

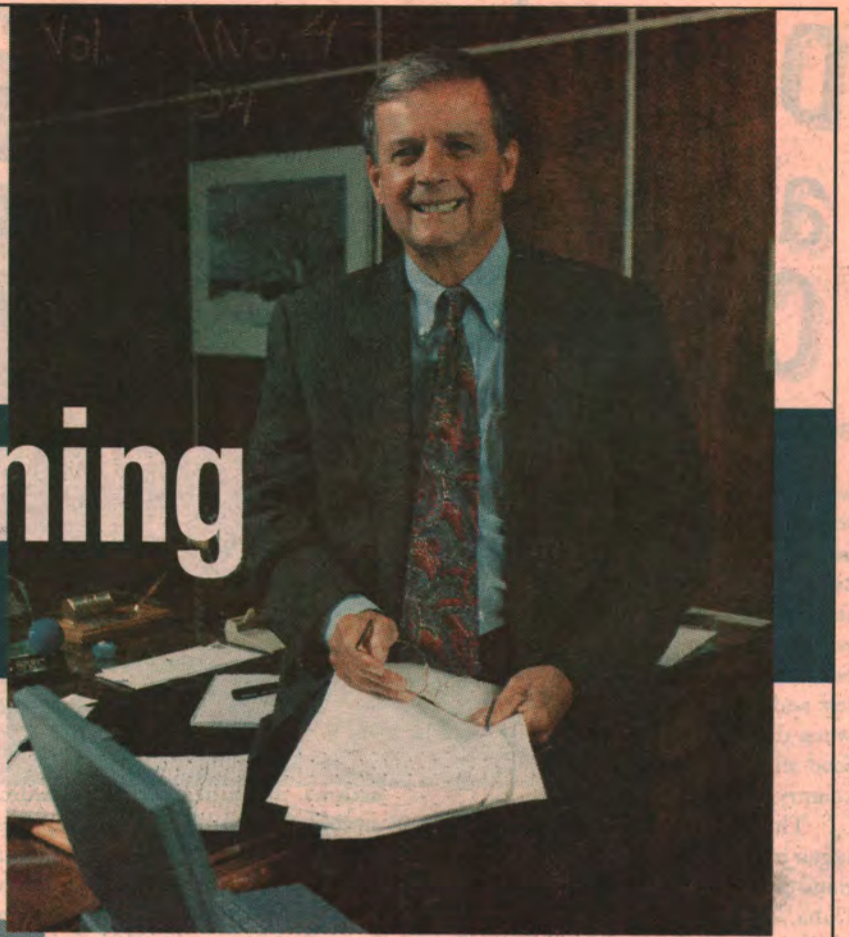
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## A new beginning

A message from  
Dr. Kenneth Ozmon, President of Saint Mary's University



Over the next very short period of time, the face of universities in Nova Scotia will change. Governments have clearly indicated there is a smaller pool of public funding available, while at the same time there is an increased demand to ensure that Canada has a well-educated population.

I have believed for sometime that Saint Mary's and similar minded universities are part of the solution and the future of Nova Scotia. In December, 1994 I presented an outline of a plan entitled "A New beginning," to my fellow metro area university presidents. It is a plan based on co-operation and co-ordination while ensuring that the uniqueness of each university is enhanced.

Co-operation among universities and colleges in Halifax, once the aim of the Metro University Presidents' Committee (MUPC), and which resulted in major successes such as NOVANET, which provided electronic linkages between the universities in Halifax,

and which gained other Nova Scotian members, has been hailed worldwide as an example of university co-operation.

Inter-University Services (ISI), a corporation created by four metro universities to serve its joint purchasing requirements, and

### The Saint Mary's University concept is built on:

- A commitment to shared systems
- A commitment to shared programs and departments
- A commitment to on-going external reviews of cost efficiencies
- A commitment to some consolidations

which has evolved to also jointly offer services to its members, now enjoys the membership of every university in the Atlantic provinces except one. This effort is unique in Canada, a model of co-operation it has saved millions of dollars for its members.

There have been numerous other smaller successes, such as the successful co-operative effort to obtain bus service in order to promote movement of students and faculty among metro campuses. All of these have

demonstrated the value of joint action and co-operative planning. A revitalization of metro co-operation is clearly required to ensure that universities and colleges can work together to promote quality education and quality services on our campuses, delivered both efficiently and cost-effectively.

The current economic problems of the Province, and the proposals of the governments to reduce grants in aid of post-secondary education, suggest that the future will be more difficult financially than when metro co-operation was initiated some years ago.

Such a climate makes it imperative that universities, particularly those in Metro Halifax explore ways in which they can co-operate both to save money and to use scarce resources well. The climate also makes it imperative that university leaders commit themselves to find new ways to work together in the search for a more streamlined, cost conscious, student and employer-focused post-secondary system for Halifax, and for Nova Scotia. The following agenda commits itself to co-operative efforts of the universities and colleges in Halifax within a specific and short time frame. The Nova Scotia university system is unique and therein lies its strength. It is a system which can be marketed nationally and around the world.

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## What makes a perfect date?

by Renee Field



"The scenarios are amazing. For women, especially university students, the guy picks her up, pays for the meal and acts like a perfect gentleman. Chivalry style from the 1950's. That's a perfect date. For men it's having sex," he says.

Dr. Desmarais is working with two other psychology professors, Drs. Charlene Senn, University of Windsor; Eileen

Wood, Wilfrid Laurier University and sociologist Norine Verberg, Saint Francis Xavier University. Between the four of them they received a three year Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada grant worth \$65,000. Their study is unique, in

that they plan to study two issues; dating experiences of both men and women and women's experiences of sexual coercion. Sexual coercion is when someone is forced to do something against their will.

While a lot of research has been done on dating practices and behavior among university students, the idea of a study that looks at dating practices beginning at age 10 and continuing past retirement age is quite new.

"For me these issues are most interesting. What about 45 year-olds dating? These people are still dating and still are sexually active, so what are the issues taking place?" he asks.

The hard part with a study of this nature is getting people to be honest. Current studies suggest that women who have been sexually coerced under-report their experiences, and Dr. Desmarais believes that if women do this, men must do it even more. About eight per cent of men report victimizing women.

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**Y**ou would think that each person would have their own idea of what constitutes a good date. But, according to Dr. Serge Desmarais, Psychology Department at Saint Mary's, men and women have very different ideas about dating.

# Delivering aid to Cuba

by Renee Field

Cuba and communism go hand in hand. But what does that really mean? For Cubans it means access to education and health care regardless of their economic status. But with the United States economic embargo in place, free education and health care means less and less each year, especially when the basic necessities such as food and medicine can't enter the country.

