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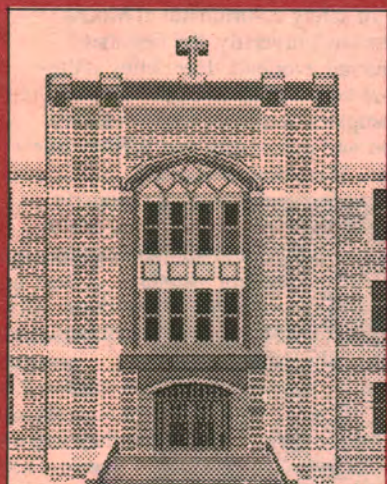
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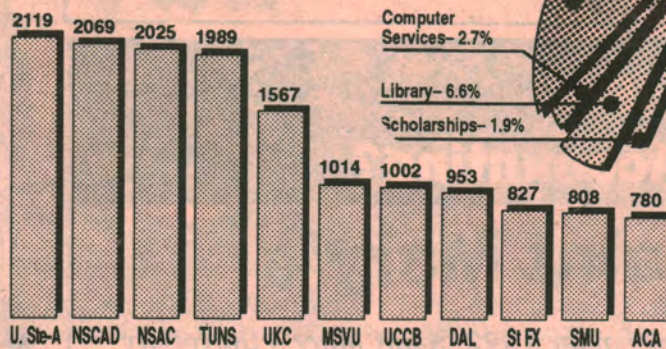
In late February, the provincial cabinet decided to give discretionary powers on funding allotment to the Nova Scotia Commission on Higher Education (NSCHE). This is the provincial government's latest move in the process of rationalizing Nova Scotia's universities.

Several questions remain unanswered about how this system will work. Who will the members of the commission be? Who will chair the commission? What will the appeal procedure be if a university feels it is not being treated fairly? These questions will likely be addressed once a chairperson is hired for the commission.

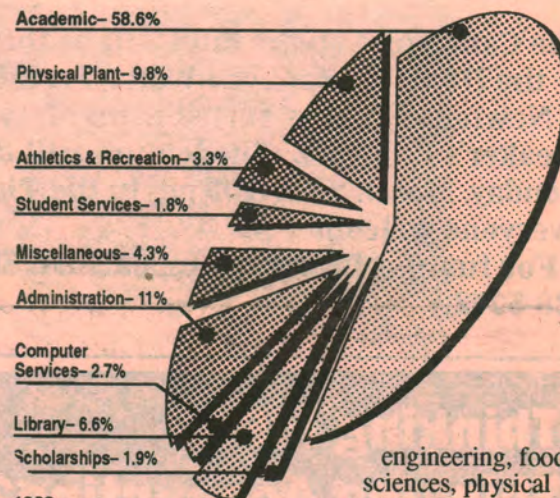
There remains the issue of the commission's accountability and whether or not it can remain free from political and institutional influences.

The presidents of the universities meet again in June to discuss the status

Right: Where the money goes. Below: How much various universities spend on administration per full time student.



of the seven disciplines identified by the government for rationalization. These are education, geology, commerce,



engineering, food sciences, physical education and nursing. Several sub-committees have been formed to work out possible solutions to the government's desire for

rationalization in these fields.

Saint Mary's centres of excellence model

The centres of excellence model is still very much part of Saint Mary's proposed solution to the budget crunch faced by universities and government. This proposal has received considerable support, including editorial backing from the Chronicle-Herald and Mail-Star. In a February 8 editorial, these papers said, "University reform by government fiat is not the best way to go, but the presidents have left the province with little choice. They might start by looking at Saint Mary's proposal to create centres of excellence in specific fields, at specific universities. Less helpful has been Dalhousie's 'vision': essentially a proposal to take everything it wants, and leave the dregs to the rest."

The editorial goes on to indicate that solutions must be found which will benefit our society and give Nova Scotia the competitive edge which stems from a better educated population. Saint Mary's has recognized this and has proposed that universities stop trying to be all things to all people.

English prof appointed to Council as SSHRC axed

Dr. Cyril Byrne of the English Department was recently appointed to the Council of the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC), but even more recently, SSHRC was combined with the Canada Council in the February 25 budget cuts. SSHRC is the primary federal funding agency for research in the social sciences and humanities and the Council is its governing body. Its 22 members are appointed for three years from the academic community and major interest sectors of society.



Dr. Cyril Byrne

Dr. Byrne explains that SSHRC, "was separated out of the Canada Council about 25 years ago because the interests of the arts

community and the academic community were seen as too divergent." He does not yet know what will happen to the work of SSHRC, but believes, "It is important for the two disciplines of the social sciences and the humanities to remain together, however they are blended into whatever council." Dr. Byrne is an executive member of the Canadian Federation for the Humanities.

Dr. Byrne is Co-ordinator of Irish Studies and has been a member of the English Department since 1970. He is a specialist in Anglo-Irish

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literature. He is the author of *Gentlemen-Bishops and Faction Fighters* (1984), and co-author of two other books: *Religion and Identity* (with Dr. Terrence Murphy, 1987) and *Talamh an Eisc* (with Dr. Margaret Harry, 1986). He holds a BA from St. Dunstan's University, Charlottetown, an MA (1962) from University College, Dublin, an MA from Oxford University (1971) and a PhD from the University of Toronto (1975). He is a member of the Canadian Ethnic Studies Association and the Canadian Association for Irish Studies.

SSHRC/Canada Council merger—the facts

The following is what is so far known about the government's proposed merger of the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council and the Canada Council:

- The government intends to submit enabling legislation before the House recesses this summer for the creation of the new agency. It will have a broad mandate which will include social sciences and humanities research, support for the arts and international cultural programs and international academic relations (which will move

over from the Department of External Affairs).

- The SSHRC's current budget for social sciences and humanities research remains intact. Researchers currently holding a SSHRC grant and those holding a SSHRC fellowship are unaffected. All grants and fellowships monies awarded in competitions to date will continue to be paid as promised and according to the established

schedule.

- The upcoming competitions (for grants to be taken up in 1992-93) are going ahead in mid-March as planned. All program criteria and selection procedures remain as stated in the SSHRC application guides.

In the next issue, *The Times* will examine the effect of this merger on research and international academic relations at Saint Mary's.

Public Lecture:

Premier Clyde Wells

The Canadian Constitution will be the focus of a lecture by the Honourable Clyde Wells, Premier of the Province of Newfoundland as part of Saint Mary's Visiting Speaker's Program. The lecture will take place on Monday, March 23 at 8:00 pm in the Theatre Auditorium. Everyone welcome.

For further information, call Dr. Shripad Pendse, 420-5772.

English as a Second Language centre opens



Dr. Colin Dodds, Vice-President (Academic and Research) and Dr. Terry Piper, Director of the Teaching English as a Second Language (TESL) Program, cut the ribbon which officially opened the TESL Centre on January 30.

Safety a full-time job for co-ordinator

Elaine McCulloch has been a chemistry technician at Saint Mary's since 1970 and in 1988 was appointed Safety Co-ordinator, a part-time role in which she says, "I am responsible for making sure that the University fulfils all government legislation related to health and safety."

In January, she started a year's leave of absence from the Chemistry Department

in order to take on yet another part-time job, that of safety co-ordinator at Mount Saint Vincent University, the first that institution has ever had. Her duties at the Mount are very similar to Saint Mary's; she investigates accidents, looks at safety problems, and makes sure that WHMS (the Workplace Hazardous Materials Information System) is working properly. She also serves on the occupational health and safety committee at both universities and acts as chair at Saint Mary's.

Elaine divides her days by working mornings at Saint Mary's and afternoons at the Mount. She explains that the agreement for the two universities is for one year. "It will be under review after six months, and at the end of the year they will decide if they wish to continue." She misses working with chemistry students, going so far as to say, "I get withdrawal symptoms when I see the students," but adds, "I am enjoying the new experience and meeting new people and discovering a whole new way of doing things."

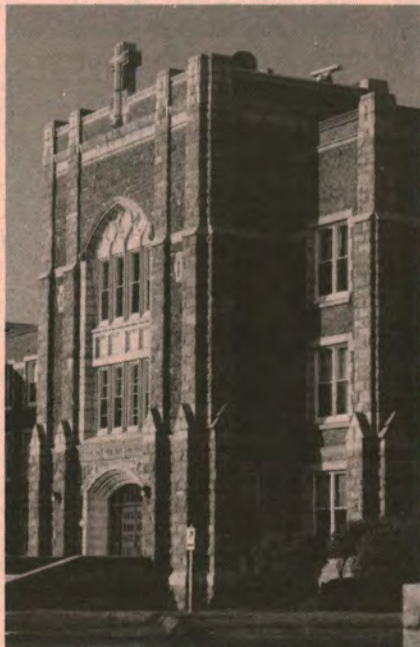
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Scholarships 1992-93

- Named Undergraduate scholarships
- Part-time scholarships
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Deadline for applications:
May 25, 1992

Information & applications from:
Financial Aid Office
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Smoking policy

The University's Occupational Health and Safety Committee draw your attention to the fact that the foyers of buildings are non-smoking areas. There is one exception to this rule; the north entrance of the Burke Education Building is a designated smoking area.



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Black History Month

In conjunction with Black History Month, a gala event was held at Saint Mary's on February 22. Enjoying the evening which included African and West Indian food, African fashions and dancing are Saint Mary's President, Dr. Kenneth Ozmon, Elizabeth

Ozmon, Olive Phillips, Reverend Trevor Phillips, Wallace Smith; a member of the Gospel Heirs, Saint Mary's student Tuy Kusinga, who performed a traditional African dance and Angela Njoka, a member of the Black Cultural Centre's 100-voice choir.



