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Top right: Dr. Kenneth L. Ozmon, President (left), welcomes the news from John Savage, Premier of Nova Scotia, that Saint Mary's University will receive \$6-million in funding for a new business school that will house The Frank H. Sobeys Faculty of Commerce.
Lower right: Jack Keith, Q.C., Chair of the Board of Governors (far right), with John Savage, Premier of Nova Scotia (far left), and John MacEachern, former Minister of Education.



Government Grants \$6-Million For Business School

by Paul Fitzgerald

The provincial government has designated Saint Mary's University as the leader in business education, and is providing \$6-million in funding for the construction of a new business school to prove it. The University will turn sod this fall for a new building that will house The Frank H. Sobeys Faculty of Commerce, the region's largest business program. The school is expected to open for classes in September, 1999.

The state-of-the-art facility will provide 80,000 square feet of new space on campus. Also, it will be the only one of its kind east of Montreal to offer a full menu of business programs, including a Phd program.

The government committed to the project when they endorsed the Metro universities Consortium Plan in April. At a news conference on June 26 at Saint Mary's, Nova Scotia Premier, John Savage, officially announced the government's investment in capital funding and support.

"At the top of the government's agenda to improve economic growth in the

province is building a world-class business program at Saint Mary's that will serve as a valuable resource as we renew our economy and as we work together for a prosperous future," Premier Savage says. "The development of a doctoral program will give the province the opportunity to lay claim to business leadership for the Atlantic Region and for Saint Mary's."

He says that the new facility and its programs will enable more Nova Scotians to learn and create opportunities for themselves, and will enable the province to keep the talent at home rather than exporting them to other parts of the country or around the world.

Savage also stresses the importance of increasing the number of students from abroad. A greater international perspective will open doors to new markets and create future links with other countries.

Dr. Kenneth L. Ozmon, President Saint Mary's University, is delighted to receive the news. "We take our role as the leading business school in Nova Scotia and Atlantic Canada with pride and with attend-

ant responsibility. The commitment by the government provides a clear signal to alumni, the business community and other friends of the University that the province is serious about business education at Saint Mary's, and serious about strengthening linkages between our business school and the business people, entrepreneurs and all of those who are determined to see Nova

Scotia take a leadership role in Canada's economy," says Dr. Ozmon.

He also says that the University intends to be among the best in business studies in Canada. Presently, five universities in the country qualify as having the best business programs. "Saint Mary's will now expand that number to six," he says. ▣

Dr. Ozmon's Leadership Praised

The Premier hails Dr. Ozmon for his leadership, and for developing the Consortium Plan. The plan developed from the 1995 Partnership model. The goal of the university Consortium is to have all institutions share programs and services in order to meet the reduction in government funding.

"Nobody led the common-sense approach, gave drive and importance than Dr. Ozmon. His efforts are noteworthy, and he has been an effective leader for the universities in Metro," he says.

People from across the country are also recognizing the Consortium Plan. *Maclean's* magazine calls it "An historic experiment in academic cooperation... possibly a model for universities across the country." And the President-Elect of the Society of Graduate Students at Western Ontario told the *Globe and Mail* that the Consortium should be praised for bringing down unnecessary walls.

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It's only September and the Deans are well into the heavy workload. From the left: Dr. David Richardson, Dean of Science, Dr. Michael J. Larsen, Dean of Arts, and Dr. Paul Dixon, (Acting) Dean of Commerce.

A Fighting Spirit: The Cure For Breast Cancer

by Paul Fitzgerald

Susan Peterson Conrad has found her own cure for breast cancer. A cure that has allowed her to survive the chronic illness that she was diagnosed with over a year ago.

Her cure can't be found in a medical book or in a package at a local pharmacy. Instead, it's found through a positive attitude and feelings that leads the patient to the remission stage. Conrad's now in the chronic stage and is only waiting for a few test results that will determine if there is still cancer in her system. But she's confident that she'll beat it. Conrad, who is a Counselor for the Centre for Counseling and Student Development at Radford University, Virginia, revealed her cure to psychology students in the Art of Condolence class at Saint Mary's University on July 8.

The evidence to support the cure is from a book titled, *Promoting a Fighting Spirit: Psychotherapy for cancer patients, survivors, and their families*, by Linda Seligman. When Conrad began researching ways to beat breast cancer, she found Seligman's work the most influential.

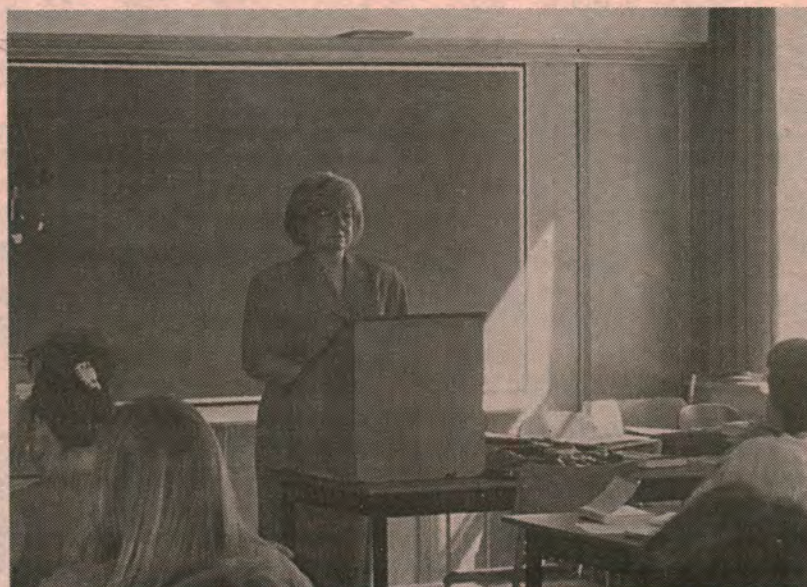
The book emphasizes that in order for a person to survive the disease, they must be individualistic, cope well in complex or

threatening situations, and know how to transform negatives into positives. Conrad is one of those people.

