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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



The Alumni Association and your Executive are hard at work on a number of projects. There are a lot of great events that you and your family can attend.

topics you would be interested in learning about, please let us know.

On the University front, there will be a number of new faces in the Faculty Lounge as searches are underway for new Deans of Science and Business. The current brand project at Saint Mary's University is nearing completion and promises to focus the message of the University and bring to prominence all the great features of our school to the rest of the world. Keep an eye out for a new "look and feel."

Finally, on a personal note, all good things must come to an end, and so too must my time as President of the Alumni Association. It has been a very interesting two years with a lot of change at the Association and the University. I know the Association is in good hands and will continue to grow and prosper in the years ahead.

Fall is upon us and another season of Huskies action on the field, court and ice is getting underway. Come out and cheer for your favorite team. Also fast approaching is Homecoming & Alumni Weekend, including the annual Alumni dinner and other events around the classes of 1955, 1980 and 1995.

Recognizing the need to give back to Alumni, the Association is working on engaging the Alumni in different and more valued ways. An example of a current initiative is the "Open Doors" concept. Beginning with Financial Planning seminars for new and experienced investors, this concept allows for Alumni the chance to network and learn from other Alumni about issues that affect their lives on a daily basis. Enrolment is limited, so call the Alumni Office today! If there are other

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Canadians are protected by two federal privacy laws, the Privacy Act, which has been in effect since 1983, and the Personal Information Protection and Electronic Documents Act (PIPEDA), which came into full effect on January 1, 2004. Oversight of both Acts rests with the Privacy Commissioner of Canada who is also authorized to receive and investigate complaints.

Individuals are protected by PIPEDA because it sets out ground rules for how private sector organizations may collect, use or disclose personal information in the course of commercial activities. In addition to this federal legislation, Saint Mary's University is also covered by the provincial Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act.

The Saint Mary's University Alumni Association takes the privacy of alumni information very seriously. Over the years, we have entered into agreements with select affinity partners who provide services or benefits to our alumni. For example, TD Meloche Monnex provides preferred rates on auto and home insurance, Manulife offers competitive life and health insurance, and MBNA Canada provides the Saint Mary's MasterCard. We work with our affinity partners to ensure they too have the utmost respect for the privacy of alumni information.

We allow these organizations to solicit our alumni because of the value they offer and the compensation they provide to the Alumni Association, which goes back to alumni in the form of events, and increased program and service offerings.

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New SMU Alumni Web Site

Are you trying to find alumni, for example, with a background in finance or with experience in acquisitions? Coming this October, you'll be able to.

Alumni will soon receive a personalized ID number and a temporary password and get access to the new and improved SMU Alumni web site, which is a robust platform that provides a raft of interactive and collaborative features. For example, you will be able to locate and interact with select alumni. You may wish to invite individuals to participate in an interactive discussion forum. Connect with alumni to brainstorm, to resolve common issues, exchange advice or to simply share an interesting experience.

Barbara Henderson, a 1978 SMU graduate, led the development of SuiteWise™, and has generously provided an Enterprise platform solution to the SMU Alumni Affairs Office to help increase alumni value and promote increased collaboration among our graduates.

SuiteWise™ was awarded Best Collaborative Tool from the e-Content Institute in April 2005 because "it offers various tiers of implementation to companies appropriate to their size and complexity, and offers a great deal of functionality."

SuiteWise™ has been described as an easy-to-use system designed to guide non-technical users in the management of their information resources and electronic communications. SuiteWise™ houses a family of more than 35 integrated and easy-to-use application tools designed to help you to create, mount, edit and manage Intranet and Extranet web site content, 24/7, from anywhere, in both PC and Mac environments.

Henderson offered to make SuiteWise™ available gratis, as a way of, "giving something back to SMU". As well, she extends a special discount to SMU alumni who may wish to improve their business performance and to grow and retain their customer base. (See the SMU Alumni offer on page 28).

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SMU Professor and Alumni Dig into Halifax's Past

by April MacIntyre (BA Graduate, 1999)

Saint Mary's University Anthropology Professor Dr. Stephen Davis and a group of SMU alumni had the opportunity to delve into history in a way that few can. Dr. Davis, president of the private consulting firm Davis Archaeological Consultants Limited, along with alumni April MacIntyre, BA'99, Ben Pentz, BA'02, Jonathan Keen, BA'05, Joe Cosgrove, BA'05, Nicole Thurston, BA'02, and Suzie Lutz, BA'99, spent May through July digging beneath the parking lot and loading bay facilities at the north end of the Alexander Keith's Brewery in downtown Halifax. The crew was searching for remnants of Halifax's history.

The site is slated for a four-star Marriott hotel, to be completed in 2006. The developer, Salter's Gate Limited, has taken an active role in researching and protecting the city's history, working alongside archaeologists to unearth, preserve and promote the tangible remains of a 250 year-old story. Beneath several thousand tons of asphalt, concrete, gravel fill and building rubble, the crew discovered stone foundations still intact from eighteenth and nineteenth century row houses on Hollis and Salter Streets. Backyard privies (outhouses), stone-lined wells, stables and middens (refuse deposits) contained a wide range of artifacts spanning the past 250 years.

The work was preceded by intensive archival research by Davis's crew, which was used to link the resources discovered on the site to their past owners. Research showed that this city block, back in 1749, was located on the outer fringe of the town of Halifax. The first allotment of land on that block was made on July 17, 1749 to John Shippey, who was granted the first licence in Halifax to brew and serve liquor. Shippey soon opened the doors to "The Double Eagle," which earned the nickname "The Split Crow" for its sign depicting the German coat of arms. While archaeologists did not have the opportunity to excavate the tavern, they were able to confirm its location on the city block when the back wall of the building was discovered. It has since been reburied and preserved intact.

A surprising discovery was made during the excavation that researchers were able to identify from an early land deed from 1762: included in a lot purchase on Lower Water Street was a "Holland Pump" (windmill). Archaeologists unearthed the bottom portion of the windmill, which had been excavated about 1 metre into bedrock. The windmill was likely associated with the tavern that was located on the same lot and was probably used to supply water to the brewery.

The artifacts recovered from the site are now under conservation and analysis. Davis's crew will spend the remainder of the fall and part of the winter piecing together broken ceramics, clay pipes and bottles, and chemically treating brass and copper buttons, shoe buckles and jewellery, among other items. A well-preserved felt hat, recovered from an eighteenth century privy, has attracted much attention from the media and the general public as well as a child's china set. Once the items have been properly analyzed and processed, it is hoped that they will become part of a permanent exhibit inside the hotel.



Steve Davis and Joe Cosgrove monitor mechanical excavation of stone foundations of row houses on Hollis Street.



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Profs Click with Students

It's not unusual to find technology in today's classroom. Normally, we envision computers, LCD projectors, SMART Boards. After a successful pilot project beginning in 2001, however, forty-eight classrooms have now been set up with wireless responder capability.

What is wireless responder capability? Good question. Is it:

- A) an easy-to-use radio-frequency response system that obtains immediate feedback from every student
 - B) a Classroom Performance System from elnstruction
 - C) a system of clickers
 - D) all of the above
- If you "clicked" D, you are correct.

Professors Adam Sarty and Karen Lightstone are the principals behind the project to implement the clickers, as they're affectionately known, at Saint Mary's.

While teaching physics at Florida State University, Sarty realized he was really only connecting with the first two rows of students. Looking for ways to engage his entire class, he tried a number of tricks and techniques – from passing around sheets of paper to colour cards.

After hearing about a system of wired responders built into classrooms at George Washington University, which was prohibitively expensive at \$200-300 per student, Sarty started looking for a less expensive, wireless version.

At Saint Mary's, Sarty began piloting an early version of the wireless responder in his introductory physics class. He was amazed how the students' attention and enthusiasm improved.

The wireless responder system can be used to both engage and assess students.

An instructor can utilize the clickers to discover and take advantage of divergence in class opinion or reveal the existence of misconceptions. The system encourages students to participate, regardless of class size; provokes thought and interactive learning; and can curtail distractions by focusing students' attention on the front of the room and topics being discussed.

