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EDITOR'S HOMEPAGE

*-Professors who made
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Through the various forms of correspondence we have with alumni throughout the world, there are several themes that seem to emerge time and time again. When I ask alumni what they remember most about Saint Mary's - they mention the courses, the programs, the extra-curricular opportunities, the residence experience - but above all else, they mention the people; the friendly staff, students and professors.

They attribute the small class sizes at Saint Mary's, particularly at the upper level, with affording them the opportunity to get to know their professors on an individual basis. And usually, they will identify a particular professor who went above and beyond their professor responsibilities to look out for their best interests whether it be choosing a career or study path, or allowing them to follow their own individual interests in a particular area of study. Many alumni attribute a professor at Saint Mary's with helping them discover a part of themselves they never knew; an ability or passion that would and most likely did change their lives.

We would like to hear from you about a professor that may have had a major influence on your life. This is your opportunity to share your story. I often discover that many former students still keep in touch with their professors and that professors continue to care about what their students are doing long after they have graduated.

In a future edition of the magazine, we will publish these stories and pay tribute to high quality of teaching at Saint Mary's. On page 3, you will find the information you need to submit your story. We want to hear from as many of you as possible so please write.

We hope you will find this issue an interesting read with a collection of alumni and university related stories.

Penny Murdock

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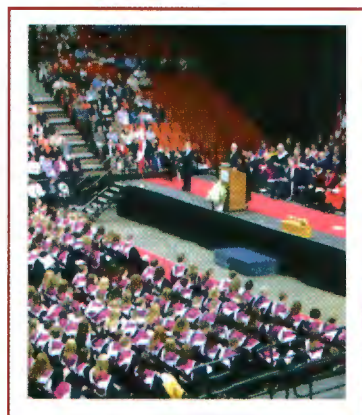
Mike Volpe, alumnus and former hockey player at Saint Mary's, is president of Topsail Entertainment, and one of the producers of the very popular television comedy series Trailer Park Boys which after three successful seasons at home in Canada now makes its debut in the US.

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In this issue, we have designated several pages to provide all alumni, especially new alumni, with information about the Saint Mary's Alumni Association including ways to get involved, alumni services offered and other information we hope will be useful.

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A feature interview with Lorenz Freidlaender who is currently serving as Canada's Ambassador to Sweden. Born in Switzerland, he spent much of his early years in Halifax and was a student at Saint Mary's High School before being admitted to the university program at the age of 14. Since graduating from Saint Mary's in 1965, he has worked for the federal government in a variety of positions and places.



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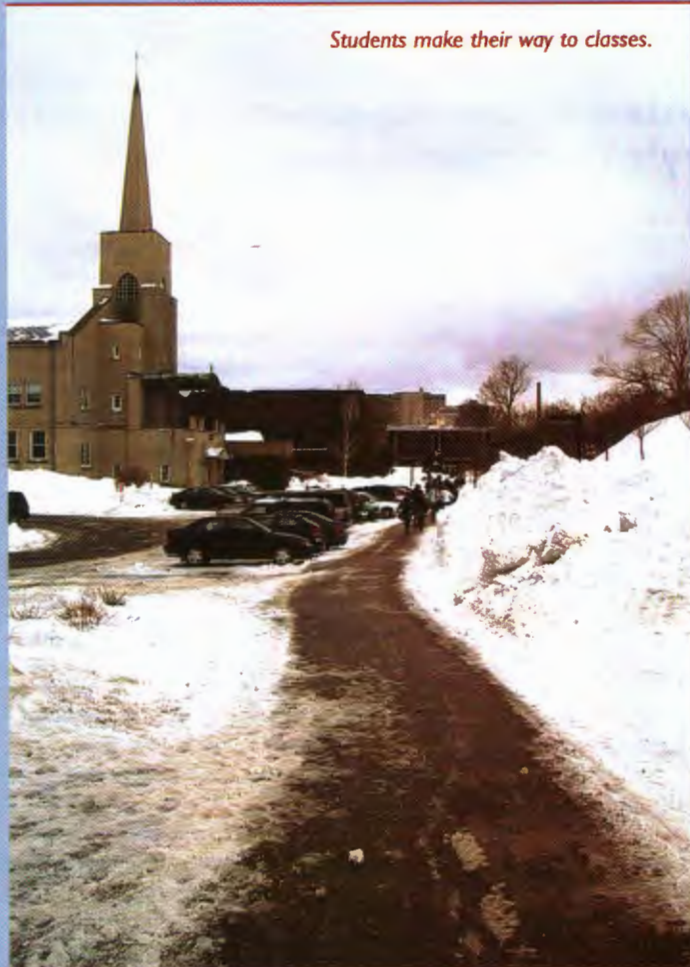
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Students make their way to classes.



Images from campus following "Winter Juan" (named after Hurricane Juan which hit the province in September) – a major snowfall in Nova Scotia in late February which closed schools and businesses for several days as crews worked around the clock cleaning up roadways and sidewalks. A curfew was imposed on downtown Halifax at night so crews could remove snow.



An entrance to the Sobeys Building.



Snow piled up in the arena parking lot.



The main entrance to the McNally Building.

"A True Santamarian"

I am writing to express how much my family and I appreciate all of the kind words that people have written, or said, regarding my father, Kevin Cleary. When Dad first came to Saint Mary's as a student, he found a place that embodied all of the qualities that made him the wonderful person that he was. Over the many years that he attended, and then worked within the Saint Mary's community, my father strove to help others attain success in their own lives, whether academically, personally or professionally.

I believe that the best testament to my father's dedication to Saint Mary's, and its students, is found in the success of those students he served with so much thought and caring. It is my belief that Dad was, and will always remain, the essence of a true Santamarian. He believed in the importance of education, dedication to family and friends, and using ones life to help others in any way possible.

With his passing, Saint Mary's not only lost an important member of its community, but an ambassador for the University and role model for all its students and staff. However, his spirit lives on in all of those people his life touched in a positive and personal manner. To me, my father - Kevin Cleary is, was, and always will personify what is great about Saint Mary's University.

Sincerely yours,
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For more campus news...

The campus news section is compiled with assistance from public affairs officers, Lisa Legatto and Paul Fitzgerald. For more complete stories and additional news stories from campus, visit the Saint Mary's website at www.smu.ca and there you will find *The Times* – the University's official campus newspaper.

Ken Dryden Receives Honorary Degree

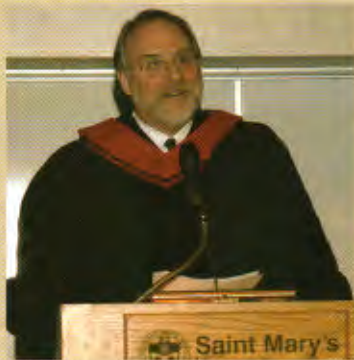


Photo by Kelly Clark

The Centre for the Study of Sport and Community Health at Saint Mary's recently hosted a conference that focused on the topic of women's hockey. It was also a perfect venue to honor the accomplishments of former Montreal goaltender Ken Dryden. The Centre is a division of Saint Mary's Gorsebrook Research Institute.

A Special Convocation Ceremony was held on March 28th to present Ken Dryden with a Honorary Doctor of Civil Law (*honoris causa*) degree from Saint Mary's. In just seven full NHL seasons, Dryden won six Stanley Cup rings as a goaltender with the Montreal Canadiens, and established himself as one of the all-time greats, claiming countless individual awards for his outstanding performances. Since leaving the game as a player, Dryden has written several highly acclaimed, best-selling books. Dryden has also worked as a television commentator and host, as well as a youth commissioner and consultant on youth unemployment and education. Most recently, Dryden was appointed president and general manager of the Toronto Maple Leafs.

A New Direction in Development at Saint Mary's University



Anne Melanson and Jodi Hutchinson join the Development Team at Saint Mary's

Jodi Hutchinson and Anne (Coyle) Melanson have joined the Saint Mary's senior administrative team as director of development and campaign director, respectively.

Hutchinson has spent 13 years in senior external affairs positions with Maritime universities. She most recently

held the position of assistant director of development and associate campaign director at Acadia University, where she managed fund raising programs in support of the University's priorities. Hutchinson will work with senior administrators and the Board of Governors of Saint Mary's University in crafting the global fund raising strategy, and will lead the development staff in advancing private sector investment that advances the University's vision.

Hutchinson is joined by her long-time colleague Anne (Coyle) Melanson who comes to Saint Mary's after serving as campaign director and senior consultant for capital fund raising programs at Acadia. In her 15 years as a fund raiser and consultant, she has worked with several Maritime universities and as a senior staffer with Ketchum Canada.

As campaign director, Melanson will help articulate the Board's funding priorities to the broader community and invigorate the University's capital fund raising programs.

New Centre for Research on Immigration and Diversity

The federal government recently announced the creation of a new research centre in Atlantic Canada that will focus on immigration and diversity issues. This newest Metropolis Centre, led by four Atlantic universities including Saint Mary's, Dalhousie, Université de Moncton, and St. Thomas, will benefit from over \$1-million in federal funding over the next three years and will complement the four existing centres in other regions of Canada. The Centre was created by Citizen and Immigration Canada and the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC) of Canada following extensive consultations with a number of diverse groups in the Atlantic region over the last three years.

"The Atlantic Metropolis Centre aims to stimulate, promote and support productive

partnerships among academic, government and non-governmental organizations in pursuing policy-relevant research agendas related to immigration, population migrations and cultural diversity," says Dr. Terry Murphy, academic vice-president at Saint Mary's.

"This project allows universities, such as Saint Mary's, to build linkages with the existing Metropolis centres in Montréal, Toronto, Edmonton and Vancouver to address the national policy priorities of the Metropolis Project. It also aims to pursue research agendas identified as distinctive to the region in both official languages," he says.

The twin administrative sites in Moncton and Halifax, and the large concentrations of the Acadian French-speaking population in the Atlantic region will stimulate interaction between these communities, as well as among the diverse language communities of its immigrant population, adds Dr. Murphy.

"This project will benefit the region by focusing on strategies to recruit and retain more immigrants to the region, strengthening our skilled labor force and enriching our already diverse population," says Dr. Murphy.

Homburg Gift Supports Study Abroad Programs at Saint Mary's

Mr. Richard Homburg, chairman and chief executive officer (CEO), Homburg Invest Inc. and The Homburg Uni Corp. Group, has committed \$1.5 million to establish the Homburg International Mobility Awards at Saint Mary's. These awards will allow for undergraduate and graduate students, both full-time and part-time, to travel and study abroad.

"Through the Homburg International Mobility Awards at Saint Mary's, students will gain access to learning new languages and discovering different cultures, which is a direct benefit to the global economy," says Homburg. "Students from Saint Mary's studying abroad assures tomorrow's workforce in Nova Scotia and the Atlantic Region is one that is diverse with a global perspective - a cornerstone in the growth of our own economy."

Through this generous donation, students in all disciplines of study will now have the opportunity to participate in international exchanges, study abroad opportunities, international field trips and other international educational activities in countries around the world, including Mexico, Italy, France, Spain and Asia, among others.

"Mr. Homburg's investment in Saint Mary's students will greatly enhance their opportunities to study abroad and thus enrich their learning," says Dr. J. Colin Dodds, president of Saint Mary's University. "The global economy mandates that our graduates not only be literate and numerate, but also have an extensive understanding of the cultures, customs and languages of other countries." He adds, "Mr. Homburg understands the importance of graduating global citizens."



Erika Bates, Saint Mary's commerce student, went to Rouen, France where she studied at the Institut de Formation Internationale. Erika currently works as an international program assistant, Student Mobility, for the International Activities Department at Saint Mary's. Erika is second in on the right.

Saint Mary's opens Community-Based Environmental Monitoring Network

Public participation and academic research is an important part of environmental management, and the key reason why Saint Mary's University has established the Community-Based Environmental Monitoring Network.

"The Community-Based Environmental Monitoring Network will advance monitoring protocols that are aquatic, marine, and terrestrial in scope," says Dr. Cathy Conrad, who is both the coordinator of the Network and a geography professor at Saint Mary's. The Network is housed in the geography department in the Burke Building.

"Many of our faculty at Saint Mary's have been involved with a number of community groups in the region, whose mandate is environmental stewardship. Our goal through the Network is to build on those relationships and to establish new ones, which will further protect our environment for future generations," says Dr. Conrad.

