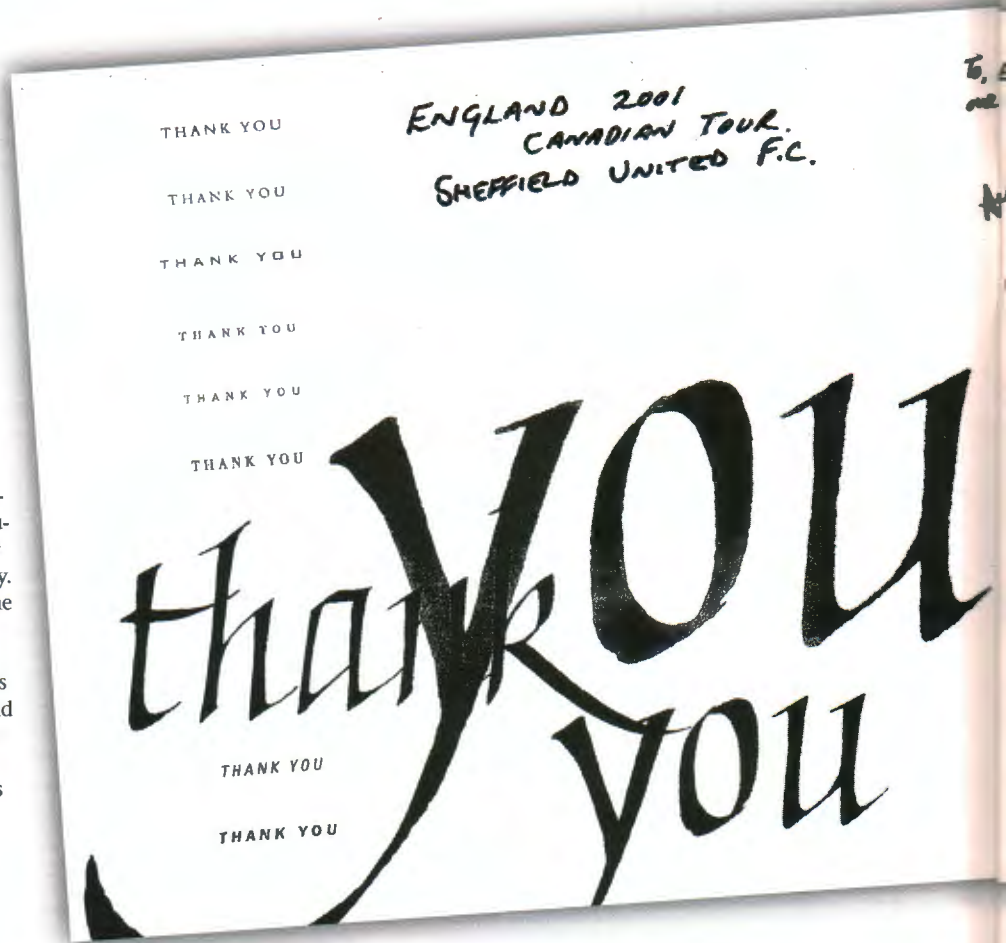
# Message from the President

On behalf of Saint Mary's University, I wish to express our profound grief following the acts of terrorism in the United States on September 11th. We offer our thoughts and prayers to our alumni and friends throughout the world, particularly those living in the United States, who have been impacted by these tragedies.

During this time, Saint Mary's hosted passengers of flights that were re-routed to the Halifax International Airport at The Tower, and students and staff made a tremendous contribution to the care of passengers diverted to Halifax. A large number of staff and students prepared the beds in the gym while others efficiently registered the passengers as they arrived, carried their suit cases, offered cold drinks and pledged to make blood donations. When the Canadian Red Cross called on Canadians to donate blood, students and staff didn't hesitate to respond. In fact, well after midnight there were students in line waiting to donate. Their work illustrated our students' leadership and commitment to their community. I would like to extend my sincere appreciation to everyone who was involved in providing for our special guests.

The difficult weeks ahead in the aftermath of the tragedies in the United States will require tolerance, compassion and understanding. An interdenominational memorial service for the lost lives was held on September 13th at the Saint Mary's Art Gallery. Father Con Mulvihill, S.J., Saint Mary's chaplain, led the community in a prayer for peace.

**Dr. J. Colin Dodds,**  
president, Saint Mary's University



## Words of Thanks from our Guests

Last Tuesday, I, like many others, was diverted to Halifax due to the terrible events in the United States. The kindness and the warm hospitality offered by the Halifax community will stay with me for a long, long time.

It is impossible to say how much this meant to me. I can only offer a heartfelt, and inadequate, thank you to all those involved. The staff at the airport were most welcoming and helpful. I stayed at Saint Mary's University and I was particularly struck by the fact that every single person I came into contact with there went out of their

way to offer help and support. The Red Cross staff were also incredibly hard-working and helpful and the efficiency of the whole operation was very, very impressive.

Your behaviour, as a community, was exemplary. You should be very proud.

**John Brooks, Brackley, Northants, U.K.**

(Letter received by the Chronicle Herald)

My wife and I were among the stranded travelers on BA Flt # 2025 who made an unscheduled visit to your campus. We are so very appreciative of students, staff, food service contractors, and the Halifax citizenry in general who were so gracious and cooperative under difficult circumstances.

I'm sure I speak for every stranded passenger on BA 2025 in expressing our gratitude to the St. Mary's family. Please extend our thanks as widely as possible to all University Personnel for such a display of love, concern, and mutual sharing of this trying experience.

Surely the citizens of Halifax, and St. Mary's in particular, went above and beyond the call of duty. We shall be eternally grateful to our Canadian neighbors for the many expressions of friendliness.

**Dick & Rosalind Moser Lubbock Texas USA**

P.S. We finally arrived home today (Sunday), after being flown back to the UK by British Airways in the wee hours of last Friday morning, and then back to the US on Saturday. We still had a final leg home this morning.



EVERYBODY @ SMU FOR THE KIND WELCOME & SUPPORT DURING  
OUR STAY. LOTS OF LOVE FROM THE ENGLISH BOYS xxxx

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BIG 'CHELSEA' STEVE  
BIG HELLO FROM ITS  
WALE LONDON  
I'll have a beer  
& think of you  
ALL THE BEST  
BIG AC  
THANK YOU  
BEMA  
So much  
Thank you

6ft high  
James  
A very big thank you  
for your attention  
Leo Sanchez  
Hospitality first class  
Ken Brown  
Thanks very much  
we're all very grateful  
Celia James  
THANK YOU  
Ted Hollander  
Bob Smith  
Your Best  
Great  
THANK YOU  
Steve

The Inter-Faith Memorial Service was held on campus on September 13th. Here are some reflections and prayers from this service:

Introduction by Fr. Con Mulvihill, SJ, Chaplain at Saint Mary's University.

It has been fifty hours since the terrible tragedies in New York and Washington, and all of us here in this room feel five years older. The news media have given us hundreds of images, many of which will stick with us forever. Stories of heroism have been told, and will continue to be told.

The overarching word for all these events is fragility. Most evidently, we have witnessed the fragile, transient nature of the works of our hands - the dramatic destruction of two 110-storey buildings, engineering feats of wonder.

More importantly, we have witnessed the fragile nature of our human lives. Those in the World Trade Centre entered their offices on Tuesday morning and began their days by checking their e-mail, getting their voice messages, socializing with their colleagues, going to meetings - much as we did this morning. Yet we are here and they, no more and no less innocent than we, are gone.

We witness the fragile nature of the bonds we have with those we love, who can be taken away so suddenly and tragically.

We witness the fragile nature of the social fabric which has been built up, justly and unjustly, over centuries.

We witness the fragile balance of peace and war in the international community.

In light of this, let us enter into prayer today:

For those who died on Tuesday: Christian, Jew and Muslim, Buddhist and Hindu, followers of natural religions, agnostic and atheist - all those whose integrity of heart is known to God alone.

For those who mourn their passing - their families, friends and co-workers.

For all desperate people who choose to perpetrate violence on the innocent to attain their ends.

For healing, reconciliation and forgiveness in the international forum - for measured, slow, peaceful and just solutions to mending the social fabric which has been torn so violently on Tuesday morning.

## Reflections and Prayers

By Jamal Badawi, professor of management & religious studies and Imam of the Muslim Community in Nova Scotia

There are at least five things that should unite us today in this hour of grief:

1. Expression of our faith in God, the Creator of the heavens and earth, and the Benevolent and Merciful Cherisher and Provider for all. We affirm our faith in the One and only living God, from whom we derive our existence, in whom we put our trust, and to whom we shall all return, sooner or later.

2. Expression of our unity as members of one race, the human race and as members of one family, the human family. We may be diverse in color, gender, ethnicity, religious beliefs and political views. Yet, such diversity is not, and should not, be a barrier to cooperation on common grounds as spiritual and moral beings. It is possible to have unity in diversity and diversity within a broader unity.

3. Expression of our unity in condemning, in no uncertain terms, acts of senseless violence, terror, atrocities and indiscriminate victimization of innocent civilians wherever they occur, whenever they occur and by whoever commits them. The innocent victims of the recent act includes men and women from diverse religious backgrounds, including hundreds of Muslim victims out of thousands of Muslim businesspersons and employees who used to work in the World Trade Center. Our hearts and prayers go out to the victims, their families, friends and communities.

However, we should be equally united in condemning acts of harassment, vandalism and violence against innocent, peaceful and law-abiding Canadian and American citizens, on the basis of their ethnicity, race or other similarities to those who may have perpetrated this colossal crime. This is not a crime against America; this is a crime against humanity. Only those who were involved in planning and knowingly assisting in this evil are to be blamed, pursued and brought to justice. The Palmer Raid mentality, born out of stereotypes, racism or bigotry, should not be revived.

4. Our belief that all revealed religious faiths teach the same core message of love of God, love of the creation of God, mercy, justice and human brotherhood. However, we should also be united in condemning those who abuse the good name of genuine revealed religions to justify their evil deeds so as to achieve their aims or express their grievances.

5. Finally, we are united in praying for the souls of the countless men and women who perished in this act of terror; Christians, Jews, Muslims, Buddhists, Hindus and others. We are united in our sincere condolences to the families, friends and communities of those who lost loved ones. And we are united in our prayer that peace, justice, brotherhood and reconciliation may ultimately prevail.



# Mayann Francis: Her Journey from Whitney Pier



By Penny Murdock

Recently Mayann Francis had the remarkable opportunity to wear her late father's clergy vestments while delivering a sermon from the pulpit of his former church in Sydney, Cape Breton. Her father, Archpriest George Francis of Saint Philip's African Orthodox Church, an agent of change in his own rite, instilled in his little girl from Whitney Pier, Nova Scotia, that same yearning to make a positive difference in one's community.

The gift of faith her parents passed on to her, as well as a powerful sense of personal commitment and self-reliance, are the cornerstones of all Francis has accomplished since leaving Whitney Pier over three decades ago. She attributes this legacy to giving her the strength to face the challenges of daily life and become a positive force for change; the kind of change that brings more equity to the lives of people, particularly the lives of her fellow Black Nova Scotians.

"Growing up in Whitney Pier often brings a smile to my lips," she says. "We were a true community. It was a community of immigrants - West Indians, Polish, Italian, Irish, French, Ukranian and Jewish. I am sure there were many more." She says that as immigrants, everyone worked hard to make a better life for their families. She recalls the West Indian

families lived mainly on the streets that are today making headlines because of the notorious battle over the Tar Ponds.

Francis remembers Whitney Pier as a bustling area with a grocery store, restaurants, banks, movie theatres, schools, churches, a synagogue, corner stores and barbershops. "At one time, everything that one needed to make a community was found in the Pier."

She had a lot of fun growing up, despite living in a very strict household. As children, she and her three older siblings were expected to attend Sunday morning mass, followed by Sunday school and evening service. "My father was an excellent cook. His pound cakes, apple pies, sugar cakes, peas and rice, and other West Indian dishes were the rave of the community."

Francis says that they were not a wealthy family but her parents were great managers of what they did have and she learned to give freely because of them. "If someone came to our door for money or food, my parents accommodated them," she says. "Often my father would ask them to dust the church pews, or sweep the church steps prior to giving them the money."

She worries now that the legacy of the Tar Ponds may turn her old community into only a memory. "We really do not know what their ultimate effect may be."

In contrast to Whitney Pier, Francis discovered early in life that she had an affinity for the hustle and bustle of big cities, particularly New York city where she spent time as a child visiting family. After completing high school, Francis chose to attend Saint Mary's partly because of the university's connection to the faith community. She graduated in 1972 with a Bachelor of Arts and remembers fondly the interest some of her professors took in her work. "Some of them are still interested, and send me words of wisdom," she says.

After graduation, she went to work for the Nova Scotia Human Rights Commission as a human rights officer - an experience that left a lasting impression. The early 1970s was an exciting time to be working at the Commission because she says it was really setting the pace for human rights across Canada. "This started me down the path of promoting change," she says. "So much of my career has been spent promoting change and challenging the status quo. I firmly believe that without change, you can never experience progress."

“Growing up in Whitney Pier often brings a smile to my lips.”



After a few years in Halifax, she was ready for a change herself and New York city was calling. She was eager to work for a law firm so she studied to be a paralegal at Long Island University. Upon graduating, she landed a job with a law firm on Wall Street, and later an uptown firm. She got her first taste of corporate America and learned the meaning of hard work. "It was not unusual to work through the night when you were facing a deadline," she says. The work was high-pressure and challenging but the values and faith instilled in her by her parents gave her the strength to persevere. It was during this time that she grew to like the fast-pace work environment. "I loved every minute of it. I learned and I grew. I had more mentors than I could count," she says. "I was like a sponge. I could not get enough."