Instructors can also use the system to present quizzes and mark students for participation or bonus questions, since answers are recorded on the computer with the identifying mark of each student's clicker. They can, however, be used anonymously, allowing for maximum student participation.



Photographer: Kelly Clark www.typicalgirl.com

Professors Karen Lightstone and Adam Sarty

"You have to use the system responsibly and focus on the engagement aspect of the technology," says Sarty. "This will have a profound, long-lasting impact on teaching at SMU, allowing us to engage students even in big classes."

Lightstone became interested in the clickers after seeing a demonstration of them from a textbook company representative. She was looking to bring the technology into the Faculty of Commerce without needing to be restricted to a particular textbook company. She found out about Sarty's interest and pilot-project with the clickers, and they teamed up to make an "all across SMU" proposal.

Lightstone conducted most of the research to ensure the selection of the RF system from elnstruction was the best choice for SMU.

"I was sold from the beginning," Lightstone said. "I want the students to have feedback about their understanding of the material long before the mid-term exam hits them. This system allows students to see how they are doing without anyone else knowing."

The wireless responder system is affordable. Saint Mary's has purchased 48 receivers for classrooms to be implemented under an internal competition of the "Strategic Initiatives Fund". Extra receivers are also received free from elnstruction – one for each instructor that uses the system. In classes where the technology is used, students will purchase a clicker for \$20, with a \$10 refund when returned, and buy a license each semester for \$20, which covers the student for all classes they have using the clickers.



Gilbert Bento Correia (Class of '54), and his wife Claire L. (Murphy) Correia, beside the plaque that was unveiled in their honour. The Correias have generously donated funds towards the new seminar room in the History Department.

CORREIA SEMINAR ROOM

The tremendous commitment to Saint Mary's among students, faculty, staff, alumni and friends has been an invaluable part of the university for generations. No university could strive for greatness without the outstanding individuals who recognize a need, answer the call, and urge others to do the same thing.

Gilbert Bento Correia (Class of '54), and his wife Claire L. (Murphy) Correia are two such people and

they made an exceedingly generous donation of funds towards a new seminar room in the Department of History. The Correia Seminar Room is now complete and is a flexible teaching and meeting place, fully wired for up-to-date electronic and audio/visual use, yet conducive to discussion and seminar learning.

This remarkable gift will create opportunities and have a positive impact on generations of outstanding young people.

Saint Mary's President Named Top CEO



Dr. J. Colin Dodds, President, Saint Mary's University

Dr. J. Colin Dodds, President of Saint Mary's University, was named one of the Top 50 CEOs by Atlantic Business Magazine in May.

Atlantic Business Magazine is a leading publication with a distribution of 33,000 across Canada. Nominations for the Top 50 are submitted by readers of the magazine and candidates are then judged on their corporate, community and industry involvement; their organization's recent growth; and, their results of managerial challenges.

The Association of Atlantic Universities (AAU) says the recognition Dr. Dodds received from the magazine "reinforces the important role universities play in preparing future leaders of communities, in path-breaking research and innovation, and in contributing to the economic prosperity and quality of life in Atlantic Canada."

Dr. Dodds is the Chair of the Council of Nova Scotia University Presidents, and was appointed by the Canadian Bureau of International Education (CBIE) a one-year term as Chair-designate (November 2004-05), to be followed by a two-year term as Chair (2005-07) and one-year as Past Chair (2007-08).

Dr. Dodds is committed to making education accessible to all and works diligently to strengthen Saint Mary's position as a leader in the areas of Arts, Commerce, Science, Graduate Studies and Research, and in community outreach projects at the local, national and international levels. He has extensive experience in international education and with his guidance the University has been successful in assisting Canada's international development initiatives in Asia, Africa, Central and Eastern Europe, and South America. International enrollment at Saint Mary's is now more than 11%, comprised of students from over 80 countries.

"Our focus is on access to education, for students from within our community and beyond our borders," says Dr. Dodds, "It is vital that our graduates have the skills needed to thrive in this increasingly complex and changing world. They need the specialized knowledge that will make them global citizens. This is why we encourage international experience with study and work-based programs."

The Saint Mary's Board of Governors has unanimously reappointed Dr. Dodds to serve a second term as President, which will officially commence on July 1, 2006.

Art & Wine

In the ancient artworks of Mesopotamia and Greece we see endless intertwining of the art and wine worlds. Urn, mosaics and jewelry from these periods are often adorned with grape clusters and images of merriment and wine. This harmonious relationship many attribute to the pleasure factors most people crave and which they often find in a glass of wine.

Over the past 100 years, art has played a significant role in the marketing of wine, whether it is the world famous paintings to adorn the vintages of the Château Lafite Rothschild, or the contemporary art used to introduce the wine of Domaine du Grand Pré.

Last winter I spent a couple of weeks with Eric Wilson B.Comm '74 in Cairns, Australia where we were introduced to the wines of Peter Lehmann. Peter is the Robert Mondavi of Australia and at 86 years of age he is considered the 'Godfather' of Aussie wines. In the 1970s, Australia grew Shiraz grapes to make cheap brandy; it was Peter who led the move to make great Shiraz wines. Legend has it that a game of poker with his bank manager secured the operating capital and a Queen of Clubs in Peter's hand won the day. To this day, artist's impressions of the Queen of Clubs appear on every Lehmann Barossa Valley wine bottle. The originals of these labels adorn the walls of Peter's winery with the red stone walls serving as the perfect frame for these bold provocative paintings.

The 1998 Peter Lehmann Barossa Shiraz, \$28, (Wine Spectator, 90 points) is a deep, thick, rich wine that exhibits a fine bouquet of black fruits, spice, and bark – the telltale scents of fine Shiraz. His 2003 Barossa Riesling at \$19 was three times BEST BUY in Wine Spectator and twice BEST BUY in Decanter magazine. Both these wines will go well as sipping wines, but serve them with spicy ribs, or roasted chicken respectively and you are in for a special culinary delight.

Hans Peter Stutz, Domaine de Grand Pré, uses bright bold art by Swiss artist Paul Leber to enhance his wine bottles. The labels make subtle suggestions as to relevant food pairings to go with each wine. Recently while celebrating Maura (Riley) B.Ed '76 and Peter Halpin's BA '73, 25th Wedding Anniversary with an endless list of our Saint Mary's friends we drank Grand Pré's Gold Medal winning 2004 Seyval Blanc (\$14.50). The



Peter Lehmann, Hannah Stuart - First year SMU student & John Stuart visiting Peter Lehmann's art gallery in the Barossa Valley, South Australia.

attractive artwork on the label portrays three fish, which indicates to the consumer that this wine is best suited with Atlantic Canada's specialty - fresh fish. The Seyval displays notes of green apple, honeydew melon and grapefruit, all balanced with a fresh acidity and a long finish. A perfect match with vinaigrettes and white fish.

Giovanni Verrazano, the great Italian explorer lends his name to a dry rosé from Grand Pré. The wine is bursting with delightful fruit flavours and a crisp finish. At \$14, Grand Pré's Verazano is a match made in heaven for hummus and warm pita, pate and creamy cheese, or with a hot artichoke dip. If you plan to take in the SMU, Acadia Classic football battle in Wolfville this fall, make a point to stop at Grand Pré for a tour of the vineyards, winery and art gallery. A perfect illustration of how art and wine work together for our sensory enjoyment.

THE BISHOP



John Stuart, BA'75. With many years in the agricultural and wine industry. John is General Manager of Bishop's Cellar, in Bishop's Landing on the Historic Halifax Waterfront. Bishop's Cellar is Halifax's first privately owned retail wine, beer and spirits store.

MAKING A WISH COME TRUE IN TEXAS

Although many of us have heard of the Children's Wish Foundation, few know the impact the organization can have on a child with a life threatening illness.

The Children's Wish Foundation is a Canadian organization that was created in 1984 specifically to grant wishes to children with life-threatening illness. Twenty years later, the Foundation has collectively granted 10,000 wishes to children across Canada.