There are currently a large volume of environmental groups in the Halifax Regional Municipality (HRM) and in Eastern Canada that will work with faculty through the Network, which include: The Sackville

River Associations, Springfield Lake Residents Association, Salmon River-Salmon Association, and organized environmental groups on the Chebucto Peninsula, as well as over 50 groups spread out across Atlantic Canada. The Network will assist these groups with research, and inform them on how to monitor and measure the environmental quality of ecosystems in their community based on Environment Canada's Ecological Monitoring and Assessment (EMAN) Protocols. In addition, the Network will also provide support when it comes to assessing scientific and social scientific data related to the environment, and in the use of technology as a tool to further understanding different communities.

According to Dr. Conrad, the creation of the Network follows the mission of the University's Academic Plan. The Plan describes the University as being "...uniquely committed to service at the local, regional, national and international communities, a commitment which it realizes through outreach activities, community-based research programs, and contributions to life-long learning. Its reputation as an open and responsive education institution has brought it a large measure of goodwill in the community."

"The Network will serve as a beneficial forum for many community-based groups," says Dr. Conrad. "After all, what we do today only makes a better tomorrow for everyone."

Auditor General of Canada speaks at Saint Mary's

The Atlantic Centre for Ethics and Public Affairs (ACEPA) hosted a lecture by Sheila Fraser, Auditor General of Canada in early March. Her talk was on the importance of an accountable government, an ethical and effective public service, good governance, sustainable development, and the protection of Canada's legacy and heritage.

ACEPA is sponsored by Saint Mary's University and Atlantic School of Theology (AST) and draws upon the scholarly expertise of faculty and students from the social science, humanities, theology, sciences and Saint Mary's Sobey School of Business.

Sheila Fraser, Auditor General of Canada, Bill Close, Atlantic School of Theology president and Terry Murphy, Saint Mary's vice-president of academics.



Point Pleasant Park on the Mend

The damage to Point Pleasant Park - a popular Halifax landmark in the city's South End - in the wake of last September's Hurricane Juan was devastating. The park has been closed since that time but is scheduled to re-open in June of this year following months of hauling fallen trees away. About 75 percent of Point Pleasant's trees tumbled in Juan's winds. The clean-up project has been expensive and in an effort to drum up financial support the park was opened to the public during a weekend in late March so people could survey the damage. The media was given a separate tour and these photos were taken at the time. The park is particularly popular with the Saint Mary's community as it is only minutes from campus and situated at the entrance of the Halifax harbour.



in brief...

Saint Mary's mourns the loss of well-known and dedicated employee

The Saint Mary's University community is mourning the loss of one of their employees, Mr. Donald (Donnie) Robinson, who died February 20, 2004. His death was unexpected and the entire University community was saddened by the news of Mr. Robinson, who spent the last 31 years of his life working at Saint Mary's. He was a dedicated employee and is missed by his coworkers and the Saint Mary's community. The University hosted a memorial service for Mr. Robinson at Canadian Martyrs' Church following his passing.

Sobey School of Business Attains Accreditation

Saint Mary's University's Sobey School of Business has earned the highest standard of achievement for business schools world-wide. It has achieved the accreditation of all of its business degree programs by recent action of the Board of Directors of AACSB - The Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business. The AACSB is the leading international accreditation body for business schools and the Sobey School of Business is the only business school in Atlantic Canada to have achieved the accreditation of all three levels: the Bachelors (BComm), Masters (MBA, including EMBA, M.Fin, and M.Management of Cooperatives and Credit Unions) and PhD in Business Administration (Management).

In order to achieve accreditation, the University underwent a rigorous process to illustrate that it met the expectations of a wide range of quality standards relating to strategic management of resources, interactions of faculty and students in the educational process, and achievement of learning goals in degree programs.

Computing science team share top spot at nationals

In early March, a team of six students from the Mathematics and Computing Science Department at Saint Mary's participated in the annual Computing Science Games at McGill University - a prestigious event that attracted a large number of teams from across North America including Boston College, McGill, Laval, Queens and Waterloo. Students Blair Doyle (Captain), Jonathan Sharkey, Kate Patterson, Adish Jain, Clifford Roche, and Vagarro Willie competed with a perfect score of 100% from judges in the Logic Competition. The Saint Mary's team scored almost 90% in the Debugging Competition earning them the top spot with Waterloo.

University honors science researchers

A ceremony was held in early March to commemorate 25 years of innovative research at Saint Mary's made possible by the Natural Sciences and Engineering and Research Council of Canada. In the University's biology lab, special parchments were presented to six scientists who were awarded NSERC grants 25 years ago, and who still hold grants today. Certificates were also given to a number of undergraduate students who received NSERC Undergraduate Research Awards last summer, and are just beginning their careers as research scientists. The students worked with some of the 38 faculty who now hold NSERC discovery grants at the University.

ACEnet to Launch Saint Mary's into a New Stratosphere of High Performance Computing

Saint Mary's will receive up to \$3 million in Canada Foundation for Innovation (CFI) funding for high performance computers and visualization tools. The funding will come from over \$9 million that was awarded by the Canada Foundation for Innovation (CFI) to ACEnet: the Atlantic Computational Excellence Network. Saint Mary's is one of the four partner institutions of the ACEnet consortium which includes Memorial University, ACEnet's lead institution, St. Francis Xavier University and the University of New Brunswick.

"This is a big step for the ICA, Saint Mary's and for universities in Atlantic Canada," says Dr. Robert Deupree, Saint Mary's Canada Research Chair in astronomy and astrophysics and director of the Institute for Computational Astrophysics (ICA). "It takes our high performance computing capability to a new level and places

our capability second to none in Canada." Saint Mary's Institute for Computational Astrophysics is one of only a few institutes in the world dedicated to investigating frontier research problems in astrophysics through high performance computing.

The four lead institutions will house high performance computers that have the capability to crunch numbers and address complex scientific problems. Access will be available to researchers at the partner institutions, Mount Allison University, The University of Prince Edward Island, Dalhousie University and to other outside users. "It opens up computational opportunities to Saint Mary's researchers that simply haven't been there before."

Atlantic Canada is home to a vibrant community of researchers whose work demands high performance computing and visualization. ACEnet will aim to transform

dispersed, institution-based researchers into fully interacting, regional research communities, equipped with the tools to stay at the forefront of international research. It will focus on fields that require high performance computing (HPC) infrastructure and expertise, and in which there are emerging interests. This will create a world-class HPC infrastructure, complemented by emphasis on attracting highly qualified personnel at all levels, and forging collaborations and linkages at both the researcher and institutional level.

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Gather your teams together, dust off those golf clubs and get ready!

2004 Saint Mary's Alumni Annual Golf Tournament

**Thursday, August 26th, 2004
At Oakfield Golf & Country Club
Shotgun start at 12:30pm sharp
Golfers should be registered by 12:00pm**

All Saint Mary's alumni and friends are eligible to play. The Alumni Office will require the names, e-mails and handicaps of your five teammates. Individuals or incomplete teams will be combined.

A pre-tournament reception will be held from 10:45 to noon on game day on-site.

Take advantage of our bus service leaving The Tower - to and from Oakfield.

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Register NOW! Advance registration is on a first-come, first-served basis. Fees are \$150/Golfer, \$750/Team.

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LIBERATED LEARNING INITIATIVE

Only Gets Better with Time - Saint Mary's Atlantic Centre is world leader in speech recognition technology

Five years ago, Saint Mary's Atlantic Centre and IBM launched an ambitious world-first initiative to assist students with special needs in the university classroom through a unique application of speech recognition technology. In Liberated Learning classrooms, lectures are transcribed in real time using automated speech recognition and projected to the class, enabling students to "see" the lecture. After the lecture, comprehensive, software-generated notes are provided in a variety of formats.

By 2004, Liberated Learning technology has become almost universally available, easier to use and more economically viable. Saint Mary's was the first university in the world to use the speech recognition technology in a classroom lecture in 1999, and has been providing leadership to a growing international community interested in the potential application of this technology.

Since the Atlantic Centre of Research, Access and Support for Students with Disabilities began the project, only a limited number of faculty have tested the speech recognition technology in the classroom due to some fundamental and usability issues. However, according to Keith Bain, the Atlantic Centre's international manager, "a number of recent discoveries may make this technology more generally available to anyone interested in exploring its use as early as the 2004/05 academic year." The Liberated Learning team, which includes some of the world's top speech recognition scientists at IBM, has transformed the original application developed at Saint

Mary's into a "robust and rapidly evolving technology platform." The application is called IBM ViaScribe and the Liberated Learning team serves as its "public stewards", according to Bain.

When the speech recognition technology is used in the classroom it automatically transcribes speech into text. A series of accessible multi-media files are instantly created and can be accessed by students and professors. Professors who use the Liberated Learning approach

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create a set of teaching resources every class with limitless applications and uses. For professors who use PowerPoint or other visual media, IBM ViaScribe can automatically synchronize speech, text and visual media into a single click presentation package. Students enrolled in Liberated Learning courses can access course notes through a computer allowing students to select the lecture information that suits their style of learning.

There are a number of exciting pedagogical applications being explored beyond its' original application according to Bain, including using the technology in distance education and as a teaching tool to help meet the needs of the international student population.

In addition to technology developments, the Liberated Learning team continues to develop new partnerships for Saint Mary's in the university and corporate world. There are now 12 institutions in the consortium with a network of researchers in North America, Australia, New Zealand, Japan and Europe.

Saint Mary's recently partnered with the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) on a unique research and development initiative with Liberated Learning. "These are the kinds of relationships we hope to continue to foster in our efforts to solve the remaining hurdles which prevent this technology from becoming a turn-key solution for institutions everywhere," says Bain.

"We also have a number of corporate applications pending, whereby we hope to apply the Liberated Learning concept into the corporate infrastructure and study its impact on employee and client stakeholders," says Bain.

"We believe these forays into previously uncharted territory will demonstrate what we feel is the truly compelling nature of this concept – its universality in any learning situation."

The Atlantic Centre

Accessibility for persons with disabilities has long been a cornerstone of the philosophy for Saint Mary's University. For over 30 years Saint Mary's has played a leadership role in ensuring that higher education is accessible for persons with disabilities. In 1968, Saint Mary's constructed the first accessible residence in Canada with 21 units specially designed for students with mobility impairments. By 1975 the University started the first tape library for the blind in Eastern Canada, which continues to expand to serve visually impaired students at the post-secondary level and general population across Canada.

The Atlantic Centre of Research, Access and Support for Students with Disabilities at Saint Mary's officially opened its doors to students in 1985 under the direct leadership of Dr. David Leitch. The Centre has already developed an international reputation as a leader in providing support services for students with disabilities at the post-secondary level. Today, there are more than 200 students with various disabilities - hearing, visual and mobility impairments, learning disabilities, and head injury - who rely on the Centre for essential services, such as individualized counseling, academic support, alternate exam accommodations, access to specialized technology, and advocacy.

The efforts of the Liberated Learning team at Saint Mary's were recently recognized with a series of funding announcements for the project. They include:

RBC Financial Group:

The RBC Financial Group RBC Financial Group has committed \$400,000 that will build upon the current endowment at Saint Mary's Atlantic Centre to continue the development of innovative educational support programs for students with disabilities.

RBC Financial Group's gift will strengthen the Centre's efforts to create greater access to postsecondary education and labour force for students with learning and other disabilities; establish a summer training institute for sharing our knowledge and experience with other educational institutions and community organizations; develop an international exchange program for students with disabilities; conduct demographic research on the participation of students with disabilities in higher education; and, bring the Liberated Learning speech recognition concept to more university classrooms worldwide.

Federal Government:

The federal government has awarded almost \$400,000 for the Alexander Graham Bell Institute (The Bell Institute) of the University College of Cape Breton (UCCB) and Saint Mary's Atlantic Centre. The funding will be used to research and develop a liberated learning showcase to be tested at the Bell National Historic Site in Baddeck, NS - technology that was pioneered at Saint Mary's University through the assistance of IBM.

Working with IBM and the Atlantic Centre, the Bell Institute will adapt voice recognition software to devices that facilitate communication for those persons who have a hearing impairment. "Bell's father worked with the concept of visible speech, studying lip movements and their interpretation," says Ron MacNeil, director of the Bell Institute. "One of the projects targeted is to use cameras that watch mouth movements and turn that into the written word." One application that could be used at the museum is for tours, according to MacNeil. "Someone who is hearing impaired or uses English as a second language could have a palm pilot so when the guide is speaking, the voice is transcribed to text," he says.