Concerns are hiring, sexism, self-analysis and safety

Women's group makes recommendations

The President's Advisory Committee on the Status of Women at Saint Mary's presented a report on their findings to the president, vice presidents and deans in January and recommended action in four areas of concern: hiring procedures, sexism in the classroom, self analysis and a safety audit.

Developing a hiring manual for the university leads its recommendations. The committee feels a manual would promote fair hiring practices and prevent discrimination by increasing overall awareness regarding employment equity principles, issues and actions. The manual would incorporate information on the hiring committee, determine position requirements, and aid in advertising and recruitment, screening, interviewing and the final decision and job offer. It would also integrate policies relating to job analysis, evaluation, performance appraisal, pay policies, and career development.

Sexism in the classroom is often unintentional, unconscious and overlooked according to the Advisory Committee. One example is the low-usage of textbooks written by women in the curriculum. To deal with this problem, the committee, in conjunction

with the Quality of Teaching Committee, has invited Dr. Bernice Sandler, author of an article on sexism in the classroom entitled "A Chilly Climate", to present a workshop on this topic in late March. The committee comments that "the concept of sexual harassment and gender equity is a hard subject to raise without confrontation. As with the question of racial bias, the first step is to educate people (in a non-confrontational way) so that they are aware that this problem exists, and then take steps to rectify the situation through the use of role models, etc."

A group is being formed to conduct a safety audit on campus. It will include representatives of Physical Plant, staff and the student population as well as a number of Health and Safety Committee members. Other cross sections of the university community will also be asked to participate.

Finally, the committee recommended that an analysis of Saint Mary's be conducted to determine the present status of women on campus. This type of analysis is currently being conducted throughout the country by various organizations. Comments the Advisory Committee, "By conducting this type of

analysis, we acknowledge that Saint Mary's recognizes the value of women. As an institute of higher learning, we need to set an example in the community."

Rationalization update

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Funding

There are several areas other than rationalization which must be addressed by NSCHE. Current levels of funding are at the top of the list. If one goal of the current rationalization process is to make the best use of available resources, then a re-visiting of the provincial government's funding of the universities should take place. Saint Mary's handling of its finances would be favourably considered. As the bar chart indicates, Saint Mary's spends less per student than most of the province's universities on administration and general expenditures. The expenditure pie chart (1991) show a large proportion of the University's total expenditures of almost \$31 million were spent on items directly benefitting students.

Computer fair



PCPC held its annual Saint Mary's University Computer Fair in November. Representatives from several computer manufacturers joined with staff of Computer Services and PCPC to answer questions on different computer systems and to demonstrate their capabilities. A mountain bike was offered as a door prize to the show. Apple Canada representative, Debbie Crozier, Ram Raju, manager of PCPC and Phil Sweeney of Specialized Inc., which donated the bicycles are shown here with the winner, first-year Commerce student Dawna Hynes.

Business sessions get good turnout

Praise for statistics workshop

How available is statistical data to the business and university communities? Even if it is available, what are its applications?

These were just two of the questions answered at a three-day workshop, January 29-31, co-sponsored by Statistics Canada, Saint Mary's University, the Gorsebrook Research Centre and Saint Mary's at the World Trade Centre.

More than 100 people attended the workshop which included a business community market research session at Saint Mary's at the World Trade Centre. The market research session pulled in people from companies as wide-ranging as CJCH radio, ATV, MT&T, Nova Scotia Power and several consulting firms. The other sessions, held on campus, were attended by students,

professors and academic researchers from all Metro universities.

"We were very pleased with the turnout, especially at the session for the business community held at the World Trade Centre," comments Keith Matheson, Regional Public Communications Officer for Statistics Canada. "It generated many follow-up visits to our office. We are looking at doing a similar-type of session in the next few years."

The Saint Mary's committee which organized the event included Dr. Martha MacDonald and Jackie Logan (Gorsebrook Research Institute), Linda MacDonald (continuing education), Dr. Andrew Harvey (economics), Dr. T.S. Chan (MBA and marketing), Fred Morley (economics) and Doug Vaisey (library).

Saint Mary's stays out of Canadian Business ranking survey

Saint Mary's has declined to participate in Canadian Business magazine's ranking of Master of Business Administration programs. Explaining this decision, Acting Dean of Commerce Dr. Paul Dixon says, "We welcome independent evaluations of our program and expect that it will stand up well against competition. However, the editorial staff of Canadian Business refused to disclose how they proposed to measure quality, and stated that they would not include measures of student, alumni or employer satisfaction."

Canadian Business said such measure of satisfaction were not "objective" and could not be included in a rational assessment of quality. Dr. Dixon believes that the customer is the best judge of quality and

says, "This is the way the marketplace evaluates all other products and services."

The ranking of universities is a booming industry in the United States, where publications rank universities in categories ranging from the best business or liberal arts college to the best neo-conservative university. The trend hit Canada last year with the release of the Maclean's survey of liberal arts and science programs.

Dr. Dixon says, "Independent evaluations of program quality ensure that universities are held accountable to the public," but feels, "The Canadian Business survey, like the Maclean's survey, has the potential to do more harm than good for post-secondary education."

Crisis in the fisheries

Nine disciplines share fisheries interest

Educators from nine disciplines at Saint Mary's are tied together by their interest in one subject; fish. Though Saint Mary's doesn't have a specific fisheries-related program, the expertise and qualifications are here in professors from seemingly unrelated departments: Atlantic Canada studies, biology, chemistry, economics, finance and management science, geography, geology, international development studies and sociology.

This year, Dr. David Gray (finance and management science) set up a Fisheries and Environmental Science Seminar Series run in conjunction with the Atlantic Canada Centre for Environmental Science, the Gorsebrook Research Institute for Atlantic Canada Studies and National Sea Products. The program also incorporates the Friday Forum Series in which researchers share their expertise with their peers.

Dr. Tony Charles (finance and management science), started the Fisheries Seminar Series in 1987 and it continued as such until the end of 1991. In January of 1992, with the addition of the Centre for Environmental Studies, the program expanded to cover a broader range of subjects so that the two departments would not offer conflicting public lecture series.

The seminars, which are being held on campus, deal with special interests, issues and problems related to the fishery and the environment. Speakers include Saint Mary's professors and outside specialists on topics such as the adverse impact of watershed development on fisheries resources, the history of climate in Nova Scotia and recent results in fish population analysis.

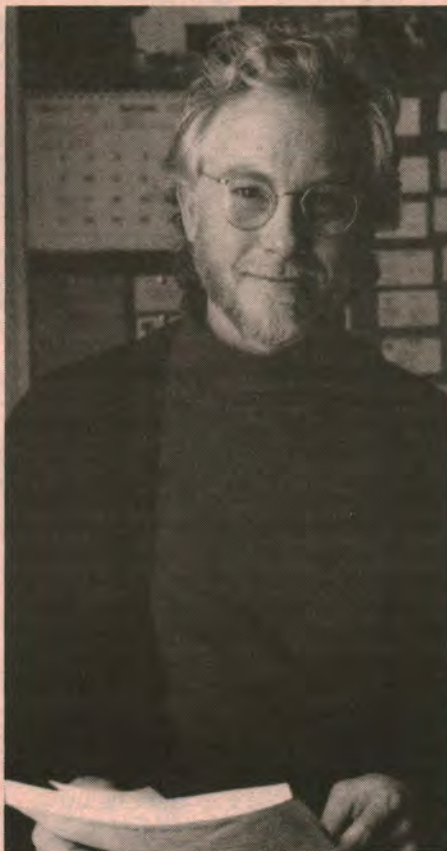
Research project tackles community impact

FISH PLANTS ARE CLOSED OR working reduced time, boats are tied up at the wharf, unemployment is a way of life and fishing families must decide whether to abandon their traditional homes and way of life, or stick around in the hope things will improve. Fishing communities in Atlantic Canada are in crisis as a result of over-fishing, as are similar communities around the world. Dr. Gene Barrett (Sociology) is part of a seven-member team which has been awarded \$215,039 (U.S.) to spend three years searching for a way in which these communities can build a more secure future for themselves.

Realizing how closely their research and the problems in their respective countries meshed, a group of social scientists from Canada, the United States and Norway came together in 1991 to discuss the possibility of a comparative research project.

"We were all interested in the fate of fishery-dependent communities in an era of increasing privatization and market-oriented policies, and in looking at how sustainable development could be encouraged," says Dr. Barrett. The team includes Gene Barrett, Richard Apostle and Leigh Mazany of Dalhousie University, Petter Holm of the Norwegian College of Fisheries Science, Svein Jentoft and Knut Mikalsen of the Institute of Social Science, University of Tromsø, Norway and Bonnie McCay of Rutgers University, New Jersey. It put together a proposal to research the problems of fishing communities in Atlantic Canada and North Norway which was one of seven projects funded by the MacArthur Foundation, a Chicago-based charitable foundation, from 107 submissions. It is one of only two Canadian projects to be funded.

Looking at the fishery from a socio-



Dr. Gene Barrett

economic basis, rather than a source of profit for big business, the group will focus on three issues which will affect the ability of rural communities to stabilize and diversify their economies. Two members are looking at the impact of free trade and common market policies on various segments of the fishing industry. Three are examining resource management and the implications that privatization and transferrable quotas have on the ability of

communities to participate in management regimes.

Dr. Barrett is working with Svein Jentoft on what he describes as, "A broader examination of the social economy of fishery dependent communities." He says, "We are looking at another aspect of privatization, something called flexible specialization, which is a trend towards small business and entrepreneurship at a community level." They will examine diversification in fishing communities and the structures which have made it happen, such as community development corporations, small business enterprise and co-operatives.

