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**“Congratulations, Mom – you did it!”**

A graduate with her daughter just after the evening convocation ceremony. This past May, over 1000 students became alumni! See story on page 4 and 5.

## NASA Scientist Visits Saint Mary's: “Predicts Possible End of Life on Earth as We Know It”

It's the end of the world as we know it, according to one NASA research scientist who spoke at Saint Mary's University in late June as the keynote speaker at the 30th Annual Meeting of the Canadian Astronomical Society.

The four day conference attracted astronomers from across Canada. Dr. Paul Chodas from NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena, California spoke to participants, as well as the general public, about the impact threat of comets and asteroids on Earth and public perception.

Recent popular movies like Armageddon starring Bruce Willis and Deep Impact with Morgan Freeman, centered around the theme of asteroids and their impact on Earth in the event of a collision. These movies have raised the consciousness of the very real possibility of a comet or asteroid colliding with Earth.



NASA Scientist Dr. Paul Chodas uses a chocolate chip and a plate to demonstrate the impact an asteroid would have on the Earth.

A news report last year stated that the asteroid 1997 XF11 had a distinct chance of hitting the Earth in the year 2028, striking fear in the hearts of many. The report of possible impact was withdrawn the next day. Dr. Chodas was one of the scientists

who debunked the report. He and a colleague showed that a full analysis of the data ruled out the possibility of an impact.

But this year, another potentially hazardous asteroid, 1999 AN10 has made the news and this time there is

indeed a remote chance of collision with Earth according to scientists, including Dr. Chodas.

Dr. Chodas, who has Canadian roots, has worked for 17 years on the orbital dynamics of comets and asteroids. Part of his work involves using techniques for computing impact probabilities of asteroids and comets.

In 1984-86, he was part of the Astronomy Network of the International Halley Watch, and helped determine the precise path of Halley's Comet. He was the leader of the team that determined the paths of fragments of the Shoemaker-Levy 9 Comet and predicted the precise times and locations of its impact on Jupiter.

As a consultant to the International Astronomical Union Working Group on Near Earth Objects, he continues to assess the probability that any of the known asteroids or comets might hit the Earth. ♦

## Bald Heads Raise Funds for Breast Cancer Awareness

Dr. Kenneth L. Ozmon, President, looks a bit uncomfortable as his head is being shaved. But knowing it's for a good cause he doesn't mind. In an effort to raise awareness of the need for early breast cancer detection, “Put a Price on Your Head” was held at the Tower at Saint Mary's University on Monday, June 21st from 7 to 9am.

The event raised over \$36,000 that will go towards a new grassroots breast cancer awareness and education program. Dr. Ozmon and his daughter Angela, who was recently diagnosed with breast cancer, as well as friends and employees of the University agreed to have their heads shaved in return



for pledges. Professional hairdressers were at the Tower to shave the heads.

The event was televised on ASN's Breakfast Television with host J.C. Douglas on hand for the event. ♦

## INSIDE BOX

Barry Gallant, Acting Director of Alumni (left) presents Chemistry Professor Dr. Rob Singer with a \$1500 cheque. Dr. Singer is this year's recipient of the Father Stewart Medal for Excellence in Teaching. Find out why he is the “professor for all students” on page 2.



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# A Professor for all students

## Chemistry professor wins the Father Stewart Medal for Excellence in Teaching

by Paul Fitzgerald

**R**ob Singer isn't really all that comfortable with having the word Doctor in front of his name.

The 34 year-old chemistry professor has become a real hit among students and faculty at the University. But he's also a humble person. This was obvious when sitting next to him the night he received the Father Stewart Medal for Excellence in Teaching. As his list of accomplishments is read out loud, the title "Dr. Singer" is repeated over and over. He grins with embarrassment each time he hears the title being used, hardly recognizing that they are referring to him. He then leans over and quietly says: "I wish they would just call me Rob."

He was overwhelmingly nominated by students and faculty as the recipient of the Father Stewart Medal for Excellence in Teaching. This award goes to a professor who has gone above and beyond the call of duty for students both in and outside the classroom.

He is the kind of person who many on campus describe as the "ideal kind of professor." He encourages students to ask questions and participate in lectures, challenges them to always do their best, and makes himself available at all times to answer students questions - anytime, anywhere, even if it's on a street corner. He lives and breathes chemistry and is always willing to share his passion for the subject with students.