Beaverbrook Canadian Foundation:

A well known philanthropic organization in Canada is providing a unique scholarship fund to the Saint Mary's Atlantic Centre. The Beaverbrook Canadian Foundation has given \$25,000 to help the centre continue its work.

"Saint Mary's is grateful to receive such a generous gift from the Beaverbrook Canadian Foundation as it will allow the University to remain at the forefront in making education accessible for students with disabilities," says Dr. J. Colin Dodds, president of Saint Mary's.

According to the Centre's director, Dr. David Leitch, "the support from the Beaverbrook Canadian Foundation only enhances the operations of the Atlantic Centre, as it allows students with disabilities access to higher education and most importantly provides employment opportunities for students both in the region, across Canada and around the world."

The Liberated Learning Concept

- The instructor develops a personalized voice profile by "teaching" speech recognition software to understand his or her speech
- During lectures the instructor uses a wireless microphone "connected" to a computer system running speech recognition software modified for this application
- This custom software receives a digitized transmission of the spoken lecture and converts it to electronic text
- The text is displayed via a projector to the class in real time so students can simultaneously see and hear the lecture as it is delivered
- All students have access to comprehensive lecture notes in a variety of formats
- Funding for the first three years of the LIBERATED LEARNING PROJECT came from the J.W. McConnell Family Foundation. The project is now the LIBERATED LEARNING INITIATIVE.



Liberated Learning technology at use in a Saint Mary's classroom.

Coastal Community Health Network at Saint Mary's Touts Healthy People, Healthy Communities at Global Level



President Colin Dodds signs a Memorandum of Understanding between Saint Mary's and the Coastal Community Health Network.

A group of scholars from the Faculty of Arts at Saint Mary's formed a unique network in order to ensure that more countries around the world have healthier citizens and ecosystems.

Drs. Madine VanderPlaat, sociology department, Cathy Conrad, geography department and environmental studies, and Gene Barrett, sociology department, established the

Coastal Community Health Network (CCHN), and signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for this unique initiative with Dr. Colin Dodds, president of Saint Mary's.

CCHN will entail a working partnership between Saint Mary's and a number of universities in Cuba, Chile, and Brazil. In addition, a number of non-governmental organizations in the Western Valley region of Nova Scotia - the Western Valley Development Authority, the Clean Annapolis River Project, and the Bay of Fundy Marine Resource Centre - have joined this partnership.

"Community well-being, human health, and ecosystem health are the very themes CCHN will focus on," says Dr. Barrett. "Projects are actively being developed in each of these three key areas. In doing so, other partners, like local community groups, government agencies, and academic institutions, will join the Network as technical partners in the future to work on specific projects." CCHN partners will work

together in order to conduct research, perform education initiatives, as well communicate their knowledge in publications and through web based technology among others.

The Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC) of Canada is providing almost \$100,000 for the well-being component of the project, which will allow partners to develop a conceptual and methodological framework to research communities-as-mediating structures.

CCHN is applying to a special program funded by the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) for ecosystem health work in Cuban, Chilean, and Brazilian communities. This part of the project is to bring in all partners and Non-Governmental Organization (NGO) groups and will also include the College of Geographic Sciences in Lawrencetown, NS, and the Fishery Sub-Secretariat in Chile. The focus of this proposal is resource conservation in coastal eco-regions in Cuba, Chile and Brazil, and more specifically to develop an integrated coastal zone resource conservation plan; re-invigorate community-based organizations representing a broad constituency of stakeholders; and develop community resource centres in a series of pilot project settings.

CCHN partners are now developing the human health component of the project and are devising a proposal for the Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR) for funding.

"The idea here is to establish new partnerships in each of our community sites, including Digby Neck, to come together and develop a large project on the health dimension of the community," says Dr. VanderPlaat. "The objective will be to enable collaboration of Canadian health promotion researchers with their counterparts in Chile, Brazil and Cuba on projects and research programs related to the health and well-being of women, children and families."



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Message from the President of Saint Mary's University

Congratulations to Saint Mary's University graduating class of 2004 and welcome to the Saint Mary's University Alumni Association!



Graduates of Saint Mary's have celebrated this very special moment for more than 200 years and you have now joined more than 30,000 fellow Saint Mary's alumni who live across Canada, and around the world.

The Saint Mary's University Alumni Association is an organization made up of graduates like you. It hosts events for Saint Mary's grads and provides opportunities to

meet and network with fellow alumni. The Alumni Association negotiates special group rates and discounts for alumni for benefits such as insurance, credit cards, and more. The Alumni Association also organizes marquee events such as our Alumni Weekend and Homecoming, as well as reunions, awards and scholarships, branch and chapter activities and other special events.

We want you to stay in touch and we would like to make it easy for you. This is your first copy of the Maroon & White, a publication that celebrates the successes of your fellow graduates as well as the University. The Maroon & White will keep you up to date about what's happening both on campus and with your fellow grads. If you are like most alumni, you will turn immediately to the back section of the magazine called "snippets". The "snippets" section is where you may read about who has changed jobs,

moved to a new city, been married, had children, etc. We hope that you will provide your own submissions, too, so we know where you are and what you are doing.

You can also get in touch with us on the Internet, so I hope you will visit our website at www.smualumni.ca. Each month you'll receive an e-newsletter and you can search the online alumni directory for classmates and send them a note.

Throughout this magazine you'll find a lot of information about the benefits of being a member of Saint Mary's Alumni. I hope you will take advantage of them.

Wherever life may take you, please stay in touch with each other and with us.

J. Colin Dodds
President
(colin.dodds@smu.ca)

Saint Mary's University Alumni Association

What is the Saint Mary's University Alumni Association?

The Association is an organization that represents all the alumni of Saint Mary's University. Saint Mary's alumni can be found around the world and number in excess of 31,000. Its activities are governed by a constitution and by-laws, and are directed by an elected Executive, which works closely with the University's Alumni Affairs Office.

The Association's mission is to connect alumni to the University and to each other; create goodwill and affinity with Saint Mary's; and build solid relationships with donors, supporters and ambassadors. The Association celebrates the accomplishments of the university and alumni, while engaging them as volunteers, advocates and learners. It also offers alumni a number of events, programs, and services that benefit alumni and the University.

The Alumni Association Executive and Board of Governors Representatives

The Executive is a group of volunteers who are elected by their alumni peers. The executive consists of a president, past president, vice president, general members plus a student alumni representative. The Alumni Association selects six representatives to sit on the University's Board of Governors. The executive meets several times each year to plan events, provide valuable input and guidance on the University's relationship with alumni, and review the programs and services of the University and its affinity partners.

Opportunities for Alumni Involvement

Get involved - all alumni are invited to become members of the Association Executive. There are also many committees on which alumni can volunteer their time, including: Alumni Weekend & Homecoming, Alumni Golf Tournament, Nominations and Awards, etc. You can also get involved in your local alumni branch or chapter.



Services for Alumni

■ *Maroon & White*, the magazine for the alumni and friends of Saint Mary's University

Published three times a year, the *Maroon & White* is a free publication for all alumni and is the essential link for the Saint Mary's University community. You can also view the magazine on our website (smualumni.ca). Regular columns, insightful feature articles, and photos from events and activities compliment the ever-popular Snippets Section. To ensure you receive your copy of the *Maroon & White*, please make sure the Alumni Affairs Office has your current address.

■ Facing decisions about graduate schools, a career, or even a summer job?

The Saint Mary's University Alumni Association may be able to help. The Career Network is a "database" of alumni who are willing to be interviewed by new alumni about their careers. This is not an employment referral or placement program. Its goal is to bring alumni together for informal consultation and exchange of ideas.

■ Alumni Computer Use

Through the Information Technology Systems & Support (ITSS) department, alumni have access to the University computer system, provided you have an Alumni Card, for one year after you graduate. If you don't have your Alumni Card, please contact the Alumni Office at 902.420.5420.

■ Alumni Records

The Association, through the Alumni Affairs Office, maintains a database of basic information about alumni, which is updated on a regular basis. Please ensure that the Alumni Affairs Office is aware of your current address, email address and employment information.

■ Alumni Recognition

The Distinguished Community Service Award, Branch of the Year Award and Volunteer of the Year Award are some of the ways we recognize the outstanding contributions of alumni to the University and to the community.

■ Alumni Mail Forwarding

The Association recognizes that alumni "keeping in touch" with other alumni is an essential service. The Alumni Association policy, established for the protection and privacy of our members, prevents us from divulging alumni addresses and phone numbers. If you call the Alumni Affairs Office, however, we will be happy to send a letter on your behalf.

■ Special Alumni Events

The Association organizes or assists in numerous special events for alumni. A golf tournament, reunions, branch events, Alumni Weekend



& Homecoming, Alumni Annual Dinner and the Alumni Annual General Meeting bring together Saint Mary's alumni.

■ Great Insurance Rates

TD Meloche Monnex provides Saint Mary's alumni with preferred rates on auto and home insurance. They can be reached at 1.800.268.8955, in Halifax at 902.420.1112, or on the web at www.melochemonnex.com/smu. We are also partnered with Manulife Financial for great rates on group term life insurance, extended health benefits, critical illness coverage, etc.

■ Discount Program

The Alumni Discount Program is a service of the Alumni Association intended to provide corporate discounts specifically for SMU alumni with a valid Alumni Card. The card is available free of charge from the Alumni Office. For further information on this program, please contact us at 902.420.5420 or visit www.smualumni.ca.

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Alumni Branches

What are Alumni Branches/Chapters?

Branches are where you will find our alumni around the world. They are organized by alumni who elect their own branch executive, and have committees, which organize a variety of events/activities for the alumni who live in their area. There are branches in 30 regions/cities at this time.

Join an Alumni Branch

Branches can always use an extra hand in organizing a social event, or by representing the University at a local function. If you live in an area that has a branch, getting involved is as simple as contacting the branch president or representative or the Alumni Affairs office in Halifax. If you live in an area that does not have a branch, consider starting one.

Alumni Services to the University

Governing the University: alumni help to govern the University. Six members of the Saint Mary's University Alumni Association sit on the University's Board of Governors. Alumni also sit on such committees as the Advisory Board on Athletics & Recreation, Liquor Services Advisory Board and the Advisory Board to the EMBA Program.

Representing the University: alumni represent the University at special functions such as Convocation, Athletics Banquet, Charter Day, Scholarship Receptions, and Send Off Receptions for new students and High School recruitment sessions.

Ambassadors for Saint Mary's University Alumni: simply by speaking well of the University, you become ambassadors for Saint Mary's University. Word-of-mouth endorsements are appreciated, since they enhance the reputation of the University.

Gift of Time and Expertise: many alumni support the University by giving their time and sharing their knowledge and skills. You may be asked, but why not contact the Alumni Affairs Office and tell your Association that you're available.

University Fundraising: alumni are an integral part of the University fundraising, such as the Capital Campaign and the

Annual Giving Campaigns. Both as donors and as leaders in the Saint Mary's University Appeals, alumni have consistently given very generously.

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You can proudly display your degree/diploma through the Saint Mary's University Student Alumni framing service held at both fall & spring Convocations. Just bring your diploma to the kiosk on site at convocation and your degree will be framed in a high quality Canadian made wooden frame complete with a mat emblazoned with the official crest of Saint Mary's University. Degree/diploma frames can also be purchased through the SMU Bookstore by calling 902.420.5562.

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Alumni Services for Students

Student Financial Assistance: Through donations, Saint Mary's University alumni play a considerable role in financially assisting students. Assistance includes bursaries, scholarships and awards.



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SAINT MARY'S UNIVERSITY – THE POWER OF GIVING 2003



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OF TOMORROW ARE
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Left to right:
President Colin Dodds,
Chairman Paul Dyer

On behalf of Saint Mary's University, we are pleased to present the university's first annual donor report.

In 1802, Edmund Burke used his Halifax home as a makeshift school to provide young men with access to higher learning programs that they would otherwise have been denied. From these humble beginnings, Saint Mary's University took root.

Burke probably couldn't have envisioned how Saint Mary's would grow from the seeds he planted. Yet more than 200 years later, Saint Mary's remains true to its mission – to provide access to top-rate post-secondary programs to anyone with the passion to learn.

Every day at Saint Mary's University, expressions of philanthropy – small and large – by our donors, support us in this mission. They also support the life and work of both our students and faculty – today and into the future.

In this report, we have highlighted some unique and significant donations from 2003-04 that we feel best represent the theme of "sowing the seeds."