"I remember when I was first diagnosed, it was like someone I loved had just died. A few weeks later, I thought that it didn't really matter when I died. I had to go sometime," she said. From this point on things changed. "I realized that I could fight it, and that I would be a winner."

She pointed to her husband sitting in the front row of the classroom and said that he played a large part in her winning. The book indicates that family members and friends who are positive will alter the prognosis for the better. "I just don't know how my husband managed. He was with me the whole way. If it weren't for him, I don't know what I would have done. Also, other family members and friends reached out and gave me their support."

But getting all the facts about cancer should be a number one priority. She said there are too many myths about the disease that cause many to feel hopeless, allowing it to defeat them. For Conrad, too many people are missing the "spiritual dimension," and this is the only healing method outside of the medical treatment.



Susan Peterson Conrad tells a class of psychology students at Saint Mary's how she beat breast cancer. Conrad, who is a Counselor for the Centre for Counseling and Student Development at Radford University, Virginia, made a special visit to the University in order to stress the importance that people can beat a terminal illness through a positive attitude and feelings.

She said that those who can't finance their treatment and worry about it, are the unfortunate ones. Even those who can afford the treatment but have a "fatalist" attitude are unsuccessful in surviving. Conrad was fortunate enough however to have an insurance plan to cover the expensive medications and medical treatments.

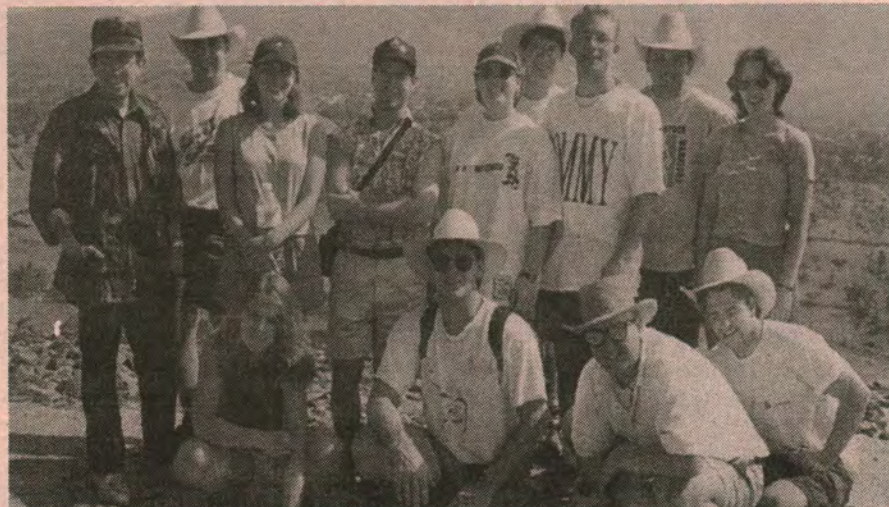
Looking back on the traumatic event brings a cold shiver down her spine. Now, her life has changed. She realizes how important life really is, and how everyone can sometimes take it for granted.

She plans to lecture to students in Canada and the United States, and will

counsel those suffering from breast cancer. She wants to make a difference in other people's lives because she's been there and understands what it's like to have such a disease.

Professor Patrice Goodwin, who teaches the Art of Condolence class, spent countless hours developing the course, and arranged for Conrad's visit. She knew that Conrad would be an effective speaker for the class. ☺

Saint Mary's and the *Mexican Connection*



Students enjoy the view from the top of the Pyramid of the Sun, in the Teotihuacan ruins, Mexico. From the left (back): Hector, the Travel Guide, Scott Thompson, Alana Tutty, John Oakey, Terry Parlee, John Ferguson, Mike Corkum, Lincoln Young, and Shelley Price. From the left (front): Kelly Boutillier, Greg Faukenham, Greg Martin, and Brent McLulin.

Imagine, the view from the Pyramid of the Sun, over 200 feet above the ground. The ancient structure, along with others of its kind, is part of the Teotihuacan ruins, almost an hour outside of Mexico City. "The climb is a challenge. I call my group of students who reached the top, the survivors," says Professor Peter Secord, Accounting Department Professor.

This is just one of the many stops that the group of 14 Accounting students from Saint Mary's made while in Mexico. They were part of an exchange program set up between The Frank H. Sobey Faculty of

Commerce at Saint Mary's and the Universidad LaSalle from April 19 to May 8. The exchange earned them a full credit towards their degree. The Canadian Imperial Bank Corporation (CIBC) supported the exchange program.

The program was originally intended for a few students each year. However, there has been an overwhelming amount of response from students in Canada and Mexico. Students now realize that gaining an understanding of the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) is crucial in today's world, especially in busi-

ness disciplines such as Accounting.

The goal of the exchange program is to educate Atlantic Canadians, about Mexico, and Mexicans about Canada, by promoting an understanding of economic opportunities, cultural heritage, educational systems, and historical development of both countries.

"The average student in today's world has conceptually traveled as far as Bangor, Maine. If Canada, or even Nova Scotia, wants to compete in the world, this is going to have to change," says Secord.

He says that the students were expected to immerse themselves in another culture for a sufficiently long period of time so that they were more than "tourists." In order to do this, the students spent time in Mexico, Cuernavaca and Pachuca, all cities within easy driving distance.

"We chose three cities to visit because it gave them an overall view of the Mexican scenario. In order to conduct business in Mexico, this is an extremely important concept to understand," he says.

Students were overwhelmed with having the opportunity to take such a trip. "It was a unique experience, and it was truly a beneficial way of earning a credit," says Lincoln Young. "You could write all the textbooks in the world and they wouldn't even come as close to the experience we received from the program. Now, I am ready to do business in Mexico." ☺

Special Notices

Renee Field is back as Editor of *The Times*. She was on an eight month maternity leave and now has a healthy boy named Trent.

Dr. Lloyd Rieber, Marketing, has been chosen as the Associate Dean of Commerce.

Dr. Hermann Schwind, Management, is Director for the Executive Master of Business Administration (EMBA) program.