Dr. Barrett believes, "The issues we are looking at are relevant to both developed and developing countries and certainly the theme of flexible specialization has emerged as a centrepiece of the new regional question in the 1990s."

This summer, Dr. Barrett will spend a month at Hokkaido University of Education in Japan through an Atlantic Canada Studies faculty research exchange. He says, "I will look at similar issues. I will look at the fishing co-operatives which have been developed there and learn to what degree fishing communities in Hokkaido have diversified their economies along the lines of flexible specialization into sectors like manufacturing and services."

The project really gets into its stride in 1993, when most of the interviews will be done. Dr. Barrett explains, "Dr. Jentoft and I will be doing interviews with managers, government people, union leaders, co-operative leaders and key people in fishing communities in North Norway and Atlantic Canada." The final year of the project, 1994, will be used to write up the results of the research and prepare a manuscript for publication.

Professor helps banks compete after deregulation

When deregulation, currently being debated in parliament, is passed, banks will have to compete with insurance companies, brokers, trust companies and other financial institutions for business in the areas of loans, insurance contracts, mortgages, investments and real estate.

Canadian banks are aware of the consequences of deregulation and know they must deal with competition if they want to keep their customers and to attract even more. Quality service from a quality-oriented staff is one of the key requirements needed to meet this goal.

To tackle this issue, the Institute of Canadian Bankers invited Dr. Hermann Schwind (management) to assist in developing special seminars on modern human resource management. Dr. Schwind explains, "Bank managers have to create a work environment which reinforces desirable behavior. They have to learn to motivate their staff." He adds, "The corporate culture of banks must also change; not an easy task given their history."

In December, Dr. Schwind instructed 75 branch and district managers from

western provinces at two 8-day seminars at the Banff Centre for Continuing Education and in January he taught at an 8-day seminar in Niagara Falls for 40 managers from Ontario. Major topics of the sessions were managing corporate culture, staffing, creating a motivating job environment, using incentive systems and implementing pay and employment equity. Similar seminars are planned in Quebec and the Atlantic provinces.



Publications

Psychology

Dr. John K. Chadwick-Jones, published an article, "The social contingency model in baboons" in the *International Journal of Primatology*, 1991, 12, 145-161. He also had a chapter on "Baboon communication" included in *The Cognition of Cognition*, a book edited

People

Chemistry

Dr. John Young, winner of the Association of Atlantic Universities Instructional Leadership Award, will be speaking in a lecture tour of the region's universities. The topic of his lectures is "Scholarship revisited: Enlarging the Perspective".

Dr. Keith Vaughan has been granted the distinction of Artist Federation International of Art Photographic (AFIAP). This distinction is awarded to authors whose production, technique and artistic qualities have been acknowledged through participation in national salons and admission in some international salons. He is one of fewer than 50 Canadians to hold this distinction.

by Dr. Frances Burton, to be published by Mellon Press, Lewisburg, New York.

Engineering

Professor David Van Dyer published an article entitled, "Strength and efficiency of braced timber" in the February 1992 issue of the *Canadian Journal of Civil*

Management

Dr. Jamal Badawi was the guest speaker at Harvard Law School on February 20 where he spoke on "Human rights: An Islamic perspective". On the same day, he delivered a public lecture at MIT on "Concept of Islamic state in view of recent events in Algeria". He also participated in two Christian-Muslim dialogues held at the University of Minnesota on February 21 and 22.

Dr. Hermann Schwind has been appointed to the "Aid to Scholarly Publication Committee" of the Social Science Federation of Canada. The objective of this committee is to assess the scholarly contribution of authors and to make recommendations on publication grants. The appointment is for three years.

Engineering. Another article, "Strength and efficiency of wood box columns" was published in the March 1992 issue of *Journal of the Structural Division, American Society of Civil Engineers*. A third paper, "Strength of battened timber columns" will be published in the *Transactions of the American Society of Agricultural Engineers*.

Geology prof discovers fossils of early crustacean ancestors

Once upon a time...

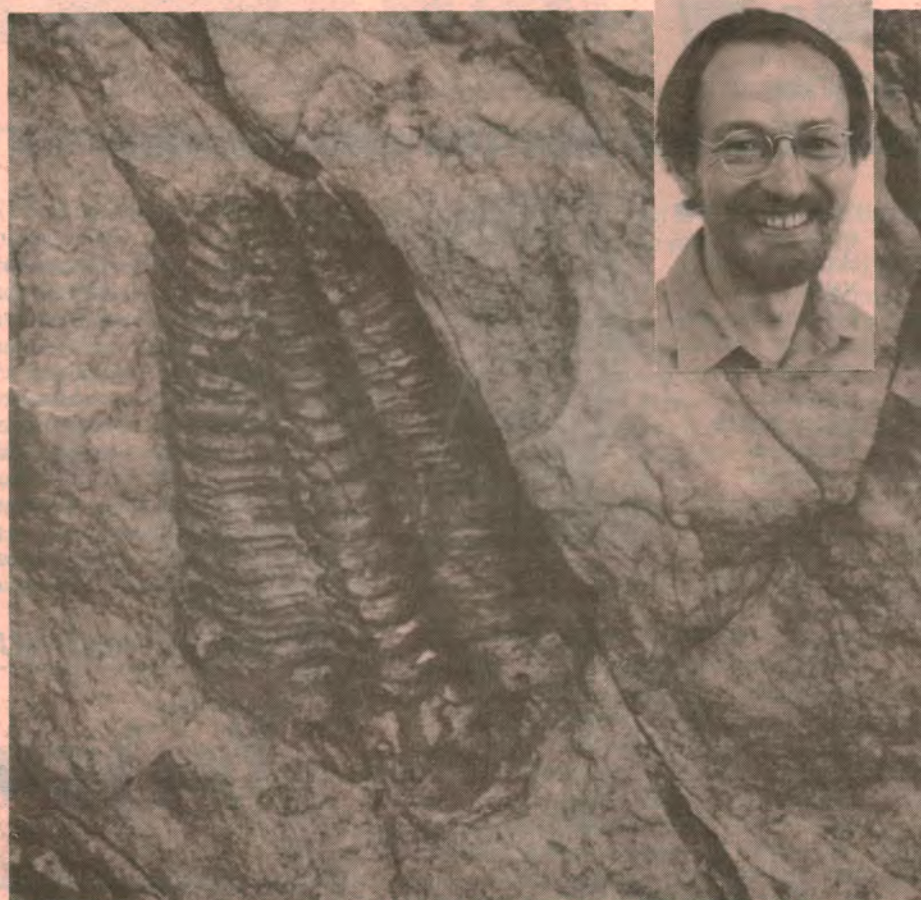
When the world was very young

ROUGHLY 500 million years ago, the ancestors of lobsters, crabs and shrimps lived out their allotted span on the sea floor.

After death, their skeletons became embedded in the Goldenville Formation, a thick mass of sandstone layers, part of which can be seen on Great Tancook Island in Mahone Bay.

Dr. John Waldron of the Geology Department first discovered these fossils (trilobites) in 1986 and realized that they are the remains of the earliest life form yet found in southern mainland Nova Scotia, a region known by geologists as the Meguma Terrane. The trilobites had hard shells divided into segments like a lobster, with a solid head and tail portion. Most of the fossils are small fragments, often only a quarter of an inch across, but they include a number of complete heads, which are the most useful section for identification. They were enough to enable Dr. Waldron and trilobite specialist Dr. Brian Pratt of the University of Saskatchewan, to identify them. The rock also includes tiny sections of pelmatozoa, another group of animals related to starfish and sea urchins, but these have not yet been identified.

Dr. Waldron explains that the most familiar part of the Meguma group of rocks is the Halifax Slate well known to anyone who has tried to garden in the city of Halifax. The Goldenville Formation is found beneath the Halifax



Trilobite fossil of the type discovered by Dr. John Waldron (inset).

Slate, and is therefore older. The trilobites and pelmatozoa are from the upper layers of the Goldenville formation, which is currently believed to have been laid down between 535 and 517 million years ago.

The fossils are similar to European creatures of the same age and Dr. Waldron says, "This find also confirms some hypotheses about the geography of the world back in the Cambrian period." He explains that geologists believe, "during the building of the Appalachian Mountain Chain, between 500 and 350 million years ago, several continents were brought

together by the process of plate movement. This collision resulted in the formation of a supercontinent known as Pangea. About 200 million years ago, Pangea began to separate into the present day continents of Eurasia, Africa, North and South America, India, Australia, and Antarctica. The Meguma Terrane was left behind attached to North America."

Dr. Waldron and Dr. Pratt have written a paper about the find which appears in Volume 28 of the *Canadian Journal of Earth Sciences* and the fossils themselves have been donated to the Nova Scotia Museum.



l to r: Mike Kelly, Enterprise Cape Breton; Dr. J. Colin Dodds, Saint Mary's VP (Academic and Research); UCCB President, Dr. Peter Hill; William Gallivan, Academic VP, UCCB; Dr. T.S. Chan, Director of Saint Mary's MBA program.

Saint Mary's offers part-time MBA

Up to 40 business managers and business administration grads will be able to start a part-time Master of Business Administration (MBA) at the University College of Cape Breton (UCCB) in February, thanks to an agreement between Saint Mary's and the Sydney-area university.

"Linkages, such as this one, provide the opportunity for universities to share each other's expertise while developing their own areas of excellence," says Dr. J. Colin Dodds, VP (Academic and Research) at Saint Mary's. "This is particularly important as we move outward in the global market of the 1990s and as universities face two pressing realities; coping with financial restraint and educating an increasing number of students."