The U.S. economic embargo, which began in the early 1960's includes prohibitions on the sale of food and medicine to Cuba. This embargo which is aimed to weaken Fidel Castro's power, deeply affects the average Cuban citizen. Food is rationed in Cuba to ensure that everyone has a bit to eat and hospitals sometimes run out of the basic essentials, like band-aids and pharmaceuticals.

That's why, when 1.5 tons or about 5,000 pounds of donated hospital disinfectant and detergent, along with four hospital

asthma machines, asthma medicines, antibiotics, vitamins, school supplies and books crossed the Atlantic Ocean and arrived in Cuba, it was met with a huge cry of thanks.

This was the fourth time the Pastors for Peace, a U.S. community organization crossed the border into Cuba with the Peace Friendship Caravan. On November 15, 1994 three Atlantic caravan vehicles, loaded to the brim with donated materials, set out from Halifax to join other Canadian and U.S. vehicles in Montreal.

In total 3,070 delegates from 109 countries met in Cuba to express their solidarity



Waving a Cuban flag, members of the Nova Scotia Cuba Association pose in front of one of their three vehicles in Halifax, loaded to the brim with medical and school supplies donated to Cuba. The group traveled across the Maritimes collecting more supplies before boarding a plane in Montreal for Cuba. From left to right: Ernest Mutch, Sherri Cline, Don Benton, Shelagh Savage and Innis MacDonald.

and more importantly to bring donated goods from churches, community organizations, pharmaceutical companies, schools and individuals to Cuba.

"It was interesting and exciting. You could feel the excitement in the air and this was a morale booster for the Cubans

and for those of us involved," says Sherri Cline, who was one of eight Nova Scotia Cuba (NSCUBA) members from Atlantic Canada to join the caravan and go to Cuba. A graduate of the Master's in Teaching English as a Second Language program from Saint Mary's and a full-time employee with the University, this was Cline's fifth trip to Cuba. She was one of 70 other Canadians to attend the solidarity conference in Cuba that was organized to coincide with the caravan.

"I like Cuba as a model for world development, plus I like to take vacations in the sun," jokes Cline. But it's no joke organizing three vehicles from the Atlantic re-

gion, collecting donated goods and teaming up with a large U.S. organization.

It took close to four months before the caravan was ready to leave Halifax. They stopped in Stewiacke to pick up three boxes from Middle Musquodoboit and Shubenacadie, they received 12 boxes in Truro and later stopped in Moncton, New Brunswick for 10 more boxes. Still there was not enough room for all the donated goods and a trucking company had to be hired to take the remaining donations from the Maritimes to Montreal.

On November 18, the caravans arrived in Montreal to a police escort and closed off streets. One hundred vehicles traveled down the main thoroughfares such as Rue Ste. Catherine and Boulevard Rene Levesque displaying their banners. They were greeted with thumbs up and cheers by bystanders. At the port over 250 tons of aid had to be loaded into containers. A request had gone in from the Quebec group for 50 volunteer dock workers. In total 120 laborers showed up to help load the donated goods into containers.

It took two planes to carry all the people from Montreal to Cuba. Over the past few years NSCUBA has donated about \$30,000 in aid to Cuba.

"The diversity of people involved was wonderful. Some were involved for purely humanitarian reasons. Some were involved for the first time, while others have been involved for many years. Some were old and others young. But all made a valuable contribution," says Cline. ☐

## A new beginning

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The universities and colleges can leverage each other's strengths and enhance the quality of education which can be offered by institutions.

This proposal will save money and improve the system by making it more efficient,

and most importantly, re-focuses attention on serving the system's clients: students, the business and professional community, and the community at large.

I would appreciate your comments. ☐

## THE SAINT MARY'S PLAN

### Stage 1 (Today — May 31, 1995)

Common course numbering/scheduling — to allow for greater movement by students among metro institutions. This would also allow for maximum utilization of classrooms and labs.

Shared management systems — administrative systems such as Student Information Systems (SIS), Financial Management, Computer, Printing, Purchasing, Communications and other systems.

Common application centre — for the metro universities.

Common registration system — utilizing computer and/or telephone technology for all metro universities.

Halifax universities international inc. — establish an office to recruit students internationally and develop exchange programs for Nova Scotian students to study abroad during their degree programs. The office would also co-ordinate joint international marketing of education service and co-ordinate activities for co-operative bidding on international projects. In co-operation with the private sector and other government agencies it would work for Nova Scotia entrepreneurs to assist in exploiting international business opportunities.

### Stage 2 (Today — December 1995)

Administrative and academic restructuring — Working group (to include private sector membership) to identify and recommend technologies which may be implemented to improve service to students, reduce costs and develop shared systems.

### Stage 3

Continuing education/lifelong learning — further co-ordinate and jointly administer credit and non-credit courses initially in metro and subsequently outside metro.

#### Other Projects

Other pertinent projects may be identified by the Presidents and Vice-Presidents who meet monthly to review ongoing projects and to explore new areas of co-operation with their senior advisors. Projects will be recommended based on their anticipated savings or efficiencies.

## Survey results of *The Times*

Most of the 26 people who filled out the survey wrote that they wish to read *The Times* more frequently. Currently *The Times* is published eight times a year. The Public Affairs Department is looking at ways to increase that number to 10.

Readers emphasized that they want to see more campus news, staff, faculty and student profiles along with upcoming events. The Public Affairs Department is working at ways to incorporate a number of the suggestions.

Special thanks to Peter Fitzner and Vinod Unni who designed and evaluated the survey for their marketing course with Dr. Chris Vaughan. ☐

## New designer on board

The Public Affairs Department is pleased to announce that Jim Edwards, of Dexter Art and Design has been contracted to design *The Times* and the *Maroon and White*.

With 27 years in the graphic design industry he has worked for the past 15 years in the Atlantic Region. A professional member of The Society of Graphic Designers of Canada, Atlantic Chapter, he has worked independently for the past three years. Jim has received many awards in various categories including advertising, promotion and publication design.

We hope you enjoy the fresh, invigorating, easy to read style of our new formats. ☐

## New Scholarship

Nova Scotia Power is pleased to offer a scholarship annually to one student entering each of Nova Scotia's degree granting institutions, beginning in 1995. Each scholarship is valued at \$1,500 and renewable by the recipient for up to three or four years, in the case of a four year program. In addition, the scholarship provides an opportunity for summer employment with the company. ☐

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# AROUND Campus



## Nova Scotia Council on Higher Education on campus

Janet Halliwell, Chair of the N.S. Council on Higher Education held an open forum with faculty, staff, students, alumni and neighbors on January 27, 1995, in the Theatre Auditorium, McNally building. Five hundred people attended the open forum and over 30 people outlined reasons why they were concerned with recommendations in the proposed Green Paper, which calls for sweeping

changes to the province's university system. The forum went into overtime, as more and more people voiced their reasons why amalgamation would not work for all institutions. Left to right: Janet Halliwell, Ruth Pulsifer, Dr. Don Roy, (retired) Vice-President Academic, Technical University of Nova Scotia and Dr. Cecil Abrahams, Vice-President Academic, Acadia University.