While working at the law firms, she studied for her Masters in Public Administration at New York University where she graduated in 1984. She went to work for the city of New York in the District Attorney's Office in Brooklyn where she worked in non-legal staffing management, including the areas of women's issues and equal opportunity work. In 1988, she completed a Certificate in Equal Opportunity Studies from Cornell University, further adding to her professional training in personnel and labour issues.

"Along the way, I have seized professional and personal development opportunities wherever I could find them," says Francis. "I like to learn and be challenged. It's the most important thing you can do for yourself - to continually challenge your limits."

Francis loved living in New York but knew it was not meant to be forever. While she had never set out to work in the field of human rights, it seems that by the time she had returned to Canada, "the dye had been cast." In 1990, an opportunity to return to her beloved Nova Scotia presented itself. She was appointed the first employment equity officer at Dalhousie University. "I made a bit of history," she says. "This was a major accomplishment for a black woman - to become a senior administrator at a university in Nova Scotia."

She faced many difficult issues during this time but as always she brought a high level of energy and commitment to the job that allowed her to move forward and make changes. "Working on equity issues can be very draining, and you need to draw on all your internal strength and creativity in order to remain motivated."

While working at Dalhousie, a friend brought her a newspaper advertisement for a job in Ontario and encouraged her to apply. At first she dismissed the idea because she still had things she wanted to accomplish in her current position. But her persistent friend finally convinced her to apply for the job of Assistant Deputy Minister for the Ontario Women's Directorate.

From 1994 to 1997, she helped guide the Directorate through a change in government and a difficult restructuring. This proved to be one of the greatest challenges of Francis's career but she persevered and was successful. In 1997, she was given another challenge by the Ontario government who at the time

was transferring the responsibility for the administering of some public services to municipalities. Part of the mandate was to create a training secretariat with Municipal Affairs to coordinate this process and Francis was asked to oversee this process as assistant deputy minister - "another daunting challenge."

What made this task so daunting was that relations between government and municipalities at the time were strained yet Francis still had to develop a successful training initiative for municipal officials and gain their cooperation. She enjoyed the groundbreaking work and was pleased with the accomplishments they made. A few months after Francis left Ontario, the Secretariat received a 1999-2000 Reach Award recognizing its efforts to build partnerships.

But alas, Nova Scotia was calling her home once again. The Nova Scotia Human Rights Commission was looking for a new executive director and while she was reluctant at first to leave the life she had grown to love in Toronto, she knew this was the right thing to do. "I searched my heart and somehow I knew that this was an important direction for me to move. A commitment to diversity was ingrained in me after so many years working to promote equity, and as a Black Nova Scotian, I knew very well the barriers and challenges that still needed to be overcome in my home province. I believed I could make a difference."

As an African Canadian, Francis has personally

experienced discrimination and racism and will most likely continue to. "The challenge is managing these overt and covert acts. I do not allow myself to be driven by hatred or anger. My father always stood for justice, peace and love. He believed in finding solu-



Francis at her 1972 Saint Mary's convocation.



Top left photo: Francis (left) with her sister, Isabel, as children. Remaining photos are of Francis as a child in Whitney Pier.



tions. He did not believe in the victim mentality," she says. "His belief was that we all have something to contribute to this world. I believe my father's strong conviction in the human spirit and my mom's desire to lend a helping hand, have unknowingly shaped my career."

The day she stood in the House of Assembly in Halifax to have her appointment announced it dawned on her that she had come full circle. "I was filled with a sense of purpose, and I have tried to stick to that purpose ever since."

Her commitment to change and the record of accomplishment that the Commission had once built were the most compelling reasons for her interest in the



job. In 1969, when the Commission was created, it had been a leader in its field in Canada according to Francis. "In Nova Scotia, where racism and discrimination have been so much a part of our history and experience, this was no small achievement," she says. But the impression in recent years had been that the Commission was "out of touch with reality." Francis says this can be attributed to a lack of resources and a lack of change. "The Commission had not been able to keep pace with the changing environment around it."

Francis was acting on a desire to rebuild the Commission to its former glory as a leader in the field of human rights in Canada when she applied for the job. "But my ambition did not stop there," she says. "I also wanted to make Nova Scotia a centre of excellence in the field of human rights. Since accepting my post, I have been talking to everyone I can reach and enlisting them in helping to make that dream a reality."

As executive director, Francis is responsible for setting the course of the organization. She works with the Commission's chairperson, Mr. James Dewar, as well as commissioners and staff, to ensure that high standards of service are met. Since coming to the Commission in 1999, she has been looking at the way business is done and making change where necessary. This has culminated in a full-fledged organizational review that is currently taking place. This review will provide models for change that the provincial government will be able to consider. "All

of this should help mold the Commission into an effective, responsive and transparent organization which can properly serve the interests of all Nova Scotians."

One of the greatest challenges of the job for Francis is dealing with negativity. "I am someone who always tries to surround myself with positive people, so having to face negativity on a daily basis is not easy," she says. "When you are challenging the status quo, you encounter a lot of negativity so it is a daily struggle to keep my energy up and my mind focussed on the future."

Francis says that to think that systematic racism does not exist represents denial or a lack of understanding of what it is. In order to tackle it, we must understand it and its impact. Denial leads to "malaise, anger and frustration. As a province, we degenerate into finger pointing. No healing takes place. A stalemate is reached."

She says it is not about laying blame or exacting retribution. "It is instead about promoting healing and implementing positive and strategic plans with identifiable outcomes that would provide a prosperous future for all the citizens of our province. This will clear the way for each of us to accept our responsibilities as global citizens and stewards of our world."

Her appointment is for a three-year term and can be renewed at the discretion of the government. As for her future, she hopes to remain active in public life as an agent of change although she does not know what form that might take. She has always felt a call to ministry in the church and her experience in the pulpit of her father's former church was very moving for her.

One of her greatest passions is motivational speaking because she wants to promote change and help people reach their full potential as individuals. "Whether it is encouraging individuals to explore their spiritual growth as human beings, or helping organizations to face change, I have a desire to use my experiences to help others."

She may do so by writing a book about her journey from Whitney Pier to now. She hopes that journey might inspire others to reach out and take a chance.

Francis is currently a national board member of the United Way of Canada. She enjoys being able to contribute to her community in this way and it has also afforded her the opportunity to work internationally. She is working on a project at the moment in Brazil. She loves to travel because it exposes her to new cultures and new ideas. Several years ago, she traveled to Ghana to speak to a gathering of women's groups.

These days she is also working at maintaining her health. She takes aerobics classes as her schedule permits. "I like the energy boost it gives me, and it enables me to face my day with vigour." She has also tried her hand at hiking. She reads constantly. "Recently, I've been reading the Harry Potter series." She also dabbles in painting as a way to express her creativity a canvas of hers now hangs on her living room wall. She also has a love of fashion and style and says she is constantly re-inventing herself.

“ I also wanted to make Nova Scotia a centre of excellence in the field of human rights. ”



# Shannon Byrne: A Different Kind of CEO

By Paul Fitzgerald

Shannon Byrne is not your typical CEO in today's competitive technology driven world. You won't find her clocking in seven-day workweeks, or will you see her commuting to work in bumper-to-bumper traffic in some big, overcrowded city. She just won't live life this way. Never has and never will.

Instead, the Saint Mary's alumna runs a multi-million dollar company from the bottom of a ski hill in Whistler, British Columbia, one of the world's most sought after travel destinations for outdoor alpine enthusiasts. She is president and CEO of Paradata Systems Inc., a global Internet payment service provider used by the Royal Bank and the Bank of Montreal for credit card transactions, which has grown in leaps and bounds since she took charge. Her company is one of the fastest growing high-tech firms in Canada, and is now garnering a reputation worldwide.

Sure she works a fast paced week, but she still has time to soak up her outdoor passions for skiing, swimming, mountain biking, golfing, windsurfing and even playing center for the Mojo's women's ice hockey team. "Having the opportunity to build a team, organization and career in North America's leading playground is definitely a dream come true," she says from her company's Function Junction Headquarters in Whistler.

Byrne graduated from Saint Mary's with a Bachelor of Commerce in 1989 and a Bachelor of Science in 1992. After the Haligonian completed a Master of Computer Science in 1995 from Dal-Tech (formerly TUNS), she went west and became one of the co-founders of Paradata. She worked her way up the ranks and by early 1998 took over the company's top job.

Today her company boasts over 70 employees with offices in Whistler, Toronto, Vancouver and Zurich. This year Paradata will also brace for even more growth as they tap into the Asian financial services market. "I never thought of Paradata as a risky decision in my first year with the organization where no one, including myself, drew a salary. My mother thought I was absolutely crazy," she now laughs.

Earlier this year, her leadership and commitment to make Paradata grow worldwide earned her a coveted "Top 40 Under 40 Award" - an industry award that recognizes 40 Canadians who have been extremely successful before the age of 40. As well this year, her

company won the prestigious "British Columbia Technology Industries Association Award" for best application of web technology.

But she is quick to credit others for her success. "My husband and family have always supported me in everything I have ventured to take on," she says. "Being the youngest of five children, provided a very competitive and lively environment at home. We all strive to do the best both in school and extra-curricular activities. We really pushed one another. We still do."

Her father, Michael Byrne, attended St. Mary's High School in the 1950s when the Jesuit-run institution granted both high school diplomas and university degrees.

"Saint Mary's also played a large part in where I am today," she says. "My experience provided me with a real understanding of business and technology in our world. As well, I learned all about team work, and how to manage, juggle and excel in varsity sports - basketball, track and field hockey."

In the fall of 2001, students at Saint Mary's began seeing the first hand benefits of Byrne's company. Moneris Solutions, a joint venture of the Royal Bank and the Bank of Montreal, fully branded Paradata's e-Select payment method for their online payment system. Saint Mary's has chosen the Moneris e-Select payment method for their new online payment system that began this past September.

"This new online system now provides students with an additional way to pay their accounts, anytime they choose," she says. "Students can simply access the system through the University's secure website SATURN and pay their accounts with Visa or Mastercard."

While this alumna always has her sights set on the future, her main goal right now is to secure even more growth for her popular high-tech company.

"There are lots of things I would like to do in life, but for now I have a big task at hand and I must say I am having the time of my life doing it," she says. "I mean it's great. I am getting paid to do a job I love and live in one of the nicest places in the world. Who could ask for more?"



Shannon Byrne, president and CEO of Paradata Systems Inc..

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# Alumna Records *Star Trek* Creator's Final Thoughts

By Penny Murdock

In the late 1980s, when Yvonne Harrison Solow, BA'75, was asked to author a book on a person who had a significant influence on American culture—Gene Roddenbury, the creator of the *Star Trek* television series, came to mind. But it wasn't an easy sell with her editor at the University of California Press, who for the most part had featured politicians, scientists and people in more so-called traditional areas of work, in their popular *Portrait of American Genius* series.

But there was little doubt in her mind that the television industry had a tremendous impact on culture and of that industry, *Star Trek* was probably the most influential. So she stuck to her guns and convinced her editor to allow her go after an interview with Roddenbury.

While not a "trekkie" herself by any means, she was familiar with the program because her boys had watched it as children. And being the "good mother" she kept a close eye on what they watched and discussed the content with them. "It was a beautifully written show that had philosophical and moral content. My research into the show confirmed this in spades," she says.

So she would go to the source himself and find out how this pervasive influence in American culture had occurred. Others warned her that Roddenbury, in his late sixties at the time, never gave interviews. Undaunted, she wrote him a letter simply telling him that she was not interested in asking him about the actors or doing a delineation of each episode. "I am simply interested in who you are and what you think and how that influenced the show. It was a mind walk, and he loved the idea," she says.

He was intrigued enough to invite her to his home - an invitation she jumped at. But neither of them knew just how important

this conversation would be. During what was to be their final interview session, Roddenbury had a stroke. In fact, it was Solow who drove him to the hospital.

After his death, she would go on to finish her book titled *Gene Roddenbury: The Last Conversation, A Dialogue with the Creator of Star Trek*. The book received critical acclaim and sold out. Simon & Schuster bought the paperback rights to her book and released an expanded softcover edition. Harper Collins (UK) bought the world-wide English language rights and published the book throughout the English-speaking world.

With the success of her book, "my career went nuts." Much of her work these days involves giants of the entertainment industry. She writes, edits, produces, and serves as a strategic and creative consultant.

But before Solow's leap into Hollywood, she called Halifax home and prior to that Honolulu, Hawaii. The latter is where she was born but her father moved the family to San Francisco, California when she was very young. At the age of 17, she entered a convent in Redwood City. "I thought I might like to be a nun but after awhile I knew I wasn't going to be there for the rest of my life." While at the convent, she studied at the University of San Francisco where she was encouraged to take a wide variety of courses by the nuns so she could discover what it was she most liked. This would eventually lead to such a smattering of courses, that she completed her degree(s) with five different majors.

When she was 21 years-old, she decided she wanted to leave the United States for awhile and study in an English-speaking foreign country. She boarded with a French family in Victoria, British Columbia in what she describes as

an "adventure trip." But it was also where she would meet and eventually marry her first husband. Before long, her husband was transferred through his work to Truro, Nova Scotia where she lived for a year before moving to Halifax.

"I saw my first snowfall in Truro and I thought I was in heaven," she says. While she immediately fell in love with Halifax - Point Pleasant Park, the Public Library, and the apple and foxberry pie at Scotia Square are amongst her favorite memories of this time - she missed her family at home in California. It was particularly difficult because this was when her two sons were born and she longed to be close to her family.

It would turn out that Saint Mary's would make this passage of time much more bearable and it would leave an indelible impression on her to this very day. She was living on Tower Road at the time, her husband was busy at work, and Solow decided to take some courses at the University to help bide her time.

There were two particular English professors teaching at the University in the early '70s with whom she remains very close - J. Geoffrey Harrison and Christopher J. Terry, both from Cambridge University, and one now living in Cambridge and the other in Germany. In late August, she had plans to meet up with both of them during her visit to Oxford University in England.