Two years ago, James Hepworth, BComm'95, his daughter, Jessica, and his family from Truro went to Dallas on their journey of a lifetime, along with ATV Reporter Liz Rigney and Cameraman Gary Campbell who had the rare chance to witness a wish come true, and then transformed Jessica's Journey into a very special feature story that was broadcast on "Live at 5" on April 22nd, which has recently won several awards including an Edward R. Murrow Regional Award from the American Radio-Television News Directors Association."

Nine-year-old Jessica Hepworth, who suffers from Cystic Fibrosis, is the 500th wish child in Nova Scotia. Jessica's wish, as granted and coordinated by the Children's Wish Foundation, was to visit the Black Beauty Ranch just outside Dallas, Texas. This ranch, an animal sanctuary run by the Fund for Animals, rescues ill and mistreated animals from around the world.

Jessica and her family first travelled to Grandview, Texas, where they spent two days at a dude ranch, living the full cowboy experience. Along with horse-back riding, feeding new born calves and playing with the puppies, Jessica got to dress up in full Western garb, eat traditional biscuits and gravy breakfasts and ride in the Rodeo Ring.

The adventure culminated with the family's overnight stay at the Black Beauty Ranch, where Jessica got an inside look at how the ranch operated and, more importantly, got to spend her day riding and bonding with the very special animals that live there.

Throughout this incredible journey, Jessica and her entire family opened their hearts and private lives for the ATV camera, including Jessica's daily reality of medications and therapy. They shared their joys and frustrations and the highs and lows that accompany life with a chronically ill child. Yet throughout the journey, the incredible spirit of this child and her family was nothing short of inspirational.



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WEBB'S SOLO ART SHOW AMAZING

A Preacher. A Gospel Choir. A Poet. A Professional Basketball Player.

This was not your typical art opening.

"Sermons," the much-anticipated solo exhibition of new oil paintings by artist Christopher Webb, BA'97, opened Thursday, July 7th at Pier 21 Historic Site with almost 500 people in attendance.

The artwork, based on the sermons of Pastor Lennett J. Anderson, Senior Pastor at Emmanuel Baptist Church, in Upper Hammonds Plains, Nova Scotia, is a thought-provoking, exploratory look at religion and spirituality.

"The opening was not what people were accustomed to," said the artist, Christopher Webb. "It had a more theatrical style. The audience not only had the chance to view the paintings but experience unique individuals deliver excerpts from the actual sermons."

Poet and CBC Radio personality Shauntay Grant and pro basketball player and former Husky standout Will Njoku, BA'94, were just a few of the people to do interpretations of Pastor Anderson's sermons.

Asked why an oil painter organized this large of a production for an art show, Webb responds: "I focus a great deal on the composition of each image. Just like a musician composes, I quite literally compose my paintings. And like that composer who has the need to take the music off the page and bring it to life, I need the voice and inspiration of each piece to be heard. Some individuals who have seen the works have described them as a departure from my earlier paintings. I like to think of it more as an arrival."

Originally from Halifax, Webb first studied painting under his grandmother, artist Madeleine Asprey. His artwork can be found in public and private collections across Europe, and North and South America. Locally, Webb has exhibited at the Saint Mary's Art Gallery, Anna Leonowens Gallery, Maritime Museum of the Atlantic, Art Gallery of Nova Scotia Sales and Rental Society, Argyle Fine Art, the MOeD Gallery and most recently the work from Sermons has traveled to the Secord Gallery.

Webb graduated with a degree in Political Science in 1997. He went on to create and implement the Career Starts Program as a Human Resource Consultant with the Government of Nova Scotia. Soon after, he realized painting was his true calling and made a pilgrimage back to his ancestral homeland of Italy. He lived for one year in the remote Calabrian village of Amantea and then spent another eight months in Florence, the birthplace of the Renaissance and home to some of the world's great religious works.

Not only a spirited artist, Webb is also an inspired – and inspiring – speaker with a personal mandate to help people use their creativity to better their lives. He has presented to well over 300,000 people in schools, businesses and organizations across Canada and the United States.

Webb currently resides in his ocean-side home at the head of Prospect Bay near Halifax with his wife Joelle, an E.R. Nurse at the QEII Health Science Centre. He can be found painting daily in his studio along side his lab-esque dog Murphy.

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Chris Webb BA'97

TIME FOR TEA 2005



Elizabeth Buell at the 2005 Time for Tea event in support of bursaries for single parent students.

TORONTO ALUMNI EVENT



Samantha Anderson, BA'01, Jonathan Bellot, BComm'04, and Kim Simmons, BComm'99, with Joel Plaskett singing in the background at the Harbourfront Centre.

BACKYARD REUNION!

The Reunion was the request of Margaret Scriven- MacEachern and held at the Dartmouth home of Murray and Sherrill McIntyre August 7 2005. Marg was visiting for a few weeks in Nova Scotia from her Toronto home and thought it would be nice to see the SRC from 71/72 so we made some calls and in a few days made it happen. The majority of the folks had not seen each other in 33 years or more. The reuniting of the SRC was great and we will do it again soon.



The attached photo is front left to right Front row Murray McIntyre SRC Engineering Rep., Margaret Scriven (MacEachern) SRC Secretary; Ethel Ryan; John Garroway ,, SRC Commerce Rep and Business Manager Journal ; Ronald Blakney SRC Treasurer, BACK row/// left to right Conrad Lutes Radio SMU;; Charles Keliher;; Kenneth L. Langille, Assist Editor Yearbook;; Paul Presti, Bruce Smith SRC Internal Affairs Director;; James MacDonald, SRC Vice President and Kenneth T. Langille, SRC Director of Operations and Chairman Interim Judicial Board.



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The jury chose first, second, and third place photos, as well as six honourable mentions. We have decided, however, that it is not enough for “us” to give out these honours. We want you to contact us and vote for your favourite photo. We will give out a “people’s choice” award for the submission with the most votes, and publish the results in the next Maroon & White. Please email, call or write to the SMU Office of Alumni Affairs (www.smualumni.ca for details).

We hope you enjoy perusing the following pages and look forward to hearing from you!

1st “untiled”
by David Connell, BComm94
(prize: digital camera and printer)

2nd “truckgirls”
by Tim Young, BA97
(prize: iPod Shuffle)

3rd “dragonfly”
by Bob Boudreau, BComm75
(prize: \$100 SMU Bookstore)



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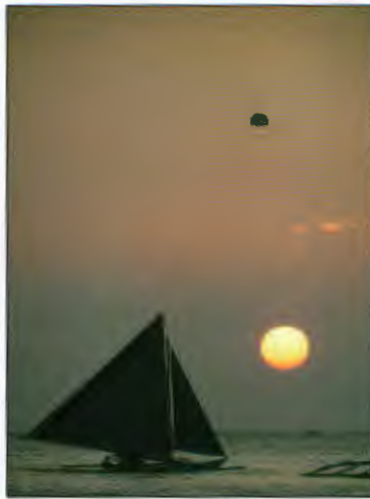
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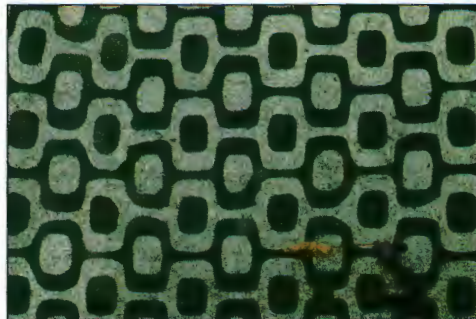
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Dr. Elizabeth A. **Chard**

Want to know the true meaning of dedication?

Well then, meet Dr. Elizabeth A. Chard

By Paul W. Fitzgerald

After serving the Saint Mary's University community for nearly half-a-century, Dr. Elizabeth A. Chard retired on June 30, 2005. Her career with one of Canada's oldest and leading institutions of higher learning began in the summer of 1961, the time when she became the first woman to teach at the University. Over the past 44 years, she's gone on to do some wonderful things for the institution and has also been active in a number of community outreach initiatives.

While she may have officially hung up her hat as the institution's head Registrar, she'll still remain deeply involved in the community. In fact, retirement is the furthest thing on her mind right now. Why? Well, Saint Mary's has hired her to take on the newly created position as Protocol Officer. So, while one chapter for her has ended, a new and unique one has really just begun.