## Ambassador speaks about Indonesia

Larry Dickenson, Canadian Ambassador to Indonesia spoke to a group of 60 students in the Theatre Auditorium, McNally building on January 19, 1995. He told the students that within 30 years Indonesia was going to be Canada's next big trading partner, next to Japan. He also stated that while Canada's policy condemns human right violations, this

would not stop trade negotiations with the country. Left to right: Dr. Jim Morrison, Coordinator, Asian Studies, Larry Dickenson, Canadian Ambassador to Indonesia, Susan McCurdy, Project Officer, International Activities and Mauritz Erhand, Director of Investment Promotion, Nova Scotia Economic Renewal Agency.

## Receiving support

Dal Chemical Incorporated donated \$6,840 to the Atlantic Centre of Support for Disabled Students. From left to right: Michael Greenhill, Vice-President, Canadian Eastern Zone, Dal Chemical Inc., David Leitch, Director, Atlantic Centre of Support for Disabled Students and Carroll Plaxton, Administrative Assistant, Canadian Eastern Zone, Dal Chemical Inc.



## Giving gifts to others

Proceeds from the Saint Mary's Christmas staff union luncheon went for the second year towards buying Christmas gifts for the 10 homeless youths at Rotary House, a shelter for homeless teenagers. Back (left to right): Sharon Mitchell, Coordinator of Rotary House and Charlie Dolan, Founder of Rotary House and Principle, Prince Andrew High, in Dartmouth, front (left to right): Betty-Jean Frenette, Secretary, Alumni Office and Gloria Jewers, Secretary, Vice President Administration.



## Addressing university concerns

Throughout the month of January a number of government officials stopped by Saint Mary's to discuss the current university situation in Nova Scotia. Left to right: Boris Mirtchev, President,

Saint Mary's Student's Association, Bernie Boudreau, Minister of Finance, Alan Abraham, Chair, Government and Corporate Affairs Committee and Dr. Ken Ozmon, President, Saint Mary's.



## Residence students donate money

Residence students raised \$1,785 for the Salvation Army. A \$200 cheque was given to the Salvation Army and the rest of the money went to the three salvation families that students from all three residences agreed to help for the Christmas holidays. Back (left to right): Clay Fowler, Director of Residences, Samantha Aiton, Residence Assistant (RA), C4, Vanier; Sherri Pineo, RA,

13th floor, Rice; Al Cook, Residence Coordinator, Todd Barrett, RA, 9th floor, Loyola; front (left to right): Kim Cook, Residence Coordinator, Mrs. Linder of the Salvation Army, Carla Ward, RA, 4th floor, Rice and Mary Jane Nathrgang, RA, 14, Vanier. The 6th floor, Loyola, donated the most money.

## Promoting responsible drinking on campus

Taking a long look at the existing University alcohol policy it was decided that specific areas need improvement within the 1982 policy. There are three new areas that are covered in the 1994 updated policy.

Educational programming, especially during orientation week will continue and increase with more alcohol free activities. Already the University has established an Alcohol Awareness Task Force and promotes alcohol/drug awareness week every year.

There will also be a peer education component in which Residence Assistants will receive intervention training to enable them to deal more effectively with students. Other practices to be initiated include a buddy/escort system for intoxicated patrons from the University bar, a server intervention program for bar services and security staff, a more visible anti-drinking and driving campaign

around the campus and training of varsity coaches in early detection and intervention.

"This policy brings us up into the 90's," says Keith Hotchkiss, Director of Student Services, who oversees all liquor licensing for events on campus.

Another significant portion of the new policy is the restrictions imposed on brewery and distillery promotion. "There will be no donated alcohol, sampling, or giving away on campus," he says. The new policy clearly outlines that during the orientation period no direct brewery/distillery promotion or advertising of any kind will occur on campus, no brewery vehicles will be permitted on campus and no promotion or advertising of brewery/distillery services will be used in orientation kits or mail-outs. Brewery donations were "the biggest problem," says Hotchkiss. But last year the University put an end to that.

The new policy further encourages responsible drinking and increases the awareness of the effects of drinking. The policy was approved by the Board of Governors in October 1994. ♣

# Raising public awareness about the fisheries

by Renee Field



Armed with salt fish (left to right) Dr. Tony Charles, Finance and Management Science, Jim Candow, Project's Historian, Parks Canada, David Flemming, Director, Maritime Museum of the Atlantic and Dr. Bill Wicken, Research Associate, Gorsebrook Research Institute, inside a room in the Maritime Museum of the Atlantic.

In the last decade, Saint Mary's has established itself as a leader, in the area of public education. Now, for the first time the University has teamed up with the Maritime Museum of the Atlantic to offer a special fisheries and coastal seminar series for students and the general public.

"The Maritime Museum is a natural spot to discuss the fisheries issue," says Dr. Tony Charles, Finance and Management Science. Dr. Charles and Dr. Bill Wicken, Research Associate, Gorsebrook Research Institute organized and coordinated the three month series. Over 40 people attended the first class and Dr. Charles expects to see an even larger audience as the course continues.

The format makes it easy for the general public to feel welcome. The course is held on Tuesday's at 4:30 p.m., with tutorials on Thursday afternoons for students taking the course for credit.

"There is a crisis in some areas of the fishery and not in others," says Dr. Charles, who specializes in fisheries policy, economics and the commercial aspects of fishing. While parts of Nova Scotia are experiencing low to almost zero groundfish catches, other fishing communities are doing quite well especially with shellfish.

Jim Candow, a Project Historian with Parks Canada, was a guest speaker who took the class on a journey back in time.

The "Dry fishery," where fish was brought ashore, gutted, cleaned, salted and dried on beach rocks or racks was the most

common practice in the 15th century. The other main one was the "French green off-shore fisheries." Men fished from small boats that were lowered from a large ship. The fish was processed on the ship and stored in the hold for the voyage back to Europe. Salt fish was a major trade commodity for both France and England.

In the 1580's England became a major player in the Atlantic area. The establishment of the dry fishery created communities such as Liverpool and Guysborough in Nova Scotia and Bathurst, in New Brunswick.

In 1713 bank fishing emerged. With the advent of the schooner, men were able to fish from the ship's decks using hand lines. The fish were brought to shore to dry. During the Napoleonic wars in Europe, France left the area. This allowed the British to expand into French territory. By the 1800's,

## "Too many fishermen and not enough fish, was the idea by the late 19th century. Sound familiar?"

there were 1,200 New England schooners fishing off the banks of Labrador, and about 53,000 people living in Nfld.