"The principle goal of the MBA program is to improve the capability and performance of the managerial sector in Cape Breton," says UCCB President, Peter Hill. "Although hundreds of students have received their BBA from UCCB over the years, none has had the opportunity to pursue graduate business studies in Sydney." It is expected the course will also benefit local business leaders who have not had access to post-secondary education on the island.

The degree, text books and curriculum will reflect Saint Mary's academic standards. Saint Mary's will help set up and run the program and will confer the MBA while UCCB will administer and teach most of the courses in the six-year part-time program.

Religion at Saint Mary's

All faiths are facets of the same truths

According to Dr. Dangety Murty of the Physics Department, "We are a multi-cultural society at Saint Mary's with multi-cultural religions." Dr. Murty, Dr. Donald Weeren of the Education Department and Father Brian Duggan and Elizabeth Fitzgerald of Chaplaincy Services met with the *Times* in January to discuss religion at Saint Mary's in the past as compared to the present.

Saint Mary's was founded as a school for Catholic boys in 1802 and was administered by the Roman Catholic Church until 1970, when authority was transferred to a lay board of governors, and the Jesuits, who had run the University for the past 30 years, were replaced by secular staff. But the University continued to recognize its Catholic tradition, although it is now a public, non-denominational, co-educational university which welcomes all students.

Dr. Murty believes that although the university was a Catholic institution when he arrived to teach in 1963, the Jesuits

appreciated the human and spiritual values of other religions such as his own, Hindu. He says, "Instead of hiding in religion, we compared with each other to see how we all fit together."

This tradition continued when Saint Mary's became non-denominational. Dr. Weeren believes, "We are all facets in the unity of truth in religion. As a diamond needs all its facets to project colour and light, we need to, and do have, an overwhelming sense of unity and appreciation of our different facets."

A real breakthrough in this unity took place when Father Brian Duggan and Elizabeth Fitzgerald joined University Chaplaincy Services in 1990. "We have really experienced an ecumenical breakthrough since their arrival," says Dr. Weeren. "It has always been there unconsciously but the harvest time has come."

"To understand your own religion, you have to understand and respect people in

other religions," says Father Duggan. "If you understand their values and the way they think, then you can learn to respect them." According to Dr. Murty, "This understanding enhances each one of us in our own faiths; it gives us a stronger faith in our own tradition."

Chaplaincy Services brought people of different faiths together in a multi-faith lunchtime discussion series called "Faith and University". Says Elizabeth Fitzgerald, "We have a tendency to distance ourselves from others in the sense of religion. Through these multi-faith meetings, we learn to be comfortable with each others' traditions." Due to the success of the series, it will be continued during the 1992-93 school year.

The overall conclusion of the discussion was that many faiths live side-by-side at Saint Mary's and that the University is a vibrant community that continues to be nourished by various religions.

Jewish history



Gertrude Shane displays a map of Jewish businesses established in Halifax as far back as 1749 as part of the Gorsebrook Research Institute seminar series "Listen to our Voices". She represented the Jewish Historical Society in her presentation on "The Jewish People of Nova Scotia", and discussed their contribution to Nova Scotia communities and their under-representation in academic research.

Upon this rock I will build

PHYSICAL

Varied career leads to concern for the environment

Liam Currie

Mechanical Supervisor

The Times had to rush to catch Liam Currie before he went off to Indonesia in February! As well as his day job on campus, Liam is working towards a Master of Public Administration degree at Dalhousie and was one of six students chosen to attend workshops on environmental management development in Jakarta. He and a fellow student make up one of 11 teams which are part of what Liam describes as, "A joint study of environmental issues" in which all participants learn from each other, rather than one side advising the other. Liam's team is studying the effectiveness of the short and long-term environmental management advisors used by the Indonesian government.

Liam's interest in the protection of the environment stems from practical experience. Although he started a political science degree at Saint Mary's in 1971, he did not graduate until 1991, 20 years later, and the intervening period contained a busy technical career. After leaving Saint Mary's to attend community

college, he became an apprentice electrician with National Sea Products. His next step was to join the merchant marine as an electrical officer; then he switched to mechanical engineering and worked his way from third engineer to the four stripes of a chief engineer. He sailed on vessels trading up and down the eastern seaboard of North America, working many years for U.S. Gypsum Transportation Ltd. He explains that few people realise the environmental responsibilities of a marine engineer. On board ship his job included, "Managing stack emissions and sewage treatment plants, and ensuring that the cooling and cargo water the ship discharges does not contain oil."

When the job of mechanical supervisor at



Liam Currie

Saint Mary's was advertised in 1987, Liam was ready to come ashore. Today, he supervises the maintenance staff and co-ordinates the heating, cooling and all other mechanical systems on campus. In addition, returning to Saint Mary's proved to be "a great time to finish my degree." Why political science? He believes that most jobs, even those of mechanical supervisors, benefit from a knowledge of political science. With the long postponed BA under his belt, he decided to work for a degree in public administration because it seemed "the perfect way to tie it all together." Taking two courses a year, he hopes to have his MPA in three to four years.

'Like one, big happy family'

Jim Young

Painter

The education system is where Jim Young plans to stay. He worked as a painter with the Halifax School Board before coming to Saint Mary's four years ago. "It's a low key situation working within the education environment, says Jim. "We are like one big, happy family."

A big Toronto Maple Leaf fan, Jim enjoys camping, fishing, hunting, swimming, bowling, golf and softball when he's not playing oldtimers hockey or managing the TASA Midget 'A' hockey team. Many of his activities include other members of Physical Plant, who, as he points out, won the Saint Mary's Community Week softball tournament this year.

Jim and his work partner, Tony Arab, are responsible for painting at the university which usually means filling work orders as they come in and doing regular maintenance around the campus. In the summer, five students are hired on to paint the highrise; "Saint Mary's students of course," adds Jim.

Jim very much enjoys Saint Mary's where he says "The University is doing the best they can to help us out during the wage freeze." He adds, "Sometimes you have to have a taste of the bad life to know how good we have it here."

Jim's wife Linda is a secretary with the Halifax School Board, based at Saint Pat's High School. They have two sons, Mick, 20 and Matt, 16, and of course there is Boozer, their 8-year-old 'Heinz 57' dog.



Jim Young

Cleaning's one of her hobbies

Liz Marr

General Worker-Light

Though spending most of her life in Dartmouth, Liz Marr names the little town of Port Felix, Guysborough County as her family home. The sixth of eight children, Liz has four brothers and three sisters, as well as four nieces and three nephews. She tells of growing up and helping her mother take care of her two younger brothers.

Liz started work at the Canso Fish Plant where she was a trimmer for six months. She moved on to Saint Mary's 10 years ago and has held the position of light cleaner since that time. Her work centers around Loyola and the McNally basement. A regular day for Liz starts at 7:00 a.m. in the offices, computer rooms and lounges of Loyola where she must have all the vacuuming done by 9:00 a.m. She moves on to clean the McNally building then returns to Loyola where she cleans the washrooms, all glass doors, the catwalk between Loyola and McNally, the classrooms and a general pick-up around the building. She had a request earlier this year to hang from the catwalk to clean its glass structure but she turned it down with a resounding "No, thanks"! Liz also represents light cleaners on the University's Pay Equity Committee.

Liz lists cleaning, cooking and reading among her favorite things to do in her spare time. She also plans frequent trips to Port Felix where she enjoys the homey atmosphere of knowing everyone, but says "this is not always a benefit!"



Streamlined quarters for Physical Plant

Yes you can make a silk's

They've done it again! The team which brought you the new, improved Registrar's office, the Dean of Arts' suite and the staff lounge has reached new heights in those special Saint Mary's skills: stretching dollars and space to make functional new working areas out of cramped, dark and outdated offices.

Light streams in through big south-facing windows, dark blue trim sets off elegant pale blue walls, a wide corridor

leads to a row of spacious offices housing smiling employees. Where are we? In that former dungeon, the offices of Physical Plant! Thanks to a bunch of ingenious ideas interpreted by the magic wand of draftsman Clem Rodrigues, a transformation has taken place. By adding a storage area that used to house the University laundry and eliminating other wasted spaces, miracles have been worked. Still taking place is the

This engineer helped build The Tower

Louis Durisi

Director, Physical Plant

A native of Connecticut, Louis (known as Lou) attended Jesuit-run Fairfield College Prep, before continuing his education at Saint Mary's, a university also run by Jesuits at the time. He gained a diploma in engineering and a wife at Saint Mary's then completed a civil engineering degree from Nova Social Tech (now TUNS) in 1971.

After a summer term with the Nova Scotia Housing Commission in Arichat, Cape Breton, Lou joined the engineering/works department of the City of Halifax. In 1974, he became Halifax's first environmental health services engineer. In 1980, he moved into the position of Director of Engineering and Works for the new town of Bedford. In this position, he was responsible for establishing the municipal departments of engineering and works, planning and development as well as building inspection.

In 1983, Lou accepted a term position with the Metropolitan Area Planning Commission as an environmental/project engineer to develop an alternative to the proposed Regional Pollution Control System.