You arrived here at Saint Mary's back in the early 1960s to teach history. So, what lured you here?

My thesis advisor in the history program at Dalhousie University, Dr. Bruce Fergusson, submitted my application to teach Canadian history at Saint Mary's. Dr. Fergusson, who at the time was also the head Nova Scotia Provincial Archivist, recognized my passion for studying and teaching history, so he felt I would be a good candidate to teach at Saint Mary's with the Jesuits.



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Since I had completed my Master of Arts Degree and was planning to pursue a Bachelor of Education Degree, I felt it would be a good move and a wonderful experience at that time. It's funny though, I thought I would only be here a short while, but that short while turned into 44 years. When looking back on my decision to come to Saint Mary's, I must say that it was one of the best decisions I have ever made in my life.

What was it like being the only woman teaching at the University?

I must say it was an interesting experience. The Jesuits who ran the University during this time period insisted I wear a black academic gown to class. I still remember that gown always got covered in white chalk, so at the end of my classes, students used to get a kick at how I looked. I was treated with a

tremendous amount of respect. When I first arrived at Saint Mary's, I wondered what the reaction would be from the Jesuits and the male student body since I was the only woman teaching courses. But, everyone welcomed me with open arms. I became a full time lecturer at the University in September, 1963, and from there went on to become Chair of the History Department, where I worked to ensure the growth of this Department and in the establishment of the Master of Arts in History Program. In the late 1960s, I also served as Dean of Women as this was the time period when the University began accepting women full time, so change was in the air. It was nice to see more and more women enrolling at Saint Mary's. As well, the University going co-ed spawned the creation of women's varsity teams under the leadership of the then Athletics Director, Bob Hayes. I had the honour to serve as Faculty Advisor to Women's Athletics from the late 1960s until the mid 1980s. This too was a unique role to hold.

The Jesuits have a long history with the University. Can you reflect back on what it was like to have been part of this era?

The Jesuits ran a tight ship. They were strict and were on the ball all the time. The daily routine for students back then was very formal. I clearly recall how Father John J. Hennessey, whom everyone nicknamed The Hen, and Father Michael "Buck" O'Donnell, would go around to make sure all the students sported ties and suits. The Jesuits, in particular The Hen, could never be fooled. They had eyes in the back of their heads. Everyone to this day still remembers how The Hen would always stay up at night smoking his cigarettes waiting to catch students who were out cutting curfew, which was back in the day when the students lived in the north wing of the McNally Building and the Jesuits in the south wing. The Hen, he was tough, real tough and he had a dry sense of humour, like non-other. I recall the time when Saint Mary's played football against St. Francis Xavier in Antigonish, NS on a Saturday. It was there that The Hen had serious chest pains. I remember receiving a call from his student chauffeur to say that he [Hennessy] did not feel well, and under no circumstances wanted to die on the campus of St. Francis Xavier. Both of them were unsure as to what to do; Halifax was quite a drive from there. So, I told the

student that the closest hospital was in Truro, NS and to get The Hen there right away. In the end The Hen was okay. There are just so many stories to tell and memories that will remain with me forever from the Jesuit era. But, overall I must say that the Jesuits were integral in putting Saint Mary's on the map as an institution known for its excellence in academics, making education accessible to all students and community outreach projects – locally, nationally and internationally. Even though the institution became public in 1971, the Jesuits vision of Saint Mary's still carries through to present day.

What made you take the Registrar's position in 1973, and what has your experience in this role been like over the years?

I was approached by a number of people to take the position. I was informed that the job was challenging but rewarding at the same time, and I was only going to be holding it for one year. I was poised to try something new at this point in my professional career. I knew the job required long hours, but I realized that I would enjoy working with faculty, staff, students, and alumni. This was the key reason why I took the job. I have met all sorts of students from around the world and it has been very exciting for me to see many of them as alumni succeed out there in the real world. I have also enjoyed keeping in touch with many of our alumni and working to keep them connected with Saint Mary's. There are lots of success stories when it comes to our graduates. We have graduates who are now CEOs of major corporations, heads of state and politicians in Canada and abroad, to name just a few examples. I truly enjoy keeping posted on our alumni achievements. Additionally, over the years, I have had a wonderful team of staff who helped our office endure necessary change of all sorts, such as moving our spring convocations from the campus to the Halifax Metro Centre, to the mail-in registration process (introduced in the 1980s), and to the recent advent of computer technology which now allows us to offer online registration and other services for our students. Also, the registrar's office has been involved in a number of international projects, including the Saint Mary's Extension Program in The Gambia, West Africa. A contingent from Saint Mary's, which included myself, even traveled there several times. In February, 1999, the University awarded

degrees to more than 70 students, which was the first time citizens of this country received degrees on their home soil. This was truly a memorable experience, indeed.

You have volunteered your time with a number of organizations over the years. What is it that you have enjoyed most in participating in community outreach initiatives?

I have held a number of roles with some unique organizations. For example, I served as president for the Atlantic University Athletic Association and the Canadian Athletic Intercollegiate Union. As well, I was also deeply involved in the Pan American Wheelchair Games, the National Wheelchair Basketball Championships, and the Nova Scotia Special Olympic Summer Games. In 1994 I even had the chance to Chair the Canadian Special Olympics Summer Games that were held primarily in Huskies Stadium. The biggest thing I have enjoyed in volunteering my time is giving something back to the broader community, whether it be at the local or national level. It's rewarding to meet and help others. Volunteering has been a very special experience and something I plan to continue.

You certainly have seen lots of things go on at Saint Mary's over latter half of the 20th century at the University. Can you reflect on the key moments that stick out in your mind?

There are so many notable moments I can recall since coming to Saint Mary's 44 years ago, let me tell you. I remember we were the first school in Atlantic Canada to purchase a computer, which was huge – monstrous in fact - and was housed in the basement of the McNally Building in the early 1960s. Also, I recall the social unrest that was self evident on our campus during the 1960s and 1970s and which was also reflected on other university campuses in Canada and the United States. Further, I remember when the faculty unionized as this was both a heated and yet historical time in our evolution. I have also been impressed with the new buildings which have been erected on our campus; also, the growth in our academic programs as we now have so many more unique undergraduate programs and more Masters and PhD.

programs. It has also been really neat to see how well our varsity sports teams – both men's and women's – have done over the years. We have lots of regional and national championships to celebrate, that's for sure and this has only helped in marketing our school, both locally and nationally. Also, I think it's also wonderful to see how we have grown into an institution which has become known for having an international focus. We attract students from many parts of the globe, which only enhances the culture of our south end campus. Furthermore, the various community-based projects we are involved with around the world have simply become unprecedented. As well, I have truly admired the fact that Saint Mary's has remained steadfast on making education accessible to all students. This is clearly reflected via our Atlantic Centre for Students with Disabilities and the technology that has been adopted in our classrooms to ensure all students have the ability to learn and earn their degrees. Also, what really sticks out in my mind through all these years is that I have been very impressed with the intense pride students, faculty, staff, alumni and friends have for Saint Mary's. This is a unique trait about being a Santamarian. This is something I pray will remain etched within the fabric of our culture forever.

This past fall, you took on the role as Protocol Officer - a newly created position here at Saint Mary's. What has the job been like so far and what is it you hope to accomplish through this new role?

I am now in the learning phase in this new part-time position. So far I find it fascinating to be involved in the planning of special events of various sorts. One thing I plan to achieve is to ensure Saint Mary's remains a class act when it comes to hosting events and ceremonies – ones that attract students, faculty, staff, alumni and friends. Most importantly, my biggest goal is to ensure that I continue playing a role in keeping lots of people closely connected with our school. Since the Maroon and White colours run through my veins, promoting Saint Mary's as a top notch entity is a challenge which I accept readily. While I may have officially retired, I eagerly look forward to taking on my new role.



Vision

For over 200 years Saint Mary's University has had one focus, and it never deviates or suffers dilution. It is shaping and elevating the hearts and minds of our students.

