

Saint Mary's University, Halifax, Nova Scotia

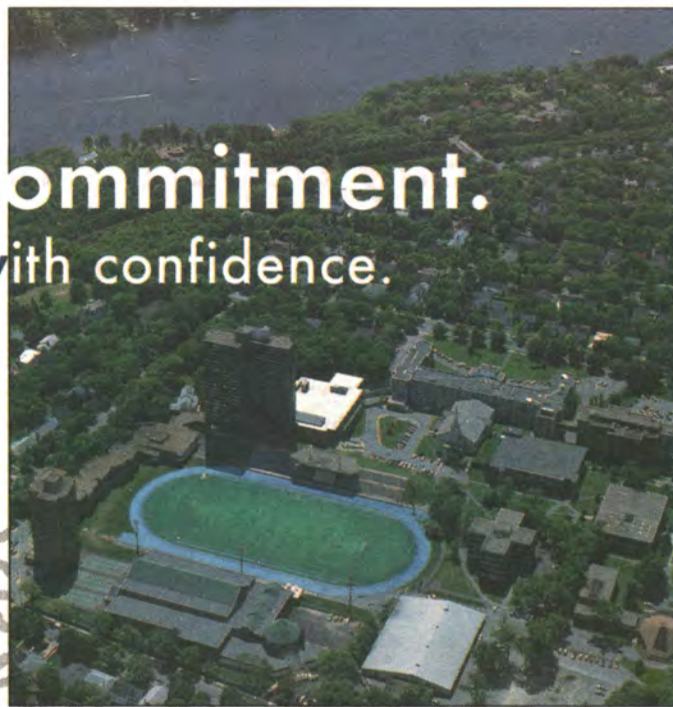
# The TIMES

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President's Report to the Community, April 1998

## Leadership. Vision. Commitment. Saint Mary's looks to the future with confidence.



### Dear Santamarian and friend of Saint Mary's:

The qualities of Leadership, Vision, and Commitment are often used to describe the essence of Saint Mary's University. They truly relate to not only the University, but the faculty, staff, students and alumni who continue to contribute to the remarkable success of Saint Mary's.

Saint Mary's has a long history of innovative thinking. From installing the first computer in the region, to initiating the first Continuing Education programs, we have looked to new ways of approaching education. Whatever the project, our students' educational experience is foremost in our mind.

Our student-centred approach to education enables students to play an active role in their education. We know they appreciate the Saint Mary's approach to learning. We only have to look at the increase in our first year enrolment this past year to confirm Saint Mary's appeal.

We didn't get to this point by accident. The Saint Mary's community has worked diligently over the years to ensure that Saint Mary's is a leading university of exceptional quality; one which puts students first. Our highly qualified faculty have played a key role in this development. The recognition they continue to receive for their achievements—both nationally and internationally—contributes substantially to the reputation of Saint Mary's.

We strive to respond thoughtfully to the challenges we face. The settlement of the recent contracts with our unions was reached through committed negotiations on the part of both the university and the unions. This continues our history of successful negotiations with our faculty and staff.

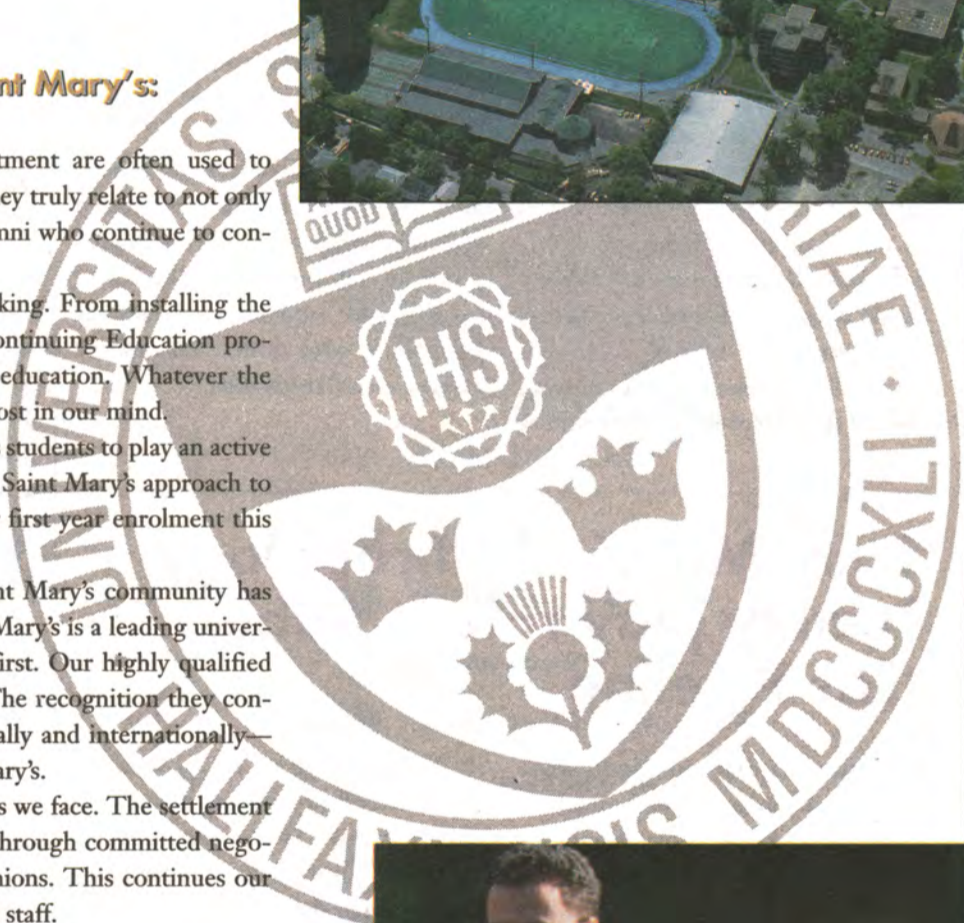
We are in touch with how quickly technology is changing the way we educate. We believe that technology is an integral part of teaching and learning. However, we recognize that it should be used as an efficient tool to assist the teaching and learning process, not hinder the process.