Bank fishing replaced hand lining with longlining in the 1850's. By the 1870's there were 121 dories in Lunenburg, N.S. In 1863 Nfld. experienced its first fishing crisis. Stocks along the Strait of Belle Isle collapsed. Immediately the fisheries moved up to the

northern part of Labrador and a few years later Nfld. fishermen also started bank fishing.

The 1920's saw the re-emergence of long-distance fishing with the French steamers. This decreased the demand for both N.S. and Nfld. fish. "By 1922 the number of fishermen fell by 43 per cent," says Candow, and there were only 26 schooners in Lunenburg. With the railway and artificial refrigeration, fresh fish reached more people in urban areas, which helped the fisheries in the provinces. At this time the steam trawler, took to the seas.

Inshore fishermen worried that steam trawlers would take away their jobs, deplete fish populations by catching immature fish, damage their gear, and create market gluts. By 1927 there were 10 steam trawlers in N.S.

A Royal Commission recommended that no trawlers be allowed in N.S. because it would deplete rural populations around the province.

After World War One, the government removed restrictions on steam trawlers. "The consequences of that decision are being felt today," says Candow.

Many people now argue that decision helped to deplete fish stocks, as well as end the era of schooner. In 1952 the last Nfld. banking schooners sailed and 11 years later there was one schooner left in N.S. □

*Note: On March 14, 1995 Leslie Harris, a well known historian who authored a major report examining the decline of the Newfoundland fish stocks, will be a guest speaker. Location and time TBA. For more information call the Gorsebrook Research Institute at 420-4668.*

## Scholarly and Professional Development

### Academic and Research

Dr. Colin Dodds, Vice-President, Academic and Research along with Dr. Atul Dar, Economics Department, published, "The Demand for Policy Loans: An Empirical Analysis with Quarterly Canadian Data," as Chapter 8, in *Risk and Uncertainty in Economics: Essays in Honor of James L. Ford*, 1994.

### Biology

Dr. Alfonso Rojo, Professor Emeritus, Biology Department, has been named Research Associate of the Nova Scotia Museum of Natural History he will study fishes of archaeological interest from Nova Scotia and to prepare a reference collection of fish skeletons.

### Economics

Dr. Ervin Doak, Economics Department, published, "International Price Comparisons: Florida and Nova Scotia," in the *Atlantic Canada Economics Association Papers*, Vol. 21, 1992, pp. 93-106. Dr. Doak also made a presentation before the House of Commons Standing Committee on Finance, as part of its pre-budget hearing held in Lunenburg, Nova Scotia on November 1, 1994. A copy of the presentation may be obtained

through the Economics Department.

### English

Dr. Russell Perkin's book, *A Reception-History of George Eliot's Fiction*, first published by UMI Reserach Press in 1990, was reissued by the University of Rochester Press this month.

### Geography

Dr. Hugh Millward, Geography Department, recently published, "Changing Patterns of Agricultural Settlement in the Canadian Maritimes," in *Rural Research in the Humanities and Social Sciences: Selected Papers*, 1994, pp. 93-111. With Dawn Allen he also published, "The Scenic Resources of Nova Scotia: A Macro Scale Landscape Assessment," Truro: Nova Scotia Agricultural College, Department of Humanities, Rural Studies Working Papers, no. 10. With Tadashi Okudaira, he published, "Process and Pattern in the Settlement of Hokkaido's Farming Districts, 1868 to the Present," in *Jinbun Ronkyuu, Hokkaido Kyooku Daigaku*, 58, 1994, pp. 107-31.

### History

*Ground Zero: A Reassessment of the 1917 Explosion in Halifax Harbour*, was edited by Alan Ruffman and Dr. Colin D. Howell, History Department. The book was co-published by Nimbus Press and the Gorsebrook Research Institute for Atlantic Canada Studies.

### Management

Dr. Terry Wagar, Management Department, recently had his paper, "Comparative

Systems of Wrongful Dismissal: The Canadian Case," published in a special issue of *The Annals of the American Academy of Political and Social Science*. The special issue was entitled, "Employee Dismissal: Justice at Work." Dr. Wagar was the only Canadian contributor. A paper Dr. Wagar co-authored with Dr. John Chamard, Management Department and Morgan Ross, a Saint Mary's MBA student was recently presented by Dr. Chamard at the Small Enterprise Association of Australia and New Zealand and Institute of Industrial Economics Conference in Auckland, New Zealand. The papers was called, "Training for Employees of Small Business: A Canadian Perspective."

### Marketing

Dr. Julia Sagebien, Marketing Department, has been invited to Ecuador by the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) to participate in policy planning for the Americas.

### Sociology

Dr. Chris McCormick, Department of Sociology (Criminology Certificate Program), has completed a book on crime in the media, *Constructing Danger: The misrepresentation of crime in the news*, to be published by Fernwood Press of Halifax in the Spring of 1995. Dr. McCormick also contributed a chapter titled, "Sociology Explanations of Crime: Contemporary Sociological Thought," to *Canadian Criminology: Perspectives on Crime and Criminality*, 2nd edition, published by HBJ. That issue will be available in the Spring of 1995.

Dr. Helen Ralston, Professor Emeritus of Sociology, has been awarded a three-month Visiting Fellowship at The Centre for Immigration and Multicultural Studies, Research School of Social Sciences, The Australian National University, Canberra, for research related to her SSHRC project on, "State Policies in the Experience of South Asian Immigrant Women in Pacific Countries." Her most recent publications in this area include, "The Work Experience of Educated Women in India and Educated Indian Immigrant Women in Atlantic Canada: Some Comparisons," pp. 292-312 in *The India-Canada Relationship: Exploring the Political, Economic and Cultural Relations*, Sage Publications, 1994. She also published, "Immigration Policies and Practices: Their Impact on South Asian Women in Canada and Australia," in *Australian-Canadian Studies* 12 1 (1994) pp. 1-47. In February 1995 she will present a paper entitled, "Organizational Empowerment Among South Asian Immigrant Women in Canada," at the 7th Biennial Conference of the Association for Canadian Studies in Australia and New Zealand, La Trobe University, Melbourne.

### Teaching English as a Second Language (TESL)

Campus Bound, published by Dr. Jane Jackson, Director, TESL Centre and Maureen Sargent, EAP Project Coordinator, TESL Centre, along with Jean Hunt, United Arab Emirates University recently was adopted by about 13 universities and colleges across Canada. □

# Celebrating the Japanese New Year

by David Ing, Asian Studies student



Above: Poised and ready to fire Bettina Hetz displays the skill and precision of Kyudo (Japanese archery).

Right: With an audience behind him, Tomohiro Nomura, a Japanese exchange student at Saint Mary's gets ready to pound the mochi, with Mike Sakashita, Owner of Niji Japanese Restaurant, in Halifax looking on.