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AROUND Campus



The Japanese Elders wave good-bye. Their time was so enjoyable at Saint Mary's University that many of them vowed to return. The group was on campus from June 30 to July 27 for an English Language and Canadian Culture Program. A luncheon and a visit from the Halifax Town Crier were all part of the closing ceremony on their behalf. They applauded the efforts of the International Activities Office who organized their trip and who made it such a success. During their stay, they also had the opportunity to visit various places in Atlantic Canada, including Prince Edward Island, Peggy's Cove and Mahone Bay.



His Excellency, Dr. Cheddi Jagan, President of the Republic of Guyana, made a special visit to Saint Mary's University on June 22. A reception was held in his honour in the Saint Mary's Art Gallery. In his speech, Jagan indicated that he wants a stronger link between Nova Scotia and Guyana, particularly in the area of university education. He feels that Saint Mary's can play a beneficial role in improving Guyana's education system, such as sharing long distance learning techniques. From the left: Jack Keith, Q.C., Chair of the Board of Governors, Cheddi Jagan, and Dr. Kenneth L. Ozmon, President.



Andre Dessurault of Dartmouth (left) is congratulated by Dr. Kenneth L. Ozmon, President, for winning the Saint Mary's University House '96.



Reverend John Gahan has been appointed as Catholic Chaplain at Saint Mary's University. The newly ordained Jesuit Father replaces Father Ronald Cairns.



And the winners are..... Most departments at Saint Mary's showed up at Huskies Stadium to participate in this year's annual Wellness Day Walk, an event to promote the importance of physical fitness. Administrative Services had a 91 per cent turn out of staff and won the Golden Sneaker Award.



Science students participated in the fourth annual Saint Mary's tree planting program. The aim of the program is to add some beauty throughout various parts of the campus. The tree planters are, from the left: Sharlene Duncan, Marnie Levy, Nicole McLearn, Carmen Cranley, Tammy Estabrooks, and Dr. Liette Vasseur, Biology and Environmental Science Department.



CIBC Donation. A \$1,000 donation from the Canadian Imperial Bank Corporation (CIBC) for the Mexican Student Exchange Program was made on June 19. The program is set-up between The Frank H. Sobey Faculty of Commerce and the Universidad La Salle in Mexico. Accounting students from Saint Mary's took part in the exchange from April 19 to May 8, and traveled throughout Mexico to learn about the culture, history, language and the economic issues; such as the impact of the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA). From the left: Craig Burrows, CIBC Vice President Atlantic Commercial Banking, Kelly Boutilier, Accounting student, Dr. Barry Gorman, Chair, Accounting Department, and Peter McCreath, CIBC Regional Director, Corporate Communications and Public Affairs.



Delegates from Asia at the World Trade and Convention Centre. From May 6 to May 21, a group of 29 senior financial managers, lawyers and officials from the Zhuhai Special Economic Zone in China, were at the World Trade and Convention Centre for a 10 day training session provided by Saint Mary's University. The training focused on international financing, Western stock markets, legal and tax implication of investment in North America, and amalgamation of enterprises.



Look whose been sleeping in our bed! Two German Shepherds from the Hamburg German Police Dog Team don't mind posing for a photo. They are just two of eight well trained dogs that performed all sorts of tricks at this year's Tattoo Festival from July 1 to 7. One of the most talked about scenes of the performance was their soccer match. The team of dogs, along with almost 750 Tattoo performers, stayed in residence.

An Interview with the President

by Paul Fitzgerald

Dr. Kenneth L. Ozmon, President, knows all about being an effective leader. He's been doing just that at Saint Mary's University for the past 17 years. In recognition of that, the Board of Governors unanimously agreed to an unprecedented three year extension to his current term in office. He will now lead Saint Mary's into the year 2000. In this interview, Dr. Ozmon reflects on the dynamic growth and change now enjoyed and hard-won by Saint Mary's. He forecasts an even brighter future for Saint Mary's, which includes a new building to house The Frank H. Sobey Faculty of Commerce, new academic programs, and renovations throughout various parts of campus.

Q: Since you've arrived at Saint Mary's in 1979, what areas of growth would you highlight?

A: We've obviously grown in students, but more importantly we've grown in stature. I think it's fair to say that every single academic program at Saint Mary's has become much stronger over the period of time I've been here, which is certainly a tribute to the people working in these areas. Our teaching remains secure and our research record has improved tremendously. Continuing Education has certainly grown in scope and in the numbers of students. In the international area, we've become a formidable player. One of the things I like is that Saint Mary's is true to its traditions and everyone has come together as a strong team.

Q: What kind of university has Saint Mary's become?

A: Saint Mary's has emerged as a formidable player on the national and international scene. We are well known and respected around the world. People everywhere are pointing to Saint Mary's as a model to what can be done in a number of areas.

Q: According to the Maclean's magazine annual university ranking, Saint Mary's has ranked in the top five in the "Best Overall," "Most Innovative," "Leaders of Tomorrow," and "Highest Quality." What would you say accounts for these positive results?

A: The significant part of these results is that people have a positive impression of our University. If people have this impression, then obviously we're doing something right. We're not only getting our message out there, but the message has some substance.

Q: How has the University managed to grow in size and in reputation despite the fact that it receives one of the lowest amounts of funding from the government?

A: I think part of the reason why we've grown is that we've never used the underfunding as an excuse. We've always been very determined to do what we can, do the best we can, and not seek out excuses for not pursuing excellence.

Q: How would you describe the university rationalization process that began in the mid 1980's and ended in April?

A: I would describe it largely as a waste of time. I think it's been characterized by an oppressive bureaucracy. The universities finally decided to take matters into their own hands, and to their credit, have come up with many more solutions

to the problems we have than could have been found by bureaucrats working at a distance from the universities. In the meantime, we've exerted enormous amounts of energy in report writing and in reporting. I think it was wasted energy, and it could have been energy used for more constructive things.

Q: The University is now the official leader in business education and has received \$6-million in funding for a new business school that will house The Frank H. Sobey Faculty of Commerce. What growth will the University see with the development of a new business school?