Our new Sobey Building, which opens in September, 1998, will be a high tech facility. It will be equipped to adapt to technological changes as they occur, providing an advanced facility for our students today, and tomorrow.

Our goals remain as consistent as they have been since our founding in 1802. We are committed to academic and research excellence, public accessibility, community outreach and fiscal responsibility.

We are on track towards the future. With the Saint Mary's team of committed faculty, staff and alumni we will ensure that Saint Mary's is accessible and responsive to our students' needs. We strive to prepare them for the world of tomorrow.

Kenneth L. Ozmon  
President



# LEADERSHIP

Saint Mary's is known for its innovation in teaching, research and international initiatives. Our professors continue to be recognized for their knowledge, with members of the private and public sector seeking their expertise on major projects.

The Saint Mary's team continues to make substantial contributions to our local community and to communities overseas. The following stories highlight our most recent and innovative projects.

## Chemistry Department Leads in Research

Dr. Michael Zaworotko, Chemistry Department, and his team of undergraduate student researchers have made inroads in the fight against antibiotic-resistant bacteria.

In their lab research, they have discovered new molecules that may destroy antibiotic-resistant bacteria. The implications of this discovery could mean a cure for such things as the antibiotic-resistant strains of bacteria that cause "tuberculosis," as well as the often fatal "flesh-eating" disease. Lab study findings, if validated, would have a great impact on disease management and control.

Dr. Zaworotko attributes the success of this discovery to the learning

environment at Saint Mary's. "These kinds of projects just don't happen at other universities," he says. "We take on the high risk projects, the kinds that larger universities avoid." Out of nine student researchers hired in the Chemistry Department last summer, five of them worked on the project. More students were hired to work during the academic year.

It is an incredible learning experience for students to work on a such a major research project. Research projects like this one, and the dedicated faculty and students are another example of what makes Saint Mary's an exceptional institution.

## Saint Mary's Anthropology Faculty play role in Sable Gas Pipeline

Exporting natural gas from Nova Scotia is no longer a pipe dream. The installation of the Sable Island gas pipeline is in the early stages, and the expertise of members of Saint Mary's Anthropology Department is in demand.

The \$3-billion project will pump natural gas from Sable Island, Nova Scotia to the New Brunswick-Maine border, extending through Maine, New Hampshire and Massachusetts. It will then connect with the existing North American pipeline grid in New England.

Dr. Stephen Davis, Anthropology Department, is involved with three aspects of the project, involving an intense review of the proposed locations for the pipeline to determine if they are areas of historical value to Nova Scotia and Canada. MacLaren Plansearch hired Davis to work on the Sable Offshore Energy Project (SOEP) contract.

The SOEP group is very sensitive about the historical areas and the environment. "They want to make sure they cover all the proper bases before laying down this pipe," Davis says. "...I was taken aback by all this because normally big money speeds up any development process, no matter what they are building. However, the Sable Gas project has a clear mission to ensure that they will neither harm anything during the construction, nor when the gas pipeline is in operation."



Dr. Stephen Davis with Professor Paul Williams, Anthropology Department.

Professor Paul Williams, Anthropology Department, was also an active partner in this contract. In addition, Davis hired two graduate students and one undergraduate student from Saint Mary's to assist in the study. They found a total of 27 historic sites, all of which were occupied by 19th century farmsteads.