"They were very colorful and demanding professors and because of them and a few others, I am where I am today," she says. "It is really because of these two men that I have become a successful author. I was in heaven with the faculty. It was the best educational experience I have ever had - the pinnacle of my experience (Solow studied at several different universities over the years in her travels). I credit them with everything. You

couldn't get away with anything with those guys. To me they were Gods. That experience has stayed with me over the past 30 years."

This experience gave her the confidence in her writing that has led to a very successful career. She left Nova Scotia and her husband in 1988, and she and her boys moved back to California where she taught English language and literature at Berkeley and worked as a developmental editor for the University Press.



The Roddenbury book followed and as a result of her foray into Hollywood, she met and married the former head of MGM, Paramount Pictures and Desilu Studios, Herb Solow, whose many shows include *Star Trek*, *Mission Impossible*, *Mannix* and a host of classics in both television and film. Herb Solow was the head of Desilu studio (owned by Lucille Ball) at the time that Gene Roddenbury walked into his office with a piece of paper with a basic concept for a new show. Solow helped Roddenbury develop the concept and prepare a script and it was Solow who would sell the script, pilot and eventually the series to NBC. The series was *Star Trek*.

So it was Solow and Solow, now husband and wife, who would have the first and last conversation with the series creator of one of television's most popular and influential programs.



# Women in the Home Office Tackle Having It All

By Lisa Legatto

When Anne Stone started bringing her son to junior kindergarten she wondered how many other women she saw dropping off their children were performing the balancing act of working from home. Stone, MBA'86, a retail marketing consultant with Kodak and mother of a six year-old son and three and a half year-old daughter like many women left the corporate world for an office in her home.

Stone started to develop an idea that would bring women in her neighborhood, the Toronto's Beaches area, together to create a business and social network. "A lot of my girlfriends had given up good careers and were staying at home but were kind of frustrated" she says. "There was part of them that wished they could keep dabbling in the business world."

Last fall, Stone placed an ad for a women's social group in the local community newspaper. Twenty-five women, mostly mothers working at home in the Beaches, attended the first meeting at a local restaurant. "The energy in the room was phenomenal," she says. "We could have moved a mountain." Stone suggested bi-monthly meetings for the group named Women in the Home Office. The women wanted to meet every month. "They were so relieved to be with other people who were in similar situations."

The group now consists of 65 members and the meetings, held on the first Friday of each month, have grown to the point that Stone has had to find a bigger restaurant. Most of the women are thirty-somethings with small children and professionals with a wide range of expertise, among them are home-based personal chefs, journalists, financial and marketing consultants, landscape designers, editors, lawyers and engineers.

Stone, who grew up in Charlottetown, Prince Edward

Island says, "I wanted to bring back that community feeling." She cites isolation as a problem for women working at home. "People need to be with other people not just on the Internet," she says. "My concept is simple. It's getting to know the people who are around you in a big city."

Stone has successfully applied her homespun idea of women helping women in their own neighbourhood. "When the world is going global," she says, "we're going local." A number of networks for people in home offices exist but what is unique about Women in the Home Office is that it is specifically for women. "When we have all of these women in a room the conversation is very different than it would be with men and women," Stone says. "It's women talking to women about how they feel about what they're doing."

Women in the Home Office is able to meld the personal contacts that the group supports with a dynamic outlet for business networking, education and community outreach. Workshops led predominantly by members, are now being offered that deal with topics including stress management, and how to write a business plan. There are social events such as picnics with the kids and pub nights for the members.

This fall, there will be an administrative fee for members and the group has even started to receive sponsorship offers and has created a marketing committee to promote themselves. Within the group, members are networking, creating opportunities and helping one another. Stone is in the process of developing a web site that will profile the members and provide information about their skills and what resources they can offer. Women in The Home Office also wants to contribute to the community whether it be promoting safety in the parks, helping seasonal retailers or planting gardens in local schools.

Stone would eventually like to make leading Women in the Home Office a full-time job. After a feature article about the group ran in *The Globe and Mail* last spring, Stone discovered that there is tremendous interest across the country. "It's very easy to want to grow very quickly. I don't want to do it until I know that it will work with this model. It will always have a very local focus."



Anne Stone, founder of Women in the Home Office and mother of two.

Photo: Deborah Blic, *The Globe and Mail*



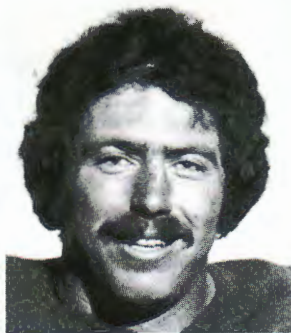
# Saint Mary's Honors Sport Legends



Elmer MacGillivray



Chris Flynn



Angelo Santucci

A pair of football greats, a pioneer in the University's athletic evolution from the 1940s, along with the sensational 1972/73 hockey team will all be honored as this year's inductees into the Saint Mary's University Hall of Fame and Heritage Center. Chris Flynn, Angelo Santucci, Elmer MacGillivray and the 31-1 hockey Huskies will be inducted Saturday, October 13th at 11am as part of Homecoming Weekend celebrations.

Flynn literally rewrote the CIAU football record book as quarterback for the Huskies from 1987 to 1990, winning the prestigious Hec Creighton trophy as the country's most valuable college player three times. The Buckingham, Quebec native was a four-time all-star quarterback and a three-time CIAU All-Canadian while setting national records for the most passes in a season and career. He was the all-time leading CIAU quarterback rusher and spurred the Huskies to a four-year regular season record of 27-2.

Santucci was a hard-nosed Huskies running back, chosen AUAA rookie of the year and a first team all-star when he broke in to the league in 1971. After returning from a serious sophomore leg injury, Santucci was a key ingredient as the Huskies won the national championship in 1973. He rushed for 186 yards in the AUAA title win and scored a key touchdown in the national championship game against McGill at the CNE Stadium in Toronto.

MacGillivray, a native of Reserve Mines was noted as a passionate player which more than made up for his lack of size at 5'10" and 170 lbs. He arrived at St. Mary's High School in 1944 and proceeded to help his teammates win the city football championship and the Maritime juvenile hockey title. The next year they won the city and provincial hockey titles. He continued his athletic career winning junior



Santucci in action.

and senior titles in hockey and baseball.

There is no doubt 1973 was the closest thing to perfection in the storied athletic history of Saint Mary's as the football team upset its way to the national title and the basketball team shocked the nation in winning the CIAU crown. Bob Boucher coached the hockey Huskies, who put on a brilliant campaign posting a 31-0 record before taking the ice in the championship game against

the Toronto Blues. They fell a goal short in a heart wrenching 3-2 game.

Some of the members of that team included Bill Doherty, Randy Crowell, Doug Abbass, Ernie Dooley, Gerard Gibbons, Tim Ripley, Bim McFall, Dwight Lewis, Steve Dmytruk, Richie Bayes, Dale Turner, Mike Quinn, Dave Nowlan, Chuck Goddard, D'Arcy Murphy, Ray Monette and Bob Warner.

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Keep up to date on how your favorite Saint Mary's Huskies' teams are doing by visiting the Saint Mary's website for regular updates at: [www.stmarys.ca](http://www.stmarys.ca)



# Saint Mary's to Host CIAU Men's Soccer

The Saint Mary's Huskies will play host to the 2001 CIAU men's soccer championship next month. The tournament, set at Huskies Stadium from November 7 to 11, will feature two teams from the AUAA and four other conference champions.

During the 2000 season, the Saint Mary's men's soccer team won the AUS title for the first time since 1990. The CIAU men's soccer championships were held at McMaster University in Hamilton, Ont. The team won their games against McMaster and McGill, but lost to Laurier in a penalty kick shoot-out.

## Saint Mary's Fall & Winter Sports Schedule

### Football - 2001

Oct 6	SMU @ MTA 2pm
Oct 13	SFX @ SMU 2pm (Alumni Weekend)
Oct 20	MTA @ SMU 2pm
Oct 27	SMU @ SFX 2pm
Nov 3	SMU @ ACA 1pm
Nov 10	AUS playoff 1pm
Nov 17	Atlantic Bowl noon
Dec 1	Vanier Cup

### Field Hockey - 2001

Fri Oct 5	UPEI @ SMU 6pm
Sat Oct 6	UPEI @ SMU 11am
Sat Oct 13	SMU @ UNB 3pm
Sun Oct 14	SMU @ UNB 1pm
Oct 27 & 28	AUS playoffs @ SMU - Saturday noon & Sunday 1pm

### Soccer - 2001

Sun Oct 14	UdM @ SMU 1 & 3pm
Sun Oct 21	SMU @ SFX 1 & 3pm
Sat Oct 27	SFX @ SMU 2:30 & 4:30pm
Sun Oct 28	SMU @ DAL 1 & 3pm
Nov 2 - 4	AUS playoffs @ 1st place
Nov 8 - 11	Men's CIAUs @ SMU
Nov 8 - 11	Women's CIAUs @ McMaster

### Men's Hockey - 2001/2002

Oct 4	SMU @ ACA 7:30 pm (Exh)
Sat Oct 6	SMU vs DAL TBA (Metro Centre)
Sun Oct 7	SMU vs ACA 6 pm (Kingston)
Sat Oct 13	ACA @ SMU 7pm
Fri Oct 19	STU @ SMU 7pm
Sat Oct 20	UPEI @ SMU 7pm
Fri Oct 26	SMU @ STU 7pm
Sat Oct 27	SMU @ UPEI 7pm
Fri Nov 2	SMU @ UNB 7pm
Sat Nov 3	SMU @ UdM 7pm
Fri Nov 9	UNB @ SMU 7pm
Sat Nov 10	UdM @ SMU 7pm
Tues Nov	13 SMU @ DAL 7pm
Fri Nov 16	UPEI @ SMU 7pm
Sat Nov 17	STU @ SMU 7pm
Wed Nov 21	SFX @ SMU 7pm

Fri Nov 23	SMU @ ACA 7:30 pm
Tues Nov 27	DAL @ SMU 7pm
Fri Nov 30	SMU @ SFX 7:30 pm
Sat Dec 29	SMU vs Western 7 pm (Hfx Forum)
Fri Jan 4	SMU @ STU 7pm
Sat Jan 5	SMU @ UPEI 7pm
Wed Jan 9	SMU @ SFX 7:30 pm
Sat Jan 12	ACA @ SMU 7pm
Sat Jan 19	SMU @ UdM 7pm
Sun Jan 20	SMU @ UNB 2pm
Fri Jan 25	UNB @ SMU 7pm
Sat Jan 26	UdM @ SMU 7pm
Wed Jan 30	SMU @ DAL 7pm
Fri Feb 1	SMU @ ACA 7:30 pm
Wed Feb 6	DAL @ SMU 7pm
Sat Feb 9	SFX @ SMU 7pm
Wed Feb 13	quarterfinals 2 of 3
Wed Feb 20	semis 2 of 3
Wed Feb 27	finals 3 of 5

### Volleyball - 2001/2002

Sat Oct 13	UdeM @ SMU 1pm (Exh)
Oct 19-21	Martlett Invitational @ McGill (Exh)
Sat Nov 3	UCCB @ SMU 7pm
Sat Nov 10	SMU @ UNB 6pm
Sun Nov 11	SMU @ MTA 2pm
Wed Nov 14	SMU @ ACA 7:30 pm
Sat Nov 17	SMU @ UPEI 4pm
Wed Nov 21	SMU @ UdeM 7pm
Fri Nov 23	SFX @ SMU 7pm
Thurs Nov 29	SMU @ DAL 7pm
Jan 4-6	Western Invitational (Exh)
Sat Jan 12	UPEI @ SMU 2pm
Sun Jan 13	UNB @ SMU Noon
Wed Jan 16	UdeM @ SMU 7pm
Jan 18-20	Dal Classic @ DAL (Exh)
Sun Jan 27	SMU @ SFX 7pm
Wed Jan 30	DAL @ SMU 7pm
Thurs Feb 1	MTA @ SMU 7pm
Sat Feb 9	SMU @ MUN 7pm
Sun Feb 10	SMU @ MUN 1pm
Fri Feb 15	SMU @ UCCB 7pm
Sun Feb 17	ACA @ SMU 7pm
Feb 22	AUS Playoffs @ SMU 6 & 8pm
Feb 23	AUS Playoffs @ SMU 4 & 6pm
Feb 24	AUS Playoffs @ SMU noon

### Women's Basketball - 2001/2002

Oct 15	Mount Royal College @ SMU
Oct 19-21	SMU @ McMaster Tournament
Oct 26-28	Dal Subway Tournament
Nov 2-4	SMU @ Queen's Tournament
Tues Nov 13	ACA @ SMU 6pm
Tues Nov 20	SMU @ SFX 6pm
Sat Nov 24	MUN @ SMU 6pm
Sun. Nov 25	UPEI @ SMU 1pm
Wed Nov 28	DAL @ SMU 6pm
Dec 29-31	SMU Holiday Tournament
Tues Jan 8	ACA @ SMU 7pm
Sun Jan 13	UNB @ SMU 2pm
Sat Jan 19	SMU @ UPEI 6pm
Tues Jan 22	SFX @ SMU 6pm
Sat Jan 26	SMU @ UCCB 6pm
Sun. Jan 27	SFX @ SMU 1pm
Wed Jan 30	SMU @ ACA 6pm
Sat Feb 2	SMU @ MUN 6pm
Sun Feb 3	SMU @ MUN 1pm
Sun Feb 10	UCCB @ SMU 1pm
Wed Feb 13	SMU @ DAL 6pm
Sat Feb 16	SMU @ ACA 6pm
Tues Feb 19	SMU @ UNB 6pm
Fri Feb 22	SMU @ SFX 8pm
Sun Feb 24	MUN @ SMU 5pm
Sat Mar 2	ACA @ SMU 7pm
Mar 8-10	AUS playoffs
Mar 15-17	CIAU playoffs