Saint Mary's University is about to embark on the *Hearts & Minds Campaign*, the first major capital campaign in over a decade with an ambitious goal of \$40 million dollars.

The Campaign is built around achieving balance, strengthening focus, and above all, ensuring access – financially, physically and ideologically.

The campaign's list of priorities includes new and renewed facilities for health and wellness promotion, science education, learning commons space and renewed childcare facilities.

It also emphasizes investment in students and faculty through new student financial aid, academic chairs, professorships and other academic and student experiential learning initiatives.

Its success will be an investment in our students, faculty, staff and community, and its impact will be felt for years to come.

HEARTS & MINDS
REACH MINDS & TOUCH HEARTS
CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

SMU CENTRE STAGE WITH CFL GAME ON CAMPUS

The June 11th CFL exhibition game, dubbed "Touchdown Atlantic", between the Grey Cup-Champions Toronto Argonauts and Hamilton Tiger Cats, was called "a first down in the march toward a Halifax football team touchdown" by Stephane Massinon of the Halifax Daily News.

I'm not sure about that. Halifax has tough competition for a new CFL franchise from Moncton and Quebec City, which already has a CFL-sized stadium. We don't. Yet.

Nonetheless, the exhibition game did focus attention on Halifax, but more importantly, on Saint Mary's. It didn't hurt that one of the players and two coaches were Saint Mary's alumni.

SMU alumnus and Toronto Nose Tackle Noah Cantor (#92) said it was nice being back on campus with such a great crowd, "a great feeling coming

out of the tunnel." Also from Toronto was MBA grad Perry Marchese, who is the Argos' Running Backs Coach.

Former Husky turned Tiger-Cats Defensive Front Coach Dennis McPhee was heard adamantly, unequivocally, and repeatedly telling reporters that Halifax is ready for a CFL team.

Saint Mary's alumnus and Trade Centre Limited CEO Fred MacGillivray also thinks there's support for a CFL team in Halifax but recognizes the lack of a suitable facility, which is why he's pushing all three levels of government and potential franchise owners to work together and imagine the economic and social benefits of building a stadium


More than 11,000 fans turned out to watch the eventually tied game.



CFL GAME ANNOUNCED: L-R Mike O'Shea (Toronto Argos), Todd Van Ritchie (FNS), Richard MacLean (FNS), Mike Morreale (Hamilton Tiger-Cats), Rick Rivers (FNS), Dave Jones (FNS) pose for a picture after the game announcement.



CFL GAME: 11,000 fans look on at Huskies Stadium as the Ticats and Argos play to a tie in the first CFL exhibition game in Halifax.



Glen LeBlanc, Sarah Dennis and Dr. J. Collin Dodds, President Saint Mary's University

An Illustrious Achievement

Congratulations to Saint Mary's University alumni, **Sarah Dennis** and **Glen LeBlanc**, who were recently named among Canada's Top 40 Under 40. The national program, founded and managed by The Caldwell Partners, honours 40 individuals under the age of 40 who have achieved a significant level of success in business, the professions, healthcare, academia, and public service.


Dennis, a graduate of the Sobey MBA Program, is Vice-President of The Halifax Herald Limited, publisher of The Chronicle Herald and The Sunday Herald, and a member of the Saint Mary's Board of Governors. LeBlanc, a Bachelor of Commerce graduate, is Vice-President of Finance and Controller of Alliant Inc.

Dennis and LeBlanc were selected from more than 1,400 nominees across the country by an independent panel of business and community leaders. In choosing the recipients, the panel considered the nominees' achievements in the areas of vision and leadership; innovation and achievement; impact; growth and development strategy; and community involvement and contribution.

The two Santamarians were the only Nova Scotians to receive this prestigious designation this year.

Saint Mary's University, founded in 1802, is home to one of Canada's leading business schools, a Science Faculty widely known for its cutting-edge research, a comprehensive and innovative Arts Faculty and a new Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research.

top 40 under 40



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Exceptional People, Unique Contributions



Leaders

Saint Mary's University is made up of a large group of unique individuals who contribute their skills, expertise and energy to the University every day.

Different people, different departments, different ideas, but all share one common goal – to work together to make Saint Mary's the very best place it can be, and to uphold its international reputation as a quality leader in Canadian higher learning.

As we get ready to launch the *Hearts & Minds Campaign* we start by looking at our Campus Family, the people who know our university better than anyone. Participation of faculty, staff and students is essential to the overall success of the Campaign, and strong support from the Campus Community sends a clear message to outlying audiences that those closest to Saint Mary's believe in and support the University's vision and goals.

So let's get to know our family, one at a time. This campaign is about making Saint Mary's a better place for all of us. Together we can do more. Together we can leave a legacy that will affect many generations to come.

HEARTS & MINDS
REACH MINDS & TOUCH HEARTS
CAPITAL CAMPAIGN



MAUREEN SARGENT, Med'91
Director, TESL Centre

Maureen graduated from Saint Mary's in 1991 and went on to teach in China for one year through a program offered by the University that provided training opportunities for people through the Canada-China Language Centre.

She returned from China in 1992 and began working part-time at TESL. She has been there ever since and now operates as the Director of the Centre.

Maureen was drawn to Saint Mary's saying, "I enjoy working in an international environment and working with others who are aware of the importance of a global perspective."

Working at Saint Mary's is great because of the friendly people, she says, and there is a real large family-type feeling.

Voices

Santamarians to Dr. Elizabeth A. Chard:

You're simply the best

Registrar retires; recognized
for 44 years of service to Saint Mary's

By Paul W. Fitzgerald

They like her. They like her lots. They like her so much that they just can't stop talking about her.

This past June, Dr. Elizabeth A. Chard retired after 44 years of service to the University. She's become a fixture here at the University, so it's no wonder then why Santamarians from across the globe have been reminiscing with memories they have of her as she's touched the lives of many for nearly half-a-century.

The University even hosted a special retirement breakfast to formally recognize her dedication and commitment to the institution. The event - held on June 21 - attracted well over 300 people. It was a truly a unique event, one that was filled full of laughter, applause, tears, and incited lots of standing ovations as Dr. Chard has and only will continue to be viewed by many Santamarians as a tireless ambassador to the University.

"I must say, the recollections I have from my time here at Saint Mary's will only live on forever," says Dr. Chard during an interview.

1961 to Present: History in the making

Her career with the University dates back to 1961 when Father William Stewart offered her a position to teach history at the University. She held a Bachelor of Arts Degree and a Master of Arts Degree in History, and during this time was poised to complete a Bachelor of Education Degree, so she felt well suited to take on a teaching career at Saint Mary's.

As the days, months, and years ticked on, she only became more deeply involved in university life and community outreach initiatives.

She served two three-year terms as the History Department's Chairperson, and when women were accepted to the University, she took on the role as Dean of Women as well as the mantle of Faculty Advisor to Women's Athletics from 1969 to 1985. She was the first woman ever to serve as President of the Atlantic University Athletic Association (AUAA) and the Canadian Intercollegiate Athletic Union (CIAU).

These contributions she made towards the development of university sport in the region and in Canada earned her the prestigious Austin Matthew's Award in 1984.

In 1985, she was Assistant Chef de Mission to FISU, the World University Summer Games held in Japan, and two years later was the Chef de Mission for the Games held in Yugoslavia.

Her interest in sports led her beyond the academic realm to use her experience and administrative expertise to organize special athletic events for physically and mentally challenged people in our nation over the last 30 years. Those events include the Pan-American Wheelchair Games and the National Wheelchair Basketball Games. She has been closely involved with the Special Olympics Summer Games, and in 1994 oversaw as Chair the Canadian Special Olympics Summer Games that was held right on the campus of Saint Mary's.

She was awarded an Honorary Doctor of Letters (honoris causa) from St. Thomas University, New Brunswick in 1991, and eight years later she was the first woman inducted into the Saint Mary's Sport Hall of Fame Centre as a "Builder" in athletics.

Dr. Chard also was instrumental in establishing the Belles of Saint Mary's.