Davis will also be working on additional consulting projects that focus on the construction of the Sable Island gas pipeline. Government reports indicate that the pipeline will be operating by 1999.

## Team Canada Trip Raises Profile of Saint Mary's

As a participant in the 1997 Team Canada trip, Saint Mary's acknowledges the impact of the 1997 Trade Mission to Korea, the Philippines and Thailand. The tangible results are new business contacts, higher profile, and perhaps most importantly, new students to our university.

The Nova Scotia contingent, led by then Premier John Savage, included Dr. Kenneth Ozmon, President, Saint Mary's University and Denis Leclaire, Director, International Activities. The Province generated \$20M through a number of signing agreements, including one which is credited to an earlier Saint Mary's initiative.

The initiative produced a memorandum of understanding between Atlantic Combustion Products of Amherst and the Electricity Generating Authority of Thailand. Blake Daley, a partner in Atlantic Combustion, credits Saint Mary's Master of Business students with providing the key to opening the door for at least \$8M in business for his firm in Thailand.

The second part to the Saint Mary's contingent included Maureen Woodhouse, International Activities who participated in a number of education fairs hosted by the regional Canadian Education Centres in



Dr. Ozmon is pictured with students of the Assumption Suksa School, Bangkok, with sister Roonnee Wanmee-Ngean and Alice Mansell, then President of the Nova Scotia College of Art and Design.

Singapore, Jakarta, Bangkok and Kuala Lumpur. There is an incredible demand for tertiary education in a number of countries throughout Asia. Canada and Nova Scotia are particularly attractive because of the calibre of universities, the safety of our cities and a friendlier, inclusive culture.

The results of the trip can be seen in the international inquiries made to our International Activities and Admissions Departments.

# Cleaning Up on a Global Scale

## China and Vietnam

Saint Mary's experience in international development does not go unnoticed. Government certainly recognizes the high calibre of our work. A five-year Tier I CIDA grant of \$7M was awarded to Saint Mary's for a community based conservation management project in China and Vietnam, to begin this year. This is



Dr. Liette Vasseur, front left, on location, in Fujian with Dr. You, front right, of Fujian Agricultural University, as well as translators.

one of the largest grants ever awarded to an Atlantic Canadian university. Saint Mary's was chosen to play a leadership role because of the history we have with international community development programs.

Dr. Liette Vasseur, Environmental Studies Department, heads the project for Saint Mary's. The recent economic growth that has occurred in these countries has put a strain on their natural resources and habitats. The expertise of our faculty is needed now to avert a future environmental disaster.

The main focus of this five-year project will be on species conservation and habitat protection. The program will emphasize education at the community level; improve public understanding and sustainable use of natural resources in targeted communities, and establish a network to monitor results. Saint Mary's partner universities in this project are Xiamen University (Saint Mary's sister university), Fujian Agricultural University in China, Vietnam National University in Vietnam, the University of New Brunswick, the Technical University of Nova Scotia and the Nova Scotia Agricultural College.

## Cambodia

Saint Mary also received a CIDA Tier II grant of \$728,000 to assist Cambodia with its aquatic resource management. Dr. Liette Vasseur and David Cone, Biology Department are the principal coordinators of this project. The partners include The Marine Institute, Memorial University of Newfoundland, the Royal University of Agriculture, and the Prek Leap Agriculture College in Cambodia.

The fisheries industry has been a major food source for Cambodia. The harsh and uncertain political climate in Cambodia has resulted in a substantial loss of human and environmental resources. The country now faces major development issues in all

sectors, particularly in the fisheries industry.

Saint Mary's involvement is to effect change on a fundamental level. The primary objective of this work is to change how Cambodians view fishing. This will involve resource management and sustainable development issues.

These 2 international projects will open many doors of opportunity for exchange of Saint Mary's faculty and students. This sharing of expertise is what makes Saint Mary's recognized internationally.

Our track record with international initiatives is strong. Our success in the international arena is a tribute to the expertise and dedication of our high calibre faculty.



Fishing boats in Cambodia—the livelihood and home of Cambodian families.

## Saint Mary's initiates a university for The Gambia

Saint Mary's dedication to its partners overseas is definitely recognized. A CIDA grant was awarded to Saint Mary's to assist The Gambia in establishing its first university.

The \$744,000 Tier II grant will enable Saint Mary's to lay the groundwork for a university in The Gambia.

Saint Mary's has played an active role in education in The Gambia for twenty years. Most recently, Saint Mary's established an extension program enabling Gambian students to take post secondary courses taught by Saint Mary's professors. Faculty members spend six-week periods teaching courses which qualify for a Bachelor of Arts degree, to Gambian students.

The establishment of a post-secondary institution in The Gambia will allow Gambians to fulfill their own educational aspirations at home.