### Men's Basketball - 2001/2002

Thurs Oct 18	SMU @ York 8pm (Exh)
Fri Oct 19	SMU @ Laurier 8pm (Exh)
Sat Oct 20	SMU @ U of T 8pm (Exh)
Oct 26 - 28	Eric Garland Tournament @ UNB
Oct 26	vs McGill 4pm
Oct 27	vs Guelph 4pm
Oct 28	vs Calgary noon
Thurs Nov 1	York @ SMU 8pm
Fri Nov 2	Laurier @ SMU 9pm
Sat Nov 3	SMU vs Tor @ DAL 7pm
Tues Nov 13	ACA @ SMU 8pm
Tues Nov 20	SMU @ SFX 8pm
Sat Nov 24	MUN @ SMU 8pm
Sun. Nov 25	UPEI @ SMU 3pm
Wed Nov 28	DAL @ SMU 8pm
Jan 4 - 6	Rod Shoveller Tournament

Sun Jan 13	UNB @ SMU 4pm
Sat Jan 19	SMU @ UPEI 8pm
Tues Jan 22	SFX @ SMU 8pm
Sat Jan 26	SMU @ UCCB 8pm
Sun Jan 27	SFX @ SMU 3pm
Wed Jan 30	SMU @ ACA 8pm
Sat Feb 2	SMU @ MUN 8pm
Sun Feb 3	SMU @ MUN 3pm
Sun Feb 10	UCCB @ SMU 3pm
Wed Feb 13	SMU @ DAL 8pm
Sat Feb 16	SMU @ ACA 8pm
Tues Feb 19	SMU @ UNB 8pm
Fri Feb 22	SMU @ SFX 8pm
Sun Feb 24	MUN @ SMU 5pm
Sat Mar 2	ACA @ SMU 7pm
Mar 8-10	AUS playoffs
Mar 15-17	CIAU playoffs

### Women's Rugby - 2001

Sat Oct 13	DAL @ SMU 12:30 pm (Commons)
Oct 20	AUS Semi-Final 4 @ 1 AUS Semi-Final 3 @ 2
Oct 21	AUS Nova Scotia Final @ higher ranked
Oct 27	AUS Championship (NS @ NB)
Nov 2-4	CIAU National Championship

### Women's Hockey - 2001

Wed Nov 15	SMU @ ACA TBA
Sun Nov 18	SMU @ PEI TBA
Fri Nov 23	SFX @ SMU 7pm
Sat Dec 1	SMU @ DAL TBA
Fri Jan 4	UdeM @ SMU 7 pm
Sun Jan 13	UNB @ SMU 4 pm
Sat Jan 19	SMU @ STU TBA
Thurs Jan 24	ACA @ SMU 7 pm
Sun Jan 27	SMU @ SFX 7 pm
Fri Feb 1	MTA @ SMU 7 pm
Sat Feb 2	DAL @ SMU 5 pm
Feb 15-17	AUS playoffs
Feb 28- Mar 3	CIS championships

\*please check website for schedule updates.



# Alumni President's Note



The spring graduation will mark the 10th anniversary of my own graduation from Saint Mary's, as well as the 200th anniversary of the University. Serving as the president of your alumni association during such an exciting time, is truly quite a privilege.

For the benefit of the roughly 25,000 of you that may not be familiar with me, I graduated with a Bachelor of Commerce degree in 1992. Following graduation, I began work with KPMG and obtained my CA designation. Over the past nine years, I have become active with the

alumni association and in that capacity I have witnessed some very exciting changes and developments.

While our alumni have always been extremely important to us, this has never been more true than today. Look, for example, at the impact the Maclean's magazine annual rankings of universities is having - students are making enrolment decisions based on how institutions are rated. Some of the items being factored into the rankings include the percentage of graduates that find work in their area of study, their average starting salaries, and the percentage of alumni that remain active with their Alma Mater. Clearly we have to keep in contact and continue to foster relationships with each and every one of our alumni. Making a connection with people while they are students on campus is absolutely critical. We will not be successful in cultivating relationships with our alumni if we have not connected with them as students.

One of the areas in which we have taken on this challenge is with the Student Alumni Association. The society has grown its numbers dramatically over the years and has been recognized by a number of worthwhile charities, including the Canadian Diabetes Association, for their fundraising efforts. By participating in high school recruitment programs and Atlantic and national conferences, they have also increased the profile of the University.

We have also been working to maintain our strong alumni relationships through actively growing our branches, by working to enhance the benefits and services to members, and by presenting a strong program of events to bring our alumni together. Perhaps the most exciting achievement to date, however, is our new communications system - check it out online at [www.smualumni.ca](http://www.smualumni.ca).

The best opportunity for you to see what we've been up to would be to join us at some of the

events we have planned for Homecoming Weekend on October 11-14th. We kick things off this year with the Heart Women's Classic Golf Tournament on October 11th at Granite Springs. The tournament is in support of Saint Mary's Women Athletes & the Heart for Life Group. If you're not sure what events to attend, you can check out the full weekend schedule on the events calendar on the alumni website.

In closing, I would like to welcome our incoming executive members and Board of Governors representatives. Joining us on your alumni executive are Joel Gillis, Nancy Bussey, Christa Hellstrom, Sandra Ciamacco, and Stephanie Morrison. Rod Doiron and Kevin Cleary have filled the two vacant spots on the Board of Governors as your alumni representatives. We are very fortunate to have such quality people continue to come forward to work on your behalf.

## Halifax Chapter of MBA Alumni

The newly formed Halifax Saint Mary's MBA alumni chapter socializes on a quarterly basis. If you want to receive

e-mails regarding upcoming events, please e-mail: [pattysypher@hotmail.com](mailto:pattysypher@hotmail.com)



Pictured at the spring 2001 event are: (L-R) David Gallagher, Sarah Dennis, Patty Sypher, Jennifer Oldham, Kathy Mullane, Lew Page, Ann McGillivray, David Seviour, Phillip Sceviour.

## Ottawa Alumni Host Reception

Ottawa and area alumni and friends met on Thursday, August 16th at Grace O'Malley's Pub in Ottawa. It was a wonderful opportunity for alumni to mix and mingle and to renew Santamarian ties. Guests for the evening included Barry Gallant, Saint Mary's director of alumni affairs, who updated alumni on the latest news from the University.

Throughout the evening, many fond memories of days at Saint Mary's were relived by alumni in attendance displaying lots of Maroon & White spirit! Special thanks to Paul Lynch, BComm

'76, and Paul Isenor, BComm '99, for their ongoing efforts in organizing alumni events in the region.





# New England Santamarians Hold Summer Reunion

The New England branch of Saint Mary's alumni held their 3rd Annual Reunion, August 3-5th, 2001 in Andover, Massachusetts. Ron Gomes, BComm '65 and Mary Lou Gomes, Assoc '99, hosted the event once again this year.

The weekend certainly had a New England flavor as alumni gathered on Friday for a round of golf at Campbell's Scottish Highland Golf Course in Salem, New Hampshire. Prizes were awarded to golfers following a great day on the course. A post tournament poolside reception took place at the Gomes' residence.

Alumni, family and friends



(l-r): Ron Gomes, Shelaigh Donahue, Joe Donahue and Colin Dodds

were invited to gather in Andover on Saturday to celebrate Saint Mary's. Special guest was Dr. Colin Dodds, Assoc '95, president of Saint Mary's, who addressed the gathering and updated alumni on university affairs. Kathy Mullane, Assoc '75, MBA '89, Bob Hayes, BA '73, and Barry Gallant, director of alumni affairs also represented the University. Reunion Weekend concluded on Sunday with a farewell brunch.

Special thanks to all alumni in attendance and we look forward to seeing you all at the Tree Lighting Ceremony in Boston on Saturday, December 1st, 2001.



(l-r): Ron Gomes, Tom Maguire & Kathy Mullane



New England Alumni Golf Tournament

# Ottawa Branch- The 15th Husky Howl Golf Tournament

Another year, another Howl, this year's tournament was the best yet with over 45 golfers participating at the Hylands Golf Course, in Ottawa. Thanks must first go to our alumni members at the Hylands for continuing to invite us back.

The Husky Howl was won this year with a -14 by Paul Isenor, Chris Web, Barry Winters and Derek Rice. They were presented the trophy for "Husky Howl" and will have their names installed to preserve the moment. The next closest challenge was a pair of -6s giving just cause for our diligent audit committee to authenticate the scores as gospel

Closest-to-the-pin went to Big Al, Alan Forsey and Longest-Drive went to Kevin Marler. After a tough decision the Best-dressed went to Catherine Amirault, a standout amongst the stylish group. A wonderful selection of wine, spirits and merchandise were drawn as door prizes. One of special mention was a putter donated annually by our alumni who are members at the Hylands course.

Many cheers were heard throughout the day as chip-ping-out supported many sub par rounds in the best-ball event. Though there was some serious effort on the course, the SMU style of joking and clowning around was common relief amongst the rest of the amiable duffers.

Mid tournament, and it seems in the tradition of this event, there was a rain/lightning delay giving most of us a rest but for a few shamrock carrying Irishmen a near sizzling experience. Last year's champs, the Dennehey family, may

have had their focus fried by Mother Nature but prevailed to post a respectable score.

Former President Ted Hoganson assisted tournament chairman Paul Lynch in the ceremonies, which were enhanced by remarks from Barry Gallant, Saint Mary's director of alumni affairs who also contributed a very nice selection of SMU merchandise to our prize selections.



2001 winning team: Paul Isenor, Chris Webb, Barry Winters, Derek Rice and Paul Lynch.

Recognition must go to the companies and individuals who contributed to our prize list:

Grace O'Malley's Pub  
Canada Post Corporation  
ATCO Frontec  
The Liberal Party of Canada  
Conoley's Market garden IGA, Nepean  
The AMCI Group, Nepean  
ACER Marketing  
TCPP Inc. Ottawa  
Rick Tordon  
Brian Crosby  
Bordy Semchyshyn  
The Dennehey family  
The Havard family

To those who played and for those who want to play next year, mark mid August in your calendars for 2002 as this event is a great way to meet alumni and make new friends.



# The Name Game

Thank-you alumni for your help in identifying the people and the events we published in the Spring 2001 issue of the Maroon & White. The response to these photos from our University's archives was not as dramatic as in previous issues. A letter from alumnus Kevin Matheson (at right) may shed some light on why that might be so. The other two pictures, while dated, we think capture some of the spirit of the history of the University. We do not yet have enough information collected from these pictures to publish our results, but please forward any information you may have on to us whether it relates to pictures of previous issues or the current one.



Three priests at a book sale.

St. Mary's hockey team.



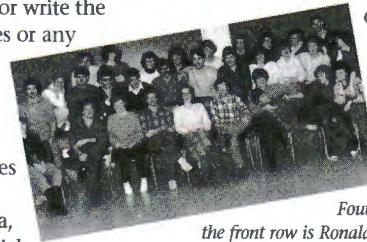
With the assistance of archivist Anne MacLean, we have selected two new photographs for your consideration. Recognize a face and a name or maybe you know something about the context of the photo.

E-mail, phone, fax or write the archives with names or any other significant details of the photographs appearing on this page. Contact the Archives by e-mail: archives@stmarys.ca, mail: Archives, Patrick Power Library, Saint Mary's University, Halifax, Nova Scotia, B3H 3C3, fax: 420-5561 or phone: 420-5508.

The University's archives, located on the third floor of the Patrick Power Library, and the Alumni Office want to thank everyone who has taken the time to respond. We omitted Laurence DeWolfe, BA'79, in the Spring issue as one of our alumni who has taken the time to share what he knows with us about the photographs. Thank-you!

An alumni e-mail response to our spring issue's name game:

*I immediately recognized two people in the top picture on page 13. As these two did not attend St. Mary's, I'm guessing it was from some sort of function held for participants from various high schools. I*



*went to North Colchester High School with both of them. They were part of our huge (20) graduating class of 1980.*

*Fourth from left in the front row is Ronald MacMillan who currently has a forestry business at West Tatamagouche. He also ran a dairy farm for several years.*

*Third from the left in the back row is Arleen MacDonald who stands out because of her height. I'm unsure of her whereabouts although I believe she may have been working in the North for a time.*

*What is amusing about the picture is the distance between the two in the picture. This must have been one of the times when they weren't dating each other.*

*Cheers, Kevin M. Matheson,  
BComm'84, CA*



# Call for Nominations

## Nominate Executive Members/ Board of Governor's Representatives

### Nomination Form

Saint Mary's University Alumni Association  
Alumni Representatives to the Saint Mary's University Board of Governors

Candidate's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominator's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Candidate's Year of Graduation: \_\_\_\_\_

More Information About the Candidate: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

I permit my name to stand for nomination to the  
Saint Mary's University Alumni Association Board of Governors Representative.

Candidate's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

#### Eligibility

Any member of the Association who has completed a degree, diploma or certificate at Saint Mary's University is eligible to serve on the Executive. The member must attend monthly Executive and Committee meetings.

#### Nomination Procedure for Board of Governors Representatives

Six (6) alumni representatives sit on the Saint Mary's Board of Governors, the University's governing body. The representatives shall, as necessary, bring forward to the Board the views and wishes of the Association. Every year, new representatives are elected to serve a three (3) year term. Should you know of a suitable candidate, please forward his/her name, resumé, and a letter of application to  
The Nominating Committee,  
c/o the Alumni Office, Saint Mary's University, 867 Robie Street, Halifax, Nova Scotia B3H 3C3  
by December 1, 2001.

#### Application Deadline

Completed Nomination Forms must be delivered to the Alumni Office no later than 5:00 p.m., December 1, 2001. Election Ballots will appear in the Spring 2002 issue of *Maroon & White*.