A: I think we'll be even better known once we build our new building and get our programming in place. The creation of the Phd program will certainly add stature to our programs, and will make us a player on the national and



From the left: Students Karen Sloan and Paul Fitzgerald with Dr. Kenneth L. Ozmon, President. Dr. Ozmon is known for dedicating much of his time for the students, and having an open door policy.

international scene to a greater extent that we are right now. We will be able to fulfill our aspirations to be among one of the top business schools in Canada. We'd like to be among the top five, and we already consider ourselves to be the best in the Atlantic provinces.

Q: What does the new business school mean for the province?

A: It will raise our profile internationally, which raises the profile of not only Saint Mary's, but it raises the profile of Nova Scotia and Canada overseas. We will become an engine for contact between countries, not only in terms of bringing students here but also in terms of being a

vehicle for promoting the economic interest of the province and even the City of Halifax. Saint Mary's has always made this a point when planning. When making academic plans, we're always anxious to integrate those with the development of the province and the region generally.

Q: Your contract as President has been extended, and you're leading the University into the year 2000. What changes can you forecast for the next four years?

A: I am hopeful that our University and even other universities will have more control over their destiny. I think it's inevitable that govern-

ment funding will provide a lower and lower percentage of operating expenses of the universities. That doesn't necessarily mean that the governments won't want to control more because the pattern up until now seems to be lower government financial support but more government control. There is some indication that the government doesn't want to have to regulate the universities, but there are

always forces at work that feel that they can do our job better than we can. I think that we will also see more voluntary cooperation between the universities. What we'll find is universities, out of self interest, decide that joint programs make good academic sense and good economic sense. What we'll see even more of, is our programs being more student focused, and we'll especially see more of that at Saint Mary's.

Q: What advice would you have for someone considering to attend Saint Mary's University?

A: I'd say do it. There isn't another university in the country that offers a better educational package, on a campus that makes you feel at home.

THE CAPITAL CAMPAIGN: ONLY \$1-MILLION TO GO!



Director of the Atlantic Centre of Support for Disabled Students, Dr. David Leitch (left), accepts a \$10,000 donation from the General Manager of Xerox, Darryl Wiseman. The donation was made on June 13 during a luncheon hosted by Bruce and Martha Jodrey who are both active supporters of the Centre. Mrs. Jodrey is a member of the Saint Mary's University Board of Governors.



Dr. Kenneth L. Ozmon (left), receives a cheque for \$28,000 from MT&T Sales Manager Gary Hollet.



Don Keleher, Director, University Advancements (left), accepts a \$10,000 donation from Steve Ecclestone, General Manager, Heating Sales and Service, Ultramar Canada. This is their second installment on a \$30,000 pledge for The Frank H. Sobey Faculty of Commerce.



A group of University supporters join Larry Uteck, Head Coach and Athletics Director (far left) to announce the establishment of the Bernard "Bun" Memorial Scholarship Fund on July 16. Each year, a portion of the \$5,000 fund will be awarded to a male and female athlete enrolled in full time studies.

Private Sector Goal: \$12,000,000

Division	Gifts	Goals	Total	% of Goal
National Corporations	91	\$2,000,000	\$2,021,515	100.1%
Local&Regional Corporations	66	\$2,000,000	\$1,267,640	63%
Foundations	37	\$3,000,000	\$2,517,478	84%
Alumni	1,065	\$1,100,000	\$615,395	56%
Annual Fund	9,174	\$750,000	\$1,331,623	178%
Family Gifts	12,185	\$900,000	\$ 838,365	93%
Special Gifts	10	\$2,000,000	\$2,389,923	119%
Lottery	1	\$250,000	\$160,000 (est.)	64%
Total	22,629	\$12,000,000	\$11,141,939	93%

New Private Sector Corporate and Foundation Donors to The Building on Strength Campaign (From July 95 to July 96)

Access Cable Television	Integra Capital Management Corp.
Ailments Carrier Inc.	Japan Foundation
Armour Transpiration Systems	Maritime Food Executives
Ault Foods	Molson Companies
Bank of Montreal	Moosehead Breweries
Burns Foods	Nielson Marketing Research
Cara Operations	Poissonnerie Belle Maree Inc.
EDS Canada	Quaker Oats Company of Canada
Emballages Goden CDR Inc.	Royal Bank of Canada
Fireco Inc.	Scott Paper
Gambles Produce	Volvo Canada Limited
Hershey Canada	Wajax
J. Heinz Company of Canada	Ward Foods Limited

Dr. Paul Dixon Acting Dean of Commerce

Preparing for the development of a world class business school at Saint Mary's University will require careful planning, says Dr. Paul Dixon, Acting Dean of Commerce. He's part of an ad hoc committee established by the Board of Governors that will explore every avenue necessary in creating a dynamic facility that will house The Frank H. Sobey Faculty of Commerce. It will be the only one east of Montreal to offer all levels of business studies, including a Phd program in Accounting.

"The news of our University receiving millions in funding from the government couldn't have come at a better time," he says. "The last several years of rationalization have brought a great deal of uncertainty. Now, the government has given us a clear direction. Our future is more assured, and business at Saint Mary's is viewed as a top priority. The government's commitment sends a strong message to the public and the business community that they are endorsing us as the leaders in business education."

Dr. Dixon says the planning for the new facility is provoking much discussion in many areas.

"We have to create all levels of business studies, including our Phd. program, so that we produce both talented academics and those with highly specialized skills needed in today's working world, whether it be at the national or international level," he says.

Improving services for students is also an important area for the committee. They are currently reviewing one-stop shopping. Students can register for courses, pay tuition, and have their questions answered at one central office. "We are taking into serious consideration that the new facility is not only a teaching



From the left, Dr. Paul Dixon, (Acting) Dean of Commerce, Dr. Michael J. Larsen, Dean of Arts, And Dr. David Richardson, Dean of Science.

environment. It is also an environment that caters to students. We have to make life outside the classroom a beneficial environment. When students have good things to say about our University, then they'll tell other people, and this only helps us in terms of growth and in reputation."