"Dr. Singer's consistently high teaching evaluations are a good indication that students regard him as an extremely effective teacher," says Dr. Doug Strongman, who recently completed his term as the Acting Dean of Science. "He is a dedicated professor who has

worked hard at developing his courses in the relatively short time he has been at Saint Mary's."

But he's more than just a professor at the University. He's also a proud alumnus, graduating with an honours in chemistry in 1986. After completing his studies at Saint Mary's, he then went on to pursue graduate work at Simon Fraser University in British Columbia, and shortly after conducted a Post-Doctoral Fellow in Marburg, Germany while holding an Alexander von Humboldt Research Fellowship.

*"I wish they would just call me Rob."*

Just after receiving his Ph.D., he heard all about a teaching position at Saint Mary's. His time here was so memorable that he just knew that this would be the perfect place to set up shop to conduct research, and pass along his knowledge and enthusiasm of chemistry to students. Now, with not even having six years under his belt as a full-time faculty member, he's landed almost \$200,000 in research grants, an achievement almost unheard of among chemists his age in Atlantic Canada.

For the last two years, the popular *Maclean's Guide to Universities in Canada* has ranked him as one of the top five professors at Saint Mary's. Students rave about him, claiming his enthusiasm for chemistry is contagious and makes lectures fascinating, and at times even entertaining.

"Students naturally go to him for help with their problems, academic and others, and he gives freely of himself in helping them deal with these difficulties," says Dr. John C. O'C. Young, a professor in the

chemistry department. He was one of Dr. Singer's professors in the 1980s, and today they both work alongside one another.

Greg Ferguson, who is the director of admissions, says that Dr. Singer has demonstrated a high level of interest in getting to know his students on a first name basis and is extremely interested in their educational and career goals.

"Dr. Singer has been a real champion for the admissions office in that he has initiated several of his strategies to attract new science students

to Saint Mary's; invited local high school students on his own initiative, to visit the science faculty and tour the campus," says Ferguson.

Dr. Singer says he was quite "flattered" when he first learned that his students and fellow colleagues were nominating him for the award. "When I learned I had actually won the award, I was obviously very pleased and honoured. I was familiar with some of those who had won the award in the past; among them are some close colleagues who I highly respect as people and professors," he says. "So, to be categorized with them as winners of the award is a great honour."

Dr. Singer says that what ever he is doing right just comes naturally. He keeps his office door open at all times for students, allowing them to ask questions or even drop by to talk about life. He ensures that his lectures are always fun and interesting, and most importantly makes sure students are getting full value for their buck. In fact, with ten minutes remaining in class, most professors will let their students go. But Dr. Singer is known for saying: "I still have ten more minutes of the lecture remaining, so I just want to give you your money's worth."

He presents opportunities to stu-



Dr. Rob Singer, Chemistry Professor

dents, whether it be through offering them employment in his research lab, keeping them informed of job opportunities, or encouraging them to pursue graduate studies.

And he is also a person who craves constructive criticism from students and colleagues in the chemistry department, which he can adapt and hopefully improve his courses. He is always looking for innovative teaching methods to incorporate into classes.

"I like to keep my classes as fresh as possible and I don't want them to become stale," he says.

During the summer Dr. Singer finds himself working on research projects in his lab on the second floor of the science building. He has a team of five student research assistants, all of whom have been awarded grants from the Natural

Science and Engineering Research Council (NSERC).

His research is funded by NSERC, the Petroleum Research Foundation (Administered by the American Chemistry Society), Nova Scotia LINKS (N.S. Department of Education), Saint Mary's University (Senate Research), and the Saint Mary's SEEP Program.

But chemistry is not his only passion. He and his wife Shirley are now busy spending time with their newborn son, Benjamin James.

Also outside of the class and lab, one can find him on the field playing rugby, a game which he has enjoyed for years.

So, Dr. Singer looks forward to his future here at Saint Mary's. "Work hard and good things will happen," and "finish what you start" are his two best pieces of advice he tells students. ♦

# David Sobey Recognized for Contributions to Education

**O**ne of Canada's top business leaders has been recognized with a prestigious award for his contributions to post-secondary education.