Whether you have invested in the university's capital needs or student aid, made a gift to the Annual Fund, have advised us of a planned gift, purchased a ticket to the SMU Ultimate Home Lottery, or played an advocacy role for Saint Mary's, you have made a difference for our students. Thank you for your invaluable support.

Yours truly,

Dr. J. Colin Dodds, President

Paul J. Dyer, Chairman, Board of Governors

homburg helps create global citizens

Richard Homburg has always believed that the most successful entrepreneurs succeed by gaining a global perspective.

As a young importer/exporter, Richard created new opportunities and fuelled the growth of his company by moving his business to Canada from his native Netherlands. Today, The Homburg Group is a multi-million dollar international enterprise with offices across Canada, the United States, Europe and Asia.

Eager to share his experience, and provide the students of Saint Mary's with a whole new world of opportunities, Richard has created the Homburg International Mobility Awards. Through his \$1.5 million commitment, Saint Mary's students have the chance to work toward their diploma/degree at one of many post-secondary institutions around the world over the next five years.

Richard wanted to help Saint Mary's students to learn new languages, understand different cultures and develop global perspectives – keys, he believes, to economic growth in this region. In true entrepreneurial fashion, he chose a particularly innovative way of doing just that.



leadership in accessibility

EDUCATION'S PURPOSE IS TO REPLACE AN EMPTY MIND WITH AN OPEN ONE.

Since 1985, Saint Mary's University has been a leader in Canada with a sizeable and well-supported community of learners with disabilities. Through the Atlantic Centre of Research, Access, and Support for Students with Disabilities, Saint Mary's supports hundreds of students with access to counseling, specialized technology and advocacy.

RBC Financial Group "Puts its Money Where its Mouth Is"

Wayne Bossert, Senior Vice-President of RBC Financial Group for the Atlantic Provinces, knows a post-secondary education is a sound investment, but not one that everyone can afford.

That's why RBC decided to provide disabled students with added encouragement and opportunity through a \$400,000 gift from the RBC Foundation to the Atlantic Centre. Wayne was proud to join RBC President and CEO Gordon Nixon for the official announcement of the gift in February.

"Inclusion and diversity are vital in both business and education," he says. "At RBC, we have a number of Atlantic Centre graduates working for us, and each one has made enormous contributions to the company."

The Beaverbrook Canadian Foundation – Focused on Quality of Life

William Maxwell Aitken – better known as Lord Beaverbrook – was said to have had a gift for making a person feel like he was the most important person in the world.

But many Maritimers believe that his greatest gift was the charitable foundation he established in 1960 to improve "the quality of life for future generations."

Recently, the foundation joined with Saint Mary's to help improve the education experience for students with disabilities through the creation of a scholarship fund for disabled students studying at Saint Mary's.

Celebrating the Tenth Anniversary

For a decade, The Coca-Cola Foundation has supported the Atlantic Centre and students with disabilities at Saint Mary's University.

This year, the foundation saw an innovative opportunity to build on this legacy of support. The Atlantic Centre has worked with its technology partner, IBM, to develop a real-time voice-to-text computer application that holds enormous promise for students who need to access lecture material through text in the classroom.

Inspired by the impact this software has had on the learning experience for disabled students at Saint Mary's, the foundation is giving the Atlantic Centre funding to share this technology with universities in Australia and across North America.



All of us are born with the desire to learn. Despite that desire, students with disabilities have not always been encouraged and assisted in their pursuit of post-secondary studies.

seeds of discovery

BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO CAN GIVE WITHOUT REMEMBERING AND TAKE WITHOUT FORGETTING.



We all have heroes. They inspire us, support us when we are in need and they give us the confidence to pursue opportunities.

At Saint Mary's, our students have had the good fortune to receive help and encouragement over the years, particularly through the scholarships these heroes have established.

Here are a few of our heroes: we are delighted to share with you the ways in which they have made a difference in our world.

Fertile Minds

Believing in the benefits of a post-secondary education, Maritimes & Northeast Pipeline is giving energetic young Nova Scotians a taste of university life at Saint Mary's over the next three years.

The company is funding 60 bursaries, that will allow 20 young people (aged 9-16) each year to participate in Saint Mary's Mini-University Program – a two-week summer camp designed to whet their appetites for post-secondary study. Fertile young minds will be engaged in vibrant and fun programs which run the gamut of our offerings, including Arts, Science, Commerce and Physical Education.

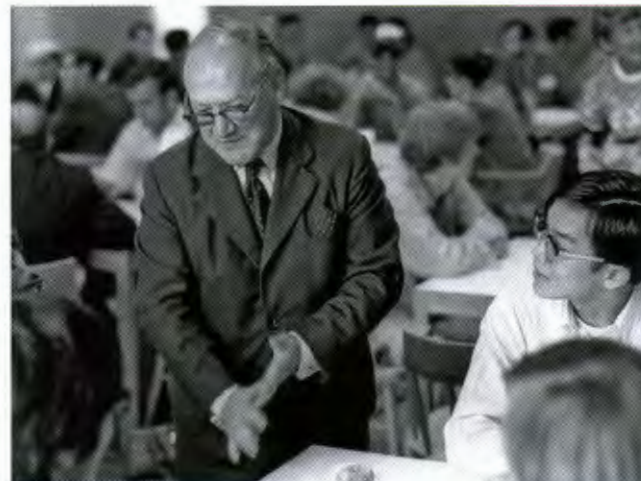
“Mini-University summer camps are a terrific way to get young people excited about learning, and about their future options,” says Saint Mary's University President Dr. Colin Dodds. “At Saint Mary's, we are always open for inquiring minds.”

Honouring a Great Santamarian

When Nova Scotian legend and great Santamarian Dr. Edmund Morris passed away, Dick Maclean (M. A. '65) and A. Garnet Brown (D. Comm. '01), created a lasting legacy at Saint Mary's to honour their friend.

Edmund's enthusiasm for life motivated many of his friends and associates to work harder for our community. He served as an MP, mayor and provincial cabinet minister. Edmund loved the university, where he served as a Vice-President, interim President and volunteer, and received an honorary Doctor of Civil Law degree.

Between them, Garnet and Dick rallied Edmund's friends to create a scholarship fund in his name that will provide assistance to undergraduate political science students. In less than a year, the group has raised their goal of \$100,000.



The late Dr. Edmund Morris



Jim Pineo, circa 1944

Star Goaltender Gives Students a Shot

Once renowned for his ability to block shots, hockey legend Jim Pineo (B. Comm. '44) is giving students with disabilities a better shot at a university education with the creation of a new scholarship.

The former goaltender and team captain of the mighty Saint Mary's Huskies (1940-44), Jim and his wife Myrt committed a life insurance policy to establish the scholarship. Inspired in part by his personal perspective on the challenges facing disabled students, he also wanted to give something back to the university he loves.

Today, the legendary star athlete and Hall of Famer is happy to cheer on Saint Mary's sports teams – particularly his beloved hockey Huskies – supporting them as passionately as he supports students in taking aim at their future goals.



Peter O'Connor and Elizabeth Tuck

A Fresh Take on Tradition

Elizabeth Tuck – wife of Saint Mary's University graduate Peter O'Connor (B. A. '74) – gave her husband a special Christmas gift two years ago. Elizabeth quietly contacted Saint Mary's University and, with an initial gift of \$10,000, surprised him by setting up a scholarship fund in his name. Last year, Elizabeth and her children added another \$10,000 to the fund.

"Peter always talks about Saint Mary's – what a terrific time he had there and what a wonderful foundation it provided him to go on and be successful," says Elizabeth. "He was thrilled with this very special gift. It's a nice tradition to start," Elizabeth says.

An Unexpected Retirement Gift

When someone retires from long and faithful employment or public service, friends and colleagues typically present them with a meaningful gift commemorating many years of good work.

But the Honourable Alan R. Abraham, C. M. (D. C. L.) – a life-long champion of education – was determined to do the giving when he retired from Saint Mary's Board of Governors.

The former Lieutenant Governor and Order of Canada recipient created the \$50,000 endowed scholarship (named for his wife Rose Marie (née Belliveau) Abraham), to support Saint Mary's University students from his beloved District of Clare in his home province of Nova Scotia.



Alan and Rose Marie Abraham with Michelle Hamlin, the first recipient of the Rose Marie (Belliveau) Abraham Scholarship.

Memorializing a Champion of Peace

In her brief life, Yasmin Meherally was a powerful advocate for world peace and justice. As a student at Saint Mary's, she led and mentored International Development Studies students while working towards her masters degree.

To honour her passion, her family and friends established The Yasmin Meherally Research Scholarship for International Women will help prepare women for leadership roles in international development, and to work toward increased peace, justice and equality in their own countries.

Lily Nyakea, an international student, is the first recipient of this new scholarship, which will help her to achieve her MA in International Development Studies.

the power of family tradition

THE TRUE MEANING OF LIFE IS TO PLANT TREES,
UNDER WHOSE SHADE YOU DO NOT EXPECT TO SIT.



Patrick Power – one of the great builders of Saint Mary's University.

(right) Three of Power's six great-great-grandchildren represent the family in carrying on this tradition, as trustees of his estate.



(left to right) Dr. Magi Abdul-Masih, Ellen Donahoe Feehan, Dr. Terry Donahoe and Dr. Paul Bowlby (Chairperson, Religious Studies)

Building on the legacy of support to Saint Mary's University established by their great-great-grandfather Patrick Power, estate trustees Terry and Arthur Donahoe, and Ellen Donahoe Feehan, have made a \$500,000 commitment in support of Religious Studies, the work of the Chaplaincy, and the establishment of a new scholarship at Saint Mary's University.

All proud Santamarians, the Donahoes have been faithful supporters and friends of Saint Mary's over the years. Their generous gift, which supports the department's courses on Christianity and Roman Catholicism, will fund the Associate Professor of Religious Studies, currently held by Dr. Magi Abdul-Masih. It also celebrates Power's considerable passion for the ideals of a Catholic education.

Originally from Ireland, Patrick Power was a highly respected merchant and the first Member of Parliament for Halifax, who left a generous bequest upon his death in 1881 for the founding of a Catholic Institution for Higher Education in Halifax under the Jesuit Fathers.

Since 1972, the Patrick Power estate has donated more than \$1.9 million to Saint Mary's University – a legacy recognized through the naming of the Patrick Power Library in 1976.

On behalf of the trustees Terry Donahoe said, "We're very pleased to make this commitment on behalf of the estate and are confident that Patrick Power would be well satisfied to have a portion of his resources support the study of Christianity generally and Roman Catholicism in particular."

Thanks to the Donahoe family who represent "this generation" of Powers, for helping "this generation" of Saint Mary's University students.



DREAM HOME IS A DREAM-COME-TRUE FOR STUDENT-ATHLETES

A dream home for Jim and Stacey MacDonald is providing Saint Mary's student-athletes with a strong foundation for education.

The MacDonalds were the lucky winners of the \$330,000 SMU '03 Ultimate

Home Lottery, in one of the university's most successful house lottery campaigns.

"The demand and the excitement generated by last year's campaign resulted in tremendous funding for the university's

scholarship awards, giving more students the chance to enjoy the benefits of a university experience and degree," says Karen Oldfield, Chair of the SMU '03 Ultimate Home Lottery Committee.

The committee is now making preparations for the next SMU Ultimate

Home Lottery with details to be announced soon.

we thank you!

We are grateful for the ongoing and generous support of our alumni, faculty, staff, parents, students and friends. Your gifts are important, helping us to maintain the vitality and quality of our academic community, and sowing the seeds for changes which we believe will touch the lives of Nova Scotians, Canadians and our international community. On behalf of everyone at Saint Mary's, thank you for your continued generosity.