This Saint Mary's initiative involves many areas of our faculty and staff. "This project allows us to draw on the expertise of the whole other side of the University, like the

Registrar's, Admissions, Business Office and Public Affairs departments. These are people who don't usually get involved with an international project. It's new and different and will be a valuable experience for Saint Mary's," says Heidi Taylor, Manager, International Projects, International Activities Department with Saint Mary's.

Starting this summer, twenty-two-week mini-universities are planned simultaneously in Canada and The Gambia. The students who participate in this process will design seminars and workshops relating to development issues for their schools during the year.

The Gambia has three institutions including an agriculture college, polytechnical institution and college, but no university. With existing infrastructure present, the goal is to establish a high quality university administrative system that is accountable, affordable, and credible.

## Linking Computers with Chemistry

Saint Mary's continues its innovative strides in scientific research and development. We have taken the initiative in acquiring a First Year Computerized Chemistry Laboratory – the only one of its kind east of Montreal. There are only a few of these labs in the country.

Data from experiments is fed into computers enabling students to apply statistics or collect time-based results. At each station in the lab there is a console with two computers and a printer linked to the experimental apparatus.

As a pilot project, Dr. John Young, Chemistry Department, developed a prototype of this laboratory for teaching chemistry in The Gambia, West Africa last year. He was there again for three months this year to test out the first phase of the computerized chemistry laboratory. "The new lab was enthusiastically received by our students there, and we are now trying it out on a larger scale here at Saint Mary's," says Dr. Young.

### SAINT MARY'S WINS AWARD

The 1998 Scotiabank and Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada Award of Excellence in Internationalization, was awarded to Saint Mary's for our work in The Gambia. The award is presented in five different categories. Saint Mary's received an award in the category of Resources for Internationalization Efforts.

Our work in The Gambia has evolved over many years. This award is an acknowledgment of our commitment and dedication to our international projects.

# V I S I O N

No one can predict the future. With the rapid changes in technology, we recognize that there is uncertainty around the corner, but we feel confident that we will be prepared for whatever the future holds for education.

We continue to develop our facility and programs to meet the needs of a changing world, to prepare our students to greet that world with confidence. Our new building and a completely renovated Loyola Academic Complex, which will house more than 70 percent of all teaching spaces on campus, will address these areas.

## THE SOBEY BUILDING a design for the next millennium



Top: architects drawing of the courtyard entrance to the Sobeby Building. Bottom: back view of the building as it takes shape.



Under construction: the front of the new Sobeby Building as it nears completion.

A year ago, the Sobeby Building was a set of blueprints, and a designated site on the Saint Mary's campus. Today, the construction of the new complex is well underway and on budget—a tribute to the tireless efforts of the Saint Mary's community.

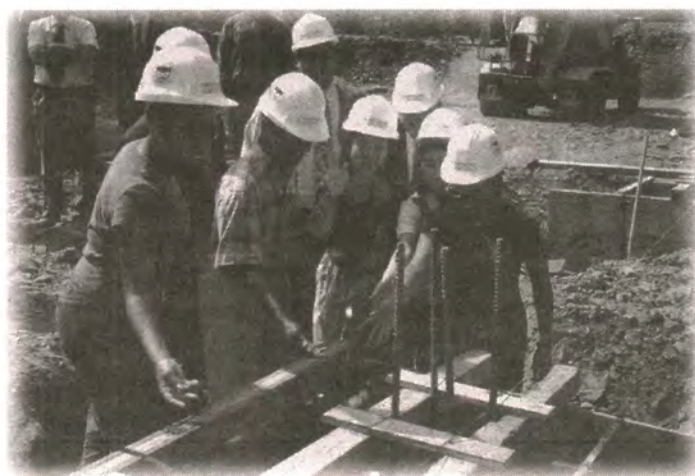
The Sobeby Building project grew out of the recognition of changes occurring in the education process. Technology has revolutionized how we teach and learn. In order to prepare our students to be competitive in the information world, we knew we had to build a technologically advanced facility, one that could adapt to changes as they occur.

The Sobeby Building is equipped with the latest in computer and communications technology. There are over a dozen unique classroom configurations, and each one offers internet access. There are also 1000 internet ports throughout the facility. As well, there is provision for seven innovative computer labs. The latest in multi-media technology is incorporated into each space in a way which supports our approach to teaching and learning; the focus is on team building and cooperative learning. The technology is there, ready to

respond to the needs of today's students, and the students of tomorrow.

The new building will add 77,500 square feet of new space. The construction project also involves renovation of 86,500 square feet of space within the Loyola Academic Complex, to provide more room for the Arts and Science Faculties. The total project represents an \$18M investment in higher education in Nova Scotia.