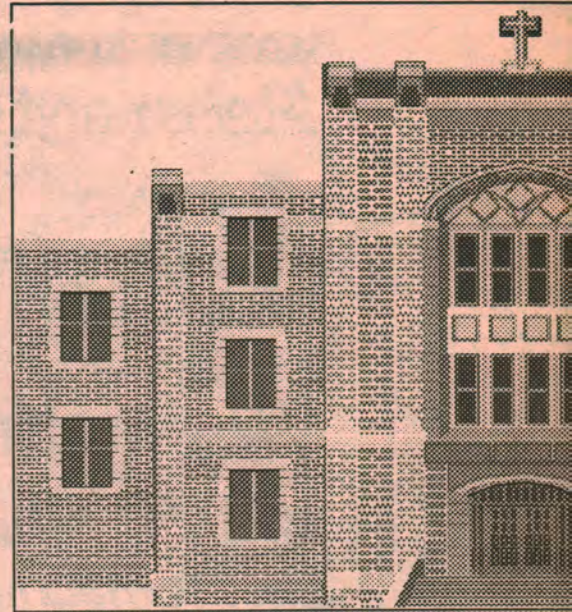
In 1985, he jumped at the chance to return

to his *alma mater* in the position of Director of Physical Plant where he is responsible for all aspects of building, equipment, systems and ground maintenance, custodial, security and utility services as well as building enhancements including renovations and major construction.

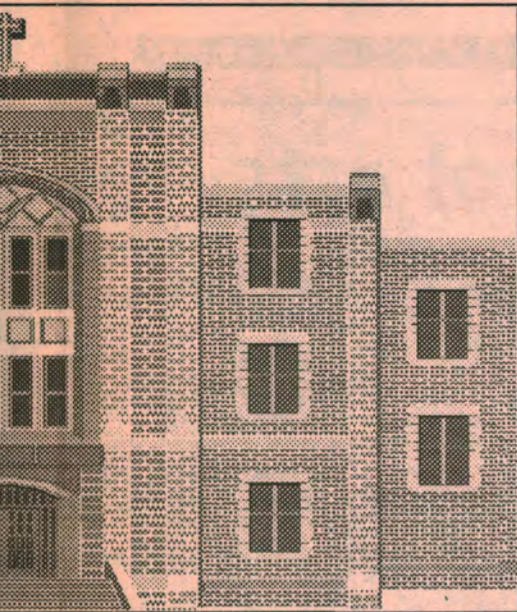
Lou admits it was different to return to Saint Mary's as an employee instead of a student. He remembers living in the north and west wings of McNally while the Jesuits lived in the south wing. He remembers times in the kitchen and debating theatre which have since been converted into labs. But what he remembers most is the first major project he worked on at Saint Mary's; the building of the Tower and the subsequent renovation of the old gym. Lou explains, "Saint Mary's has been, and will continue to be in a non-stop, ongoing mode, whether it be in the areas of growth or new works and alterations around campus."

In his other life, Lou is known to many as a family man. His four sons, who range in age from 8 to 19 years, have involved him and his wife Peggy, in cub scouts, soccer, softball, camping, tap dancing and music over the years.

When not taking part in family activities, Lou enjoys curling up with a Robert Ludlum spy novel or good war story.



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Engineer runs energy-saving program

Bill MacNeill
Energy Management Engineer
When Bill MacNeill signed on as Saint Mary's first energy management engineer last summer, it was a homecoming. Bill received a Diploma in Engineering from Saint Mary's in 1984, and went on to graduate with a Bachelor of Mechanical Engineering from the Technical University of Nova Scotia (TUNS) in 1987. He spent the summer of 1986, however, working in Physical Plant, developing a computer program to track the University's use

of utilities and after graduation continued to return to campus to keep the program up and running.



Bill MacNeill

Bill joined Abco Industries in Lunenburg in 1987, starting as a design engineer and progressing to plant engineer of this metal fabricating company which specializes in energy efficient food processing machinery. He hankered to return to Halifax, however, and the energy management job seemed tailor-made for his background and experience. Bill is interested in energy management as an aspect of environmental engineering and says, "I learned the fundamentals at TUNS; the

application I am developing through experience." He also practised the application at TUNS, as a team member for the university's first entry in the Shell "Fuelathon," an annual competition for fuel-efficient vehicles. The TUNS entry achieved 1,000 miles per gallon over a five mile distance.

Enthusiastic is the best way to describe Bill's attitude to his present job. He is responsible for implementing the University's \$1 million energy management program, in which a total of 60 projects will cut costs and reduce waste. Undaunted, he says, "If I have any time left over, we are looking to install an automated maintenance management system; to practise preventive maintenance, rather than responding to crises."

Bill says, "I am keen on all things mechanical," and can often be found doing hands-on stuff in his home workshop. He is also an avid reader of spy stories, and intends to take some master's level energy management courses at TUNS. He adds, "I would also like to do an MBA at Saint Mary's."

Proud grandma enjoys work at Saint Mary's

Judy Selinger
General Worker-Light
Judy Selinger came to Halifax in 1971 and to Saint Mary's in 1972 after leaving her home in the Magdalen Islands. She began with Saga Foods that year working on the line in the student centre cafeteria. She later moved into the faculty lounge and then became head cashier in the student centre. In 1982, she became a full university employee when she joined Physical Plant as custodian in the student centre.



Judy Selinger

She very much enjoys working at Saint Mary's. "The University has been good to me. We have a good bunch of people here and we all work well together," says Judy. She comments that she has seen a lot of people coming and going over the years. "Some people who graduate then come back to school are sometimes surprised to see me still here, but I know Saint Mary's is a good place to work and I enjoy the friendly people."

Judy's life is not just work though. She and her husband, Gerald have two children, Jeff (27) and Tammy (24) as well as their pride and joy grandchildren Holly (5) and Taylor (2). "Holly is a real talker. She phones me all the time to talk. Taylor is a lot more quiet because he knows Holly will do the talking for him!"

Judy and her husband are avid bowlers and enjoy fishing together. "We fish bass in Annapolis Royal but Gerry has his secret spots for trout fishing," says Judy.

s purse from a sow's ear!

conversion of the offices just outside the big brown doors, and that gloomy limbo for old desks and chairs on the corner will soon provide a much needed lunch room and rest area for Physical Plant employees and (at last!) showers for use by the tradespeople after the many dirty jobs that are involved in keeping this campus working. Further down the line comes the renovation and rationalization of the carpentry, metalwork, plumbing and electrical shops.

Administrative Vice-President Guy Noël explains why the work became necessary. "The University had grown so much that the space was quite inadequate and totally dysfunctional," he says. The arrival of new staff and equipment for the energy management program in 1991 was

the straw that broke the camel's back. Describing the process which lead up to the conversion, he says, "We had discussions about the possibility of having the kind of physical plant building which you will find at Acadia, Dalhousie or St. Francis Xavier, but we came to the conclusion that it was not in the cards for as far into the future as we could see. We decided that the most logical thing was to look at the south wing and carry out a renovation that would eliminate all the waste space."

This is not a story which words can do justice to—find an excuse to visit the new ground floor penthouse suite and see for yourself what ingenuity and fiscal responsibility can do. But watch out in case they start charging for tours!

Helping hand for 34 years

Murray Martin
Plumber's Helper

Since leaving the South Shore in 1958, Murray Martin has spent 34 years at Saint Mary's working as a cook's helper, cleaner, fireman and a plumber's helper, the position he currently holds.

His first job as a cook's helper kept him busy 12 hours a day, six days per week with a weekly salary of \$29. He was pleased to move to a cleaning job three years later where he only had to work 8 hours a day, five and a half days per week and earned the big weekly salary of \$40!

Over the years, Murray has seen the campus grow from just the McNally Building to the whole campus as it is now. There were "only boys back then" he reports. A reminder of earlier years was brought to light during renovations to Physical Plant. According to Murray, a piece of paper was found between the walls that listed laundry prices; a task once done for students. Though he can't remember the exact year, you may take a guess by seeing

pants listed as costing 25 cents to wash and silk shirts costing 30 cents!

In 1971, Murray moved to the position of fireman and was responsible for handling boilers, cutting grass and pressing garbage. Since 1975, Murray has been a plumber's helper. He was taught his trade by resident plumbers Allan Jones and Phillip MacDonald, who he has worked with over the years. Murray enjoys his job saying, "We all get along; the morale in the department is great."

Murray and his wife Anna have three children and two grandchildren as well as a cat, Snuggles. In his spare time, Murray enjoys bowling and watching hockey though he wouldn't specify his favorite team due to possible ribbing from co-workers!



Murray Martin

Cape Bretoner heads for home and hearth on weekends

Joe Aucoin
General Worker-Heavy

A Cape Bretoner at heart, he'll always call Cheticamp his home but since 1986, Joe Aucoin has been living in Halifax and working at Saint Mary's.

Joe began work at a Cape Breton transport company, moving freight by truck until the company went under and he was forced to move to Halifax to find work. At Saint Mary's he worked three years on the nightshift as a general worker-heavy then moved to the day shift in 1989. Though he has no regular workday, Joe usually does custodial work until 9:00 a.m. then handles set-up and furniture moving for the rest of the day.

On his days off, Joe heads to Cape Breton where he meets his four sisters and three brothers. "I enjoy the tranquility and peace of Cape Breton. The living is slower than in the city," says Joe.

The Montreal Canadiens hockey fan grew

up speaking French but attended English school. "There were only jobs for English-speaking people so we were forced to pick up the language at school though we continued in French at home," he explains.

But every summer, without fail, Joe and his family return to their hometown of Cheticamp, Cape Breton to sing, stepdance, play the fiddle and the bagpipes during their Annual Acadian Festival; a time for the community and the family to get back together.



Joe Aucoin

Intellectual ferment in the Faculty of Arts

by Anne West

"Arts and social sciences faculties everywhere are going through a process of turbulence and reassessment," commented Dean of Arts, Dr. Michael Larsen, in the 1990-91 President's Report. "There are major intellectual and social battles being fought over what is to be included in a core curriculum, what

we consider transmitting from one generation to another as essential cultural information." He added, "Deciding what is significant and worthy of study is of enormous importance because it represents our sense of ourselves as a society and a civilization." Stressing the relevance of a liberal

arts education in today's world, Dr. Larsen said, "It is by being here, in contact with the kind of intellectual ferment that is taking place in the Faculty of Arts, that students get a

real opportunity to become immersed in the very complex dynamic of today's world."