#### For more information call

Phone: (902) 420-5420  
Fax: (902) 420-5140  
Email: alumni@stmarys.ca







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Betty Jean Tremette, Assc '92  
Alumni Officer

# Snippets

**'26**  
We've lost contact with you, but haven't forgotten you!  
**Crofton J. Cameron, DipEng**

**'40**  
We've lost contact with you, but haven't forgotten you!  
**Gordon Phelan, BSc**

**'48**  
**Ronald J. Downie, QC**, counsel for Cox Hanson O'Reilly Matheson was honored as the 2001 recipient of the Nova Scotia Barristers' Distinguished Services Award. Ron was admitted to the Nova Scotia bar in 1952, having completed his education at Saint Mary's, Dalhousie and Harvard University. He was awarded an honorary Doctor of Law degree from Saint Mary's in 1990, appointed Queen's Counsel in 1967 and was a Viscount Bennett Fellow in 1951. Ron is a member of the Canadian Bar Association (member of Council, 1975-1981), the Nova Scotia Barristers' Society (member of Council 1963-1966, 1975-1980; president 1978-1979). He is also a member of the Law Foundation of Nova Scotia (member of Board 1976-1983; president 1976-1979) and Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers (Provincial Chairman, Atlantic Provinces, 1989).

**'54**  
We've lost contact with you, but haven't forgotten you!  
**James R. Grant, BA**  
**Stanislaus Miranda, BA**

**'58**  
**Rod Jessome, BA**, retired from social work after working for 27 years at the Halifax County Regional Rehabilitation. During his retirement, Rod pursued studies in psychology and in May obtained his Master of Science degree in psychology, from California Coast University. Rod resides with his wife Cannel in Lower Sackville. They have 11 grandchildren.

**'59**  
We've lost contact with you, but haven't forgotten you!  
**Jean M. McLeod, BA**

**'61**  
We've lost contact with you, but haven't forgotten you!  
**Diane Gaudet, BSc, BEd'62**

**'62**  
We've lost contact with you, but haven't forgotten you!  
**Pat J. Murphy, BComm**

**'63**  
We've lost contact with you, but haven't forgotten you!  
**W. M. Roma, DipEng**

**Fred MacGillivray**, is president and CEO of Trade Centre Limited, Halifax, NS. He holds an honorary Doctor of Laws degree from St. Thomas University and received numerous awards including the Canadians for Progress in Atlantic Canada Plus Distinguished Service Award. Fred served on the board of directors of several institutions including the Art Gallery of Nova Scotia. Recently, Fred was appointed vice-chairman of the Atlantic Blue Cross Care Board.

**'64**  
**C. Edward Weatherdon, BSc**, recently obtained the Governor General's Caring Canadian Award for his work with youth across Canada.

**'66**  
We've lost contact with you, but haven't forgotten you!  
**Jas. Feidel, BComm**

**'68**  
We've lost contact with you, but haven't forgotten you!  
**Raymond Lepage, BA, BEd'69**

**Donald Harris, BA, BEd'69**, retired in December 2000 after 32 years of teaching in the Halifax City School System. He played basketball for Saint Mary's from 1965-69. Anyone wishing to reach Don can email him at: [hharris@ns.sympatico.ca](mailto:hharris@ns.sympatico.ca).

**'69**  
We've lost contact with you, but haven't forgotten you!  
**Gilbert Cheung, DipEng**  
**Mary K. Oliver, BA**  
**William S. Hilberdink**

**Harry McInroy, BA**, accepted an ACT award presented to the Halifax Regional Municipality (HRM), which encourages and supports reform in the design, construction, and regulatory environment in an effort to encourage Affordability and Choice Today (ACT) for different and changing housing needs in Canada. Harry is marking his 20th year as a municipal councilor this year.

**'70**  
We've lost contact with you, but haven't forgotten you!  
**Elizabeth Dupois, BEd**  
**Laurie P. Jeffrey, BA**  
**David B. Steel, BComm**  
**Thomas A. Bishop BA**

**John Phillips, BA, BEd'71**, retired on June 30, 2001 from the Halifax Regional School Board.

**'71**  
We've lost contact with you, but haven't forgotten you!  
**Charles W. Ford, BComm**

**John E. (Jack) McGee, BA**, is president of Justice Institute of British Columbia. He is a former dean of science and technology at George Brown College and prior to this he was president of St. Clair College six years. The Justice Institute trains a wide variety of personnel involved in the fields of enforcement and public safety.

**'72**  
We've lost contact with you, but haven't forgotten you!  
**Faris R. Shammas, BComm**  
**John S. Bennett, BSc**

**'73**  
We've lost contact with you, but haven't forgotten you!  
**Bruce H. Morrison, BComm**  
**Douglas R. Engram, BEd, MA'80**

**'74**  
We've lost contact with you, but haven't forgotten you!  
**Mamie Hiscock, BA**  
**Steven W. Marsh, BSc**

**'75**  
We've lost contact with you, but haven't forgotten you!  
**Ellen Conoley, BA**  
**Barbara Harrison, BA, BEd'76, MA'82**  
**Susan J. Merritt, BA**  
**Deborah MacDonald, BA**

**'76**  
We've lost contact with you, but haven't forgotten you!  
**Gerald B. Hoganson, BComm**  
**Robert M. Sutherland, BComm**  
**Michael Lauder, BComm**

**Leslie J. Dellapinna, BA**, was elevated to the Nova Scotia Supreme Court on June 7, 2001. At the time of his appointment, he was a partner in the Halifax law firm Cox Hanson O'Reilly Matheson. Leslie received his QC designation in December 2000. He lives in Halifax with his wife Jennifer (nee Burke), BA'76, and their three children Spencer, Erin and Samuel.

**Bruce Paget, BEd**, former Huskies Football centre, now living in Calgary, was recently vacationing in Nova Scotia with his fiancé. Bruce sends greetings to his outstanding linemates **Dick Franklin, BComm'69, Hon'99** and **Gino Bifano**.

**'77**  
We've lost contact with you, but haven't forgotten you!  
**Lynn Cooke, BA'77, BEd**  
**Helen D. MacLeod, BA**

**Robert (Bob) Ballantyne, BSc, BEd'78, MEd'89**, and his wife **Shelly (nee Horne), BA'78**, have two children. Bob is principal at New Glasgow High School and Shelly is employed at the Pictou Campus of the Nova Scotia Community College in Stellarton, NS.

**'78**  
We've lost contact with you, but haven't forgotten you!  
**Robert P. Taboski, BSc**  
**Audree M. Coyle, BA**  
**Chan Kwok Ching, DipEng, BSc'79**  
**Philip K. Tse, BSc**

**'79**  
We've lost contact with you, but haven't forgotten you!  
**Heather Tarasco, BA**  
**Michael S. Clarke, BSc**  
**Graham R. McDermott, BA**

**Laurence DeWolfe, BA**, gave the homily at the Baccalaureate Service, held in Saint Mary's Art Gallery on Sunday, May 13. He is minister at the Presbyterian Church of Saint David in Halifax. Laurence received a Doctor of Ministry degree from McCormick Theological Seminary in Chicago, IL in June. He is a sessional lecturer in homiletics at the Atlantic School of Theology.

**'80**  
We've lost contact with you, but haven't forgotten you!  
**Donald M. Steeves, BA**

**'81**  
We've lost contact with you, but haven't forgotten you!  
**Roger W. Hulstein, BSc**  
**Susan MacKenzie, BA, BEd'82**  
**Helen Li, BComm**  
**Sim Ann Phua, DipEng**

**Steve Sutherland, BComm**, is an investment advisor with Yorkton Securities Inc. having worked in the finance industry for the past 18 years.

**'82**  
We've lost contact with you, but haven't forgotten you!  
**Timothy P. Daly**

**'83**  
We've lost contact with you, but haven't forgotten you!  
**Helen Kling, BComm**

**Stephen Wheeler, BComm, CMA**, is director of national systems and control for Sobeys Inc..

**'84**  
We've lost contact with you, but haven't forgotten you!  
**Irene F. Clark, BA**  
**Deborah Baigent, BComm**  
**Yap Seng Chai, DipEng**  
**Lee J. Dorey, BA**

**David Gossen, BComm**, is senior vice-president with Aerospace Operations. He has been employed with IMP for 17 years and was previously vice-president & plant general manager for the IMP Aerospace Avionics Division.

**James F. Barrett, BComm**, recently graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing from Dalhousie University.

**'86**  
We've lost contact with you, but haven't forgotten you!  
**Steven G. Mombourquette, BComm**  
**Kevin Lynk, BA**  
**Jacqueline J. Stringer, BComm**

**Stephen Ferguson, BComm, CMA**, is director of finance and CFO for Crossley Carpet Mills Ltd.

**'87**  
We've lost contact with you, but haven't forgotten you!  
**Tracey L. Cleveland, BA**  
**Basil A. Abdul-Ghani, DipEng**  
**Jimmy C. Wong, BSc**

**'88**  
We've lost contact with you, but haven't forgotten you!  
**Sandra E. Beukeveld, BSc**  
**Cameron Roach, MEd**

**'89**  
We've lost contact with you, but haven't forgotten you!  
**Kevin A. Amirault, BA**  
**Wendlynn C. MacLeod, BA**

**Alexandra MacLean, BA**, is an associate with Stewart McKelvey Stirling Scales, Halifax Office. She is the most recent addition to their tax group. Alexandra worked with the Tax Policy Branch of the Department of Finance in Ottawa for several years. Her practice will focus on income tax and related matters.

**Sanjeev Chowdhury, BComm**, was appointed Senior Policy Advisor on India to Minister John Manley in July of this year. He will also continue to serve as the press secretary to the minister. This is the first press secretary in the history of the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade to be given a geographic responsibility.



**'90**

We've lost contact with you, but haven't forgotten you!  
**Rebecca E. Dunham, BA**  
**Crystal-Anne Savory, BA**  
**Lisa M. Girourd, BA**

**Colin Andrew MacEachern, BA**, and his wife Julie Lynn were married on March 14, 2001 in Montego Bay, Jamaica. Happy parents are Hugh MacEachern (and his late wife Thelma) of Cole Harbour, NS and David and Barbara McDermott of Aylesford, NS. The couple honeymooned in Jamaica and Montreal, PQ. Colin is a teacher at Prince Andrew High School in Dartmouth, NS and Julie works as an accountant with Maritime Life in Halifax. Colin would love to hear from old friends. Email him at: colinmaceachern@hotmail.com.



Colin and Julie Lynn MacEachern on their wedding day

**'91**

We've lost contact with you, but haven't forgotten you!  
**Della P. Fleet, BComm**  
**Bei Han, MEd**  
**Mary C. Johnson, BA**

**'92**

We've lost contact with you, but haven't forgotten you!  
**Bradley G. Barkhouse, BComm**  
**Stephen B. Watton, MBA**  
**Denise J. Theriault, BComm**  
**Chris W. MacDonald, BA**  
**Taher Berih, BComm**

**Sarah Eaton, BA**, left her position as program coordinator of University of Calgary's English Language Program to establish her own company. Eaton International Consulting is a management consulting firm specializing in Spanish/English communications, international marketing and bilateral business services.

**'93**

We've lost contact with you, but haven't forgotten you!  
**Mark A. Thornton, BA**  
**Susanne M. Gogan, BEd**  
**Tone Meeg, BEd**  
**Michael T. Robinson, DipEng**

**Craig Bannon, BComm**, joined Global Private Banking as manager, international services for the Royal Bank of Canada, Ottawa in 1999. He graduated from the University of Ottawa with a Masters in Business Administration (MBA). Craig also holds the Trust & Estate Practitioner (TEP), Certified Financial Planner (CFP) and Personal Financial Planner (PFP) designations. His

career with the Royal Bank Financial Group began in 1993. His role as a senior advisor, Wealth Management involved providing clients with investment, trust and estate planning solutions from both a domestic and international perspective. Craig's focus is serving the international financial, trust and estate planning needs of clients through Global Private Banking's range of products and services.

**'94**

We've lost contact with you, but haven't forgotten you!  
**Darren M. Bourn, BA**  
**Francisco D. Nuno Ur, BA**  
**Thien Dang Dinh, MEd**  
**Ahmed R. Haider, BComm**  
**Jerry D. Pilkington, BA**

**'95**

We've lost contact with you, but haven't forgotten you!  
**Claudine Hebert, BComm'95**

**Valerie Marshall, BComm** and her fiancé **William (Bill) Wilson, BSc'97**, are engaged to marry on October 14, 2001. She is a software application specialist and Bill is a senior software developer. They reside in Halifax, Nova Scotia.

**Hector Jacques, Hon**, was inducted into the Junior Achievement Nova Scotia Business Hall of Fame. Hector's passion and spirit is rooted in his connections with young people. He introduced both a mentoring, leaders and managers' program within the Jacques Whitford Group. Hector began his career in 1968 as an engineer with Warnock Hersh International Ltd. in Dartmouth. Four years later, with a business partner Michael Whitford, they started Jacques Whitford Group. Hector has served on many boards in the community. He received the Canada 125 Anniversary Medal and is a fellow of the Engineering Institute of Canada and of the Canadian Academy of Engineering. Under his direction, Jacques Whitford was recognized in 1993 as one of Canada's 50 best-run private firms. Both the Association of Consulting Engineers of Canada and the Association of Professional Engineers of Nova Scotia have honored Hector.

**Mary-Anne MacDonald, BSc**, graduated from the University of Western Ontario with the degree of Doctor of Dental Surgery in June of 2001. Throughout her post-secondary education, Mary-Anne has excelled, receiving numerous scholarships while completing her BSc honours in chemistry from Saint Mary's in 1997, with an NSERC scholarship, her Masters in chemistry from the University of Western Ontario. Mary-Anne is an associate at a dental practice in Pembroke, Ontario and intends to open her own practice.

**'96**

**Geoff Brown, BA**, started teaching English in Junior High and Elementary Schools in Towada, Japan on the JET program in August 2000. He plans to stay in Japan until July 2003. Geoff plays soccer on the City Hall's team, studies Japanese, teaches a few night classes and is doing lots of travelling. He and alumnus **Curtis Gildart, BA'95**, are attempting to start an alumni branch in Japan. If you live in Japan

and want to get involved, contact Geoff at: geoffinJapan72@hotmail.com or 0176-23-5111 ext. 533 (work number).