She defines the culture of Saint Mary's

"The very values of Saint Mary's – academic integrity, pursuit of knowledge, responsiveness to community needs, openness to change, and concerns for a civil and just society – are the very values that Dr. Chard exemplifies both personally and professionally," says Dr. Colin Dodds, President of Saint Mary's.

"She is a respected member of our community, a pioneer for women in administration, academic and athletics, and a true role model for both students and colleagues."

Dr. Kenneth L. Ozmon, former President of Saint Mary's (1979-2000), echoes these very words.

"She is a big part of the history of Saint Mary's," says Dr. Ozmon, who is now the President of Mount Allison University in Sackville, New Brunswick. "In some ways, she actually ran the place," he laughs.

"She was wonderful to work with, and so many people always relied on her to provide direction for the institution. She was involved in so many things and was the kind of person who was concerned for the betterment of others."

Bob Hayes (BA, '73), who served as the University's first Athletic Director and who also went on to also serve as Director of Student Services and Executive Assistant to the President, has known Dr. Chard ever since she first came to teach at the University.

"She has been an inspiration for many students and she's a proven leader in every sense of the word," says Hayes, who now holds the official title of Athletic Director Emeritus for Saint Mary's.

He admires her professionalism and her sense of humour. "I'll never forget the time when I told Dr. Chard that I was going out to the country for the weekend to hunt for pheasants just for a joke," he says. "I recall her telling me that she really wanted to have a stuffed pheasant in glass so she could keep it on display in her office or perhaps have at home. Of course, I wasn't going hunting, but decided to go out and buy one for her. So, I put the pheasant inside a box and put a big plastic wine glass on top of the box and left it on her desk that following Monday morning. Sure enough, when she got to work, she moved the wine glass, then opened the box, and this big pheasant flew out of it, and then began terrorizing the office. I thought she was going to kill me, but in the end she got a real chuckle out the whole fiasco and I was eventually forgiven," laughs Hayes. Dr. Geraldine Thomas, a professor in the Modern Languages and Classics Department at the University, says that when thinking about how to describe Dr. Chard's service to Saint Mary's, the terms dedication, perseverance, and unstinting hard work come to mind.

"These points are illustrated in her many years as Registrar at Saint Mary's," says Dr. Thomas. "Dr. Chard was asked suddenly to take on that position, but since then she has identified herself so much



DONNA FILEK
Secretary, Dean of
Commerce

Donna has been part of the Saint Mary's family for more than 15 years and is working towards her BA. She works as the Secretary for the Dean of Commerce and says Saint Mary's is like a second home to her where she knows a lot of people, and is very happy.

Donna says she decided to continue her education through Saint Mary's because she likes the smaller class sizes and, as a mature student, has never felt out of place. She says she appreciates that professors understand her role as employee, wife and mother, and values the personal attention they give.

"The University is what I know and where I feel comfortable", says Donna, "I can't imagine leaving Saint Mary's!"

Voices



PAUL FITZGERALD BA'97
Public Affairs Officer

After graduating with a diploma in Broadcast Journalism from Mohawk College in Ontario, Paul was considering his University options. He had been accepted to a number of good schools including McMaster and Western, but knew he really didn't want to go to a large institution, he was looking for something close, intimate and fun.

His father told him he had always wanted to go to Saint Mary's and that's what led Paul to Halifax

Paul says he loved his student experience and operated as the Editor of the student newspaper for three of his four years at Saint Mary's. After graduating with a BA in 1997 he immediately began working in the Public Affairs and continues to grow and thrive in his role as Public Affairs Officer.

He's spent the last three years furthering his education and is about to earn his MA. He says he was motivated to pursue this goal through Saint Mary's because of the excellent international reputation the MA program has.

Paul says his future will always include Saint Mary's and what keeps him close to home is the Campus Community-- the incredible people and the outstanding academics.

Voices

with the job that we, the Saint Mary's community, can hardly envisage anyone else as the Registrar. The sheer complexity of her position never ceases to amaze me – whether she is dealing with student issues, serving on a multitude of committees, organizing and running Convocation or directing her own office.”

Dr. Thomas adds, “Ever since I have known her, she has always ensured that students come first when decisions needed to be made.” Fred Voeltz (Assoc. '90), the Coordinator of Inventory and Distribution, says Dr. Chard is a genuine individual.

“I have known Dr. Chard for many, many years and she is truly someone who cares about this institution and cares about others, and this is why she is such a wonderful person,” he says.

Dr. Chard's employees rave about her as well.

Murray Wilson (BA '65 and BEd. '70), calls Dr. Chard “a straight shooter.”

He's held the role as Associate Registrar for a number of years, and indicates that when anyone had to ask Dr. Chard a question, they always got an answer, and when anyone needed a decision to be made, she was always the one to make it.

“I have worked with Dr. Chard for many years, and she is a very sharp person, who is well educated and has made sure the students needs have always been looked after,” he says.

“I have always admired her for her leadership skills, and I am sad to see her retire, that's for sure. She will – no matter what – always be a friend of mine.”

Juanita Fitzgerald, Coordinator of Records, says that Dr. Chard was a “great boss.”

She states, “She was fair and compassionate and always had the time of day for anyone.”

Touching the lives of Saint Mary's students

A large number of alumni contend that Dr. Chard was a great person.

Heather Harris (BA '70 and MA '72) was among the first group of women who enrolled at Saint Mary's back in 1968.

“I had Dr. Chard as a professor, and she encouraged me to go on to complete my Master of Arts Degree in History,” recalls Harris, who is now a retired school teacher.

“She opened my eyes to so many unique things about history, and her academic standings were just impeccable. She is one of the reasons why Saint Mary's is now so well known for its excellence in teaching and research around the world.”

Edward Charles James (BA '73 and Bed. '77 and MA '80) says that Dr. Chard has personified the true meaning of a Santamarian. James has worked over the years as a school teacher and journalist in Manitoba, and currently serves as a Field Experience Advisor at Brandon University.

“She is simply the best person I have met over the last 35 years,” he says. “She is a big part of the fabric at Saint Mary's.”

David Sykes (BA and Bcomm '94) was a star quarterback for the Huskies football team in the early 1990s, and after graduating from Saint Mary's went on to Oxford University as a Rhode Scholar ('96) and then earned a graduate degree from the London School of Economics ('97).

Sykes, who is now the Vice President of Toronto Dominion (TD) Asset Management, remembers the time he went to Dr. Chard for some advice.

"I was earning a dual degree and playing football all at the same time," he says. "I went to Dr. Chard to seek advice about planning my daily schedule. Once I told her my situation, she immediately recommended I take 8:30 AM classes each day in order to free up my afternoons and evenings. So, Dr. Chard actually made me a morning person and she gets all the credit for that," laughs Sykes. Former Presidents of the Saint Mary's University Students' Association (SMUSA) too have lots of praise for Dr. Chard.

Sanjeev Chowdhury (Bcomm '90), who served as President of SMUSA from 1989 to 1990, and who is now the Canadian Consul General of Canada to Ho Chi Minh (HCM) City, indicates that "he all sorts of funny stories to tell about Dr. Chard. "One story in particular I have is that every year Dr. Chard sends me postcards from wherever she travels in the world," he says. "She prints labels and then just sticks them on the written cards and mails them to her friends. One year, she went to Bermuda, and she sent me a card with nothing written on it. It was hilarious. I took the liberty of having it framed for her and presented it to her at my home one night when my parents and I had a dinner at our house to celebrate the then appointment of Dr. J. Colin Dodds as President of Saint Mary's and the induction of Dr. Chard into the Saint Mary's Sport Hall of Fame and Heritage Centre," he explains. "Dr. Chard does have an incredible sense of humour, and when I gave her the framed postcard, we laughed all night. She said she realized the minute she posted it that she had forgotten to write anything on it to me. I told her" 'you work too hard for Saint Mary's, and that's why you forgot."

Turns out, Dr. Chard hung that postcard in her office from 2000 until her retirement this past summer.

Boris Mirtchev (BSc. '96 and MBA '98), served as President of SMUSA from 1995 to 1997, and says during his time as a student became quite close with Dr. Chard. He came to Saint Mary's in the early 1990s after growing up in Bulgaria and South Africa.