New Year is the largest and perhaps the oldest celebration in Japan. It ranks among many Japanese as the most important of all annual festivities and is elaborate in presentation and ritual. Having both religious and secular associations, it is much like Christmas in Canada.

In 604 A.D. the lunar calendar used in China was adopted for use by the Japanese. It had both a lunar component that regulated civic events and a solar component that was used for agricultural purposes. This calendar measured time by the phases of the moon, with New Year's day and the first of each month coinciding with the new moon. Its use, following the introduction from China was not fully accepted by all Japanese. Farmers continued the native practice of celebrating the start of the year at the full moon, two weeks later. The new moon marked the beginning of the official months, but the full moon was more significant to farmers and fishermen.

It wasn't until about 1700 B.C. that the

practice of celebrating the New Year based on the Chinese calendar began to spread and a need for distinction between the new and old celebrations became necessary.

**Oshogatsu** or the "Great New Year," follows today's modern calendar, and is celebrated following the second new moon after winter solstice. Oshogatsu is a formal observance that has ties to the practices of the imperial court and elite samurai warriors, who took pride in following the Chinese customs.

**Koshogatsu**, literally means "Small New Year," and follows the lunar calendar. It is a more rustic, agriculturally based festival that can trace its routes back to the practices of the indigenous Japanese people. It begins with the first full moon of the year, around January 15. Koshogatsu is largely observed in rural areas of Japan where the agricultural gods or **toshigami**, "Gods of the new year," have significant importance. The majority of the festivals or rituals associated with this holiday occur from January to April, with the heart of the holiday taking place between

January 14 to the 16.

The customs and main events of Koshogatsu, as with Oshogatsu, differ throughout Japan. There are the productivity rites that are designed to summon energy from the earth and promote a rewarding year and secondly, the divination rites that are directed at pleasing the toshigami and predicting the yearly harvest.

Specific events that are characteristic of Koshogatsu are **monotsukuri** or "Making things," which involves the creation of things that resemble flowers or fruit. These creations are placed at various locations throughout the household, intending to challenge various crops to match them in productivity.

The most familiar decoration of this observance are branches laden with rice dumplings representing fruit in the coming year's harvest. They are made in large quantities to signify the farmer's wish for a rich life. Depending on the region, the material used is either **mochi**, which is glutinous rice that is steamed and then pounded, or rice

flour that is rolled into balls and then boiled.

The end of Koshogatsu is signified by the picking of the symbolic fruit and taking down the branches of the symbolic tree which are burned in a bonfire. Since the first dumplings eaten can set a precedent for the year, certain restrictions may apply.

This year thanks to the support of the Japanese Consulate, the Asian Studies Program at Saint Mary's, in conjunction with the Halifax - Hakodate Friendship Society and members of the Japanese community, **Koshogatsu 1995 "The New Year,"** was celebrated with over 350 people attending the festivities in the cafeteria of the Student Centre at Saint Mary's. Walter Fitzgerald, Halifax Mayor and Bruce Oland, Honorary Consul of Japan were also on hand.

The focal event was the making of mochi, in a large mortar called an **usu** (made from a large elm stump donated by the City of Halifax and crafted by Bruce Okomoto, a Halifax artist). ☺



## NEWS from Japan

On Tuesday, January 17, 1995 Japan experienced the most destructive earthquake in decades. Staff and faculty at Saint Mary's were naturally concerned for fellow University members in Japan.

Recently Dr. David Richardson, Dean

of Science, received an e-mail message from Dr. Van Kamamidi Sastry, Division of Engineering who is on an extended sabbatical with Saga University in Japan.

Dr. Sastry wrote that the earthquake happened on his way to work. Saga is 500 km south west of Kobe, which was at the centre of the quake. While Kobe received heavy damage to life and property, Saga was unharmed.

With the latest death toll over 5,000, with over 600 people still missing and 20,640 injured, Kobe is still coming to grips with the intensity of the disaster. Over 22,000 buildings collapsed and there have been 89

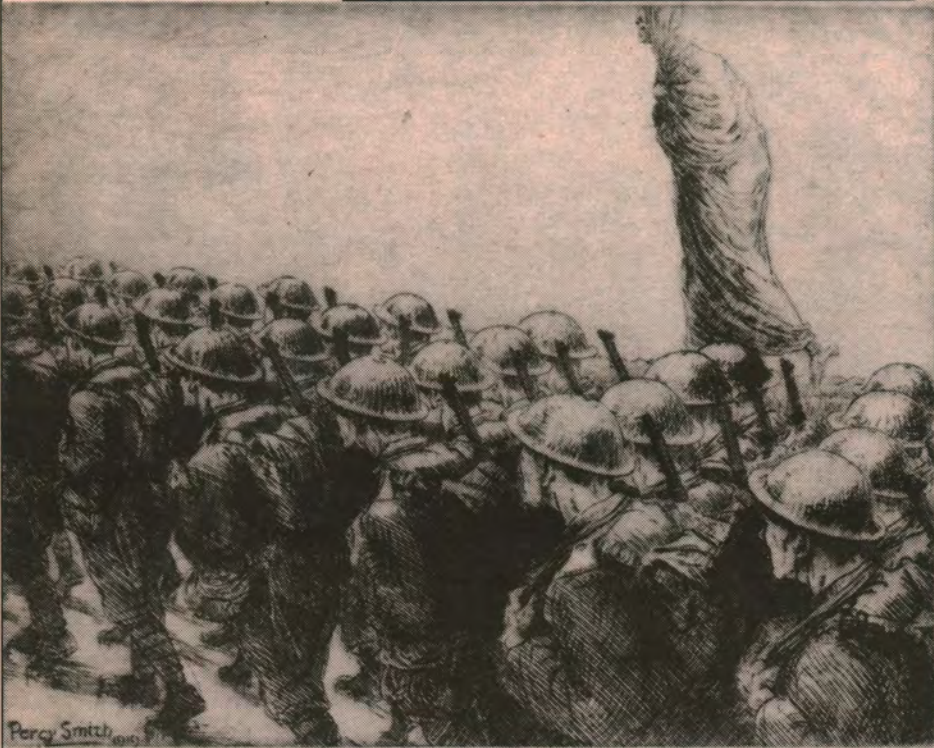
after shocks felt throughout the city.

"Our work at Saga has not been affected except that we take a peak at the live coverage of the clean-up operations and the assistance being given to the affected people," wrote Dr. Sastry. "Once again thank you for your concern." As of yet the Yen value to property damage has not been assessed.

Two graduate students were in Kobe when the disaster struck. Tiffany Clarke and Neeru Dewar both are in Japan teaching English as part of the JET program. Both students are fine. ☺

# The dance of death

by Gordon Laurin, Acting Director, Saint Mary's Art Gallery



From Ancient times to modern times, death has played an important role in Fine Arts. The pomp and ceremony surrounding the funerals of the Medici Grand Dukes to the grandiose tombs proposed by Neo-Classical Architects, attest to the fascination people have with the idea of death. That same fixation runs throughout the history of visual arts.