Mr. David Sobey, Chairman of Sobey Inc., was presented with the Friend of Education Award by The Canadian Council for the Advancement of Education (CCAIE) at their annual conference held in June at Memorial University in St. John's, Newfoundland.

Over the years, Mr. Sobey has become a leader in support for universities and higher education. He has followed in his father's philanthropic footsteps, the late

Frank Sobey, for whom the Faculty of Commerce at Saint Mary's University was named. While he and his family have been generous financial supporters of higher education, it is Mr. Sobey's time and pursuit of explaining the value of higher education to the corporate and government community that have become his hallmarks and earned him this distinction as a "Friend of Education Award" recipient.

His firm commitment to the value of a well-educated workforce has swayed the opinion of more than one Minister of Education and Premier. He is also a champion of higher education in the boardrooms across the nation.

At Saint Mary's University, Mr. Sobey chaired the successful "Building on Strength Campaign" which exceeded the campaign's original goals. He and his family have also provided Memorial University, Mount Allison and Acadia with large leadership gifts. Saint Mary's recognized his contributions to post-secondary education in 1991 with an honorary degree.

At the same dinner where Mr. Sobey was recognized, Paul Fitzgerald and Penny Murdock who work in the Public Affairs Office at Saint Mary's were given CCAIE's RISING STAR Awards. The award is given to those in the advancement profession in universities, colleges and CEGEP's whose early careers



demonstrate tremendous potential.

CCAIE represents close to 1,000 voting members from more than 170 post-secondary institutions across Canada. Members are committed to fostering excellence in institutional Advancement and are dedicated to increasing public awareness of the issues that face Canada's post-secondary institutions. ♦

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# Around Campus

## Irish Studies Launches Book



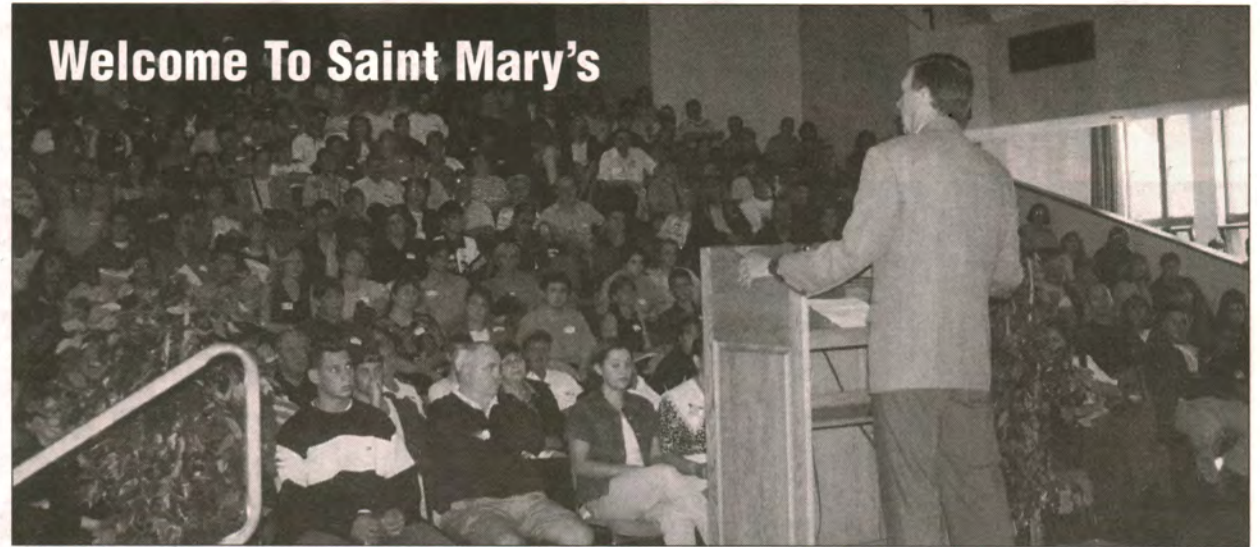
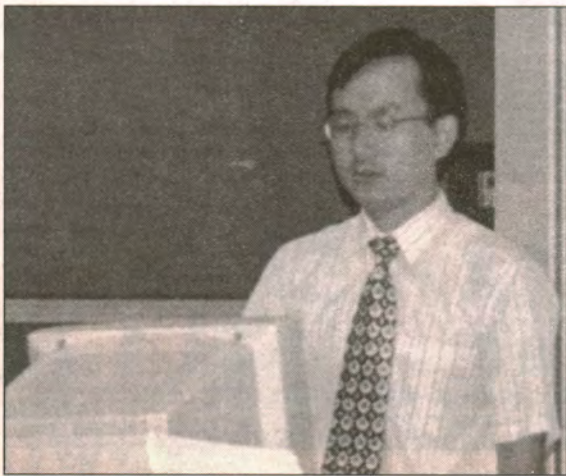
This past April the D'Arcy McGee Chair of Irish Studies at Saint Mary's launched a special book by Peter D. Murphy titled *Poor Ignorant Children - Irish Famine Orphans in Saint John, New Brunswick*. Murphy is a Halifax based historian and genealogist who draws on previously unpublished sources to explore the fate of Irish Famine Orphans