He is now the CEO of MIC Consulting INC and Co-Owner Hamachi House and Hamachi Steakhouse in Halifax.

"I remember one day I told her that after I graduate, I wanted to be a successful entrepreneur in Canada. I distinctly recall her telling me: 'Go for it Boris, the world is your oyster, so go out there and have fun and keep striving for success.' I always remember her words, and her support is something I will always hold close to my heart," he says.

So, what does the future hold?

Dr. Chard says she already enjoying her new position as Protocol Office at the University, a part-time position she accepted to take upon her retirement this past summer.

"What I really want to do in this role is to ensure that our alumni remain connected to Saint Mary's," she says. "Having more and more people connected, like alumni and friends of the University, means that our institution will only keep on growing and will remain a leader in higher education in the region, across Canada and around the world, too."

She adds, "I want to make sure alumni both old and new – continue to keep the tradition of Saint Mary's alive. As I tell everyone: Age quod agis" "Whatever you do, do well!"



KEVIN WEBB B.Comm.'76
Manager, Financial Services

Kevin says he chose Saint Mary's University as a student because of its strong commerce program and that he was attracted to the smaller school setting.

After graduating in 1976 with a Bachelor of Commerce degree he went to work in Financial Services and through a "slow evolution" over time he eventually worked his way to the position of Manager of the Department, a position he's held for around the last ten years.

Kevin says what keeps him at his Saint Mary's home is a combination of things – people are treated with respect and your contributions are recognized. He says there are a lot of good people he's become friend with. He even met and married one of them!

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1948
Ronald J. Downie, BA, Hon'90 and his wife Marie celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on May 21st. Their five children Brian, BA'78 (Andrea), Kevin, BA'80 (Lindsay),

Jennifer (John Sullivan, BComm'83), Laura *Ronald J. and Marie Downie* Beazley, BA'86 and Liane (Kelly) Downie/Allen held a dinner at the Prince George Hotel to mark the occasion. Also, a celebration with their grandchildren was enjoyed at the Downie home on Emscote Drive in Halifax.

1981

J. William E. Mingo, Hon., was inducted into the Junior Achievement Nova Scotia Business Hall of Fame on June 7, 2005 at the World Trade & Convention Centre. Since the 1950s, William has practiced law at Stewart McKelvey Stirling and Scales. He has contributed to numerous provincial and national law associations and committees through serving as President of the Nova Scotia Bar Society, as well as sitting on the executive of the Canadian Bar Society. A true patron of the arts, William supports numerous educational institutions, particularly Saint Mary's and Dalhousie Universities. He was Chair of the Saint Mary's University Capital campaign and the Halifax Grammar School. At present, William is partner at Stewart McKelvey Stirling Scales in Halifax.

1982

Gerald A. Regan, Hon., P.C. Q.C. has been appointed Chairman of Greenbrier Europe for the Greenbrier Companies. He has been Chairman of TrentonWorks Ltd., a subsidiary of Greenbrier for the past twelve years and will continue in that role in addition to his new duties in Europe. Gerry is counsel at the Patterson Palmer law firm

in Halifax, and is a former Premier of Nova Scotia. In the nineteen eighties, Gerald served the Government of Canada in the positions of Minister of Labour, Secretary of State, Minister of International Trade, and Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources. Gerry is also the former Chairman of the Canadian Exporters Association.

1983

Greta Glasgow-Payne, BA, lives in Barbados with her husband Rodney H. Payne, her two beautiful daughters, Tarah (8 years) and Myka (6 years), three dogs and two cats. She holds a Masters degree in Library Science from the University of Pittsburgh and is presently an Information Consultant.

1984

Brenda Dean, BComm, CIA, is employed with the Department of National Defence in Halifax. She's worked in several departments within the Federal Public Service including the RCMP, Environment Canada, and the Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency. Brenda is a member of the Executive of the Maritime Chapter of the Institute of Internal Auditors. Recently she successfully completed the Certified Internal Auditor (CIA) designation.

1986

Wally Kowalchuk, BSc., continued his studies after Saint Mary's at Dalhousie University and obtained a pharmacy degree in 1992. He is District Coordinator for Zellers Pharmacy in New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island, and manages a Zellers pharmacy in Charlottetown, PEI. Wally is a director on NAPRA (national pharmacy regulatory association) and is the past chair of the PEI Pharmacy Board.

1987

Kevin L. Publicover, BComm, CMA, his wife Flora and their two daughters Julia and

Alison reside in Moncton, New Brunswick. He is Director of Finance for Atlantic Canada for Shur-Gain.

1989

Pamela A. Bursey (nee Marks), BComm, and her husband Geoff, reside in Paradise, Newfoundland and Labrador. Pam is the new Professional Responsibility Administrator for the Law Society of Newfoundland and Labrador in St. John's. She previously held the role of Officer, Complaints and Investigations, with the Nova Scotia Barristers' Society in Halifax prior to her husband's employment transfer with Canada Post to St. John's in 2004.

1990

John A. Wedderburn, BA'90, is a Partner with CM Communications.

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Over the years, John has demonstrated his strong commitment to the community in which he lives and works: Member of the Saint Mary's 200th Anniversary Alumni celebration committee, past member of the Bio Science Investment Attraction Committee, past Chairman of African Canadian Education Committee - Nova Scotia Community College, Member of the Nova Scotia Power Scholarship Selection Committee and Account Executive - Metro United Way Campaign.

John enjoys spending his free time traveling, being outdoors with his wife Jill and their daughter Sophia and reading.

1993

Michael Burgoyne, BComm. After seven years with Pitney Bowes, Michael has started a new career at Ottawa-based Doculink International, one of North America's largest outsource/service providers in the data, marketing, print management, and e-commerce industries. He is responsible for key account sales in the Greater Toronto area.

Natalie Woodbury, BComm, is a partner with Wickwire Holm. After leaving Saint Mary's Natalie went on to earn her law degree from Dalhousie University, and was admitted to the bar in June 1997. Since joining Wickwire Holm as an Associate in 2003, Natalie has specialized in Wealth Management and Taxation Groups. She completed the Canadian Institute of Chartered Accountants In-Depth Tax Course. Natalie is the Vice-Chair of the Board of Directors of Special Olympics Nova Scotia.

1996

Dianne Gaudet, BA, BComm'96, CHRP, opened the company Inkiesta, a coaching practice, in Halifax. Through coaching and workshops, she helps individuals achieve their full potential in all aspects of their lives. For over twenty years, Dianne has worked as a human resource professional and she brings that experience along with her BA in Psychology to her practice. Dianne, her husband Edgar and her son Mathieu, 14 reside in Clayton Park West, Halifax, NS. You can find information about Inkiesta at: www.inkiesta.com.

Alan MacMullen, BA, BEd, AIT and his wife Cara (nee Prud'homme), BA'99, -DHSa, were married on July 24, 2004 at St. Agnes Catholic Church in Halifax, NS. Alan is currently employed by the House of Commons. Cara works for the Nova Scotia Provincial Government. The MacMullen's reside in Timberlea, NS.



Alan and Cara MacMullen

Amy Jane Weedon-MacAdam, BA'96, received a Bachelor of Education (Elementary Education) from Mount Saint Vincent University, Halifax in May 2005. She was honoured with the Senate Medal of Distinction that is awarded to students graduating with distinction and the highest aggregate in their program. Amy is a substitute teacher for the Halifax Regional School Board and is raising her two sons Gabriel, 6 years old and Finn, 3 years old with husband Alex MacAdam who is a constable with the Halifax Regional Police.

2001

Wendy Sentner, BComm, is manager of member rewards, for CAA (Maritimes), Saint John, N.B. When she was at Saint Mary's University, Wendy was Marketing Chairperson of the Commerce Society in her 3rd year and President in her last year (2001). Currently, she is the Chairperson for the Canadian Cancer Society's 2005 Relay for Life in Saint John, having previously held the position of Marketing Chairperson. She has just been named to the Board of Directors of the United Way in Saint John and sits on their Marketing Committee. Wendy has sat on the Board of Directors for Opera New Brunswick for almost a year, and is part of their ad hoc committee as well.