Dinah Grace (B. Comm. '91) Volunteer Chair, Saint Mary's Fund Annual Giving

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202 Number of years since Rev. Edmund Burke founded Saint Mary's in 1802

2,400 Number of Saint Mary's alumni who have signed up for an alumni account at www.smualumni.ca

959 Number of international students at Saint Mary's in 2003-04

11.3 Percentage of Saint Mary's student body that were international students last year

84 Number of countries represented by Saint Mary's international students

21:1 Ratio of faculty to students at Saint Mary's

20 Number of Football Huskies who have signed CFL contracts in past 5 years

5 Number of Football Huskies who were playing in the CFL last season

95% Percentage of full-time faculty with doctorate degrees

38 Percentage of Saint Mary's overall budget from government grants

46 Number of years the Saint Mary's University Alumni Association has been around in its current incarnation

21 Number of years it took from the time Saint Mary's went officially co-ed until the Alumni Association had its first woman president (Karen Oldfield in 1989)

1,286 Number of new Saint Mary's graduates in 2003

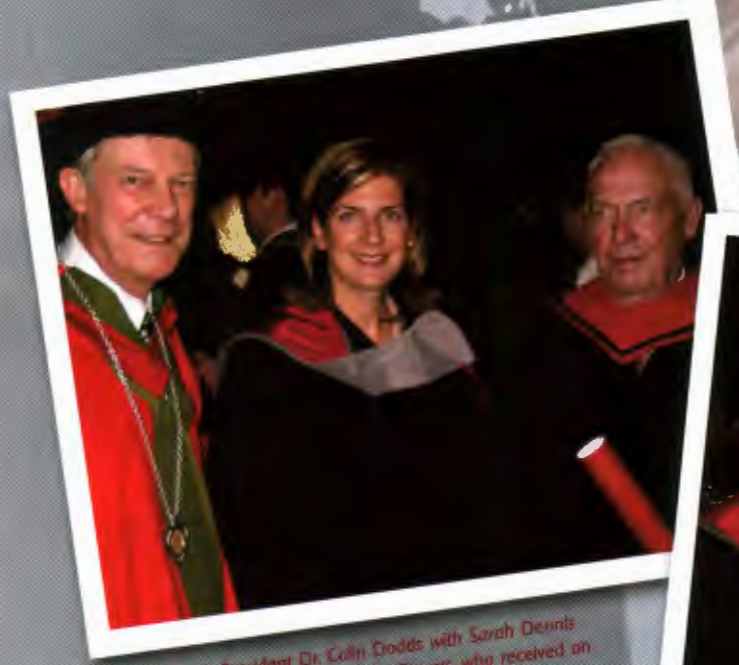
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Graduates depart in convocation recessional



Jordan Leblanc (BComm'04) and Neil Leblanc (BComm'77)



Saint Mary's President Dr. Colin Dodds with Sarah Dennis (MBA'97) and her father, Genhain Dennis, who received an honorary doctorate at this spring's convocation



Marcel Dupupet (BComm'04) and Jonathon Bellot (BComm'04), commerce valedictorian



Saint Mary's University



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Trailer Park Boy



By Shawn Cleary, MBA'97

How exactly does one go from valedictorian to trailer park? Well, if you are Mike Volpe (BA'89), it starts with an honours major in political science, being drafted into the NHL, some time spent in film school, a law degree, and some good connections.

As president of Topsail Entertainment, Volpe is the executive producer of the wildly popular comedy series, *Trailer Park Boys*. In Canada, it airs on Showcase, and is described as a show about love, friends, and family - or, perhaps, it is about everything that can go wrong with love, friends, and family.

The show is shot as a faux documentary - a mockumentary, if you will - and revolves around the residents of the fictitious Sunnyvale Trailer Park, who are base, irreverent, irascible but somehow lovable and eerily familiar. The *Trailer Park Boys* are hard-living, fun-loving, dope-smoking rogues, who spend almost as much time behind bars as they do in the trailer park.

There is a certain irony in a lawyer - an officer of the court - being the executive producer of a show with characters who have such contempt for the law. Actually, "contempt" is not really the right word. The *Trailer Park Boys* have a different perspective on justice and fairness.

Trailer Park Boys started as a short feature film, *One Last Shot*, which debuted in 1998 at the Atlantic Film Festival in Halifax. It was the self-financed brainchild of three friends since high school, Robb Wells, John Paul Tremblay, and Mike Clattenburg, who filmed and directed it.

At the festival, *One Last Shot* earned Clattenburg the best cinematography award and John Dunsworth won best male actor for his initial portrayal of Mr. Lahey. The audience loved it and the three decided to shoot *Trailer Park Boys*, a feature mockumentary.

Actor/producer Barrie Dunn saw the film, loved it, and teamed up with Clattenburg to make a television series. They successfully pitched the idea to Showcase and convinced Mike Volpe to be the executive producer.

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Volpe produces *Trailer Park Boys* with Barrie Dunn and Mike Clattenburg, who also directs and writes for the show. Its' fourth season debuted in Canada on Showcase TV April 11, 2004, and season one premiered on April 15th on BBC America in the United States, reaching an additional 45 million homes.

Volpe is not the sole Santamarian, however, on the set of *Trailer Park Boys*. Actors Robb Wells ("Ricky") and Pat Roach ("Randy") are both commerce grads from the class of 1993.

In addition to co-producing *Trailer Park Boys*, Volpe has produced and co-produced *Rideau Hall*, *Black Harbour*, *The Bette Show*, and *Tough Guys*, among others.



Photo courtesy of Alliance Atlantic

Name: Robb Wells

Degree: BComm'93

TPB Character: Ricky

Notes: Robb hails from Moncton, NB, but moved to Dartmouth when he was eight years old, and eventually moved to a house on the same street as John Paul Tremblay (Julian). In high school, Robb was playing with some of Nova Scotia's best soccer players. They represented Nova Scotia at the Canadian National Championships, and won gold for Canada at the International Tournament in New Jersey.

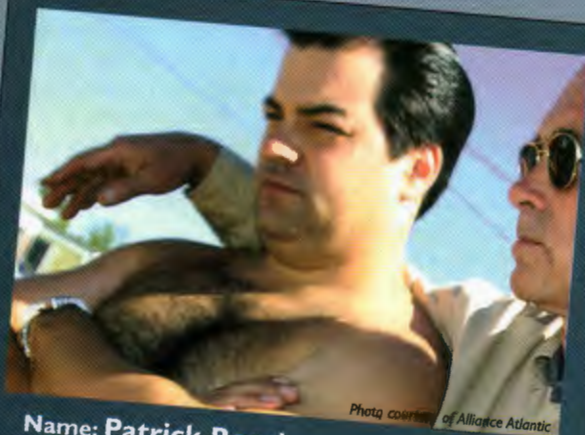


Photo courtesy of Alliance Atlantic

Name: Patrick Roach

Degree: BComm'93

TPB Character: Randy

Notes: Pat was born in Halifax and lives in Lawrencetown, NS. Pat had never acted before he took a role in the Trailer Park Boys movie. He did so well that Mike Clattenburg cast him as Randy, the assistant trailer park supervisor in the series. Besides playing Randy, Patrick is regional sales manager for Sparkling Springs. He takes vacation days during the summer to act in the series. He is married to Candyce and they have two children.

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Raised in Ontario and Nova Scotia, Volpe came to Saint Mary's in 1984 with an entrance scholarship. In 1985, this superb goalie was drafted by the New York Islanders and played several seasons with farm teams in Ontario.

While in Toronto, Volpe thought he would try film school. He concluded he liked films but not film school, and after he injured his shoulder, decided to return to Saint Mary's to finish his degree.

Even with an injured shoulder, Volpe played several more seasons with the Huskies, and was named an Atlantic Universities Hockey Conference all-star and won the Godfrey Trophy for outstanding academic and athletic performance. In addition to making the Dean's list, Volpe was Valedictorian for the graduating class of 1989.

His time at Saint Mary's is cherished and Volpe says there are a few professors that stood out, particularly Ron Landes, Ed McBride, and Don Naulls. He remembers Monroe Eagles fondly as well, since it was in his class he met his wife, Linda Brooks.

After Saint Mary's, Volpe graduated from Dalhousie University's law school and articulated at Stewart McKelvey Stirling Scales (SMSS) with a few other Saint Mary's alumni. When his term was finished, Volpe decided to take a chance and, in 1993, joined Citadel Communications and became the in-house legal counsel for the Citadel group of companies. As he describes it, "I provided legal advice and they provided an education in the entertainment industry."

Volpe was later appointed vice-president of business affairs for the television and film division, and in 1996, became the president of Topsail Entertainment, an award winning, vertically integrated company, engaged in all aspects of the development, production, and distribution of television projects.

Asked about his management philosophy and what has made him successful, Volpe responds a little tongue-in-cheek, "You have to act like a bit of a flake. Don't do everything yourself and see how much slack those around you pick up. Be reliable but not too reliable. If you're too reliable, people will depend on you too much instead of expanding themselves."

Seems to have worked well enough so far.

The show's success has led to the creation and marketing of ancillary products such as season 1 & 2 and season 3 DVD packages as well as an increasingly extensive line of merchandise at which can be viewed at www.trailerparkboys.com

Charting New Territory with Boating Business

Captain Brian Donovan has made it his job to make the experience of owning a boat as hassle-free as possible. Premier Marine Services provides complete care of your vessel so that all you have to do is show up, turn the key and set sail, knowing that everything else has been taken care of by Donovan and his team of boating experts.

Donovan's life actually took a very different path before he turned his love of boats into a full-time profession. "In the summer of 1971, I was planning on going out west to Vancouver with a friend to seek our fortunes," he says. But then he discovered his mother had enrolled him in classes at Saint Mary's and that he was to be in Halifax the following Monday to begin classes. He initially chose arts but a neighbor of his in residence recommended an accounting course and soon after he switched to a major in commerce.

He graduated in 1975 and worked as an auditor for a few years before joining Xerox in their sales department and relocating to St. John's, Newfoundland. He returned to Halifax to work in sales with a Canadian winery before transferring to Labatt's where he remained for the next 17 years. He eventually went to work for SYSCO foods as their business development manager.

When he returned from Newfoundland in 1979, he had a friend with a property on Halifax's North West Arm with a mooring which prompted Donovan to buy his first boat - a small sailboat. One boat led to another. Over the years he took a number of navigation courses and developed an interest in boat mechanics. When he left his position with SYSCO foods, he was also in the process of completing his Transport Canada 60 Ton Masters certificate, which qualified him to operate boats up to 60 tons within Canadian waters.

Four boats later, he decided to turn his hobby into a career and launched a new business in the summer of 2003.

Over time he had noticed a need for professional marine trade and other services for boat owners in the Halifax area, both local and visiting. After conducting an informal market survey, "I decided that the time was right to bring this full service to Halifax," says Donovan. He says that many boating regions in the United States have companies that offer similar services but not many offer full "turn-key" management programs like his company.

When he began setting up his company, Premier Marine Services, he was surprised by the number of Saint Mary's alumni he would work with along the way. "There were a number of Santamarians who assisted me professionally in the start-up," he says. While working on his Captain papers, he was coached by fellow alumnus Robert Gillis, BA'70, BEd'71, MA'92. It was Randy Brooks, BA'76, from the Nova Scotia Department of Tourism, who supplied him with the necessary tourism numbers and had his staff prepared shore kits for visiting boats. Chris Garner, BA'75, arranged for all his banking needs through the Scotiabank.

The company's stationery and printing needs were all provided by Meridian Communications owned by Tim Westhaver, BA'80. He purchased a new van for his company from Bill Brown, BComm'71, at Steele Chrysler and Richard Bishop, BComm'73, BEd'75, provided him with insurance through his company. And finally, Tom Sancton, BComm'75, owner of S. Norman Sancton & Son Ltd., along with his nephew Matthew Sancton, BComm'95, provided equipment advice and sales.



Capt. Eric Naranjo, Boat's skipper, Bob Shaw, Premier Marine Services crew member and Captain Brian Donovan, owner of Premier Marine Services, in the Gulf of Maine on route to Norfolk, Virginia in Sept. 2003

Having the opportunity to do business with fellow Santamarians was very rewarding and satisfying for Donovan. "In the process of setting up my company there were many challenges along the way. I felt that in dealing with fellow Saint Mary's alumni that there was a trust between us so I was able to leave the request for a product or service in their hands knowing that it would be taken care of allowing me to move on to other tasks."

Premier Marine Services is conveniently located on the North West Arm in Halifax only minutes from many of the area's local yacht clubs and private marinas.

"Owning a boat is a large investment," says Donovan, "an investment that requires care and attention in order to ensure a safe and enjoyable boating experience while maintaining your boat's value." Boat owners may not have the time or the skills to maintain their boats, so Donovan and his team design a flexible and personalized plan tailored to suit every boat owner's situation. What makes his company unique is that they don't specialize in just one area of the industry but rather total customer service and satisfaction from servicing and refits to cleaning and maintenance.

Some of the services they offer include berth maintenance, cleaning service, concierge/valet service, dockside maintenance, equipment orientation and pre-purchase advice, training, re-fueling, trip planning and winter lay-up to name just a few. Donovan also services visiting boat owners from around the world. Some of the services visitors are interested in are providing captains and crews, concierge service - for events in Atlantic Canada (golf, theatre, cultural events), deliveries, escorted trips to points of interest, security, valet service - provisioning, food and beverages, floral, pet care, medical and yacht sitting.