The Dance of Death, a collection of works from the National Gallery of Canada, Permanent Collection opened at Saint Mary's, Art Gallery on February 8, 1995 and continues through to March 19th.

Eighty works on paper, including prints, etchings and lithographs by early European artists from the 15th to mid-20th centuries, including works by German artists Albrecht Dürer and Otto Dix, French artist Jean-Baptiste-Camille Corot and Russian artist Marc Chagall are featured in this exhibition. A number of themes most commonly associ-

ated with death are examined in the works. The most prominent of these subjects is the Dance of Death, "Danse macabre."

In the traditional Dance of Death, a procession of people from all walks of life, file past to fall victim to a figure who represents death. The dance itself emphasizes the equality of all humanity in death, but it is the abstract representation of death that provides the moralizing imagery of allegories. Whether the skull contemplated by the monk or the grave mourned by survivors, the abstract image is an effective and interchangeable reminder of morality – a useful stimulus to self-examination and a clear warning against improper behavior.

**Gallery hours are:**  
Tuesday - Thursday, 12pm - 7pm and  
Friday to Sunday, 12pm - 5pm.  
Everyone is welcome.

*Note: Leighton Davis, Director/Curator of Saint Mary's Art Gallery has been granted a year's sabbatical to continue his work as the University's artist in residence.*

## Calendar of upcoming events Saint Mary's University Art Gallery

### INTIMATE COMMUNION

Charlotte Wilson Hammond

March 29th, to April 28

Opening Reception,

Wednesday, March 29, 8 pm

Artist Talk: Wednesday, April 5th, 8 pm

This exhibition by Charlotte Wilson Hammond presents a substantial body of new work by a long standing Nova Scotian artist and is her first major exhibition of work since exhibiting at the Art Gallery of Nova Scotia in 1988.

Bucky Adams, saxophone and

Paul Simons, piano

Sunday, February 19, 8 pm, 1995

Well known, yet seldom paired, musicians Bucky Adams, saxophone and Paul Simons, piano are long standing members of the Halifax musical community and are well respected for their delicate, intuitive interpretations of jazz music. Bucky Adams and Paul Simons come together to share with us an evening of thought provoking and emotionally charged jazz music.

Rose Vaughan Trio

Sunday, March 12, 8 pm, 1995

Halifax's Rose Vaughan Trio perform a hometown concert following a successful summer and Fall touring season. The Trio, Pam Mason, double bass, Cathy Porter, piano, percussion and flute and Rose Vaughan, lead vocal will share with us their songs of hope, humor and wisdom. Memorable melodies and sparkling personalities have endeared this local favorite to listeners from coast to coast in Canada.

Lesley Choyce and Sheree Fitch

Sunday, April 9, 8 pm, 1995

To close the 1994/95 season we present a special evening of spoken word and music. Lesley Choyce and Sheree Fitch, two notable literary figures will be joined by musicians, Doug Baron, synthesizers, Stan Carew, mandolin and Cathy Porter, piano and percussion. The evening promises readings from selected works as well a little experimental fun, combining poetry and prose with music.

*Tickets for individual concerts are \$10 adult and \$8 for students and seniors. Tickets for all performances are available now by calling 420-5445, or by dropping by the Saint Mary's University Art Gallery.*

## What makes a perfect date? Continued from page 1.

"Without wanting to be sneaky, you have to be very subtle," he says. Instead of asking someone if they have ever raped, the questions begin by asking if you have ever verbally or physically pressured someone to do something.

To get a quick look of what they were up against, the researchers surveyed about 350 people, 250 women and 100 men of all ages in Southern Ontario. The questionnaire, while much more open to different sexual orientation, used existing scales to measure respondents.

After asking people to describe their first and last dating experiences, it quickly became apparent that women's ideas of dating did not change as they got older, whereas the older men got, the more mellow they became. "Sex was not as much of an issue for older men and their idea of a good date was the same idea as women," says Dr. Desmarais.

Currently the researchers are concentrating on men. "It's easy to sample women but it's hard to get men to talk about sexual coercion," he says, especially when they are usually the perpetrators.

Before the end of January a total of about 100 men were sampled in Antigonish, Nova Scotia and in Windsor and Kitchener, Ontario. They were given the survey to see if they understood all the questions and in the end will make up a small part of the data collected.

After this the questionnaires will be mailed to men in Windsor, Kitchener, Waterloo and Nova Scotia. Using the list of names provided from voting lists the researchers plan to take a random sample of men. In total the questionnaire takes half an hour to complete. Once the research on men has been completed then the exact same procedure will be followed for women.

"My real belief is that the amount of sexual coercion among women is extraordinary high and does not drop after the age of 20, but goes on and that dating is a very tough thing to do," says Dr. Desmarais. The basic problem he feels is that, "Many men don't know what sexual coercion is."

The problem is one of misperception by men. "Research suggests that women are trained to be nice and men think, if they are nice they are coming on to them," he says.

The question is not how women can reduce their risk, rather, what can we do to change men?

Theoretically speaking, Dr. Desmarais would like to make the message, that sexual coercion is wrong, hit home a bit more for men. Currently there is a general sense of apathy felt by most men concerning sexual coercion. However the issue quickly becomes volatile if a man's girlfriend, sister or mother is sexually assaulted. Men must be taught more to see the connection.

Once Dr. Desmarais and the other researchers have completed all their surveys and feel comfortable with the data, they plan to examine the effectiveness of sexual education in the school system. Dr. Desmarais feels that currently sexual education is viewed in terms of biology and reproduction, not how it relates to dating and more importantly sexual coercion. With the age of youths experiencing intercourse steadily dropping in the last 10 years, no one is addressing these issues. "By the time they teach sexual education it is too late," he says. ◻



Dr. Serge Desmarais, Psychology Department, hopes his study on dating experiences of men and women and the amount of sexual coercion women experience will have an impact into how sexual education is taught in the schools.

# Making *the news*

**Dr. Owen Carrigan**, History Department, spoke with a reporter for *The Chronicle Herald/Mail Star*, concerning the shooting of a history student at Dalhousie University. Ian Porter, Reporter for CBC Radio also spoke with Dr. Carrigan concerning gambling. Dr. Carrigan is known as a specialist in gambling and has written a book called *Crime and Punishment in Canada*.

**Dr. Hari Das**, Management Department, spoke with the *Nova Scotia Business Journal*.

**Dr. J. Dostal**, Geology Department wrote an article in the *Nova Scotia Business Journal* on, "Universities Adapting to Changing Job Markets."

**Dr. Margaret Harry**, English Department, who is currently on sabbatical, helped Kelly Shiers, Reporter for *The Chronicle Herald/Mail Star* with information on stories regarding angels.