2005

Jason Fraser, BComm, has accepted a position at Manulife Financial in Halifax.

Scott E. Bell, BComm, has joined the team of Colin Carrol Charter Accountants.

Saint Mary's Alumni who are Shaping Canada's Future – Canada's Top 40 under for 2004 are: Sarah Dennis, MBA'97, Vice President, Content and Brand, The Halifax Herald Limited, Publisher of The Chronicle Herald; Glen LeBlanc, BComm'89, Vice President, Finance and Controller, Aliant. Other honourees of Canada are: Wayne J. Crawley, BComm'84, Vice President, Corporate Strategy and Development Emera Energy and Karen Oldfield, President and Chief Executive Officer, Halifax Port Authority, 2001 recipients.

MBA

Les Jickling, MBA'94, and teammate Mark Tanner became the first to paddle the entire Blue Nile from source to sea. Although one previous expedition has descended the river, Jickling and Tanner were the first to paddle the river without the assistance of outboard motors. The journey took 7 months, covered 4,900 km's and the pair passed through the countries of Ethiopia, Sudan and Egypt. The expedition was riddled with setbacks such as unusually high water, crocodile attacks, bandits, hippos, scorpions, malaria and sickness. Of the original 11 member team only Tanner and Jickling reached the sea. More details are available on the official expedition website at www.niletrip.com.

Mary Anne Nowaczek, MBA'92, CIA is a Senior Internal Auditor, at Emera, Inc. in Halifax. She has worked for Emera/Nova Scotia Power for 24 years, primarily in the IT field and has spent the last 7 years with the Internal Audit and Security department. Mary Anne has a Bachelor of Science degree in Mathematics from Acadia University. She obtained her Certified Information Systems Auditor designation in 1999, and recently successfully completed the Certified Internal Auditor (CIA) designation.

Births

Cartier Shields, BComm'03, and his wife Brandie, a son, Isaiah, on May 25, 2005, weighing 8lbs. Cartier is a former Huskies Football player.

Veronica Walters (nee Gorin), BComm'96, and her husband Russell, a son, Jacob Dennis Walters, on May 23, 2005, weighing 8 lbs. 8 ozs. A baby brother for



Jacob and his big brother Daniel

Daniel, 13 and Jordan, 3. The Walters family reside in Ottawa, Ontario. Veronica works

for Canada Revenue Agency as a criminal investigator.

Dorothy (nee Hoddinott) Wolverton, MBA '97, and her husband Jamie are pleased to announce the birth of their first child. Connor Shae Wolverton was born on September 10th, 2004. Dorothy would love to hear from old friends at dwolverton@ns.sympatico.ca.

T. Donald Godreau, MBA'92, and his wife Gail J. (nee Pierce), MBA'94, a daughter, Jasmine Rebecca on June 8, 2003. Friends can contact them at dg.godreau@ns.sympatico.ca.



Jack William James Finn

Rob Finn, BA'93 and his wife Shelley Price-Finn, BComm'97, a son, Jack William James Finn on April 24th at 6 lbs. 7 oz. in the IWK Grace. His two middle names are William James which is his two grandfathers.

A BIG THANK YOU TO SMU

I want to send a big THANK YOU to SMU for the formative years that helped me see the benefit of always trying new things with "husky" passion & pride!! I believe much of my success has come from my days at SMU – the people skills, joy of learning, and taking on challenges.

I have resided in North Bay, Ontario, since graduating in 1991. My university training in research and written work (I was an English major), led to an eight-year career in radio news, using my first and middle names, "Mike Anthony." Try saying Gaidamasciuk on the radio!

Now known only as "Mike Anthony", I was elected the youngest North Bay councilor at age 32, in 2000 and am serving my second term. I played an active role in the election team that assisted former Ontario Premier (and North Bay resident) Mike Harris, and was a featured tribute speaker, on video, in his farewell to politics.

During my "day job," I help young people make career and training choices at Yes! Employment Services, a non-profit youth-based service provider. On my office wall, proudly hangs a copy of the 1990 Toronto Sun article that includes a photo of me in the Skydome at the Vanier Cup against the Saskatchewan Huskies...dressed as the St Mary's Husky mascot. Man, that suit was hot!



Former SMU Student Alumni Association Presidents: Cst Chad Babin, BComm'03, posted to Bow Island, Alberta, and Cst Keith Wellwood, BA'04, posted to Smoky Lake, Alberta.

That article hangs next to my Saint Mary's degree, which gets the attention of many young people trying to decide what sort of schooling to pursue. My respect for what SMU gave me helps in getting my young clients to their training and career decisions.

I have taught at the college level, and based my teaching approach on the personal yet professional style I enjoyed so much at SMU. Here's a big hello to one of the greatest orators I've ever heard, English Professor Ed Flynn. I'm sure he doesn't remember me, but I'll never forget him. Greetings as well to my Rice Roommates Craig Glencross, Chuck Bond, and Dave Henderson.

Go Huskies!!!
Mike Anthony Gaidamasciuk, BA'91

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NOT YOUR TYPICAL 'LOST-DOG'

In 1995, while a professor in the Faculty of Education at Saint Mary's University, I was voted most popular university professor by readers of *The Coast*, a weekly arts magazine in Halifax. When interviewed by the magazine, I was asked to what I attributed my success with students. I quipped, "I think they like my dog".

Julie, my Golden Retriever, was a regular companion to my work at the south-end campus. Everyone knew her. She was a centrepiece of the Faculty, as she spent hours seated in the lounge area outside the secretarial offices. Students, faculty, even the very fine former President of the University, Dr. Kenneth Ozmon, spent quality time sitting there with Julie. If I dared to leave her in my office while attending a meeting or teaching a class, one of the staff would use a 'master' key to enter and remove her so that she could spend time with them. Julie was highly prized company.

A University is not typically known for such openness to four-legged friends. Saint Mary's remains close to my heart both for how I was treated there and, perhaps most especially, how Julie was treated. This was the early 90s, before the appearance of articles in newspapers and magazines praising the therapeutic benefits of a canine presence in the workplace. Saint Mary's always had a way of being ahead in the things that matter.

Julie's presence in my work life certainly made academic work more pleasurable and more productive. I came to rely on her to the point that I would often joke that, when I no longer had Julie, I would no longer work in academia. Out of no choice of my own, I left Saint Mary's in 1995 as part of a government-orchestrated rationalization of Faculties of Education in the Province of Nova Scotia, although the Faculty has been revived thanks to a joint program with the University of Maine at Presque Isle.



Julie's presence was not welcomed at my new work place, and that meant that I never felt at home there, even after a successful battle to win the right to have her accompany me at limited times. In 2000, Julie and I moved to Memorial University of Newfoundland, my alma mater, in the Province of my birth. It was our third University, and Julie's last.

On January 25th, 2005, at the age of 15 years and 9 months, Julie died. Her passing marks a reflective time, a time during which I count the blessing of her life and the numerous blessings we received together. Our six years at Saint Mary's remain a highlight.

Julie Kelly was not a conventional Saint Mary's alumna – and she certainly was not a husky – but she, nonetheless, like other Saint Mary's alumni, went forward into her life bearing the positive marks of her time spent there.

Ursula Kelly
Faculty of Education
Memorial University of Newfoundland

IN MEMORIAM

Leon Anthony Adams

Saint Mary's Huskies football player
on May 22, 2005

Patience Iris "Pat" Crouse, BA'78

on May 22, 2005

Monsignor Robert Donnelly, '29

on May 13, 2005

John R. "Hutch" Hutchinson, BA'74, BEEd'74

on May 14, 2005

George Luke Isaac, DEgn'56

on March 9, 2004

Clarence Patrick Flemming, DEgn'34

on June 5, 2005

Mary Clare MacNeil, BA'55

on July 19, 2005

James Rupert Pineo, BComm'44

on June 5, 2005

Eva Mae (Critchley) Scott, BA'79

on June 17, 2005

Suzann Louise Sykes, BSc'78

on May 10, 2005

Gordon James Thomas, BA'37

on July 1, 2005

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on June 28, 2005

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The Santamarian, 1908



The Tatler, 1924

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