The Government of Nova Scotia, in recognition of our highly regarded Commerce Faculty—The Frank H. Sobeby Faculty of Commerce—contributed \$6M to the construction of the Sobeby Building. With the outstanding support from the private and public sectors, we are in the countdown phase to the opening of the building. The Sobeby Building will open its doors for classes in the fall of 1998.



Saint Mary's University students from around the world tossed coins into the wet concrete, at the Sobeby Building site, July 1997.

# TEAMWORK, COMMITMENT

## the capital campaign yields great results

The success of the Building on Strength Campaign was due in no small part to the vision of a dedicated group of individuals. Once again, the Saint Mary's community team approach reaps great rewards.

The Campaign surpassed its goal by more than \$4.4M. The private sector goal was \$12M, and the final figures show a \$16.4M commitment.

Our students showed their support to their University with a \$600,000

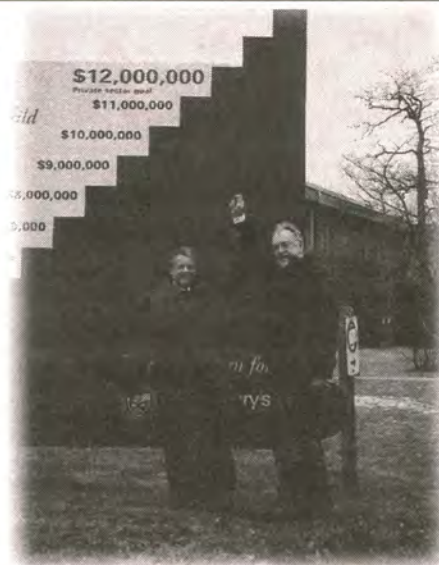
gift, a donation which was met by every other campaign division. Over 34,000 donors contributed to the campaign. These contributions represent a commitment to Saint Mary's community minded, student-centred approach to education.

The funds raised go directly to the Atlantic Centre of Support for Disabled Students, student scholarships, library acquisitions, renovations, and the construction of the new

Sobey Building.

We thank all who worked on the campaign. Your efforts on behalf of Saint Mary's made this campaign a great success.

Our appreciation goes out to the many supporters to our campaign. Without you we would not have seen such an outstanding success of our fund raising effort.



Dr. Kenneth L. Ozmon, President (left) and Dr. David Sobey celebrate the success of the Building on Strength Campaign. Our goal was well surpassed.

## Program Developments

### Saint Mary's EMBA Moves North

Atlantic Canada's only Executive Master Of Business Administration program will be offered in Nunavut - Canada's newest territory. Saint Mary's EMBA will train deputy ministers, entrepreneurs and business people for the new territory that will come into existence on April 1, 1999.

Nunavut Arctic College chose Saint Mary's University to prepare and train individuals for the new government of Nunavut because of the program's reputation and the flexibility.

"Saint Mary's has a very good program and they met the needs we identified," says Ian Rose, Director of Policy and Program at Nunavut Arctic College. "We wanted a flexible program. While other universities were saying take what we have, Saint Mary's expressed a willingness to adapt their program." He explains

that in a northern environment, situations and experiences are very different from those in southern Canada. Saint Mary's English as a Second Language Program was an important element to students of the North.

Professors from Saint Mary's started teaching in Nunavut in March. The first group of 20 students will graduate in the fall of 1999. The students come from the existing government of the NWT, the federal government and organizations. The EMBA program is designed to allow students to continue their full-time employment while they earn their degree.

The EMBA program in Nunavut is being sponsored by the Nunavut Secretariat, Indian and Northern Affairs Canada, and approved under the Nunavut Unified Human Resources Strategy.

### Saint Mary's EMBA Moves East

When China Minmetals Group was looking for a Master of Business Administration program for their employees, they turned to Saint Mary's.

Two years ago Minmetals, China's largest foreign trade enterprise with over 124 overseas subsidiaries, sent four of their middle level managers to Saint Mary's as students in the Executive MBA program. As a result, ten more students from Minmetals will arrive this May to begin the 15 month program.

"There is a very high demand for the western style MBA in Asia," says Maureen Woodhouse, Projects Manager, International Activities,

Saint Mary's. "Minmetals was very impressed with the program here at Saint Mary's."

The exchange works two ways. It not only allows the Minmetal employees to obtain advanced training in business but it also exposes the students at Saint Mary's to different experiences.

It is not always feasible for the employees at Minmetal to take time off work to study at Saint Mary's. So negotiations are now underway that will see the Saint Mary's EMBA go to Beijing.

The program will be taught by professors from Saint Mary's at the company headquarters in Beijing.