For more information, go to www.premiermarineservices.com

A Little Piece of PARADISE on Province's South Shore

Driving along Nova Scotia's South Shore on a wintry day a few years ago, Johanna Verhagen and Brian Johnson came across an abandoned old property with a series of dilapidated cottages overlooking St. Margaret's Bay. But the young couple saw something in the property that no one else had seen in over 20 years, when it was last occupied. What they saw caused them to pull over on the side of the road and make their way through waist-high snow to the property's shoreline. They looked out at the Bay, back at



the cottages and then at each other: "We have to have this property," they both said.

In June 2002, they officially opened the Pilot House Café & Cottages magically transforming the derelict property into a picturesque retreat with a breathtaking view.

Johnson and Verhagen first met at a Saint Mary's football game when a mutual friend introduced them. Johnson studied sociology and had played for the Huskies' football squad before graduating in 1993. Verhagen studied commerce at Saint Mary's and graduated in 1999. They shared a common interest in purchasing old buildings and then restoring them to their original grandeur. The couple restored some old buildings in central Halifax before turning their attention to properties outside the city and making their wintry day's discovery on St. Margaret's Bay.

With their hearts set on reviving the neglected property into a gorgeous retreat overlooking the ocean, "the process of research, approvals, development permits, building permits, months and months of research, business planning, government approvals and so on all began," says Johnson. The construction phase lasted 10 months with a summer opening in 2002.

While conducting months of extensive research on the local tourism industry, they discovered the most valuable knowledge came from those in the business themselves.

The Pilot House Café & Cottages is now a seaside retreat located on the popular Lighthouse Route where guests wake up to the sounds of the glistening Bay waters. Located at 7532 St. Margaret's Bay Road in Boutlier's Point, each nautical style cottage has a panoramic view of the Bay. There are five newly built cottages and a cozy Maritime café. Each cottage has a full sized kitchen, living room, four piece bath, queen/double size beds, propane stove, deck and barbeque. One cottage features a honeymoon suite with a relaxing Jacuzzi tub. The cottages are open year-round.

The café offers a full menu for guests and local visitors. Patrons can choose from a variety of homemade breads, seafood chowder, soups, homemade sandwiches, salads, pizzas, dinner specials, deserts and many blends of coffee.

"Our first summer was very successful and surpassed all of our projections," says Johnson. "We saw a slight dip in the summer of 2003 because of all the world events ... summer 2004 is looking to be a promising year."

Johnson and Verhagen are thankful for all the support they have received from the local community. "The local support has allowed us to become a year-round destination," says Johnson. "Being only 30 minutes from Halifax, it allows people from the city a quick getaway to a piece of paradise."

They were searching for a name that fit with the seafaring lifestyle of the local area and thought a nautical name would best capture the essence of their "piece of paradise". While on an internet search, they came across Pilot House which means: the house of structure that protects the captain of a boat from the elements and "knew instantly that this name was what we stood for," says Johnson.

As for advice to other young entrepreneurs, Johnson has this to say: "when going for your dreams, proceed with determination and drive. Never lose sight of your vision and your dream; always pick yourself up when you get knocked down and you will succeed."

For more information, visit their website at:
www.pilothousecottages.com



Sport Hall of Fame and Heritage Centre Celebrates Milestone



In celebration of Saint Mary's rich tradition of sport and recreation, the Sport Hall of Fame and Heritage Centre was founded in 1995 to recognize those individuals, teams and builders who have made a significant contribution to the school's athletic program and

as a result have enhanced the image and reputation of the University.

On October 14, 1995 over 100 people gathered at the Courtside Lounge in the Tower for the induction of the first members into the University's Sport Hall of Fame. Acting Director of Athletics and Recreation at the time, Larry Uteck, made the following remarks: "Saint Mary's is a unique institution, in the Jesuit tradition of keeping a sound mind and body. They've always been proud of their athletic accomplishments, not self-conscious, and viewed it as just an extension of the classroom."

Each fall since, students, alumni, family and friends have gathered in the Tower on Homecoming Weekend to honor a new group of inductees. This October, the Sport Hall of Fame and Heritage Centre will observe its tenth birthday and the Hall of Fame's steering committee have developed a program to celebrate the milestone as well as this year's inductees. Special invitations are being sent to former inductees and many are expected to attend. There will be displays of previous inductions and a video presentation. A pictorial history of 30 years of women in sports at Saint Mary's will be featured.

The festivities will begin late afternoon, Friday, October 15, and will wrap up with a reception prior to the Homecoming football game at 7pm in our stadium. Everyone is welcome. More details will be announced in the months ahead.



▲ Boys Basketball

3 sessions, July & August
Ages 7 - 16
+ Coed Tots Camp, ages 5 - 10

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3 sessions, July & August
Ages 7 - 16
+ Coed Tots Camp, ages 5 - 10
and Evening Elite Camp

▲ Boys Hockey

4 weeks, August, ages 5 - 14
Skill Development/Speciality
& Training Camps
Evening Summer League

▲ Girls Hockey

One session (July 26-30), ages 5 - 13
+ goalie camp and Summer League

▲ Football

3 - four day camps, ages 6 - 18
contact and non-contact camps
+ high performance camp

▲ Girls Volleyball

One session (Aug. 23-27)
Ages 11 - 18

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Call for Nominations

Take the time to recognize the contributions and achievements of a fellow alumni or a member of the Saint Mary's community by nominating them for one of the following distinguished awards granted annually by the Saint Mary's University Alumni Association:

Distinguished Community Service Award

This award is presented by the Saint Mary's University Alumni Association to the individual who has made an outstanding achievement and/ or contribution in one of the following areas:

1. in the community
2. to Saint Mary's University
3. in their field of study

Father William A. Stewart Medal for Teaching

The Reverend William A. Stewart, S.J., Medal for Excellence in Teaching was established in 1983 by the Alumni Association and the Saint Mary's University Faculty Union. A Gold medal and monetary award is presented to the winner of this coveted award.

Associate Membership

Associate Membership to the Saint Mary's University Alumni Association is given to those individuals who have rendered significant service to Saint Mary's University and are not alumni of the University.

Alumni Volunteer Awards

The Alumni Volunteer Award (s) is granted to individuals who have provided outstanding service to the Saint Mary's University Alumni Association on a voluntary basis. The individuals recognized with the Alumni Association Award are inspirations to Saint Mary's University and its Alumni Association.

For guidelines and more information about how to nominate an individual for an award, as well as deadline information, please visit the Saint Mary's University website at www.smualumni.ca or contact the Alumni Office at (902) 420-5420 or toll-free at 1 800 SMU ALUM.

An Interview with **LORENZ FRIEDLAENDER**

SAINT MARY'S ALUMNUS Lorenz Friedlaender was appointed Ambassador to Sweden in 2003 after an extensive career and several foreign postings with Canada's federal government. Born in Switzerland, he spent much of his formative years living in Halifax and was admitted to Saint Mary's in September, 1962 at the tender age of 14. He is a graduate of Saint Mary's High School and graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree, *summa cum laude*, in 1965 and was the recipient of the Governor General's Silver Medal. His wife is from Ontario and they have three children, two of whom are studying at Canadian universities.

What are your Halifax roots?

I was born in Switzerland, spent some time in Africa and arrived in Halifax at age nine, when my father came to Dalhousie University to be the head of the Geology department. We moved into a big old house on Tower Road, now a heritage property, and my brother and I soon covered much of Halifax on our bikes. Point Pleasant Park and the Port were our favorites.

How did you choose to attend Saint Mary's?

After a few years at Tower Road School, my parents moved me to the Halifax Grammar School, then in its second year of existence. In those days, it was on the same block as our house. I don't know why they then decided that I should go to St. Mary's High School. A friend who taught at SMU, the late Mildred Harrington, may have played a role. Anyway, I did go there and went into Grade 11. Moving on to SMU was the next step.

You were admitted to the University at the age of 14 – how did this happen and what impact did it have on you?

Somehow, going through all these different schools led to skipping quite a few grades, and I started university very young. Looking back, I realize just how hard it was to be so much younger than all the other students. Not academically, but in terms of the many experiences others had and that I missed.

What memories do you have of your days at Saint Mary's?

My memories include vivid recollections of some of my professors and fellow students, university events, friends, games, and perhaps most clearly the feeling in the halls when we heard that President Kennedy had been shot. At first, no-one would believe it. Slowly, we realized that it was true.

Saint Mary's was a small school with a mostly male student body from the Atlantic Provinces, New England, the Caribbean and Hong Kong. The Jesuit Fathers played a big role, the Huskies were important for the school spirit, and cards for some books in the library bore the sinister stamp "INDEX", meaning that access was restricted by Church authorities. When I went back most recently a couple of years ago, the growth of the campus, the number and gender of faculty and students and the facilities now available, made it hard to believe that this was the same university.

With about 20 moves since those days, I have pretty much lost touch with my friends from college, apart from one person who moved to the Annapolis Valley years ago and has kept in touch. It would be great to hear from people who knew me.

You began working in foreign affairs and trade in 1971 - what was your first job like?

My first job (I am now on my 20th) was a six week assignment in the Office of Protocol, where I helped out on official visits. The other new officers all thought this was bad luck, but I learned things there that have been useful ever since. So what is seen as an unglamorous assignment isn't always a waste of time.

Your work has taken you all over the world - what has this experience been like?

Seeing and above all living in many different countries can give you insights into other ways of looking at the world and at life itself. It is an enriching experience. There is a diversity out there that I wouldn't have wanted to miss. The diplomatic profession sometimes gives you privileged access to people, places and experiences. At the same time, this life has drawbacks. The frequent uprooting that you go through, the

moves and the disruptions to habits and relationships, can be difficult. One of the real concerns is that children can be deprived of a feeling of belonging and miss a sense of their roots.

What has been your favorite posting?

If I had to choose, it would be Brussels from 1988 to 1991. The family was happiest there, and our youngest son's birth there was our greatest moment abroad. Mind you, I have no complaints about my other postings. They all had their good points.

Have you always been interested in working abroad and how did the interest develop?

If you believe in chance, then I am in this profession by chance. I was walking down the corridor at Dalhousie one day when I happened to stop beside a poster announcing that Public Service exams, including for the Foreign Service, were being held - that evening. I had no other plans that night, so I went and took the exams. Once I actually started, it's not that I decided to stay; rather, for a long time, it never occurred to me to leave. When you entered into that kind of work back then, it was quite normal to stay with it. Nowadays, there is much greater job mobility.

What are your impressions of Sweden so far?

Sweden, like Canada, is an advanced, northern country that enjoys a high standard of living and where people are attached to nature, keen on hockey and sensitive to environmental issues. It is also a society that faces the problems posed by an ageing population, a fairly low birth-rate, and rising demands on the health care system. Just looking around in the countryside, some scenes in Sweden often look very much like parts of Canada, including Nova Scotia. It's easy to feel at home here.

What relationship does Canada have with Sweden?

Canada's relationship with Sweden is marked by shared challenges at home and, in many instances, a similar approach to international issues, including for example those related to trade and development. We are often described

as like-minded. Canada enjoys a positive image in Sweden, and as you know Sweden is liked and admired in Canada. The fact that three of Canada's six NHL teams have Swedish captains says something, too.

What role(s) do embassies play in today's world?

Embassies are there to connect governments on a day-to-day basis, and to serve interests in areas ranging from attracting investment to helping citizens who get into trouble. They promote their country with the government, parliamentary, business, military, academic, NGO and other communities and they respond to a multitude of special requests. It's a pretty wide-ranging mandate.

Do you ever fear for your safety or that of your family's especially since the events of 9/11?

Security is a concern wherever you live. In some places and at some times, my family and I have faced risks that are different than those that occur in Canada. It's something that is always on your mind, but it doesn't usually need to be the first concern.

The vulnerability of North America to terrorism that the September 11 attacks made plain has changed the way the Canadian government approaches a number of significant issues, not only in our relationship with the United States but also multilaterally. The same is true for many other countries. Because the United States was hit hard and reacted with a comprehensive response, the international environment has changed for everyone.

How long will your stay be in Sweden and what is next for you?

The normal term for my stay in Sweden is four years. I am not sure what comes next, but in the meantime I look forward to the time in Stockholm.