Dr. Larsen's comments lead *The Times* to try and look a little more deeply into the meaning of his words, by exploring the changes that are happening in four of the disciplines of the Faculty of Arts. Many thanks to the faculty members who took the time and trouble to try and simplify these complex

There's nothing left but shopping!

Professor Ken Snyder (English)

This is not a report of an interview with Professor Ken Snyder, but extracts from what he said. He made this pupil see many things in a new light and I appreciate his efforts to communicate his ideas to me. The sentences in italics are paraphrases of his words.

What is the purpose of humankind?

There is, at the moment, no genuine historical project for humankind. In the middle ages our historical project was saving our souls, for Europeans by Christianity; in the 18th century the project was emancipation, political and social freedom, human rights, the move to democracy; in the 20th century it was largely a death trip, working towards producing the third and final world war and the nuclear winter, a kind of historical morbidity. With the collapse of Stalinist socialism, we have nothing left but shopping. In the face of a vacuum, market forces have rushed in.

What should our current project be?

We are faced with a dangerous ecological situation about which we can either panic or hide from by pretending to attend to hard economic realities. Within the next 50 years, the political struggle should be for the biological survival of the planet. *Literature can play a part in this.* Literature has always been ideological and Western literature has always been essentially Utopian...in its hope for a better and more just world. As the study of literature moves in a multicultural direction, the views of the third world will be heard...the views of the north/south division, which is to say the poor speaking to the ears of the rich.

On the current trend towards vocational training and away from education:

The university has traditionally been a critical institution and under the pressure of economic hard times, that role is threatened, so it becomes a supplier of trained personnel to the corporate world. This would be an abdication of its traditional role and probably of its necessary role.

University is seen as a brief beneficial period in which the young person is free to think and feel as critically as he or she could wish. The current demand that every department and discipline justify itself by its value or relation to the market place is dangerous and indicates the possibility for minds to be closed."

Because English departments are fighting this trend: They are cast in the role of a political villain. It was said recently, 'The right controls the White House and the left struggles for the English Departments'.

Changes in curriculum and critical theory

What is called post-modernist, post-structuralist criticism, or deconstruction is a change in the basis of literary criticism that has been taking place for the last 30 years. The works studied are no longer seen as more or less sacred repositories of equally sacred truths, centred on and largely in justification of the dominant male interest. The monologue of authority is challenged in the dialogues of the once marginalized voices of the world. The shift is reflected in the University's intention to appoint someone with expertise in post-colonial literature and feminist literature.

New thought police in place

Mass communications bring opportunities and dangers. There is a concentration of power in the hands of a very few people in the book and film industries. While in English departments the study of literature is actively engaged in theorizing about the implications of dialogism, the actual control of the institutions of discourse are held by a very few people, usually male. Control of the text book industry is held by three major publishers, so while there may appear to be a great variety of positions of discourse, the economic reality is that power is centred in a few hands, which makes for neither efficiency nor ultimately intellectual freedom.

Moving towards the Big Business School

Saint Mary's has had a business school since 1934 and its good reputation is of long standing. It is important to remember that what was most beneficial to its most successful products was that they had to do four years of philosophy and theology as well as their business courses. They got a very good education along with their business degrees. Major American business schools are attached to liberal arts universities of the highest standing. Saint Mary's real strength has been as a solid liberal arts college with a better than average business school.



Professor Ken Snyder



Preparing students for the future

Dr. Pat Connelly (Sociology)

"Global economic restructuring and the development of information technology are making the world a different kind of place," says Sociology Chairperson Dr. Pat Connelly. "People are linked in new and complex ways and this is something sociologists are interested in." She explains, "The whole concept of the internationalization of the curriculum, which is part of Saint Mary's mission statement, is something the sociology department is taking seriously." She points out that Dr. Marion Kane from Trinidad and Tobago, an internationally known criminologist recently spoke on campus about crime in developing countries. Dr. Connelly says, "Even in criminology, we are trying to understand what is going on in other countries as well as our own."

As examples she points to Dr. Helen Ralston's course on the empowerment of women in India, Dr. Sandra Halebsky's course on third world urbanization and Dr. Jo-Anne Fiske's "ethnicity in a Canadian setting. This course, she says, "deals with indigenous people, but has an international dimension in which indigenous people around the world are discussed."

Sociologists at Saint Mary's are involved in such interdisciplinary programs as Womens' Studies, Atlantic Canada Studies (ACS) and International Development Studies (IDS). Dr. Connelly believes, "Their interdisciplinary nature allows us to work towards a more holistic analysis of problems. We do not isolate one part of society, say the economy, and treat it as if it was unrelated to politics or culture."

She also points to the Summer Institute on Gender and Development, of which she was co-chair, and which for the last three years, brought women from around the world to study the research techniques they need to help them improve the lot of women in their countries.

"The next generation is going to live and work in a global state and needs to have an appreciation and respect for cultural diversity," says Dr. Connelly. They must understand the complexities of language, issues of development, environmental concerns and the need for equity for women, indigenous people, people of color and people with disabilities. She adds, "These are really important issues in Canada and internationally and will become more important in the future. I think we have a responsibility to prepare students for that future."

It isn't just arts students who need to understand the complexities of the global village, says Dr. Connelly. "We have to prepare business students and science students who are going to be working in an international context. They need to be aware of the political, cultural and economic situation, and education students need to be trained to teach younger people about these things."

In a world that is changing so fast, what new challenges are appearing on the horizon? "We are just beginning to grapple with the environment, what happens when the Brazilian rain forests are destroyed," says Dr. Connelly. "The whole issue of the feminization of poverty is becoming a major concern. The poorest of the poor around the world are women and their numbers are increasing."

Are you hopeful that today's students, will be able to cope? "It depends what day you catch me on. I think that initiatives like the Summer Institute which bring people together from all over the world are a good sign, and the students in the IDS program are so incredibly enthusiastic and concerned about these issues that they keep me optimistic."



Dr. Pat Connelly

Intellectual ferment

Now it's the history of ordinary people

Dr. James Morrison (History)

Dr. Morrison believes the discipline of history is changing in three ways. "More than ever it is cross-disciplinary; we have to draw upon sociology and anthropology in order to assess and interpret history." His second point is that new methodologies have come to the fore in the last 10 to 20 years and he says, "My own specialty is oral history, interviewing people about the past." The third change is in the subject matter itself, "What we call the new social history; getting away from the history of dead white men and looking at the history of women, children, labour, blacks, natives, people who were not old style *great people*." These people, he believes, were left out of history, but the current process is rounding out history and making it complete.

Dr. Morrison also says history is getting closer. "At the turn of the century, history was anything that happened more than 50 years ago. That is not now the case. History overlaps with things like political science, social analysis and historians are often dragged or pushed into the foreground for comment on a particular incident." He believes that is a difficult

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Dr. James Morrison

position to be in because very often full information is not available. "No one has a complete understanding of what happened in Eastern Europe two years ago. The documents are not there to make an analysis and until they are available, we have to use what we have and make learned judgements."

There is also an ideological shift taking place in history, in terms of what has gone on in Eastern

Europe and the demise of the Soviet Union, believes Dr. Morrison. "It seems, 'That takes care of Marx,' but others say it is no reflection on the theories of Marx, but a reflection on the way they were interpreted by society."

In addition to the study of more recent history, events that occurred a long time ago are being re-interpreted. Christopher Columbus is an example of this, says Dr. Morrison, explaining that there are more people who want a place in history than ever before. Historians did not mention the fact that Christopher Columbus brought diseases of all sorts to the Americas, or that there were ancient and thriving civilizations in place when he arrived.

Mass communications mean that "The public can become interested and expert in history," says Dr. Morrison. "A lot of the boundaries between the elite historian who has the final judgement and the amateur who has an enormous interest have broken down. If we are interested in the assassination of JFK we can buy books and see the most recent movie or documentary about it." The flip side of the media revolution is that misinformation about such issues as the Holocaust can be equally easily spread. Dr. Morrison believes, "It is the responsibility of historians to make their work sufficiently popular to affect the general knowledge of the population. If you leave the media or crackpots to be the purveyors of history, then you have abdicated your role as a historian in society."

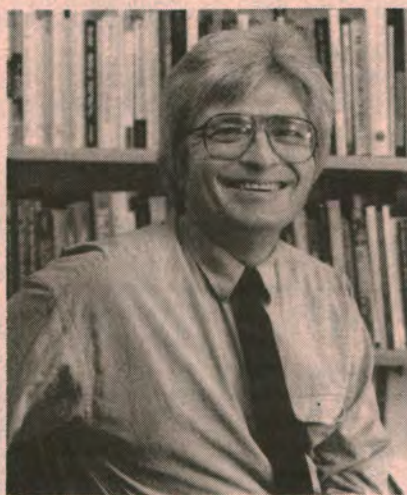
Modern world issues cause an ethics explosion

Dr. Sheldon Wein (Philosophy)

The number of students studying philosophy increased by 23 per cent last year, and one of Dr. Sheldon Wein's introductory logic classes has over 200 people in it. Describing what could be called the "ethics explosion," Dr. Wein says, "I think there are two reasons why ethical issues are more prominent in students' minds these days. First, there are more ethical issues, because of technology advances, secondly, we are all now exposed to a wider range of ideas...our students see television, they have heard about the women's movement, they have heard about Oka, about native issues; it is because of the advent of a more successful media."