### A Ph.D. to Suit Nova Scotia's Needs

The introduction of a Ph.D. program in Management is one of the most significant changes about to take place in The Frank H. Sobey Faculty of Commerce. A Ph.D. in Management will be launched simultaneously with the opening of the new Sobey Building in the fall of 1998.

The new program is designed to provide students with a high calibre education in selected areas of business and administrative studies. This will combine expertise in a variety of management research methods, with experience in teaching and in dealing with real-world management prob-

lems. The doctoral program is oriented not only for academics, but also for those in the private and public sector.

A unique aspect of this program is its flexibility, a feature not found in other Ph.D. programs in North America. This makes our program attractive to professionals and practicing academics in search of a Ph.D. program that can be tailor made for their needs.

The Saint Mary's Ph.D. in Management is accessible and relevant, while maintaining the rigor for which the Ph.D. is known.

### Plans Underway for New Criminology Programs

Changes in the Criminology Program may be implemented soon at Saint Mary's University.

What began in 1975 as a Criminology Certificate Program at Saint Mary's has turned into one of the most popular and successful programs at the University. Each year a large number of those who apply for the program are turned down because of limited enrolment in the program.

When graduates of the program were asked what changes they would like to see made to the program, they all indicated they would like to see both a degree and graduate program added as options.

We are now in the planning stages of a Bachelor's program, a Graduate Diploma and a Master's Program with a major in Criminology. These programs will all be firsts in Atlantic Canada. There are only four universities offering graduate Criminology programs in the country.



# COMMITMENT

The dedication of our faculty, staff and students is key to Saint Mary's development as a leading educational institution. We acknowledge the strength of our individuals as a major factor in our success.

The strong community here fosters personal and professional development. We celebrate the achievements of our committed individuals and we look to them for input on our future direction.

## Jad Crnogorac, the competitive edge



Jad with Jill Jeffrey-Healy, Women's Basketball Coach at the 1998 Athletic Awards Banquet.

The women's basketball team's season has come to a close, and so has the varsity career of Jad Crnogorac. But it won't go unnoticed.

This season, Jad finished first in scoring in the AUAA league and third in the country; she was named CIAU All-Canadian second team; MVP of the AUAA; and she holds the record for the most three pointers in a game.

She has meant more to the team than her national rankings. "She sets the tone in practices and games, she is fiercely competitive and every year she has a better understanding of the game," says coach Jill Healy.

Jad has started every game she has played at Saint Mary's – a sure sign of the confidence this coach has in her player. "She has matured into a great player. She is very calm, very smart and the game is coming to her much easier," says Jill.

She also has the respect of her teammates. "Jad is very consistent. It will be a big loss to the team when she leaves at the end of this season," says fourth-year varsity player Jennifer Reid.

But this year marked a change in the team. Up until this season, the team has relied on Jad a great deal. "A lot of the pressure was taken off Jad this year because we have a team with incredible depth," says Jill. "We can come off the bench with anybody. Everyone is prepared to step in."

This allowed Crnogorac to have her best season yet – and her most enjoyable one as well. She is confident that the team is now ready for more winning seasons to follow, even after she is gone.

And as for Jad? She hopes to top off an all-star Huskies career by playing professional basketball in Europe next year.

## NSCHE recommends \$3.5M for Saint Mary's

An increase in funding from the Provincial Government would be a welcome relief to both Saint Mary's and its students. It is certain that without more funding, tuition fees will soar even higher, and student debt will rise as a result.

The Nova Scotia Council on Higher Education (NSCHE) proposal for a new funding formula recommends that Saint Mary's receive an increase of \$3M in government funding.

The senior advisory group was hired by the Provincial Government to devise a new funding formula for higher education. The proposal was released on January 5, 1998 recom-

mending that the provincial government increase the base grant for higher education to \$197.3-million from \$175-million.

While an increase to Saint Mary's grant amount would still fall short of the \$7-million the University is entitled to receive, the funding formula addresses the inequities suffered by Saint Mary's. We continue to be the lowest funded post-secondary institution in Canada, despite our rapid growth in student population. We continue to attract students from the province, Canada and around the world. Additional funding from the government would only bring more students to our doorstep.

## One Last Time

Despite having already officially retired as Vice-President Administration, Guy Noël felt it his obligation to see the University through one last round of labour negotiations.

"I felt it my responsibility given that for the last number of years, there have been minimal negotiations because of government legislation and fiscal restrictions," says Guy. "It's one last time for me."

Following months of negotiations, the University has reached contract agreements with all of its five unions. The contracts were all settled at the negotiating table. This means that Saint Mary's maintains its enviable record of each and every contract, since unions were first formed at the University in the early 1970s, having been settled through negotiations without any disruption to classes.