He says that the committee will also review the use of space. "What is a good working classroom? How many large theatre auditoriums should we build? What size should our classrooms be? These are the questions that must be answered," he says. "The reason we have to ask ourselves these questions stems from the fact that life in the classroom could change in 20 or 30 years. We want to make this facility flexible for any change that may occur."

Dr. Dixon says that the state-of-the-art technology driven school will open its doors to students in September, 1999. "Our world class facility will establish new links throughout the world. This is beneficial not only for our University, but for Atlantic Canada." ❖

Dr. David Richardson Dean of Science

The Science Faculty is preparing for another year of further growth, says Dr. David Richardson, Dean of Science.

"We've already seen a large amount of growth this summer," he says. "We had 70 students work full-time in the Science Faculty, and we've seen a dramatic increase in students enrolled in summer courses." This year, the department also has a record number of honors students enrolled in the sciences.

Dr. Richardson says that the department is becoming more involved with

different student exchange programs around the world. They have just received a new exchange program in geology with universities in Mexico and the United States. With the opportunities that exchange programs bring for students, he says that the department is encouraging more students to enroll in a language course. In fact, Dr. Richardson expects that students can take a major in science and a minor in a language course, such as Chinese and Japanese.

"We have had students study this summer around the world, including Japan. We are sure that these kinds of exchanges will grow. This is why we want to give students the chance to learn a different language. The opportunities are extremely beneficial."

There are several conferences that will take place this year. This Fall the Mathematics and Computing Science Department will host a conference featuring the works of Morris Escher, the famous print maker who specialized in optical illusions.

Also, the Astronomy and Physics Department is presently in the planning stages for hosting an undergraduate student conference. The conference will bring many students from across the province to Saint Mary's.

"We always look forward to hosting conferences," he says. "It brings people to Saint Mary's, and this is important in promoting our programs and our research."

Dr. Richardson says that the Regional Geochemical Centre has just been awarded a major equipment grant from the National Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada (NSERC). "With this new equipment, we hope to have an increase of involvement of researchers from other universities, especially in the area of Environmental Sciences," he says. ❖

Scholarly & Professional Development

Commerce

■ **Dr. Terry Wagar**, Department of Management, presented his research on "Downsizing, Dumbsizing and Rightsizing: Workforce Reduction in Canada" at the Human Resource Professionals Association of Ontario (HRPAO) Conference in Toronto and the Western Canada Human Resources Staff Development and Organizational Effectiveness Program in Calgary. Two of **Dr. Wagar's** monographs, *Labour Management Relations in Canada: A Survey of Union Officials and Employee Involvement*, *Strategic Management and Human Resources: Exploring the Linkages*, have been published by the Industrial Relations Centre (IRC) Press at Queen's University. He has also recently published two articles. "Determinants of Just Cause and Reasonable Notice in the Dismissal of Nonunion Employees" in *Canadian Business Economics*, and "Workforce Reduction in Australia and

New Zealand: A Research Note" in the *Human Resource Management Journal* (with Clive Gilson).

Sciences

■ **Dr. Michael West**, Astronomy and Physics Department, recently accepted an invitation to serve on the Canadian Gemini Steering Committee (CGSC). Gemini are state-of-the-art twin 8-metre telescopes that are being built in Hawaii and Chile by a consortium of six nations (Canada, the U.S., the U.K., Argentina, Brazil and Chile). The CGSC, which is made up of nine astronomers from across Canada, is to represent Canadian interests in the Gemini project, and give advice on a range of scientific, technical and policy issues. In June 1996 the Committee met for several days in Victoria, BC.

Dr. West also spent the month of May as a guest at Melbourne University, in Australia. There he continued work on a graduate-level astrophysics book that he is writing with two colleagues. The book, *Clusters of Galaxies: Phenomenology and Physics*, will be published by Cambridge University Press in 1997. He has also been

invited to serve on the Scientific Organizing Committee for an astronomical workshop devoted to the Coma cluster of galaxies. The workshop, which will bring together participants from around the world, will be held in France in June 1997.

■ **Dr. Larry Hughes**, Mathematics and Computing Science, while on sabbatical at the University of Newcastle, visited the Department of Computing at the University of Lancaster as a guest of Dr. David Hutchinson, head of the Department. **Dr. Hughes** conducted a workshop for the members of the Department's communication research team. **Dr. Hughes** discussed his recent advances in the field of reliable communications for process groups on the Internet. It is anticipated that Dr. Hutchinson will visit Saint Mary's while on his sabbatical leave in the near future. Traveling with **Dr. Hughes** was Marinho Barcellos, a Brazilian Phd student at the University of Newcastle, Tyne who is being supervised by **Dr. Hughes**.

AWARDS

■ **Sanjay Sharma**, Marketing, has received the Best Dissertation Award from the Academy of Management. The Academy of Management is one of the most prestigious management associations in the world.

Dr. Michael West, Astronomy and Physics Department, was recently awarded a Senior Visiting Fellowship at the Canadian Institute for Theoretical Astrophysics (CITA), which is located on the campus of the University of Toronto. CITA is widely regarded as one of the premier theoretical astrophysics institutes in the world. The purpose of these fellowships is to recognize excellence in research by providing funds to free the recipient from teaching and administrative responsibilities at their home institutions, thereby allowing them to pursue their research in residence at CITA. Only two or three of these awards are made annually across Canada. **Dr. West** will pursue his research at CITA during the Summer and Fall 1996 terms.



Bill Promaine, Manager of Security, spoke with ATV about Saint Mary's 'lost and found' and the volume of items retrieved.

Dr. Paul Erickson, Anthropology, explained to ATV the difference between animal and human bones and the difficulty in determining forensic data.

Bill Wicken, Gorsebrook Research Institute, spoke with CBC Newsworld in Calgary about the Donald Marshall verdict.

Dr. Cyril Byrne, English, spoke with ATV about the current situation in Northern Ireland.

Nicole Lundrigan, Anthropology graduate student, and **Dr. Paul Williams**, Anthropology, have been doing interviews on radio, television and print this Summer, on the data collected from the bones retrieved from the crypts and burial grounds under the Little Dutch Church.