**Bonnie Clark (nee MacLean), BSc**, and **Trevor Clark, BSc**, were married at the Calvin Presbyterian Church, Halifax, NS on September 2, 2000. Attendance for the bride and groom were four SMU alumni: **Jacqueline Surrette, BSc'97**, **Jason Mullen, BA'98**, **Cert. Criminology '98**, **Rosa Melendez, BSc'95** and **Laine Green, BSc'98**. Trevor settled in Ottawa in 1999, following a five-month trip to China through a Saint Mary's/CIDA grant, where he worked on community involvement and environmental practices with staff at Xiamen University. He is currently employed as technical supervisor for Drain-All Ltd., a hazardous waste disposal company. Since September 2000, Bonnie has been working for the National Archives of Canada. She graduated with a Master in Art Conservation from Queen's University on October 27, 2000.

**'97**

**Ken Hartling Jr., BSc**, and his wife Eleanor Blades have been living and working in Redlands, California. He is employed as a release manager/product specialist in the software products group of ESRI, a Geographic Information Systems software company. They were married on January 25, 2001 in California. Friends can reach them at khartling2@earthlink.net.



Photo: Ken Hartling Jr. and his wife Eleanor Blades

**'98**

We've lost contact with you, but haven't forgotten you!  
**Aik W. Beh, BComm**

**Sara Kehoe, BA**, was working on a Masters of Philosophy (research) in Scottish history at the University of Glasgow, Scotland. She received an ORS Scholarship for overseas students and just recently the award was renewed for a second, and possibly a third year. Due to the suggestion of the chair of Scottish history, Sara will be working on a PhD instead of the present Masters. She would like to give special thanks to Dr. Mike Vance and Dr. Michelle Daveluy of the SMU history and anthropology departments for all their encouragement and opportunities given to her.

**Denis Leclaire, Assc'98**, is director of international activities at Saint Mary's and was recently recognized for his leadership, innovation, per-

sonal and professional commitment to international education by receiving the first ever Internationalization Leadership Award from the Canadian Bureau of International Education.

**'99**

**Chris Matheson, BSc**, is an Alaskan ground fish observer and fisheries observer, Alaska. He collects biological data and monitors fishing activity on active fishing vessels at sea.

**Timothy Taylor, BA**, and his fiancé, Leah Richards, have plans to marry in August 2001.

**Nicolle (Lee-Anne) Graham, BA**, was awarded the Lord Beaverbrook Scholarship for the 2001-2002 academic year at the University of New Brunswick. Her accomplishments include being on the dean's list three times, receiving two achievement scholarships for academic excellence, serving as vice-president of the philosophy department society, and winning various sales awards for her management team building skills at work. She has taken time out from her studies for the past two years to travel throughout Europe and spent time living in Edinburgh, Scotland. Lee-Anne is a volunteer with Amnesty International. She enjoys a wide range of outdoor activities and also has a love of music and dance.



Lee-Anne Graham

**'00**

**Sulayman Jeng, BA**, is a cadet assistant superintendent of police with The Gambia Police Force, Banjul, The Gambia.

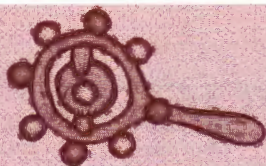
**Carol A. Morgan, BComm**, and her husband Nick Faries were married in November of 2000 in Bermuda.

**'01**

**Shaunna Mowatt-Densmore, MA**, was awarded the Donald Higgins Memorial Scholarship. She works for 100.9EZ Rock and Cat Country 99.5 in Truro, Nova Scotia.

**Cheryl Clarke, BSc**, is continuing her studies in the field of education at Mount Saint Vincent University.





**MBA**

**Allen Weiqi Ge, MBA'96**, is chief financial officer for ThyssenKrupp Elevator China Operations. ThyssenKrupp is very active in China. They just got a magnetic train project in Shanghai which is the first one in the world. ThyssenKrupp just finished their Asia Forum in China and opened a large steel joint venture in Shanghai with a total investment of US\$1.47 billion.

**Alex Handyside, MBA'00**, is president of Aston Marketing Solutions, Dartmouth, NS. He was recently appointed by the Lieutenant Governor of Nova Scotia, Her Honour The Honourable Myra A. Freeman to the Halifax Regional Library Board. Alex is very active in the community sitting on the Mayor's Task Force on Education, is co-chair of the Public Action Group for Education, and is vice-chair of the Dartmouth Literacy Network. Alex founded Ashton Marketing Solutions in 1998 to provide businesses and charities with opportunities to develop successful and mutually beneficial strategic social alliances.

A milestone for the Jost family: **Phil Jost**, graduated with an MBA'01 from Saint Mary's University and their eldest daughter graduated with her undergraduate degree in Human Kinetics from St. FX.

**C. Mark Macneill, MBA'88**, completed an MA in Public Administration from Carleton University, Ottawa, Ontario in the Fall 2000. Recently, he was appointed a member of the Board of Directors of the Nova Scotia Film Development Corporation, and serves as an investment advisor with BMO Nesbitt Burns in the Halifax office. Mark and his wife, Tanya (nee Nadeau), and their children Donovan, 3 and Skye, 1 reside in the St. Margaret's Bay area and can be reached at [mark.macneill@nbpcd.com](mailto:mark.macneill@nbpcd.com).

**Announcing**

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

**Kailie Benson (nee Wilson), BA'90**, and her husband David, a son Samuel Russell on May 26, 2001, weighing 7lbs, 10ozs. She is a lieutenant in the US Coast Guard and senior investigating officer for the captain of the port in Boston, MA. David is a high school algebra teacher and lieutenant commander in the US Naval Reserves. You can email Kailie at: [bensondrkj@aol.com](mailto:bensondrkj@aol.com).

**Charlene Boyce Young, BA'92** and her husband **Julian Young, BA'95**, a daughter, Madeleine Faith, on May 12, 2000. Madeleine is Charlene and Julian's first child and the first grandchild of Dr. Wendy Katz, English department, Saint Mary's and Dr. Alan Young, professor emeritus, Acadia University. Charlene, who was a Residence Assistant on 2nd floor Rice 1991-92, works in the communications department of the Nova Scotia Teachers Union. Julian who worked for residence security from 1992-95, serving as deputy chief and chief, has worked with the Department of Health, Emergency Health Services Division, since 1996. He recently took on a new position within EHS as manager of the Nova Scotia Trauma Program. Charlene and Julian send greetings to all their SMU friends. You can email them at [cboyce\\_young@hotmail.com](mailto:cboyce_young@hotmail.com).



Charlene, Julian & Madeleine Young

**Noah Cantor, BA'94**, and his wife Donna, a daughter, Rachel, on May 18, 2001, 7lbs, 5ozs in the Women's and Childrens' Hospital, Vancouver, BC.



Proud Dad Noah Cantor and daughter Rachel

**Kimberly Fraser-Fargo, BA'93** and her husband **Jon Fargo, BA'92**, a son, Carter Benjamin Wayne on May 9, 2001, weighing 8lbs, 15ozs. Jon is senior supervisor at Manulife Financial's head office in Toronto and Kim is taking a maternity leave from Mactel Communications. They reside in Don Mills, Ontario.



Carter Benjamin Wayne Fargo

**Mike Josey, BComm'93** and his wife **Sherry Josey, BComm'94** (nee Wood), a daughter, Vanessa Lauren, on October 1, 2000 weighing 7lbs, 7ozs. They reside in Dartmouth, NS and both work for Berkshire Investment Group.



Vanessa Lauren Josey at 6 months

**Perry Kendell, BComm'94**, and his wife **Jo-Ann**, a son, Austin Perry, their third child, and a baby brother for Patrick, 4 and Thomas, 2. The Kendell family recently moved from Halifax to Fredericton, NB. Perry was transferred from Delta Halifax to Delta Hotels Global Reservation Services as manager.



Austin Kendell

**Len Landry, BA'74**, and his wife **Pat**, Dartmouth, a granddaughter, **Kayleigh June Landry** on August 23, 2000 weighing 6lbs, 6ozs. The proud parents are **Dean and Brenda Landry** of Halifax. Proud "auntie" is alumni office employee, **Tanya Landry**. Anyone wishing to contact Len can email him at: [lenandpat@yahoo.com](mailto:lenandpat@yahoo.com).



Kayleigh June Landry

**Lori Ann LeBlanc (nee Craig), BComm'89**, and husband **Marc LeBlanc, BComm'88, BEd'90**, former Huskies goalie, triplets on July 19, 2001 - **Luc Anthony**, 4lbs, 4ozs, **Craig Joseph**, 4lbs, 14ozs. and **Grace Lorraine**, 4lbs, 8ozs at the **IWK Grace**. Proud granddad is **Raymond Craig**, Saint Mary's High School.

**Lawrence (Lawrie) Livesay, BA'96**, and his wife **Tracey**, a son, **Zackary David Anthony**, on May 11, 2001, weighing 7lbs, 11ozs. Lawrie says that his new son is destined to be a future superstar with the Huskies hockey team and the Toronto Maple Leafs.



Zackary Livesay

**Nancy Sharpe (nee MacEachern), BComm'95**, and her husband **Jeffrey**, a daughter, **Elizabeth Darlene** on May 29, 2000.

**Chris Yetman, BComm'85**, and his wife **Susan**, a daughter and third child, **Laura Kathleen**, on April 24, 2000, weighing 8lbs, 1oz. A beautiful baby sister for big brothers, **Mitchell**, 6 and **Cameron**, 3. Chris is the regional account manager with **Abbott Laboratories, Ross Products Division** in Halifax. He can be reached at [chris.yetman@abbott.com](mailto:chris.yetman@abbott.com).





**In Memoriam**

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

**Jenny-Kate Hadley (nee Larsen), BA'92, BEd'93** and husband Doug, a son, Benjamin Michael on June 5, 2001. Ben was a little man in a hurry and was born nine weeks premature weighing 3lbs, 15ozs. After five weeks in the hospital and six weeks at home Ben is on his way to be a SMU linebacker and is now 8lbs, 11ozs. Proud Santamarian grandparents are Michael Larsen, BA'66 and Jean Larsen, Assc'99.



Benjamin Michael Hadley

**Elizabeth Smith-Johnston, BA'89** and her husband Bruce, a fourth daughter, Juliet Kathleen, on August 30, 2000, weighing 7lbs, 1oz. Their family is posted to Petawawa, Ontario, while Daddy is serving NATO in Bosnia-Herzegovina.



Juliet Johnston

**John Ardenne, BA'62**, died at his Seabright home on May 1, 2001 after a long struggle with cancer. He graduated from Pickering College in Newmarket where he earned a scholarship to study English at Queen's University in Kingston. John interrupted his studies in 1942, to join the Royal Canadian Navy where he served as an officer in Nova Scotia, Alberta and outside Canadian waters off Nova Scotia. Following the war, he continued in the Navy, attaining the rank of Lt. cmdr., serving in operations headquarters in the naval dockyard, Halifax. He retired in 1957; John resumed his studies at Saint Mary's. He taught in several Halifax schools and The Nova Scotia Institute of Technology before joining the Nova Scotia Department of Education in 1965. In 1983, he retired and was instrumental in helping to raise community environment awareness through his work with the St. Margarets Bay Area Recycling Team (SMART).

**Walter J. Bossidy**, attended SMU'65, died on April 24, 2001 at home. He served in the Navy for two years as a corpsman. Walter received the Purple Heart, the Navy Cross, the National Defense Service Medal, the Vietnam Service Medal, the Fleet Marine Force Combat Insignia and the Cross of Gallantry with Palm Frond while serving in Vietnam. After his military service, he attended Berkshire Community College and Fitchburg State College, from which he received his bachelor's degree in education in 1971 and his master's degree in special education in 1974. Walter taught fifth grade at Applewild School in Fitchburg and then at Westminster Elementary School in Westminster. He then was a learning disabilities specialist in Lunenburg Public Schools. He also taught fifth and sixth grade at Hawthorne Brook Middle School in Townsend from 1978 until his retirement in 1996. He was a communicant of St. Mary's Church and a member of the Massachusetts Teachers Association. He enjoyed gardening, whale watching and gourmet cooking.



Walter J. Bossidy

**Edward Donald Brown, BSc'77**, died on May 28, 2001, in the VG Site, QEII after a courageous three-year battle with Leukemia. He was a geologist with Exlog Canada for a number of years and was most recently employed with IMP Aerospace, Hammonds Plains.

**J. David (Dave) Clarke, BComm'65**, died on April 24, 2001 in the Dartmouth General Hospital. He was a self-employed insurance broker for over 25 years, with C.E. Cluett Insurance and Belmont Financial Group. Dave was president of the East Dartmouth Boys and Girls Club. He was an avid curler and crossword puzzle lover. He thoroughly enjoyed all of his great friends. Dave enjoyed springtime in Florida and the summers he spent at the cottage on Caribou Island, Pictou County.

**Marie Creighton**, the wife of Vern Creighton, Assc'67 and former painter at Saint Mary's University, died on July 1, 2001 in the New Halifax Infirmary, QEII Hospital. Marie spent 25 years of her working career as a preschool teacher with the Canadian Association of the Mentally Retarded (now the Canadian Association for the Community Living). In 1990, the CAEL presented her with the Bryce Merrill Award for her outstanding service. Before starting her family she worked briefly at Trans Canada Airlines, Cunard Fuels and Addressograph Multigraph.

**Nadine E. Farmer, BComm'90**, died suddenly on July 20, 2001, following a severe asthma attack. She was employed with Canada Customs and Revenue Agency for the past 11 years in Toronto. She received a Canadian Institute of Management diploma from Saint Mary's University.