Canada has diplomatic and consular offices in over 270 locations in approximately 180 foreign countries. These offices provide a variety of services. The offices include embassies, high commissions, permanent missions, consulates general, consulates, consulates headed by honorary consuls, and offices.

To send greetings to Mr. Friedlaender in Sweden or to find out more about Canada's role in Sweden, visit the Embassy's website at <http://www.canadaemb.se/>

Interview With Our Alumni President



This space is usually reserved for a message from the president of the Saint Mary's University Alumni Association. We thought we would try something a little different this time. Below, you will find excerpts from an interview with alumni president Wendy Brookhouse. We hope this helps grab the attention of some people who pass right over the "standard message" from the alumni president. As well, this might give readers a little more insight into our president.

MW: Why did you decide to attend Saint Mary's University?

WENDY: I wanted to go to Saint Mary's because it was the best place to study business in Atlantic Canada. In fact, it was the only school I had applied to, so it was a good thing that I got in. When it came to doing my MBA, I decided on the executive program at Saint Mary's because it allowed me to continue to work full-time and finish the program in a normal time frame. I also liked the fact that everyone who was in the program had worked a minimum of five years, which made for some lively discussions.

MW: What do you remember most about studying at Saint Mary's?

WENDY: My time at Saint Mary's was a busy time. I worked between 20 and 30 hours a week, served on the Board of Governors, and played almost every intramural sport available. I enjoyed the studies and meeting such great people, many of whom I still count as friends today.

MW: Did you have a favourite or most enjoyable professor or class?

WENDY: When I did my Bachelor of Commerce, Dr. Terry Wagar stands out in my mind as an exceptional professor. He was able to

make classes interesting and had a great way of involving students. I think he knows something about everything and had a great rapport with students.

MW: What was your first job following your degree at Saint Mary's?

WENDY: I graduated from Saint Mary's the first time in 1991, and unfortunately, this was not a great time to come out into the job market. I did a lot of temporary work until I started at Credit Union Atlantic.

MW: You now have your own business, what do you most enjoy about this?

WENDY: I enjoy having the ability to plan my own work day. Being as busy as I am, that means I am working a lot of the time. However, I know that the rewards are going to reflect the work that I put in.

MW: What would you like see Saint Mary's offering alumni in the future?

WENDY: I would like to see Saint Mary's to continue on its current path of continuing to involve alumni through outreach events and regular communication. Saint Mary's continues to evolve and change with the publics it serves and alumni can and should have a role to contribute to the University.

As well as being president of the alumni association, Wendy Brookhouse, BComm'91, MBA'02, owns a marketing consulting business, Creative Intelligence Group, and has recently become involved in the UV Free Tanning business through TanRight, and a distribution business in Alberta.

President's Road Show 2004

Throughout 2004, Dr. Colin Dodds, president of Saint Mary's, and a team of representatives from the University, including a crew from the Alumni Affairs Office, are traveling throughout the Maritime Provinces as part of the popular President's Road Show.

They will make a series of stops in various towns and cities where they will meet with alumni and prospective students. Their goal is to re-connect with alumni and have alumni share their experiences at Saint Mary's with prospective students from their area. Dr. Dodds will deliver a presentation on the future of Saint Mary's at each stop and a reception will follow.

The road show was introduced in 2002 to help celebrate the University's 200th anniversary.

This year's schedule includes the following stops:

- Fredericton: March 26
- St. John's: May 7
- Truro: April 21
- Saint John: June 3
- Sydney: April 30
- Charlottetown: June 4

Fall road show visits include the following stops with dates to be determined (visit the Saint Mary's website at www.smualumni.ca for more information.)

- Moncton
- Bridgewater
- Stellarton
- Yarmouth
- Annapolis Valley

The Belles of Saint Mary's



The youngest and oldest grad at the 2nd Annual Belles of Saint Mary's reception: Danielle Hotchkiss (BComm,02) and Vera Stone (BA,69) This past February, the second Belles

of Saint Mary's reunion took place in the Sobeys Building lounge with over 50 people in attendance, following a very successful reunion the previous year to celebrate the University's bicentennial year.

The Belles welcomed Saint Mary's President Dr. Colin Dodds, who addressed the crowd with his vision for the future of the University. The hard-working organizing committee was co-chaired by Carol Dodds and Louise Stringer-Warren. Another Belles event is already being considered for 2005.

Dates to Remember:

Alumni Family Picnic
September 12

Huskey Howl Golf Tournament (Ottawa)
August 9

Alumni Weekend & Homecoming 2004
October 14-16

Saint Mary's Alumni Golf Tournament
August 26

SMU Xmas Brunch



Alumni & friends at the Ottawa Branch Annual Christmas Lobster Brunch.

Ottawa Chinese New Year



Saint Mary's alumni at the Inter-university Capital Alumni Network Chinese New Year celebration in Ottawa

David Griffin, MBA'00, and guests at the Inter-university Capital Alumni Network Chinese New Year celebration in Ottawa



Alumni in Turkey



Alta Senkaya, BSc,83, and his wife Ayten and niece Sinem recently met with Monica Wood, Saint Mary's director of recruitment in Ankara, Turkey during a recruitment visit.

2003 Vanier Cup pre-game gathering in Toronto

At right: Dinah Grace, BComm'91, annual fund chair, David Grace, SMU Board of Governors, Wendy Brookhouse, BComm'91, MBA'02, alumni president, Richard MacLean, BA'90, alumni executive member, and Eva Hoare



At left: Colin Dodds, president of SMU; Jamie Muir, NS Education Minister, Yvonne Keith, Jack Keith, HonDComm'98, Carol MacLean, Dick MacLean, MA'61, and Carol Dodds, MEd'90



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1948 **40s**
Gerald Mader, BSc, and his wife Grace recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with friends and family. Gerald and Grace were married on September 15, 1953, and 50 years later, they have six children, 17 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

1958 **50s**
Frank Gervais, DEng, recently obtained an APENS honorary life membership. He has dedicated his career to education namely as a civil engineering professor at Dalhousie's Faculty of Engineering and its predecessor institutions. Frank retired in 1994 but is still teaching as an adjunct professor at the University. His sport of choice is sailing, which he has been actively involved in for almost 60 years as both a competitor and a race organizer.

1963 **60s**
Fred R. MacGillivray, has been appointed chair of the Atlantic Blue Cross Care Board of Directors. He is president and CEO of Trade Centre Limited in Halifax. He holds an honorary Doctor of Laws degree from St. Thomas University and has received numerous awards including the Canadians for Progress and the Atlantic Canada Plus Distinguished Service Award. Fred is the recipient of the Saint Mary's University Alumni Association Distinguished Community Service Award. He has served on boards of numerous institutions including the Art Gallery of Nova Scotia and Atlantic Blue Cross Care.

1965
Aileen Carroll (nee O'Leary), BA, was recently sworn in as the Federal Minister for International Cooperation. Before this appointment, Aileen, the MP for Barrie-Simcoe-Bradford, served as the parliamentary secretary to the Hon. Bill Graham, Minister of Foreign Affairs. In 1962, six years before the University officially became co-ed, Aileen was granted permission to enroll in Saint Mary's Bachelor of Arts program to study political science. In her senior year, Aileen became the first woman on the Saint Mary's student council. She has close family ties to Saint Mary's, her brother, sister, father and uncle all attended the University. Aileen's husband Kevin is also a

1965 graduate of Saint Mary's. Their son Daniel recently graduated from Saint Mary's where he served as president of the Commerce Society and was class valedictorian.

1971 **70s**
Terry Mercer, BA, is national director of the Liberal Party of Nova Scotia. He was recently named to the Senate by former Prime Minister Jean Chretien. In the 1970s he was aide to the Labor Minister in Pierre Trudeau's government. In Halifax, Terry worked with the Nova Scotia Lung Association, St. John Ambulance and the Kidney Foundation of Canada. In the late 1980s, he was vice-president of financial development with the YMCA of Greater Toronto.

1974
Geraldine A. Janes, BA, is personal lines broker for B.H. Morash Agencies. She obtained her Chartered Insurance Professional designation in 1993. Gerry has an extensive background in insurance. Gerry is fluent in both English and French. She resides in Lake Echo with her husband Brian and their three children. At home, Gerry enjoys her extended feline family, loves to read and is a big fan of the Nascar Racing.

1979
Steven Snider, BComm, is CEO and manager of the Macdonald & MacKay Bridge Commission, Halifax. He is the only Canadian member appointed to the Board of Directors of the International Bridge Tunnel and Turnpike Association. Steven's management career began with National Sea Products after earning a commerce degree from Saint Mary's. After two years managing the Louisburg processing plant, Steven became general manager of the Cape Breton Regional Transit Authority.

1982 **80s**
Darrell Jessome, BComm, CA, CMA, recently opened a new accounting practice office in Lower Sackville, NS. He serves as vice chair and board member for the St. Margaret's Community Centre and is currently chair of the community/small business fundraising campaign for the new expansion. Darrell also serves as a member of the finance committee of Soccer

Nova Scotia. Darrell lives in Hammonds Plains with his wife Pam and their four sons, Ben, Jon, Nic and Matthew.

1984
Zeda Redden, BComm, CMA, is treasurer for Emera Inc. In her new role she will focus on accessing debt and equity markets and maintaining banking, investment banking, and bond rating relationships for Emera and Nova Scotia Power. Zeda's previous positions were as general manager finance and corporate controller for Nova Scotia Power and Emera. Zeda has served on the Board of Governors of Saint Mary's University and currently sits as treasurer for the Atlantic Chapter of the Canadian Breast Cancer Foundation.

1985
Rick Steeves, BComm, is a sergeant with the integrated market enforcement team of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police. He has been a member of the RCMP for over 18 years, serving at detachments in Saskatchewan and the NWT. In 1998, Rick transferred to the Toronto North detachment's commercial crime section. He has spent the last five years investigating counterfeiting offences dealing with both Canadian and American currency as well as credit/debit card fraud. He was in a position at Toronto North Detachment created for the purpose of dealing with Identity Theft. Steve is currently a full member of the International Association of Financial Crimes Investigators. Rick and his wife have two sons that keep them busy.



Chris Yetman, BComm, is national retail manager for Abbott Laboratories responsible for management of the total Canadian retail sales force. Chris and his wife Susan have three children, Mitchell, 9, Cameron 5, and Laura 2. You can email him at chris.yetman@abbott.com

1985
Charlene Nivet (nee Serrao), BA, has been married to Jose Nivet for 17 years as of this June. They have three children, Cathrine (14), Jonathan (13) and Joseph (8).

1987
Rob O'Brien, BEd, attended L'Universite Sainte Anne for a year of French immersion after graduating with a BEd from Saint Mary's. Rob accepted a teaching post in Wemindji, James Bay, Quebec, before becoming director of an aboriginal academic group in Ottawa. While in Ottawa, Rob completed his MEd in educational counseling. Rob, his wife Donna and their two children Laura, 10, and Patrick, 6, now reside in Fort McMurray, Alberta. He is employed as a guidance counselor at Ft. McMurray Composite High School. Rob would like to hear from all of his BEd'87 classmates. You can contact Rob by email at georgeo@fmprsd.ab.ca or rdobrien@shaw.ca.

1989
Douglas A. Oxner, BComm, is portfolio manager for RBC Investments, RBC Dominion Securities in Halifax. As portfolio manager he focuses on providing discretionary management of individual and institutional portfolios under the RBC Dominion securities.

1992 **90s**
Matt Whitman, BA, is Atlantic representative with international publisher Thomson Carswell, after 10 years in the investment and communication sectors. He is chairman of the 5th Annual Atlantivex Charity Fun Run, past president and founder of the Halifax Junior Chamber, and he is active with Junior Achievement. Matt and his wife Cathy have two children. In his spare time, Matt competes locally and abroad in triathlons and marathons. He can be reached at matt.whitman@thomson.com

1992
Chris Chabassol, BComm, is higher education client manager for IBM. He has worked with IBM for the past seven years in both client manager and business partner manager roles across Atlantic Canada.

1994

Wanda G. Leese, BComm, CA, is senior manager for WBLI Chartered Accountants. She obtained her CA designation in 1997. Wanda has nine years of public practice experience, focusing on assurance and business advisory services for owner-managed businesses and not-for-profit associations. Wanda is an active member of her profession and her community, and is currently serving on the Professional Standards Committee of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Nova Scotia. She is a native of Westville, and now resides in Lantz with her husband Todd Pellerine and their two children, Noah and Abby.