Dr. Michael J. Larsen: Celebrating 25 Years

by Marilyn Pincock

Sitting on the back patio of his Halifax home, Dr. Michael Larsen, Dean of Arts, is enjoying the peace and quiet, a stark contrast to his busy office at Saint Mary's University. The trim, athletic 52-year old, whose looks belie his age, pauses to reflect on his 25-year career at Saint Mary's. Well recognized for his teaching and extensive list of publications, Dr. Larsen is proud to be part of Saint Mary's University, a leading player in the higher education field in Atlantic Canada.

When he began his studies at Saint Mary's in 1961, like many students, Larsen had no idea what his future career would be. Little did he know he would one day become Dean of the largest Arts Faculty in Nova Scotia. Armed with a BA from Saint Mary's, Larsen went on to pursue a Masters degree (English) at Dalhousie University and later earned a Phd at the University of Toronto. He spent a year teaching high school in New York State and returned in 1971 to Saint Mary's as a lecturer. Dr. Larsen has been a member of the English department since then and has been a full professor since 1988.

Father William Stewart, who served as teacher and administrator for many years, taught Dr. Larsen a Philosophy course in the 60s. "I remember him as a solid performer, and his success is not surprising at all. He has tremendous ability, good judgment and is very hard working. Dr. Larsen's easy-going personality makes him ideally suited for the challenging role of Dean of Arts." Father Stewart has also known Michael's wife, Jean, for much of her life because Jean's mother was very involved in the Jesuit Ladies Auxiliary. "I have great admiration for both Mike and Jean Larsen. They're a great couple and a valuable asset to Saint Mary's."

Now in his second term as Dean of Arts, Dr. Larsen is enthusiastic about the University, its students, academic programs and fellow faculty members. "Saint Mary's attracts the highest calibre of faculty and they bring a loyalty not widely found elsewhere. We're fortunate that our teaching staff tend to stay at Saint Mary's, and there's a reason for that. Our commitment to providing an excellent education, our interdisciplinary approach to learning and our international reputation attract these top professionals."

It's clear Dr. Larsen loves his work. His wife, Jean, who joined us during the interview, says, "Mike loves teaching. Everywhere we go in the city, we meet former students who stop to tell him about their life and careers. He's too modest to say so, but he's a very popular professor. His love of the arts is obvious and draws large numbers of students to his courses."

At Saint Mary's, each Dean teaches at least one course a year, to keep them in touch with students and with their own research. Larsen explains, "In contrast to a purely administrative role, teaching keeps you in contact with the students, the central part of the institution."

"I've had great fun with the courses I've taught over the years, which include "Twentieth Century Poetry," "The Modern Novel," "Shakespeare," and "American Literature." I'll teach "Contemporary American Fiction" this Fall, and I'm looking forward to introducing some short fiction in the course curriculum."

Because today's students are so visually sophisticated, Larsen has found video useful in illustrating some of the elements not easily conveyed with language. "One of my most popular courses was "Narrative in Fiction and Film," where we studied novels and short stories that were adapted to film. Students enjoyed learning the technical aspects of this process, such as sound, lighting, and transition, as well as exploring the differences between print and film."

The Value of an Arts Education

A lifelong love of the arts motivates Dr. Larsen. "Students can relate to the emotions and life experiences of the characters we study. It's impossible not to develop an enthusiasm for the people you meet in literature."

"In the Arts program, the broad issues of communications, culture and society – in fact, most of the subjects we teach – relate to significant issues in life. Whether it's language, writing skills, the humanities, literature or social issues (anthropology, political science, and so forth), much of contemporary life is covered in these topics. That may explain why so many students are interested in the Arts Faculty."

Dr. Larsen believes that an arts education is valuable in itself, students can learn important skills such as critical thinking and effective communication. "Business, industry and government recognize the value of an Arts degree in potential employees because many of the problems and opportunities they encounter are human rather than technical."

Inter-departmental Co-operation

Dr. Larsen has high praise for the faculty at Saint Mary's. "One of the most interesting and gratifying aspects," he says, "is the level of co-operation between departments. We've created first-rate interdisciplinary programs such as Asian Studies, Atlantic Canada studies, International Development Studies, and Women's Studies; and others are being considered for the future. But this doesn't happen unless you have very strong departments that know their own core strengths and are willing to make connections across disciplines and even faculties."

"It's quite unusual to have such a high degree of inter-departmental activity. Many schools struggle to sustain these programs, and the co-operation, culture, and energy level required to maintain them sometimes wanes; but Saint Mary's is the ideal size and the culture is supportive of these kinds of connections."



A Global Perspective

Saint Mary's University has always had a strong international presence. Even when the Jesuits ran the university and it was smaller, a substantial number of foreign students attended. Last November, Saint Mary's inaugurated a program with The Gambia in West Africa which will allow Gambian students to complete an Arts degree at home in The Gambia, largely through Saint Mary's faculty. About 130 students have signed up so far and enrollment is expected to reach 200. "Although it is one of the few countries in the world without its own university," Dr. Larsen explains, "The Gambia has many students who are hungry for education and they're working hard to raise enough money to attend the school, even to take just one course."

Saint Mary's has exchange agreements with numerous countries and offers international student programs in such countries as China, Japan, Vietnam, and Mexico. The school also provides consulting and development work abroad. "Through these programs, we bring the world to Nova Scotia, exposing the local community and our students to enriching influences from centres of excellence around the globe. It's ideal training for the global workplace."

On a Personal Note

Mike and Jean Larsen met during their senior year while she studied at Mount Saint Vincent and he at Saint Mary's. The couple married in 1967 and have two adult children. Jean pursued a career in physical education and taught part-time until three years ago. They love to travel and enjoy golf (a sport they recently learned), and both like to take long walks together, play tennis, and ski with friends. Dr. Larsen has perfected his guitar-playing skills over the last four years, a weekly activity he enjoys with several friends.