**William Flemming**, died on April 25, 2001, in the VG Site, QEII. He attended Saint Mary's College High School, where he excelled in hockey. For nearly 50 years he worked in the service station business operating Bruce Flemming's Fina Service on Quinpool Road. He was the founding member of the Nova Scotia Retail Gasoline Dealers Association and for many years was an active member of the Armdale Kiwanis Club. William was a long time member of the Mayflower Curling Club, his home away from home, and continued to curl until well into his 80s.

**Richard Grabouski BA'79**, died on June 17, 2001 in the VG Site, QEII. After graduating from Saint Mary's, Rick began his career in the service industry working for Chateau Halifax and Delta Hotels, followed by a position with Extencicare Nova Scotia as senior administrator. Recognizing his love for the hospitality sector of the industry, Rick then joined Centennial Hotels Limited, assuming managerial positions at the Prince George and The Citadel Halifax Hotels and for nearly 10 years was general manager of Cambridge Suites, Toronto.

**Christopher E. Flynn**, attended Saint Mary's, died on March 15, 2001 in Ansong, South Korea, shortly after accepting a position as teacher of English at a private school in that city. He was the son

of Dr. Edward Flynn, English department, Saint Mary's. Christopher was a keen amateur sculptor, whose work in the opinion of his instructors, showed exceptional talent and promise.

**James F. Kennedy, DipEng'57**, died on April 27, 2000 in St. Martha's Regional Hospital, Antigonish, NS. He graduated from TUNS in 1959, as an electrical engineer. James was an employee of the Nova Scotia Power Commission from 1959-1968 and Stora Forest Industries, Point Tupper, from 1968 until his retirement in 1994. He was a member of St. Joseph's Parish and a member of S.A.E.R.C. Advisory Council.

**Flora M. MacIsaac, BA'55**, died on April 16, 2001, in St. Martha's Regional Hospital, Antigonish, NS. She began her teaching career in a one-room schoolhouse. Flora taught in various schools throughout Guysborough, Antigonish and Inverness counties. She graduated from the Nova Scotia Normal College in 1928. Flora was among the first of four women to graduate from Saint Mary's University in 1955 obtaining her Bachelor of Arts degree. She taught school in Halifax for 25 years, retiring from St. Pat's High School in 1973. In 1975, she returned to Antigonish to be close to her family. She was a member of the St. Ninian's CWL.

**Anne MacKinnon**, died on May 20, 2001. She was a member of the Canadian Martyrs Parish. She worked for the Jesuits at St. Mary's College, Windsor Street, for two years as a housekeeper and sacristan. Anne then moved to Saint Mary's University and after to the Canadian Martyrs Church. Finally, she was supervisor of the Saint Mary's student laundry and cleaning staff. She retired after 29 years. Anne was a member of the Jesuit Seminary Association and a member of the Sacred Heart Program.

**Bruce A. MacPhail**, attend SMU'91, died on June 14, 2001, after a short courageous battle with cancer. He graduated from Holland College Police Academy in 1979. Bruce then joined the Amherst Police Department until 1982 when Bedford incorporated and he became one of the first members of the Bedford Police Department. He continued on with the Halifax Regional Police after amalgamation. During his tenure as sergeant in charge of stolen vehicles division, Bruce continued to take courses at Saint Mary's and Henson College. His last course at Henson College was human resources, where he received the highest mark in Canada. Bruce was co-owner of Kartbahn Racing Halifax and Breakers Halifax. He was deeply involved in the motor sports community and was an honorary member of the Atlantic Sports Car Club.

**Edward Arthur Mancini, CCP'89**, died on May 3, 2001, in the New Halifax Infirmary, QEII. He spent a brief time in the air force before resuming his teaching career. In later years, he was a commissioner at Saint Mary's University. Arthur was a volunteer with the literacy program. He was a member of the Royal Canadian Legion being very active in later years with Fairview Branch 142.



**G. Kevin Miller**, died on July 4, 2001 in the QEII Health Sciences Centre. He attended Saint Mary's in 1943 and then Dalhousie University. Kevin served with the Royal Canadian Artillery for a number of years before his return to Halifax in 1965. He owned and operated an advertising agency, Kevin Miller and Associates Ltd. and in later years, Miller Brother Ltd. (pianos).

**James Morrow**, died on June 16, 2001 in the QEII Health Sciences Centre. He lectured for the investment courses in the extension department of Saint Mary's for 11 years. He was a charter member and later president of the original Halifax Toastmasters Club. James was co-founder and trustee of the George Power Memorial Fund, established in memory of a former superintendent of the Halifax Public Gardens. As an avid gardener himself, Jim won many ribbons and trophies with his flowers over the years. He excelled at growing dahlias and was a member of the Nova Scotia Dahlia Society. Jim was a member of the Nova Scotia Bird Society, Canadian Wildlife Association, Canadian Nature Federation and American Birding Association. In retirement, Jim and his wife Betty were enthusiastic travellers, visiting over 30 countries.

**Angus Pefhany**, BComm'67, died on April 26, 2001 at his home in Halifax. He lived in Halifax most of his life and he worked for more than 30 years with the federal government primarily in the depart-

ment of Human Resources Development Canada. In 1985, Angus retired from the public service commission. He and his wife Leola enjoyed living in Halifax during their retirement.

**Robert F. Phillips**, BComm'87, died on April 11, 2001, at the age of 37, as the result of complications secondary to Cystic Fibrosis. Bob was employed with Canada Customs and Revenue Agency as a team leader. He was an active member of the Cystic Fibrosis community. He joined the national board of the Canadian Cystic Fibrosis Foundation as chair of the Adult Committee in 1999, where he was commended for "his ability to articulate the needs and challenges of his peers in a positive way". Bob will forever be missed by his family, his wife Anne Napier-Phillips, BA'88 and his son Matthew.

**Valerie L. W. Scranton**, BA'71, died on May 18, 2001 in Oakwood Terrace, Dartmouth after a courageous battle with ALS. She had her career teaching in Herring Cove, Shearwater, Shannon Park, and Cooks Cove, until her retirement in 1979. Valerie was a member of Church of the Holy Spirit. She was a person who cared for others right up until her death. She is sadly missed by all who knew her.

**William (Bill) Tyler**, died on April 19, 2001. He attended St. Mary's High School, 1945-56 and 1946-47. He was an outstanding football player on the St. Mary's High School team when they defeated Montreal

High 27-7 on November 16, 1946. He is survived by his wife Margaret Thom, three children, five grandchildren, three brothers and three sisters. Father Ernie Tyler, S.J. taught at Saint Mary's High, also coached the football team and two high school hockey teams. One of the high school teams won the provincial title in 1946 and the other lost out in the provincial to Glace Bay High.

**Hilda M. Vaughan** died on April 25, 2001, in Northwood Manor. She is the wife of alumnus J. Philip Vaughan, DipEng'42, BSc'43, Hon'96 and mother of Helen Vaughan, BA'82. She worked in the nursery at St. Paul's while waiting to join the Royal Canadian Army Medical Corps as lieutenant nursing sister during the Second World War. Hilda served as a nursing sister in the plastic surgery ward at Montreal Military Hospital. In 1946, she moved to Halifax where she married and raised her family of seven children. Hilda was involved in many organizations including the Professional Engineers Wives Association of Nova Scotia and the Nursing Sisters Association of Canada (Halifax Unit) (serving as secretary of that organization and in the early 1990's was president), and she was a 25 year volunteer of the Halifax Infirmary Auxiliary.

**Bruce H. Wallace**, BA'53, died on April 13, 2001, in the QEII Health Sciences Centre, Halifax. He received a diploma in optometry from the University of Toronto. Following

graduation, he practiced in Dartmouth and later in Hampton, NB. For some years, Bruce wrote a column "The Beachcomber" for the Dartmouth Free Press. He served overseas for four years in the Second World War, as a lieutenant with the Halifax Rifles and later as a navigator in the R.A.F. Following retirement, Bruce studied art with The New York Artists' League and also spent five years painting in San Miguel de Allende, Mexico. An active member of the NDP for many years, Bruce was proud to have been a federal candidate in Dartmouth. He had a great zest for life, a unique sense of humor and a love of nature, spending many happy hours walking and painting outdoors.

**Michael (Mike) Joseph Whalen**, died on April 28, 2001 in the Valley Regional Hospital, Kentville, NS. He is the brother of alumnus Dr. Terry Whalen, BA'65, English department, Saint Mary's. Mike was the son of the late John and Catherine (St. George) Whalen. His keen wit, sports knowledge and generosity will be missed.

**Terry William Winters**, died on July 12, 2001 at home. He worked for many years in the maintenance department of Saint Mary's. Terry enjoyed watching movies, sports, fishing, music and spending time with his family and friends. He volunteered for both the Halifax Junior A. Oland Exports and Dartmouth Dairy Queen Blizzards Hockey Clubs. Terry was an avid collector of antique model cars.

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# Ireland 2002—An Irish Experience

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If you have never had the chance to visit Ireland, here is your opportunity because that is the destination for the Alumni Association's tour for alumni, faculty, and friends of Saint Mary's.

In celebration of the 200th anniversary of Saint Mary's University in 2002, the Alumni Association invites you to join us in an intimate and unique tour of the Emerald Isle.

Leading the tour will be Dr. Cyril Byrne, O.C., Ph.D., Coordinator of Irish Studies at Saint Mary's University. Dr. Byrne will provide participants with perspectives on the history of Ireland and current events.

The tour is scheduled for **May 27th-June 7th, 2002** This trip promises to be a most memorable experience.

Have you been dreaming of green fields and rolling hills, ancient castles and leprechauns? They say in Ireland that there are no strangers, only friends you have yet to meet. I think that just about sums up an Irish vacation. In a country so small, about the size of New Brunswick, the variety of the scenery is a wonder. From the serenity of the picturesque villages to the drama of the Cliffs of Moher, the landscape of Ireland is an ever-changing canvas of colour. You'll discover forty shades of green while exploring this beautiful land!



Your adventure will start with a flight to Shannon, Ireland, where your local guide will greet you. You will have the opportunity to visit King John's Castle (ca. 1200), with its wonderfully detailed exhibition depicting the city's history. Later, visit the 15th-century Bunratty Castle, where you will enjoy a welcome medieval banquet. Fully restored in 1954, Bunratty Castle is the most complete authentic medieval castle in Ireland.

You will have time exploring the breathtaking Cliffs of Moher and the desolate Burren. The Burren derives from the Irish 'boireann' meaning rocky land – an apt name for this vast limestone plateau whose unique botanical environment permits Mediterranean and alpine plants rare to Ireland to grow side by side. Visit Galway, the center for the Irish-speaking regions of West Ireland as well as a lively university city. Depart for Tralee, then the day's touring continues with the Ring of Kerry, a region famous for its captivating mountain and coastal scenery, dotted with slate-roofed fishing villages. Then on to Ireland's south coast and Blarney Castle, where you can kiss the Blarney Stone and see if you have the 'gift of the gab', then do some shopping at the famous Blarney Woollen Mills. Next, visit Cork, the 'City of Bridges'. The name literally means 'marsh', on which St Finbarr founded a monastery around 650AD. Cork is one of the more unusual towns in Ireland as the narrow alleys, waterways and Georgian architecture give it more of a continental feel. Visit a whiskey distillery and learn the art of Irish whiskey making – tasting included.

Enjoy a sightseeing tour of Waterford. Founded by the Vikings in 853AD, Waterford now owes its prosperity to such industry as its renowned glassworks. Then head to Kilkenny, renowned as the medieval capital of Ireland. Notice the city's Norman influence as a local guide takes you through narrow alleys to discover Rothe House, the Butter Slip, Grace's Castle and the Shee Almshouse, ending with a visit to 14th-century Kilkenny Castle. Enjoy a cruise along the River Ross and visit Inistioge, where the remains of a Norman fort can be seen.

Then ferry to Ballyhack before continuing to Wexford, a Norse town meaning 'estuary of the mud flats'. This vibrant town has many traditional pubs and a varied arts scene. Then the tour will end with a few days for independent discovery in exciting Dublin, where a local guide will introduce you to Dublin's wealth of attractions, including entrances to Trinity College, the Book of Kells and Christchurch Cathedral. Say farewell to Ireland with a special traditional Irish evening at the Viking Center.

You will be taken by the peace, fascinated by the history, and delighted with the people you encounter on the way.



# Saint Mary's Alumni Dinner 2001



(l-r) SMU Ambassadors, Gavin Beck and Marsha Mathura, BA'01



(l-r) Carol Dodds, MEd'90, MA'95, Elizabeth Ozmon, Assc'86 and Jack Keith, Hon'98



(l-r) Christa Hellstrom, BA'93, Laurie Morin, Sian Wren, BA'94

The Saint Mary's Alumni Annual Dinner was held in the Conference Hall at Saint Mary's on Saturday, June 2, 2001. There were approximately 250 alumni and friends of Saint Mary's in attendance. Entertainment for the dinner was provided by Grafton Street Dinner Theatre who performed the theatre production *Welcome Back Class Reunion*. The production was custom designed for the occasion and was performed in three acts throughout the dinner. The actors also mingled with guests at the pre-dinner reception held in the lobby of the Sobey building.

Dinner business included the presentation of the Distinguished Community Service Award to Allister Byrne, BComm '68, by his friend and colleague, David Hope who traveled from Toronto to present the award.

In addition, Kathy Mullane and two students representing Saint Mary's department of athletics and recreation, made a special presentation to Semptra President Hal Snyder in recognition of the support Semptra provided in the 2001 University House Lottery.

A post-dinner reception was held in the 4th floor lounge of the Sobey Building.

We would like to extend special thanks and appreciation to the sponsors of the Annual Alumni Dinner 2001. These sponsors are Meloche Monnex, McNab Print and Aramark Catering. As well, we would like to thank Nova Scotian Crystal and Saint Mary's department of athletics and recreation for donating the door prizes.