1996

Jeff MacDonald, BComm, is marketing manager at Marquette Bank in Chicago. He and his wife Lori just bought a home in Lemont, Illinois and celebrated six years of marriage in October 2003. Lori is a compensation consultant for International Truck & Engine Company in Warrenville, Illinois.

1997

Krysta L. Adamski, BComm, CA, is tax manager with the firm of WBLI Chartered Accountants. She obtained her CA designation in 2000. Krysta has six years of public practice experience. After four years in the assurance services department at WBLI, she joined the tax group. Krysta completed the CICA-in-Depth Tax Course in 2003.

She has served on the board of Greater Halifax Junior Chamber for the past two years. Krysta and her husband Peter reside in Lower Sackville, NS.

1999

Jason McQuaid, BComm, is an associate for the firm Merrick & Holm Barristers and Solicitors. He was called to the Nova Scotia Bar in June 2003. Jason received his law degree from the University of New Brunswick in 2002. He is practicing in the area of litigation with a focus on labor and employment law.

2000

Faisal Al-Hajri, BA, is studying his Masters in Economics at the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, and is expected to graduate in May 2004. He received the Fulbright Scholarship in 2003. After graduating from Saint Mary's, he returned home and worked as an assistant lecturer at Higher College of Technology. He and his wife Raya have two children Awwab and Aya.

00s

2001

Chris Mosher, BComm, is in sales with Labatts' specialty beers since 2000.

2002



Renee Banfield, BEd, married Justin Hussey in Labrador City, Newfoundland.

2003

Sung Lee, BComm, has successfully passed the CPA exams. He earned the highest marks in the State of Michigan and will be awarded the prestigious Prof. R.A. Paton Award in May. Sung is currently enrolled in the University of Waterloo's Masters of Accountancy program.

MBA

Terrence (Casey) Lynch, EMBA'93, has a career spanning 27 years in the international marketplace, the past six years as president of Wilbur-Ellis Company, Australia and New Zealand. Casey has established an international consulting business in Australia. Lynch & Associates Pty Ltd. specializes in the identification, evaluation and promotion of business opportunities between North American, Asian and Australian/New Zealand organizations. He can be contacted by email at: gclynch@bigpond.net.au

Congratulations!

The Saint Mary's University Alumni Association would like to congratulate the following alumni on obtaining the Certified Management Accountants designation. They join 45,000 members

across Canada who combine accounting expertise with advanced management skills to achieve business success:

James E. Davis, CMA, BComm'92, Bermuda administrator, Westmeath Rest Home

Tanya L. Harrietha, CMA, BComm'99, assistant controller, Pacrim Hospitality Services Inc.

Brian R. Horne, CMA, BComm'96, Halifax.

Colin J. MacLean, CMA, MBA'91, associate professor, Dalhousie University

James A. MacDougall, CMA, BComm'98, senior accountant, Canjam Trading Ltd.

Lorna S. MacPhee, CMA, MBA'02, office manager, North End Community Health Centre.

Nancy A. Rideout, CMA, BComm'98, corporate controller, Steele Auto Group.

Wilberdien Robinson, CMA, MBA'96, general manager, Nova Scotia Postal Employees Credit Union.

Surrounded By SANTAMARIANS



In addition to being alumni themselves, Damian Byrne, chief executive officer, and Bruce Keith, chief operations officer, of Landmark Hospitality Group are surrounded by Santamarians.

Tanya Braine (BComm'95) is Landmark's CFO and Donica Poirier (BA'92) is responsible for promotions and special events.

Over the years, Damian estimates that many dozens, if not hundreds, of Saint Mary's students have worked at their establishments and he admits they have a soft spot for hiring student athletes. Not surprising since both Damian and Bruce played sports while studying at Saint Mary's.

In addition to being surrounded by Santamarians at work, Damian has a few alumni in his family. His father, Michael Byrne, of Byrne Architects Inc., graduated from the Saint Mary's high school in 1954. Damian's sister, Shannon, president and CEO of Para-Data Systems Inc. in BC, graduated with a Bachelor of Commerce ('89) and a Bachelor of Science ('92).

In 1993, Bruce and Damian bought the Split Crow on Granville Street in Halifax. In 10 short years, their portfolio has grown to

include Peddlers' Pub, O'Carroll's, John Shippey's Brewing Company, Brisket Boardwalk Deli, Dr. Sharp's Route 2 Roadhouse, Landmark Catering, and the most recent edition, Ryan Duffy's Steak & Seafood.

"We actually first met when we were both members of the Boy Scout troop, 36th Halifax, many, many years ago," says Keith. "He was the older, cooler kid and I was the younger dweeb." In a playful shot at Byrne, Keith says, "It's funny how roles get reversed."

When asked about their formula for success, they offer the following: "We both have different and opposite skill sets," says Byrne. "I get bored easily and like to work on the deals. Bruce has a head for the day-to-day operations of the business. We learned early on to do what we do best, and we have an enormous amount of trust in each other."

The second key success factor is L.U.C.K., which stands for Labouring Under Correct Knowledge. He admits he ripped it off from somewhere but it really does capture the essence of their success to-date.

They both have fond memories of studying at Saint Mary's. While students, they admit they didn't get along as famously as they do now. "Bruce was a rugby player and on the campus security," remembers Byrne. "I was a rowdy football player. Need I say more?"

Susan A. Sliming, CMA, BComm'98, financial analyst, Public Works & Government Services Canada.

Congratulations to the following on successfully completing the Canadian Institute of Chartered Accountants' Uniform Final Examinations.

Julie Young, BComm'02. Julie joined WBLI chartered accountants in 2002.

Angela Cushing, BComm'01. Angela is with PricewaterhouseCoopers.

Robert Bourgeois, BComm'01, CA, and Eileen Hogan, BComm'02, CA. Robert and Eileen are with KPMG.

Elizabeth Mazerolle, BComm'02

Ryan Tilley, BComm'01

Trevor Magarvey, BComm'01

BIRTHS

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

Mark Coady, BSc'86, DipEng'86, and his wife Carrie (nee Cash) are pleased to announce the birth of their son, Liam Andrew McCallum, born October 1, 2003. A brother for Caroline.



Alexandra Blair, BComm'90 and her husband Bill Severino are pleased to announce the birth of their son, Nicholas William, born April 6, 2003. Alex is the director, management reporting and corporate governance for Randstad North America in Atlanta, Georgia.

Shannon Byrne, BComm'89, BSc'92 and her husband Chris Susko are pleased to announce the birth of their sons, Cain Joseph Byrne Susko, born August 11, 2002, and Matthew Michael Byrne Susko, born November 30, 2003. Shannon is the president & CEO of Paradata Systems Inc. The Susko family resides in Whistler, BC.



Stephanie Croft, BA'94 and her husband **Jeff, BSc'94**, are pleased to announce the birth of their son, Gregory MacKenzie Victor, born June 5, 2003. A brother for Jeffrey.

Paul Myers, BA'87, and his wife Emma Lucia (nee Bernal), are pleased to announce the birth of their daughter, Anna Teresa, born

March 15, 2003. A sister for Sarah Marie, age 9. Paul says hello to all political science majors from 1987.



Alan Forsey, BComm'89 and his wife Lisa (nee Harrigan) are pleased to announce the birth of their daughter, Julia Paige, born September 20, 2003. The Forsey family resides in Ottawa.



David Harris, BSc'00, and his wife Katherine, are pleased to announce the birth of their son, Ronan Indiana

Crandall, born January 30, 2003. The Harris family resides in Calgary, Alberta.



Scott Weatherby, BComm'90, and his wife **Gail (nee Ramey), BComm'93, CA**, are pleased to announce the birth of their daughter, Jillian, born April 2003. They reside in Halifax, where Gail is senior manager of business support/operations at Nova Scotia Power and Scott is CFO of Newfoundland Capital Corporation, a broadcasting company with radio stations throughout Canada.

Alumni Recipients of Service Awards

George Moffatt, BA'46, and Archbishop Emeritus **James M. Hayes, BA'43** and former chancellor of Saint Mary's, are being recognized for their outstanding dedication to the service of others with 2004 Elizabeth Ann Seton Awards. The awards are given by the Sisters of Charity to individuals who personify the qualities of their founder, Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton. Recipients are nominated for their dedication to serving those in need; they contribute in their daily life to the betterment of society in Nova Scotia; and they give evidence of a spirit consonant with the values of the Sisters of Charity.

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IN MEMORIAM

Judith Corkum (nee Pitman), BComm'83 on November 10, 2003

John R. (Jack) Gale, member of Saint Mary's Faculty of Commerce, on November 9, 2003

Dawn Harvey, wife of Andrew Harvey, Saint Mary's economics professor on January 17, 2004

Rev. John Leonard Hayes, BA'55 youngest brother of Rev. James Hayes, Archbishop Emeritus of Halifax, BA'43 on September 23, 2003

Geoffery Howell, (the brother of Colin Howell, Assoc.'94, Saint Mary's history professor) on January 22, 2004

Gloria Jewers, Assoc'96, former staff member, on January 14, 2004. Her daughter is Wanda (nee Jewers) Dinaut, BA'95

John William (Jack) MacDonald, BA'58, on April 20, 2003

M.A. Stuart MacDonald, BComm'95, on January 30, 2004

Elmer L. MacFarlane, BA'60, on January 12, 2004

Robert Mercer, brother of Terry Mercer, BA'71, January 20, 2004.

Judy G. Miah, BA'95, on October 3, 2003

Carroll E. Parker, SMU'61, on February 13, 2004

John William Reid, BComm'70, on February 15, 2004

Donald (Donnie) Robinson, former facilities management staff member, on February 18, 2004

Navleen Singh, student, on January 5, 2004

Dan Staling, BComm'65 on January 27, 2004

Rudolph (Rudy) F. Street, BA'68 on December 18 2003

*full obituaries available online at www.smualummi.ca under Maroon & White magazine

Alumna Announces Funding for Saint Mary's

The Honourable Aileen Carroll, Saint Mary's first full-time female student and graduate, returned to the University in her role as federal Minister for International Cooperation in early March to announce funding for the Education for Environmental Transition Project in Mongolia. Saint Mary's capacity building project, funded by the Canadian International Development Agency University Partnerships in Cooperation and Development Program, will work with the Mongolian mining industry to carry out environmentally and economically sustainable activities.



Aileen Carroll, BA'65 & Minister for International Cooperation, Dr. Terry Murphy, academic vice-president, Heidi Taylor, program manager, international activities.

In Memoriam

Angela Vecchio-Ozmon

July 25, 1964 – February 19, 2004

Angela Vecchio-Ozmon, 39, the eldest daughter of President Emeritus Kenneth Ozmon and Elizabeth Ozmon, died on February 19, 2004. She was a devoted mother to her two children, Emma and Griffin Ozmon-Roberts.

Her diagnosis with breast cancer in 1999 confirmed to her that her number one priority in life was her position as their mother. But, she also understood that it was her life mission to share her experiences with others.

As a devoted breast health advocate and public speaker, Angela used much of her energy to inspire others. It was her work in this area that earned her the Saint Mary's University Alumni Award for Distinguished Community Service in 2002. Angela received a Bachelor of Arts from Saint Mary's and a Bachelor of Public Relations from Mount Saint Vincent University.

In 2003, she was named Woman of the Year by the Halifax YMCA. Angela worked with CBC Newsworld's Health Matters to chronicle her journey with cancer. It was her hope that by making her story public, people might be better able to understand breast cancer and people who live with the disease. She began her mission believing that it was about health promotion, but as the years passed, she realized her true calling was to try to make people aware of the importance of living and goodness.

Angela's sister, Kendi Ozmon lives in Boston with her husband, Brian Kim. Many of Angela's relatives live in New Jersey, Florida and Maine including her beloved Grandmother Eva and her Aunt Bobbie. While attending Saint Mary's, she met her best friend, Shelley Murphy, who was a constant source of support and laughter to her. Angela held her medical support team in high regard.

Angela considered her family and close circle of friends as her ambassadors. She described the common thread that linked all of these people - they shared a responsibility to help others just because it was the right thing to do. This is how she lived her life.



*A butterfly lights beside us like a sunbeam,
And for a brief moment its glory and beauty
belong to our world.
But then it flies on again, and though we wish
it could have stayed,
We feel so lucky to have seen it.*



Saint Mary's

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1955

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Students walking across what is today Huskies' Stadium towards Tower Road. Photograph from the Saint Mary's University Archives collection.



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