Their eldest child, Jenny-Kate, 25, a Saint Mary's Summa Cum Laude graduate, is married to Tim Gilligan, another Saint Mary's alumnus, and they live in Toronto. Jenny-Kate teaches high school English and

coaches the school basketball and soccer teams. During her days at the University, she was a Canadian Interuniversity Athletic Union (CIAU) All-Canadian athlete in soccer and basketball.

The couple's 22-year-old son, Jeff, did his under-graduate degree at McMaster University, also graduating Summa Cum Laude. He spent a year at Université Laval in a French Immersion program and has just completed his first year of law school at the University of Toronto. He is currently working in the United States with the Justice Department.

The Larsens have always enjoyed activities with their two children because "it helped the children

create interests of their own." Both children excelled in sports, and Dr. Larsen stayed involved even after they had left. He coached basketball and baseball and volunteered with the Scout movement for a number of years. He has also served on a wide range of University bodies, including a term as President of the Alumni Association.

Dr. Larsen enjoys reading a variety of material and is well known to his colleagues for his impromptu quotes from novels, magazines and, these days, books about management and administrative matters. He is acutely aware that many of the issues faced by the University, including new technology, program development, and finances, all have personnel implications.

The Challenges Ahead

On the rising cost of a university education, Dr. Larsen says, "The reward is still there for students to pursue their education. It's important intellectually, socially, and financially. There will continue to be major changes in how universities are funded, and different schemes are being sought to help students fund their education. There must be a way to help students manage this major debt, and schemes geared to their income levels after graduation may be the answer."

Perhaps the major challenge Dr. Larsen sees is renewal of the faculty as current professors retire. "In recruiting replacements, we will also review areas where we plan to develop new programs in order to ensure both continuity and meaningful change. Being a dynamic and forward-thinking enterprise helps the University recruit first-rate faculty and attract students. I believe that if we recruit the very best people, they will look after the rest."

"We recently prepared a report outlining areas we might pursue in the future. The energy to stay current, to offer programs that are attractive, relevant and challenging to students is definitely there. And we have a dynamic group of people. As we plan new programs, we will continue to position Saint Mary's as the school to attend, because of our excellent faculty and exciting programs." ▢

Janet Halliwell, Chair of the NSCHE, takes new job

Janet Halliwell, Chair of the Nova Scotia Council on Higher Education (NSCHE) is leaving her job after four years of reorganizations in the post-secondary education system. She is taking a job with a consulting firm in Ottawa.

Halliwell has presided over numerous changes to university and college education. She has seen growing co-operation between university presidents in Metro as they all worked to maintain quality while cutting costs.

The various reforms over the last four years has brought changes to policy, funding, structural changes, major reform to teaching education, partnerships with business, and distance education.

All Star

by Virginia Jackson

Kim Ashford, the 1985-86 soccer all-star, is used to being in the middle things and giving 100 per cent. Ashford left the Saint Mary's team in 1986 to join the RCMP team and pursue another goal. It came as no surprise to see her picture being awarded the Medal of Bravery by Governor-General Romeo LeBlanc in the Spring.

Ashford was on patrol in December, 1995, when two men came running up to her car yelling that there had been an accident two blocks away and they needed help. The roads were slick due to the day's intermittent showers and traffic was light. When Ashford and her fellow officers (George Makowski, Terrence Tryten, and Richard Waldron) arrived at the scene it was just after 2 a.m. and the street was deserted.

The car's engine was still racing and on first glance the driver appeared deceased. The officers attempted to remove the driver but efforts were slow because the impact had crushed the door against a light standard. Ashford was checking for a pulse when the driver began to regain consciousness and as



Kim Ashford, Alumna, who is now an RCMP Constable, receives the Medal of Bravery from the Governor General of Canada, Romeo LeBlanc.

he realized the car was filling with smoke, he panicked.

A small group was beginning to form and Ashford ordered a fire extinguisher from a near-by building. Once it arrived, she began dousing him from head to toe so that the fire which was now licking around the driver's legs

Rescue

would not burn him. Once the door had been removed Ashford and the other members pulled the driver to safety. Within a minute the entire car burst into flames.

The Medal of Bravery is given to those who have put their own lives in danger to aid another fellow human being. Kim Ashford, Richard Waldron (brother of Saint Mary's geology professor Dr. John Waldron), George Makowski, and Terrence Tryten received their medals during a ceremony in Ottawa this past March.

"I was moved by the other rescue stories that were told that day," reflects Ashford, "we were doing our jobs but everyone else at the ceremony had performed such unselfish acts."

Ashford is stationed in North Vancouver, British Columbia with the RCMP. ♡

Huskies Home Games Schedule

Women's Soccer

Saturday, Sept. 7	MTA @ SMU	1:00 pm
Friday, Oct. 4	SFX @ SMU	4:00 pm
Saturday, Oct. 5	MUN @ SMU	3:00 pm
Sunday, Oct. 6	UCCB @ SMU	1:00 pm
Sunday, Oct. 20	PEI @ SMU	2:00 pm

Men's Soccer

Saturday, Sept. 7	MTA @ SMU	3:00 pm
Friday, Oct. 4	SFX @ SMU	6:00 pm
Saturday, Oct. 5	MUN @ SMU	5:00 pm
Sunday, Oct. 6	UCCB @ SMU	3:00 pm
Wednesday, Oct. 16	ACA @ SMU	6:00 pm
Sunday, Oct. 20	PEI @ SMU	4:00 pm

Football

Sunday, Sept. 8	SFX @ SMU (X)	(TBA)
Saturday, Sept. 28	MTA @ SMU	2:00 pm
Saturday, Oct. 12	ACA @ SMU	2:00 pm
Saturday, Oct. 19	SFX @ SMU	2:00 pm

Field Hockey

Saturday, Sept. 14	PEI @ SMU	4:00 pm
Sunday, Sept. 15	PEI @ SMU	12 noon
Saturday, Oct. 19	UNB @ SMU	5:00 pm
Sunday, Oct. 20	UNB @ SMU	12 noon

Hockey

Sunday, Oct. 13	DAL @ SMU	7:00 pm
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Alumni Skate

Every Sunday, starting November 3, from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm.