Guy has represented the University during labour negotiations for the past twenty years and he has been involved in over 40 different sets

of labour negotiations. The successful outcome of the contract negotiations was due in large part to his determination to make sure that all sides were treated fairly and agreements were reached that were equitable and fiscally responsible.

He has the ability to come through what can often times be an unpleasant process, without harbouring any resentment. "It's never easy but you have to try not to take criticisms personally. It's tough at times," he says.

Guy is humble and he is hesitant to take too much credit for the success at the negotiating table. Dr. Kenneth Ozmon, President, doesn't hesitate. "A large measure of the credit for the success in these negotiations and past negotiations goes to Guy," he says. "He's a great negotiator."

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- Female Athlete of the Year: Dana Olsen, Volleyball, 4th year Arts
- Male Athlete of the Year: James MacPherson, Football, 5th year Commerce
- Female Rookie of the Year: Kristi Jo Robinson, Basketball, 1st year Commerce
- Male Rookie of the Year: Jonah Taussig, Basketball, 1st year Arts
- President's Award for Academic and Athletic Excellence (female) Bonnie MacLean, Basketball, 5th year Science
- President's Award for Academic and Athletic Excellence (male) Neil Morley, Football, 3rd year Commerce

### A t h l e t i c A w a r d s 1 9 9 8

- Female Athlete of the Year: Jad Crnogorac, Basketball, 5th year Commerce
- Male Athlete of the Year: Jonah Taussig, Basketball, 2nd year Arts
- Female Rookie of the Year: Natasha Noble, Hockey, 1st year Arts
- Male Rookie of the Year: Justin Steinbach, Hockey, 1st year Arts
- President's Award for Academic and Athletic Excellence (female) Nadine Sinclair, Volleyball, 4th year Science
- President's Award for Academic and Athletic Excellence (male) Mike Weatherbie, Hockey, 2nd year Science

# Financial Statements

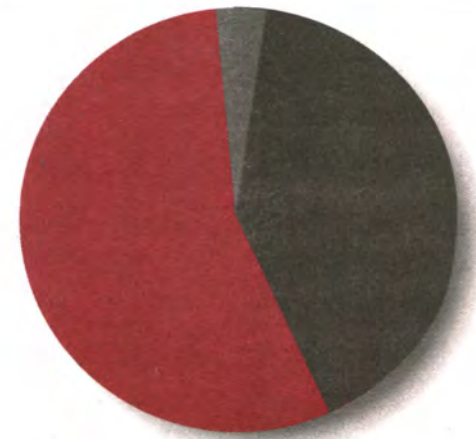
We have continued our tradition of fiscal responsibility. This achievement is particularly commendable, given the current economic climate.

The following financial information is a summary from the 1997 Financial Statements, representing the fiscal period April 1, 1996 - March 31, 1997.

## Combined Balance Sheet

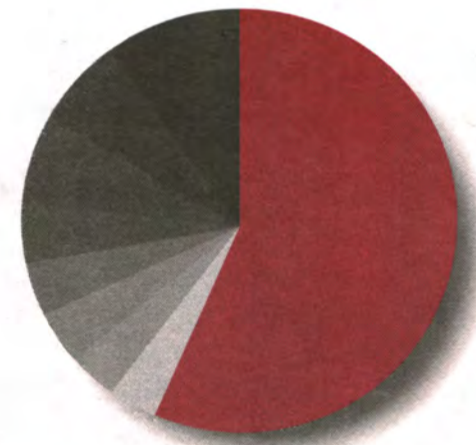
to March 31, 1997

	1997	1996
<b>Current Assets</b>		
Cash and short term deposits	\$11,770,118	\$ 9,614,827
Receivables	2,169,704	2,277,183
Inventories	596,795	603,988
Prepaid expenses	<u>410,873</u>	<u>370,985</u>
	14,947,490	12,866,983
Investments, at cost (market value \$9,292,595; 1996 - \$8,798,658)	8,815,557	8,598,231
Land, buildings and equipment, at cost	<u>56,092,318</u>	<u>54,798,903</u>
	<u>79,855,365</u>	<u>76,264,117</u>
<b>Current Liabilities</b>		
Payables and accruals	\$ 3,346,315	\$ 2,883,377
Students' deposits	240,751	193,514
Deferred revenue	<u>2,762,763</u>	<u>2,740,811</u>
	6,349,829	5,817,702
Mortgages and loans payable	<u>7,856,992</u>	<u>9,281,740</u>
	<u>14,206,821</u>	<u>15,099,442</u>
<b>Fund Balances</b>		
Operating Fund	312,133	312,133
Research & Special Projects Fund	914,878	902,921
Development Fund	8,493,413	7,488,402
Capital Fund	48,688,062	45,734,750
Trust Fund	<u>7,240,058</u>	<u>6,726,469</u>
	<u>65,648,544</u>	<u>61,164,675</u>
	\$ <u>79,855,365</u>	\$ <u>76,264,117</u>



REVENUE

- Government Grants 44%
- Student Fees 53%
- Other 3%



EXPENDITURES

- Academic 54%
- Administration 12%
- Physical Plant 9%
- Miscellaneous and General 9%
- Library and Media 6%
- Computer Services 3%
- Athletics and Recreation 3%
- Student Services 2%
- Scholarships and Bursaries 2%



## Saint Mary's, University of Choice

Enrolment is up, a sure sign that Saint Mary's University is the university of choice for more and more students. New students are coming to Saint Mary's from within the province, across Canada and around the world.