Discussing new ethical issues, Dr. Wein explains, "There are a whole range of questions in medical ethics which just did not exist 20 years ago. I used to do research and advising on how to treat infants born without a brain, or with very little brain. Twenty years ago there were no ethical issues here because one could not treat these infants; they would die in a matter of hours or days after birth. But now it is possible to keep them alive, perhaps even until their bodies reach adulthood. This has raised the question of whether one ought to do so."

Organ transplants pose another ethical issue: "Who should be first in line? Should alcoholics be placed at the bottom for liver transplants because they are allegedly partially responsible for their need for treatment, or should they be treated like car accident patients, or people with genetic disorders?" There are also new ethical questions in many other fields, including the law, the environment and feminism and, international development. In 1990 Dr. Wein began teaching "Ethical issues in international development". Twenty students, enrolled in its first year, this year it is close to 70. Ethical questions in this field range from the basic question of whether it is right to tax Canadians to help people in other countries when there are still poverty and inequality in Canada to "What are the ethical constraints on those working for development



Dr. Sheldon Wein

agencies? How appropriate is it to try and change the culture of the developing country? How much importance should be attached to having people in developing countries retain their social and religious practices, particularly when we view some of these practices as immoral."

The Philosophy Department is considering introducing a course in the new field of environmental ethics, some aspects of which overlap with international development.

Dr. Wein asks the question, "Should we impose the same environmental standards on developing countries as we try to in developed countries. They can say, 'When you were developing you belched out smoke from every factory. Are you going to tell us we cannot have the advantage you had?'" He adds, "We are now aware of the environmental damage caused by our past practices, but it is hard to tell people who desperately need jobs that they cannot have them because they do not have pollution control equipment."

Dr. Wein believes the second reason for the ethics explosion is improved communications. "It is a little harder to have systematic and continuing maltreatment of a group without it coming to the attention of our students," he says. "On TV they see people starving, they see people being beaten up. Nelson Mandela can fly to North America; millions of people can see him on television. We are better educated about instances of ethical problems; we are living in a global village."

Dr. Wein says the way in which philosophy is taught, especially at the introductory level, has changed to meet this explosion. "Ethics used to be seen as the study of moral language, what we

really meant when we said something was right or wrong, not a discipline to provide guidance," he says. "In the last 30 years philosophers have taken up specific ethical areas, as theoreticians and in practice." The courses they teach have also become more practical and less theoretical. Dr. Wein himself worked for the Westminster Institute for Ethics and Human Values before coming to Saint Mary's, providing ethical advice to hospitals, the Medical Research Council of Canada, legal bodies and business.

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Dr. Roger Barnsley, Dean of Education, listens intently to Marlene Webber during her BEd Week lecture on campus. Dr. Barnsley recently accepted the position of Vice-President Academic at Saint Thomas University in New Brunswick, which will take effect on July 1.



Education students learn about life for street kids

Students in the Bachelor of Education Program took a hard look at real life during BEd Week, which ran from February 10 to 12. With the theme "Community Connection" the week gave students an opportunity to learn about links between the school system, the community and many of society's current concerns.



Talk on ceramics

Dr. Peter Swann of the University of Waterloo, former director of the Royal Ontario Museum, spoke on "East Asian Ceramics History and Art" in the Art Gallery on March 6. He is seen here (L) talking to Dr. John Lee, co-ordinator of the Asian Studies Program, which sponsored the event.

Guest speaker at a public lecture on February 10 was Marlene Webber, author of *Street Kids: The Tragedy of Canada's Runaways*, which looks at the plight of street kids from Halifax to Victoria. It also takes a critical look at the society that lets them fall into a life on the street. Webber told her audience that reports show a link exists between difficult home situations and the number of pregnancies, crimes and drop-outs among young people. She talked about ways in which educators can recognize kids with these problems and provide support and help which may keep them off the streets.

Other sessions during BEd Week included "Being more than just aware: racial issues", which focussed on native and black issues and resources. A series of workshops discussed women in work, the changing roles of women and men, young women in science, and alternative programming for youth between the ages of 12 and 15. "Development and relief in the world with the Red Cross and global education," brought an international flavor to the students' concerns.

On February 12, students lent a hand at several community service projects including Hope Cottage, Adsum House, Saint Vincent's Guest House, the Ecology Action Centre and the Metro Food Bank.

BEd week has become an annual project for students in the BEd program at Saint Mary's.

Students meet business leaders

Students from across Canada met with business school faculty and key business leaders from January 23-26 to gain valuable experience and contacts as they prepare for their business careers.

The conference, sponsored by Xerox, was the brainchild of Saint Mary's commerce students. "Students need to make contacts. Business people need to know the quality of students graduating from the various commerce programs," says Dwayne Boudreau, graduating commerce student and executive director of the conference. "While professors can bring a wealth of practical and theoretical knowledge, it is this type of involvement that will cement future ties with business leaders."

The conference also hosted the 'ABC Expo', a job mart where companies exhibited information on their companies and talked about their recruiting requirements.

Dwayne Boudreau, executive director of the Atlantic Business Conference receives a \$4,000 contribution towards conference expenses from Xerox Canada representative, Ross MacLean, high volume sales



executive. Xerox Canada was the presenting sponsor for the conference which followed the theme, "Bringing business and students together".

WUSC lecture

March 5 saw the 1992 WUSC Development Symposium on Academic Freedom take place at Dalhousie and Saint Mary's. International speakers Dr. Hema Goonatilake of Sri Lanka and Professor Sehoal Santho from Lesotho gave the evening session at Saint Mary's. L to R: Dr. Colin Dodds (V-P



Academic and Research), Professor Santho, Susan McIntyre (Dalhousie), Dr. Goonatilake and International Development Studies student Miguel Figueroa.

Education Emporium full of news for teaching students

A new publication has emerged from the Faculty of Education. It is *The Education Emporium*, an eight-page compendium of thoughts, facts and ideas contributed by students and faculty members and edited by master's student Spencer Bevan John.



Bevan John received a BEd from Saint Mary's in 1975. After graduation, he ran a group home for two years, taught special education in Halifax County for a year, then moved to the Nova Scotia Hospital, where he taught behavioural problem children for 10 years. He completed an MEd at Saint Mary's in 1991 and is now working towards an MA in Education. His thesis topic is "Teachers with Disabilities", a case study of three teachers who have spinal cord injuries and are teaching from wheelchairs. He describes *The Education Emporium* as, "an opportunity to teach myself about computers and desktop publishing" but hopes that someone will take it over next year, when he returns to teaching.

The first issue, which appeared in November 1991, contained articles on teachers and volunteer hours, individual responsibility and peer pressure, and

curricula alternatives for the nineties, as well as a piece by philosophy professor Dr. Peter March on self-knowledge. The second issue, dated February 1992, focuses on whole language, Mozart and gays in the school system.

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Update on South Africa

Patricia De Lille, Foreign Affairs Secretary of the Pan Africanist Congress of Azanua visited Saint Mary's University on Thursday, March 5. She was here as part of a ten-day tour of Canada to brief Canadians on the PAC position on the current situation in South Africa. Mrs. De Lille is shown here with Sydney Ramphore, a UCCB student from South Africa



EMBA students phone top business brass

The Saint Mary's EMBA program is bringing reality into the classroom with an innovative case study technique. Students in the Corporate Strategy course work on case studies of companies such as Bombardier, Ralph Lauren, Wendy's, Annhauser-Busch, Coors and Moosehead.

Though this is not unusual for business students, it has a different twist; the class telephones the company they are studying and asks what was done to solve that particular problem and what is happening in the company and the industry.

The idea came to Dr. Robin Stuart-Kotzé, who teaches the course, while he was listening to *As it Happens* on CBC Radio. "The show's reporters phone people and ask them questions and I thought it would be great if we could do the same thing," he explains. Dr. Stuart-Kotzé has no problem calling a

company and asking the president or someone else in senior management to give the class 15 minutes of their time. "It is their commitment to education," he says.

Phoning executives saves time and money both for the class and the company they are calling. "It would be very expensive to fly executives in for a 15-minute talk to a class; they would have to do a big presentation which would make it harder to focus on the issues we want to explore. By using the simple technology at hand, the telephone, we can ask the questions we want, and we are not taking away from the executive's day," explains Dr. Stuart-Kotzé.

Says one student, "Exposure to the top people in a company really makes the difference. We don't get just the narrow view of a written case; we get to find out the details about how the company really handled the situation."

Panelists focussing on an energy policy for the Atlantic Provinces included (L to R) Don Roscoe (Solar Nova Scotia), Moderator Jessica Block (student, School of Resources and Environmental Studies, Dalhousie), and Howard Epstein (Director, Ecology Action Centre)



Saint Mary's students sponsor environment workshop

The student environmental movement in Atlantic Canada got a boost in February when Saint Mary's Environmentally Concerned Students Society (ECOSS) hosted the first Atlantic Region conference. Thirty-five students from Acadia, Mount Allison, St. Francis Xavier and all the Metro universities attended the three-day event. Its theme was "Environment and Economy".

Friday evening and Saturday, panel sessions focussed on the economic history of Atlantic Canada, the relationship between economy and ecology, and a sustainable energy policy for Atlantic Canada. Speakers included representatives of government, industry, academe and the environmental movement. On Sunday morning, the group took part in workshops on organic farming, solar power, forestry management and community planning.

ECOSS President Thea Wilson-Hammond was pleased with the conference, saying "We had some really good talks with people from other universities who we have written to, but never met. We will be able to achieve a lot more in the coming year because we have made personal contact." She adds, "The next step is to see what we can do across the province and across the region." ECOSS has 35 members and is a member of CUSEN.