Thanks to Jamie O'Neil, BComm'92 and Lisa Jackson, BA'88, chair 2001 dinner committee, for acting as co-master of ceremonies throughout the evening and Sian Wren for giving the grace prior to our meal.

Further, we would like to recognize this year's Saint Mary's alumni annual dinner committee which consisted of Lisa Jackson, Sherri-Lynn Murray, Sian Wren, Christa Hellstrom, and BJ Frenette (alumni officer), for their commitment and assistance to making this year's dinner a great success.



Mary Smith, BA'72, BEd'73 and Bob Warner, BA'75

(l-r) Dr. Harvey Silverstein, MBA'99, Dr. Yousef Papadopoulos, MBA'99, Dr. Kathleen Glover, Bonnie Kirby, MBA'91, Dr. Daurene Lewis, MBA'97, Karen Ferguson, Robert Maingot, BComm'87, MBA'00 and John MacLeod





# 2001 Distinguished Community Service Award

Allister (Al) R. Byrne, BComm'68, is the recipient of the 2001 Distinguished Community Service Award.

Byrne was awarded a scholarship to study commerce at Saint Mary's. While at Saint Mary's, he was a member of the Huskies basketball team, recipient of the Student Leader of the Year award and the Gold "M".

Upon graduation, he joined the accounting firm Grant Thornton (formerly known as Doane Raymond). Byrne has been in general practice with this firm for more than 30 years in Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Ontario. He is presently the managing partner of the Markham office of Grant Thornton. Byrne obtained his chartered accountant designation in 1975 and was made a Fellow of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Nova Scotia in 1993.

Byrne's professional involvements include: past member of the Board of Directors of the School of Accountancy for Atlantic Canada; past member of the Canadian Institute of Chartered Accountants national auditing standards committee; past chair of a CICA Task Force on Reportable Matters; past chair of a number of his firm's national committees (policy development, professional standards, and nominating committees) and past chair, Grant Thornton LLP National Policy Board. He presently sits as a member of Grant Thornton's National Policy Board and was appointed as its chairperson in May 1999 and he is currently a member of the Ontario Institute of Chartered Accountant's Discipline Committee.

His commitment to community service includes: past national chair of Easter Seals Canada committee, past president of the Canadian Rehabilitation Council for the Disabled, past president of the



(L to R) David Hope, Barry Gallant, director of alumni and Allister Byrne, BComm'68

Abilities Foundation of Nova Scotia, finance committee, Ontario March of Dimes, past president of the Rotary Club of Dartmouth, executive member, Saint Mary's University Capital Campaign committee, United Way of Halifax - Leaders of the Way Campaign, member of the organizing committee and treasurer of the 1990 World Figure Skating Championships hosted in Halifax, treasurer, 1990 World Figure Skating Legacy Fund committee, past president of Neptune Theatre Foundation, a life director of Neptune Theatre Foundation, member of the Development Committee for the Markham Theatre, life member of the Nova Scotia Art Gallery, board member, Markham Stouffville Hospital Foundation, member, Markham Stouffville Hospital Special Events Sponsorship committee, member, Ontario March of Dimes finance committee and chair, Markham Stouffville Hospital corporate committee.

The Saint Mary's University Alumni Association would like to congratulate Allister R. Byrne, BComm'68, this year's most worthy recipient of the 2001 Distinguished Community Service Award.

## Annual General Meeting 2001

The Annual General Meeting (AGM) was held at the Halifax Club on Thursday, June 14, 2001. Alumni Association President, Tim Westhaver began the meeting with welcoming remarks. The chairs of the various alumni association committees gave reports on their activities of the past year. Associate memberships were presented to: Stephanie Babcock, executive assistant to the president, Trevor Stienburg, Huskies hockey coach, and Elizabeth Colwell, secretary for the director of

university advancement. Following the official business of the AGM, Saint Mary's President Dr. Colin Dodds addressed the alumni on the University activities over the past year and future plans for the coming year. He made special note of the University's bi-centenary celebration to be held in 2002. Plans are well under way for this important milestone. A reception for alumni and friends followed.



# Saint Mary's University Alumni Association Career Network

Remember when you graduated from Saint Mary's University and had to face decisions about graduate schools, careers, or even just a summer job? Now, you're in a position to give practical advice and insight to current students and other alumni who are making similar choices.

To facilitate this kind of information sharing, you're invited to become part of the Saint Mary's University Alumni Association Career Network.

## **What is the Saint Mary's University Alumni Association Career Network?**

The network is a "database" of alumni who are willing to be interviewed by students and alumni about their careers. It's not an employment-referral or placement program. It merely helps to bring students and alumni together for informal consultation and exchange of ideas.

## **How does it work?**

Students seeking a contact in your field of work and/or geographic area can access your name, address, and phone number. It's up to them to get in touch with you - at home or business, whichever you prefer - and arrange for an interview or meeting.

No matter how long you've been away from the University or what kind of work you do, your experiences can be invaluable to others exploring career options.

Regardless of where you live or the type of career you have, your addition to the Network will be an asset. Of course, alumni in some careers tend to receive more calls than others. But even if you seldom receive requests for information, it's important to have your listing on file so that the Network can truly offer something for everyone.

## **OK, how do I join?**

To join the Saint Mary's University Alumni Association Career Network, just complete the form at the left and send it to the Saint Mary's University Alumni Association, 867 Robie Street, Halifax, NS B3H 3C3

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# Alumni Association Homecoming 2001 October 11th - 14th

Show your true colors! Maroon & White that is . . .

The dates and times are set, the location is the Saint Mary's campus, so let the celebrating begin. All we need NOW is your spirit, your nostalgia and of course YOU!!

*"We Welcome Back all Alumni & Friends!"*



*Reunion  
Years*

*1951 - 50th Year*

*1976 - 25th Year*

## Schedule of Events

### Thursday, October 11th

**12 Noon**  
Women's Golf Tournament  
Granite Springs  
Teams of 4  
\$125/person  
Tournament is in support of Saint Mary's Women Athletes and the "Heart for Life Group"  
To register, or for more information, please contact Dana Clements at (902) 420-5426

### Friday, October 12th

Free access for all Alumni to *The Tower* all weekend. Check with *The Tower* for hours of operation.

**9:00 am-5:00 pm**  
Drop-In Alumni House  
867 Robie Street

**12 Noon-2:00 pm**  
Golden Grad Luncheon  
4th Floor Lounge,  
*Sobey Building*  
Honoring the Class of 1951.  
Hosted by Dr. and Mrs. Colin Dodds (by invitation only)

**2:00 pm-4:00 pm**  
Campus Tours by the SMU Ambassadors. This is approximately a one hour tour of our lovely campus and the newest building, *The Sobey Building*.

**6:00 pm-7:00 pm**  
Alumni Women's Basketball Game  
Fieldhouse, *The Tower*

**7:00 pm-8:00 pm**  
Alumni Men's Basketball Game  
Fieldhouse, *The Tower*

**8:00 pm-Midnight**  
Opening Reception  
Everyone Welcome! Courtyard Lounge, *The Tower*

### Saturday, October 13th

**10:30 am-12 Noon**  
SMU Sport Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony  
*Courtside Lounge, The Tower*

**11:30 am-2:00 pm**  
EMBA Reunion Brunch  
For more information, call (902) 420-5639

**1:30 pm**  
Women's Exhibition Volleyball Game vs U de M, Fieldhouse, *The Tower*

**12 Noon-2:00 pm**  
In-Door Tailgate Party (with food and refreshments)  
*Gorsebrook Lounge, Student Union Building*

**2:00 pm-4:00 pm**  
SMU Ambassadors host Family Fun for the Kiddies. Huskies Stadium main entrance gatons - the grass area. Face painting, balloons!

**2:00 pm**  
SMU vs STFX  
Homecoming Football Game and Post Game Gathering  
Tickets: \$15.00/person (including Football Patio Ticket and food after the game). Patio Tickets Only: \$5.00/person. Limited number of tickets available, so order early!  
Football Patio Tickets will NOT be available for this price at the door! Call the Alumni Office for information or tickets: (902) 420-4250  
Everyone Welcome!

**7:00 pm**  
SMU Hockey Huskies vs Acadia  
\$5.00/person  
Purchase your tickets at the Alumni Arena.

**9:00 pm-1:00 am**  
Class of '76 invite all alumni and friends to **Saturday Night Fever** at the *Waterfront Warehouse*. Featuring *Pub Soda*. \$12/person. Please call the Alumni Office at (902) 420-5420 for tickets.

### Sunday, October 14th

**1:00 pm**  
Women's Soccer vs. U de M  
Huskies Stadium

**2:00 pm-3:00 pm**  
Free Family Skate with the Men's and Women's Hockey Huskies and the Huskies mascot.  
Alumni Arena

**3:00 pm**  
Men's Soccer vs UdeM  
Huskies Stadium



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# Peter on Politics

Interview by Penny Murdock

**Peter Kelly, MBA'97**

**Birthplace:** lifelong resident of Bedford, NS  
**Occupation:** Mayor of Halifax Regional Municipality

Peter Kelly is a graduate of Sackville High School, and I W Åkerley Community College, where he was awarded a Diploma in Hospitality Management. He continued his education at Saint Mary's, earning a Masters in Business Administration.

Kelly has held administrative and managerial positions in private industry and government. He began a career in public service in 1985, when elected councilor to the Town of Bedford. In 1991, he was elected mayor of the Town of Bedford, and in 1995 was elected to newly created Halifax Regional Municipality Council representing Bedford. On October 21, 2000, he was elected mayor of the HRM.

Peter lives in Bedford with his wife, Nancy and two sons, Craig and Blake.

**What are some of your fondest memories of childhood?**

I used to really enjoy our family's annual summer trek to visit our grandparents in PEI. When our large family gathered there our motto was: "first up - best fed."

**As a child, what did you want to be when you grew up?**

I always had the idea I would be in the food business.

**Can you describe your first job?**

It would be going door to door filling orders of fresh fish, fruit and vegetables from our truck. This was a family business. I guess it provided me with some insight into the tight knit fabric that binds neighborhoods together, that sense of community building and who the builders are and the broad range of things people are concerned about.

**When did you become interested in politics?**

When I was 10 or 11, probably during the election of the Smith government, I was delivering leaflets door to door and putting up signs. I can recall always hearing my father and his friends talk about politics.

**What is a typical day like for you these days - if there is such a thing?**

Meetings with individual citizens, leaders of organizations, councilors, the chief administrative officer and staff, and business people. Visits to special functions to bring greetings or perform official duties such as ribbon cutting etc. Phoning, e-mailing, corresponding by letter; planning for special events we are sponsoring such as conferences etc. Revising and planning schedules. Attending meetings - sometimes presiding, sometimes participating. Interviews with the media. Team building with councilors around issues that are important in their districts.

I usually get up at 5:30am and I may start with reading e-mails, newspapers and documents. Sometimes there is a breakfast meeting at 7am. I go as late as 11pm with a late council session or meeting in the community.

**What have you learned about politics that you were most surprised by?**

Above all else - respect the people - put people before politics. I was most surprised to learn that some people who run for public office do not

adhere to this simple rule. Democracy is a great leveler - we all have one vote - and everyone's vote counts.

**What do you enjoy most about being mayor of HRM?**

The amazing variety of issues, tasks and activities. The people I encounter. For the most part, the people I encounter are very positive and committed to some of the same ideals and principles I live by. Even those who are coming from a different direction or attitude are an interesting challenge. I'm always trying to bring others a little closer to my view, while thinking about where the middle ground is between our views. I really enjoy team building with councilors and staff around community issues.

**What has been the most difficult issue you have had to face or deal with as mayor?**

Equalization. The provincial government's proposal to redirect property tax revenue from municipalities whose fiscal house was in order to municipalities who were struggling I found to be unfair and illogical. Property tax is generated to address local needs within the municipality. Tampering with this is violating the integrity of the municipality as a level of government. You can't govern without funds. You can't govern with fiscal responsibility unless you can plan for a predictable revenue level to support your programs. If the provincial government is downloading program responsibilities which must be paid for locally, and taking away from the municipal revenue source at the same time, good fiscal management at the municipal level becomes almost impossible. There is much still to do to come to a sensible manageable governance relationship with the province. We are part of a counter-proposal advanced by Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities which serves the purpose of municipalities helping each other. However, this proposal is not based on property tax. It allows us to manage our budget and to maintain both the generation of revenue for this purpose and the distribution of it through fixed formulas. One of its strongest points is that it calls for a stop to the ever-shifting roles and responsibilities of province and municipality. The issues of governance would be settled.

**What skills from your MBA have been most useful in your job?**

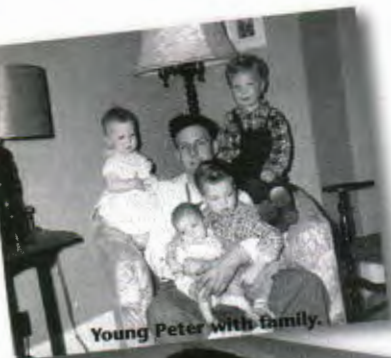
Relationship of business and governments; legislation which guides business; agencies which stimulate business; how business executives think; the solid sense of a business plan applied to just about any enterprise; human resource management; financial analysis and statistical analysis. The MBA program provides a valuable repertoire of skills for politicians at all levels. I highly recommend it to those contemplating serving in public office.

**How do you make time for your family and other outside interests?**

This is a good question and a puzzler for all politicians. I am still constantly adjusting the balance between my public and private life. I feel this will always require attention and effort to keep in balance.

**What have you learned about yourself since assuming your role as mayor?**

I have learned that we must always be looking for ways of dealing with people - finding some way to accommodate the issues they bring forward. I have also learned that humor is a valuable tool in many situations. Above all it has reaffirmed that respect for others is essential in keeping in step and moving ahead together.



Young Peter with family.



Grade 9 photo.



Bedford's mayor



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