There were more than 26,000 course registrations this year, a jump from just over 25,000 in 1996. The increase has hit all faculties, an indication that the University is appealing to more students.

"The students first and foremost are looking for high quality academic programs, and this is what we certainly offer. We also offer a campus where students become known amongst their professors, the administrators, and fellow students. Moreover, I believe students like the warm campus atmosphere we offer, and the Saint Mary's University Students' Association has done a great job in building campus spirit this year," says Dr. Ozmon.

"I attribute the success we have had to the University and its unions. It takes two," says Guy. "Both sides were realistic and they were negotiating on behalf of their respective parties, the University and its students. They conducted themselves in a professional manner and they had dual respect for the other."

The first settlement was reached with the full-time faculty represented by the Saint Mary's University Faculty Union and it was ratified in mid February. In early March an agreement was reached with the part-time faculty represented by the Canadian Union of Public Employees, making Saint Mary's the first university in the province to ratify deals with both full and part-time professors.

An agreement with 53 members of the International Union of Operating Engineers Local 968B representing the cleaning and maintenance staff

was ratified in late March and it was followed by an agreement with over 150 clerical and support staff represented by the NSGEU. The latest and final agreement was also reached in March with the International Union of Operating Engineers - Local 968 representing five boiler operators at the University. All five agreements expire in August of the year 2000.

When asked why he makes such a great negotiator, Guy says "you'll have to ask someone else that." Dr. Ozmon seems to know why. "He's got a good temperament for it. He is very patient, he genuinely respects the people he negotiates with and realizing that people don't always think alike, he looks for a solution that is good for both sides."

But perhaps the greatest compliment of all according to Dr. Ozmon is that people on both sides of the table think he's a great negotiator. "He ends



Guy Noël with Victor Catano, Chairperson of Saint Mary's Psychology Department and Chief Negotiator for the full-time Faculty Union.

up with not only an agreement but a partnership that doesn't end in acrimony."

So now that the contracts are out of the way, Guy can concen-

trate on his final project - the opening of the new Sobey building.

## New to the Saint Mary's team



### **Blake Nill** Head Coach, Huskies football team

A combination of experience, commitment and desire made Blake Nill the ideal candidate for the position of Head Coach with the Huskies football team.

Blake has fifteen years of football experience, both as a professional Canadian Football League Player and in coaching positions. He has spent the last six seasons as the full-time defensive coordinator with the St. Francis Xavier University X-Men football team. From 1983-87, Blake played for the Montreal Alouettes, Hamilton Tiger Cats and The Winnipeg Blue Bombers.

### **Gabrielle Morrison** Vice-President, Administration

Gabrielle Morrison brings over eleven years of executive level experience to Saint Mary's. Her experience in human resource and facilities management are a great asset to the position of Vice-President, Administration.

Prior to joining Saint Mary's, Gabrielle was Vice-President, Professional Services with the IWK-Grace Health Care Centre. She also served as Vice-President, Planning Operations at the IWK-Grace.



### **Larry Corrigan** Chief Financial Officer

Larry Corrigan's experience in finance and administration is of great benefit to this new key position in Saint Mary's administrative structure.

Prior to joining Saint Mary's, Larry was the Commissioner of Corporate Services for the Halifax Regional Municipality. A position he held since 1995. He has also served as Chief Administrative Officer for the City of Dartmouth, and he was Director of Corporate Planning for Dartmouth.

## What Makes Students Choose Saint Mary's?

- Our student-centred approach to teaching and learning
- Our innovation and initiative, particularly in research and partnerships overseas
- The largest Arts Faculty in Nova Scotia
- A Science Faculty with a strong focus on research
- The leading business school in Atlantic Canada, The Frank H. Sobey Faculty of Commerce.

*Features of our high-tech Sobey Building, opening in the fall of 1998:*

- 7 multi-media classrooms
- 6 advanced multi-media classrooms
- 1000 Internet ports
- 7 innovative computer labs
- over a dozen unique classroom configurations

*The technology will be built into every area of the building. It will be adaptable to the needs of our students today, and our students tomorrow.*

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