Attention all Alumni!

Alumni Weekend is October 19-20 - come back to campus and enjoy the festivities! Cheer on your favourite sport, meet old friends, visit the campus to see how we've changed (ground breaking of the international school of business) and how we're the same (where tradition meets the future).

Saint Mary's Receives \$10,000 For Summer Institute

Saint Mary's University has received a \$10,000 grant from the Canadian Council on Geographic Education (CCGE) which funded a 12 day Summer institute on campus from July 22 to August 2, the first in Atlantic Canada.

"We're absolutely delighted that the Canadian Council saw an opportunity to help the region," says Dr. Douglas Day, Chair, Saint Mary's Geography Department. "Most of all, we're extremely delighted that Saint Mary's was chosen to receive such a prestigious grant that gave us the opportunity to host a summer institute."

With support from *National Geographic*, the CCGE provides grants for up to four such summer institutes across Canada.

The theme of the Saint Mary's summer institute, "Connections," gave teachers a closer look at the relationship between geography and history, and between problems of land and sea use at the local, regional, and global levels.

"How should we handle waste disposal at the local level and globally? Canada and other countries have agreed to the principles of sustainable development developed by the United Nations, but what are the best ways to achieve this at the community level? How can we use the Internet to help teach geography? These were just some of the questions the teachers raised," says Dr. Day.

He says that the Department of



From the left: Dr. Stewart Simple, formally in charge of Geography Teaching at Dalhousie's Faculty of Education, and CCGE Executive; Dr. Kenneth L. Ozmon, President; Susan LeBel, Social Studies Consultant for the Nova Scotia Department of Education; Peter McAllister, Sackville High School Geography Teacher; and Dr. Douglas Day, Chair, Saint Mary's Geography Department. Missing from the photo is Jeff Orr, St. Francis Xavier University; John Trites, CCGE Executive; and James Boxall, Map Librarian for Dalhousie University, and a Saint Mary's Graduate.

Geography applied for the grant because teacher training in the region received a major setback last year with the rationalization of the Faculties of Education in Nova Scotia. No provision was made for training geography teachers.

"The summer institute therefore gave existing geography teachers from each part of the Atlantic region the chance to be exposed to twelve days of carefully structured activities that they may not now be able to receive with this recent restructuring," he says. "I am sure that the institute gave them beneficial skills to take back to their classrooms and the opportunity to establish connections with members of our Geography Department that will help them in the future." ♡

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By joining the varsity club you have the opportunity to cheer on your favourite Saint Mary's University varsity teams AND three-quarters of the cost of your membership is given directly to the O'Donnell-Hennessey Trust Fund to the sport that you pick.

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- **Student Athlete Recruitment** - to lend financial support to our coaches recruiting efforts so that we can attract the best possible student-athletes to Saint Mary's and;
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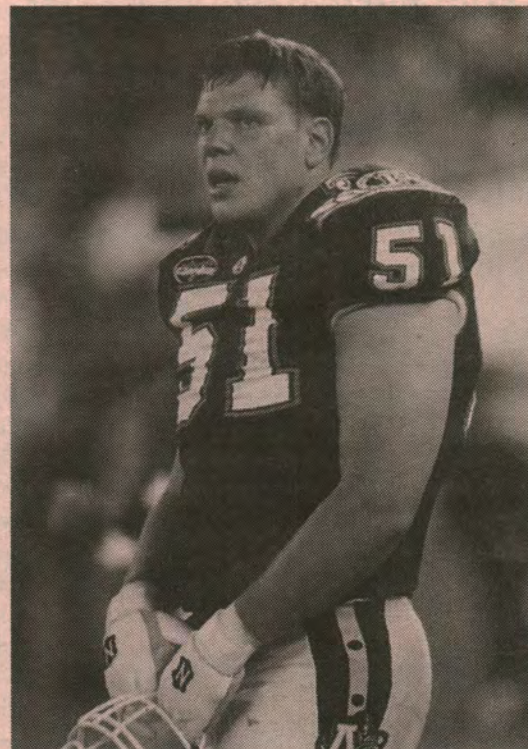
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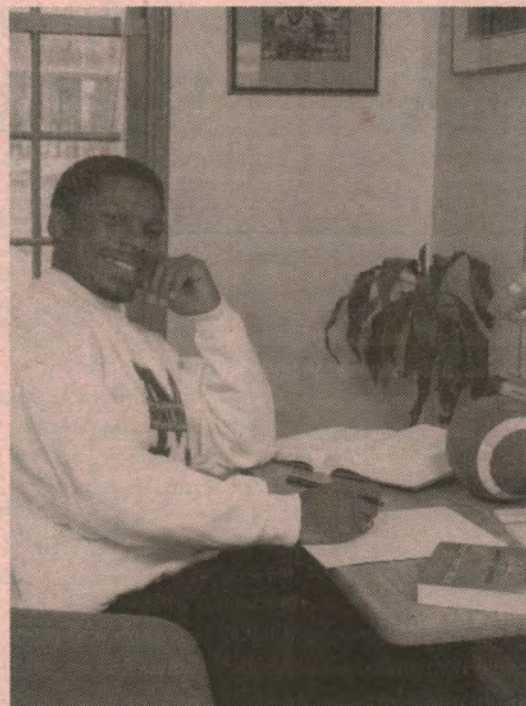
William Njoku, BA'94

is playing with the National Men's basketball team.



Noah Cantor, BA '94

is a defensive tackle for the Toronto Argonauts.



Dwayne Provo, B.Ed. '95

is a defensive back with the Montreal Alouettes.



Suzanne Muir, B. Comm '93

is with the Vancouver City Police Department and plays with the Canadian Women's Soccer team.

Congrats! Huskies CIAU Academic All Canadians!



Basketball

- Monica Miller
- Bonnie MacLean



Soccer

- Tara Timms
- David Terrio
- Gareth Smith



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- Scott Rye
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- Todd Murphy
- Shawn Jolemore
- Graeme Day



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- Jared Steenbakkers
- Timothy Robbins
- Tyson Johnson



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