Carnation day

Carnation Day on February 11th brought a little bit of the loving spirit to Saint Mary's students. The Residence Society sells carnations to students during this annual event leading up to Valentine's Day.



Pub Staff are: (front, l to r) Rob Finn, Kimberley Hollebhone, Dale Burton, Jim Waugh (back l to r) Tom Dwyer, Darren MacPherson, Mike Delaney, Darcy Flynn

Adopt two foster children

Pub staff sponsor aid to third world children

Keep an eye on the Gorsebrook Lounge for a new display. That's where pub staff plan to put photos and letters from their two foster children, Walter Sanchez of Columbia and Helen Asare of Ghana.

Lounge manager, Rob Finn and SMUSA operations manager, Darcy Flynn came up with the idea of adopting foster children this summer. Rob approached Father Duggan of Chaplaincy Services with the idea, and Fr. Duggan gave him the contact information for World Vision Canada.

With the start of the school year, Rob called together his staff and talked about the sponsorship. It meant that staff would have to give up \$600 from their tips over the eight month period the pub is open. The group decided to give it a try and applied for two

children, a boy and a girl, specifying the countries they would like them to come from.

"So far we have received photos and basic information on our kids and a Christmas card from each of them," says Rob. Darcy adds, "We plan to send them each a card from the University to explain who is sponsoring them. They probably think we are a mom and dad family; we want them to know we are a University family."

Rob hopes to have this sponsorship incorporated into the functioning of the pub so that it will continue for years to come. He also hopes the display will encourage patrons to give to these children and will encourage other groups on campus to foster their own children.

Saint Mary's nominee for the James Bayer Memorial Award

Athlete and scholar

Saint Mary's 1992 nominee for the James Bayer Memorial Award for significant contribution to sport and society, winner of the Saint Mary's Faculty Union Scholarship, an Achievement Scholarship, the Alumni Leadership Award...the list goes on for volleyball player, Shauna MacDougall.

In her fourth year on the Huskies squad, Shauna has impressive academic credentials and athletic ability. She graduated from J.L. Ilsley High School where she played volleyball, basketball and badminton and received the school's highest academic standing in English, French, math, political science and physical education. Says Shauna, "My parents always stressed that school came first and if I didn't keep up my marks, then

I'd have to cut activities; so I made sure I kept up my marks."

Shauna was pulled into the Saint Mary's fold by Karin Maessen, the provincial women's volleyball team coach at the time and a national team member who helped form the first Saint Mary's volleyball team in 1988. "I chose Saint Mary's because it was a little smaller and more personal and it also had a good reputation for its commerce program," she comments. "We were all rookie players that first year," says Shauna. "We stayed together over the years to provide a core group of seniors this season."

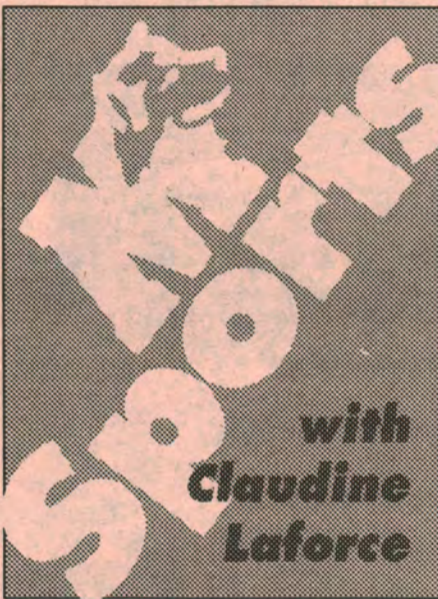
Since coming to Saint Mary's, Shauna has worked on both her academics and volleyball at a steady pace. How does she keep up with

everything? "I know how to manage my time. I put myself on a schedule and followed it." She is currently holding a 3.89 grade point average and has seen her volleyball team move from the bottom of the pack to a playoff position this year. "No one has ever expected anything from us," explains Shauna. "This year we made up our minds that we would reach the playoffs, and we did."

About her future plans after graduating this spring, "I'm keeping my options open right now but I'm interested in corporate law," she explains. Wherever she goes though, she has no further plans to play volleyball. Shauna MacDougall started and will finish her volleyball career with Saint Mary's.



Shauna MacDougall



So near, but yet so far

Volleyball and hockey teams end seasons after reaching playoffs

Both the women's volleyball and men's hockey teams reached their initial goal of making the playoffs; for the women, the first time in team history and for the men, the first time in three years.

"To reach our goal, we had to knock out one of the top four teams from last year, and we did it," says volleyball coach Joan Matheson. "We had a total team effort. Every one played in the playoffs and played well, which says a lot for our team

on the bench." The team fought hard in the first playoff round against undefeated Dalhousie. They played a tough opening game, putting Dal off their usual game but were not able to hold on in the end. Says one fan, "The team was playing as if they were winning, working hard down to the last point."

The end of the season sees five players from the original 1988-89 squad moving on. Shauna MacDougall and Lisa Cameron

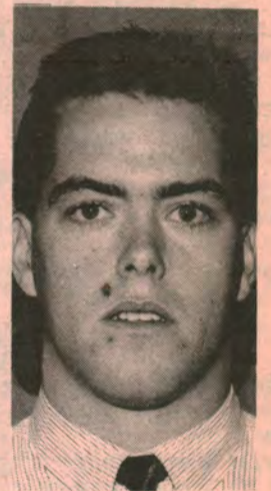
are furthering their studies elsewhere, Marlene Ouellette and Ann O'Neil are applying for the Education program at Saint Mary's and Monique Rafuse's plans are as yet undecided.

In hockey, besides finishing third in a tough division, the squad came out with some great individual efforts. Craig Teeple won League MVP and Scoring Champion titles, Kelly Division All-Star and All-Canadian honours; Jerrett DeFazio is the AUAA Rookie of the Year nominee for the CIAU award; and Tim Gilligan who, with 32 points broke Mike Kelly's 1980-81 record of 31 points for a defenceman, was named a Kelly Division All-Star.

Teeple also broke two Saint Mary's records. With 60 points, he beat the all-time points record of 56 points set by Dale Turner in 1973 and topped the assists record of 35 set by Mike Hornby (1967) and Dale Turner (1973) with a total of 47 assists this season.

Congratulations also go to Steve Kluczkowski who scored 41 points and Jon Fargo who scored 40 points this season, more than his previous three years combined.

With only three graduating players, Tim Gilligan, Richard MacKenzie and Phil Collier, next year's squad will be a strong one. Says coach Norm McCauley, "We have to work on our balance from game to game for next year. We had some really strong games this year like our 6-5 win over Dal in double overtime during the playoffs. Now we just have to work on playing like this more consistently."



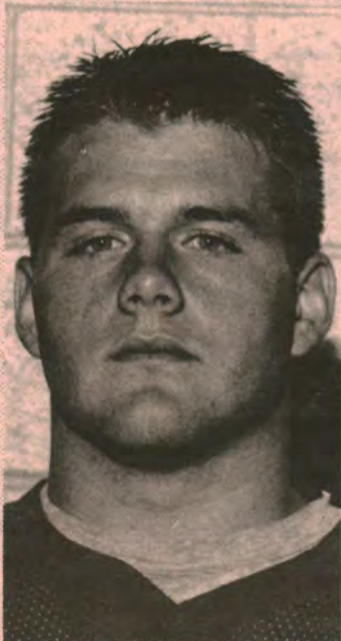
Craig Teeple

Two football Huskies chosen in CFL draft

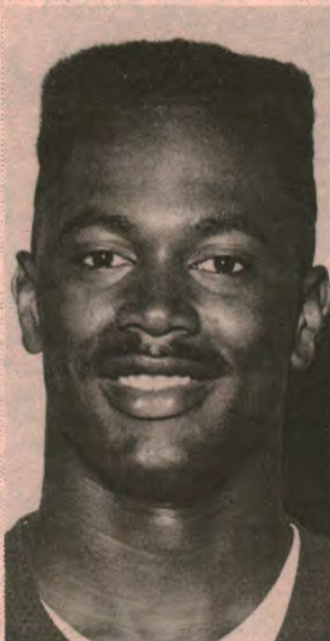
February 29th falls once every four years and some call it lucky. Ken Walcott and Brian Johnson sure do. The two football Huskies were picked up in the Canadian Football League (CFL) draft on this day.

Ken Walcott was flown to Hamilton to attend the draft since he was expected to be high on the pick list. He was the fastest defensive back and second-fastest player overall at the CFL scouting assessment weekend, January 31 to February 2. The Sydney native was picked 11th overall by the Ottawa Rough Riders. Though the Ottawa club is coming off a shaky playing season, Walcott

isn't taking anything for granted. "I don't think any pro lineup is easy to crack," he says. "Ottawa has a lot of good players. I see this as a challenge but one that I



Brian Johnson



Ken Walcott

think I can handle." Adds Walcott, "Anyone who's picked up in the draft has a legitimate chance to make a CFL team. Players are chosen by different

teams in different rounds because they have the skills and abilities that each individual team needs."

Brian Johnson didn't believe Walcott when he received a call from his Huskies teammate that Saturday morning. "Kenny woke me up with his call, telling me I'd been picked up in the CFL draft. I thought he was joking. I felt I did pretty well at the CFL evaluation camp but I had no indication at that pointed that I'd be picked up." Johnson, a native of Truro, was the first pick in the sixth round, chosen 41st overall by the Hamilton Tiger Cats. He received a call from the Hamilton club later

in the day to confirm the draft and to give him details on his contract.

Both players will report to their training camps in early June.