**Dr. Matha MacDonald**, Economics Department, shared her views on the current economic climate of the Maritimes with Ian Porter, Reporter for CBC Radio.

**Dr. Hermann Schwind**, Management Department, offered background information on performance appraisals to Rodger Edge, Managing Editor, *The Chronicle Herald/Mail Star*. Two months later, Dr. Schwind provided *The Daily News* with background information on "Outplacement."

**Dr. David Turner**, Astronomy and Physics Department, provided background information concerning the star of Bethlehem for Rob Matthews, Science Reporter for *The Chronicle Herald/Mail Star*.

**Dr. Malcolm Butler**, Astronomy and Physics Department spent a few hours explaining the use of the internet and the worldwide web service to Rob Matthews for his article on the information highway.

*Making the news will become a regular part of The Times. Our aim is to increase the awareness that Saint Mary's University has people who specialize in certain topics who are willing to share their research and views with the general public. Special thanks to all professors who responded quickly to the media inquiries. If by chance your name is not on our list, please give Virginia Jackson a call at 420-5513.*

## NEWS WORTHY

Many professors are already familiar with Profnet, a clearing house for inquiries from reporters worldwide who seek experts who can comment, be interviewed or provide background information. The inquiries are received through e-mail twice a day. Virginia Jackson, Public Affairs Officer who handles media inquiries for the University, scans each distribution to see if there are any experts at Saint Mary's who could be of assistance. She then forwards that particular request to the individual. Please call 420-5513 if you are interested in participating.

## Defending native rights

Donald Marshall Jr. is back in the news. This time however the evidence against him has been uncontested. He admits to fishing without a license and selling fish without a Department of Fisheries (DFO) permit. However, what he is contesting is his right, as a Nova Scotia Micmac native, to fish without a permit.

Marshall Jr.'s defence lawyers are arguing that native people have the right to fish without Canadian jurisdiction. Their case rests in the interpretation of the 1752 treaty signed between the British government and the N.S. Mainland Micmacs. This treaty has been in court before and helped to establish native hunting rights and the current fishing rights that exist for the Mi'kmaq.

"The crown's concern is about the whole commercial aspect of the fisheries. Their fears could be laid to rest if people sat around a table to discuss the issues," says Eric Zscheile, Legal Advisor for the Confederacy of Mainland Micmacs.

Presently, native people are allowed to fish for their own consumption or for ceremonial purposes. They are not allowed to trade, barter or sell the fish commercially. If

they wish to sell fish commercially they must apply for a DFO permit.

"Saint Mary's really has the expertise that we need," says Zscheile. Dr. Bill Wicken, Research Associate for the Gorsebrook Research Institute at Saint Mary's is an expert historian when it comes to treaties signed between the Mi'kmaq and the British government. Throughout this case he has worked with the Mi'kmaq community and the defence.

"This whole case revolves around the commercial rights (of native people) to the fisheries," says Dr. Wicken.

Dr. John Reid, History Department and Dr. Harold McGee, Anthropology Department have also been consulted by the defence team.

The outcome of this case will have a tremendous effect on both the Mi'kmaq and commercial fishermen across the province.

The trial in Antigonish, N.S. went for a week and a half in November, while the Crown presented their arguments. It is expected to continue in mid-April, 1995. A decision will likely be reached in either July or August. ☐

# Shanghai

## CHINA'S NEXT SUPER CITY



All smiles Denis LeClaire, Director, International Activities stands with Rick Belliveau, Consul General of Canada to Shanghai and Laura Saenz, a 3rd year Commerce-Mexican exchange student.

**B**y the year 2010 Shanghai will be China's major commercial centre, says Rick Belliveau, Consul General of Canada to Shanghai, who spoke at Saint Mary's on January 6, 1995.

Speaking to a group of 40 students, professors and representatives from private companies that crowded into a room in the McNally building, he outlined China's new policy to create the next super city in Shanghai. Historically speaking not much has changed in Shanghai since the 1950's. The buildings are the same and the problems of traffic congestion have only gotten worse. Dealing with a population of about 15 million people the city has been playing a game of "Catch-up."

The new part of the city will be called Pu Dong, and it will contain at least five different zones including a downtown, commercial, industrial processing, free trade and high tech zone. It is here in this new developing city, on the other side of the Yang Zhi river, that Canadian companies should be watching for business opportunities. Already the Canadian Power Corporation has signed an agreement to develop part of the new high tech zone, says Belliveau.

"Shanghai looks like a giant construction site now," he says. While new buildings may be going up all around Shanghai, nothing will make it a super city unless the infrastructure problems are dealt with.

The goals are to develop the automobile, steel, energy, telecommunications, bio-

technology, computer and service sectors within the next 15 years. Belliveau admits that China will have problems meeting this goal within their time frame, but he predicts that within 30 years it will be a reality.

But reality comes with a stiff price. Almost \$50 billion American dollars are needed in the country if they are to maintain their investments. More and more of the city will have to rely on external lending if they hope to fix their problems of transportation and communications. Plus industries will have to deal with the shift from state-owned enterprises to individual corporations and businesses owned by one person. Today businesses are operating with too many employees and the basic philosophy that the company will look after employees in exchange for loyalty no longer exists. These problems will have to be dealt with, says Belliveau.

Today Shanghai has 800,000 technically trained people, but still not everyone in the city has access to a telephone. "They don't really have an open society yet," he says, but they are improving.

The opportunities for Canadian post-secondary institutions are in the areas of developing corporate training programs, adult education courses and the fostering of economic and business ties with a developing city.

"Shanghai is the dragon head of development for the Yang Zhi basin," says Belliveau. ☐

## Creating a smoke-free environment

In acknowledging that cigarette smoke is a major contributing factor to the development of coronary heart disease, lung cancer and cardiovascular diseases and recognizing that exposure to secondhand smoke plays a significant factor and hazard to non-smokers, Saint Mary's has adopted a smoke-free policy for all University buildings.

The exceptions are The Gorsebrook

Lounge and adjoining Games Room operated by the Student's Association, the designated area of the Student's Centre cafeteria, the designated area of the Faculty Lounge and adjoining staff smoking lounge, located in the McNally building, also the Director of Residence will designate specific areas as non-smoking. ☐

# Making a remarkable rebound



After almost losing his right leg in a motorcycle accident, Huskies basketball player Chris Lawrence points to his daily reminder, a scar about 10 inches long.

It didn't take long for the nurses of Ward 2B at the Victoria General Hospital, in Halifax, Nova Scotia to figure out who the visitors were looking for. If they were over six feet and at least 165 pounds, they were directed to Chris Lawrence's room.

There were so many visitors that soon a sign had to be posted on the door, "Maximum six visitors at a time." "This is when you realize who your true friends are," says Chris, who in May 1994 came close to losing his right leg in a motorcycle accident.

You would never know it by looking at Chris, 22, today, only nine months later. The six-foot-four varsity basketball player looks like any other university student. But on May 30, 1994 in Burnside Industrial Park, as he was making the last turn into his place of work, he had a collision with a half-ton truck.

"You know what they say about everything slowing down," says Chris, "They are right." He wishes now that he could have lost consciousness because his first thoughts were to automatically stand, which he couldn't, and then the thought of losing his leg during the am-

balance ride to the hospital sent his mind spinning. Requiring immediate surgery, Chris didn't have much time to think about the what ifs.

Suffering a severe break to his right tibia, the large weight bearing bone that connects the knee to the ankle and his fibula, the outer bone below the knee, he came within inches of having his leg amputated. Even after surgery, there was concern that infection might necessitate the removal of the leg. Now with a metal rod inside his tibia, his fibula is mending on its own.

Chris' positive attitude towards life helped him through this ordeal. "I wasn't going to just sit around on my butt," he says. After seven days, he left the hospital to begin therapy immediately. The support he received from his family, teammates, therapists and friends contributed greatly to his desire for a speedy recovery.

"The nurses were great too....they have a hard job." With a grin he adds, "It may have been because of the football and basketball players that came to visit (him each day)."

Besides coping with the pain after surgery, of having a metal rod the size of a ball-point pen inside the bone marrow of his tibia, Chris had to cope with the loss of independence. "My parents were very tolerant and supportive," he says, adding he would like to thank his mom for driving him to therapy every day and for her continued support of him.

Diane Webster, Head Athletic Therapist, Sports Medicine Clinic, Saint Mary's Tower, is overseeing Chris' comeback and marvels at his commitment.

"Chris worked very hard all summer with his student therapist Chad Newhook. Sometimes his determination got in the way. Chris' injury was far more complicated than he was willing to accept, and sometimes he pushed too hard. You have to let an injury of that extent take its natural course. He has made a remarkable recovery in record time," she says.

By the end of July, Chris was able to visit friends in Ottawa. As he manoeuvred his way with his crutches through the airport security system, the alarm sounded. Embarrassed by all of the commotion, he quickly realized that the metal rod in his leg had actually triggered the alarm. When asked to remove his bandages, he adamantly refused and had to explain why. With his constant optimistic outlook pushing him all summer, by October he was walking with a cane.

At the end of January, 1995 Chris got his first chance to play with the basketball Huskies. He played for 20 minutes and he played to win! "He played pretty good and I'm quite optimistic that he will be a factor for us in the future," says Ross Quackenbush, Coach, basketball Huskies. "The toughness and determination that Chris has brought to his rehabilitation and conditioning are the qualities that he brings to our team," says Quackenbush. In the end Saint Mary's beat the University of Prince Edward Island, 81/78.

This May, Chris will graduate with a Bachelor of Arts, major in Political Science and a Criminology certificate. In the future he hopes to get a job with a police force. ☐

# Huskies update

## Huskies to Rebound

The Men's Basketball Huskies have had a bumpy road so far this winter. Their lack of experience at the university level of play has been evident in their lack of consistency. "That said, I see a much better level of basketball being played," says Coach Ross Quackenbush.

This intensity is seen in the all-freshman back court of Micah Bourdeau and Kevin Keeler who have tremendous promise, as does the much improved post play of Jason Medford and Derek Hurdle. Jonathon Waye, who last donned a Saint Mary's uniform in 1992, has also been providing some excitement with his inspiring efforts.

With nine games remaining, the 3-8 Huskies have to put together a few back-to-back wins, in order to qualify for one of the six playoff spots. Once in the playoffs it will be a brand new season.

## Versatile Volleyball Huskies

Saint Mary's Volleyball Huskies handed the University of New Brunswick their first loss in the last two seasons on January 15, 1995. Currently the Huskies are fourth in a very competitive conference. Much of their success is attributed to the versatility of the players and team effort.

Five players have been named AUAA Player of the Game throughout the season and nine of the 10 team members have had the occasion to be on the starting grid.

"We have a strong core of rookies," says Coach Lori Welsh-Hawley, "and our versatility is shown by Nadine Sinclair who has started every league match and played three different positions during the year."

Under the leadership of fifth year setter Tracy Clinch and second year middle blocker Karen Sloan, the Huskies are setting their sights on making the playoffs and a run at the conference title.

## Half-Way for Women's Basketball

The Huskies approached the second half of their season with a heads-up attitude. They stand with a 6-5 record.

Two early losses were dealt by Memorial in November, with the third loss experienced against the league leaders, Dalhousie University. Currently, second year guard Jad Crnogorac is averaging 19 points per game, making her third in league scoring, while post player Norma MacIntyre is seventh with a 17 point per game average. The Huskies also place MacIntyre and post Lori Messer in the top ten in rebounding.

Over the holidays Saint Mary's hosted the Sparkling Springs Women's Invitational where top ranked Laurentian beat Concordia in the final to capture tournament honors. The Huskies lost to Ottawa 65-57, defeated P.E.I. 73-57 and lost in overtime to Laval 72-68.

The team expects tough games for the remainder of January, hosting St. Francis Xavier and Acadia universities. The Acadia game is part of a basketball quadruple header at the Metro Centre.

## Playoff Hopes Still Alive for Hockey Huskies

After a slow start, the Huskies now have their sights on securing a third place finish in the Kelly Division.

"At this point we are working hard to get consistent performances," says Hockey Coach, Paul Boutilier. "We have to be mentally tough for a full 60 minutes.....eliminate those mental mistakes."

Senior forward Steve Kluczkowski is the only active player in the AUAA to reach the 200 point plateau in a career. Steve is also 12 goals shy of Kevin Foran's AUAA record for goals in a career of 117. With 11 regular season games remaining, this Bramalea, Ontario native has a chance to become the AUAA's all-time leading goal scorer.

### HUSKIES HOME SCHEDULE

#### Hockey

Saturday, February 11 ..... SFX@SMU ..... 2pm  
Wednesday, February 15 ..... AUAA Playoffs

#### Men's Basketball

Friday, February 24 ..... SFX @ SMU ..... 8 pm  
Tuesday, February 28 ..... DAL @ SMU ..... 7 pm  
March 10-13 ..... AUAA Playoffs  
March 17-19 ..... CIAU Championship

#### Women's Basketball

Friday, February 24 ..... SFX @ SMU ..... 6 pm  
Sunday, February 26 ..... DAL @ SMU ..... 3 pm  
March 3-5 ..... AUAA Playoffs  
March 10-12 ..... CIAU Championship

#### Volleyball

Wednesday, February 8 ..... DAL @ SMU ..... 7 pm  
February 17-19 ..... AUAA Playoffs