in Saint John, New Brunswick, 1847-1849. This study presents us with a unique opportunity for an encapsulated view of the human ordeal endured by the countless thousands struck by "the Great Hunger" in Ireland in the last century. Pictured with Murphy (front) is Dr. Cyril Byrne, Coordinator of Irish Studies. ❖

## Minmetals Complete EMBA

The second group of Minmetals managers from Head Office in Beijing have completed their Executive Master of Business Administration (EMBA) degrees at Saint Mary's. The ten managers who took the customized program presented their

major research projects in early July. The group has been in Halifax since last May. During the 14 months at Saint Mary's, they completed the fourteen courses required for the degree and a non-credit course in Commercial Law. ❖



## Welcome To Saint Mary's

Dr. Michael Larsen, Dean of Arts, welcomes hundreds of new students and their parents to the University on July 23. Parent and Student Orientation Day is held each year so that new students can learn more about programs and campus life. ❖

## Good-bye Kevin



There wasn't a seat to be had at Kevin Cleary's retirement party last month. After 46 years at Saint Mary's, Cleary had lots of stories to tell to the large group who attended his party. Pictured here is Cleary (left) receiving a gift from Dr. Kenneth L. Ozmon, President. ❖

## Technology in the classroom



The Office of Instructional Development hosted Technology for Teaching and

Learning for faculty at the University from April 26 to 30. There was a large num-

ber of sessions for faculty to attend which included "Communicating Effec-

tively Using E-Mail," and "Now Where Was I? Organizing the Web." ❖

## Dr. Hermann Schwind Retires



Dr. Hermann Schwind, Director of the Executive Master of Business Adminis-

tration (EMBA) program at Saint Mary's has just retired. A reception was held for him in

the Spring. From the left is Bonnie Kirby, Manager of the EMBA program, Dr. Colin

Dodds, Vice-President of Academic and Research, Dr. Schwind and his wife, Ruth. ❖

# Over 1000 New Alumni!



Dr. Colin Dodds, Vice President of Academic and Research (middle) joins the University's medal winners following the convocation ceremony.

**W**ell over 1000 students became alumni of Saint Mary's University on May 13th.

At the ceremonies, Saint Mary's also honoured the accomplishments of four talented individuals. During the afternoon convocation Astronomer Dr. Scott Duncan Tremaine, Chairperson of the Department of Astrophysical Sciences at Princeton University, received a Doctor of Science. At the evening convocation, community leader and business woman Martha L. Jodrey received a Doctor of Education. The Honourable Justice Doane Hallett, was the recipient of a Doctor of Laws for his outstanding judicial career. Scholar, author and education

advocate Dr. C. William J. Eliot, O.C., was honoured with a Doctor of Letters.

Archbishop Austin Burke was awarded Chancellor Emeritus status. The Most Reverend Austin Burke retired as Archbishop of the Halifax Diocese last year and he was Chancellor of Saint Mary's University from 1991 until his retirement.

Accounting Professor Dr. Frank Dougherty and History Professor Dr. Owen Carrigan received Professor Emeritus status from the University. And Chemistry Professor Dr. Rob Singer received the Father Stewart Medal for Excellence in Teaching.

The Governor General's Silver Medal was awarded to Kyle Schmeisser, Bachelor of Science, and



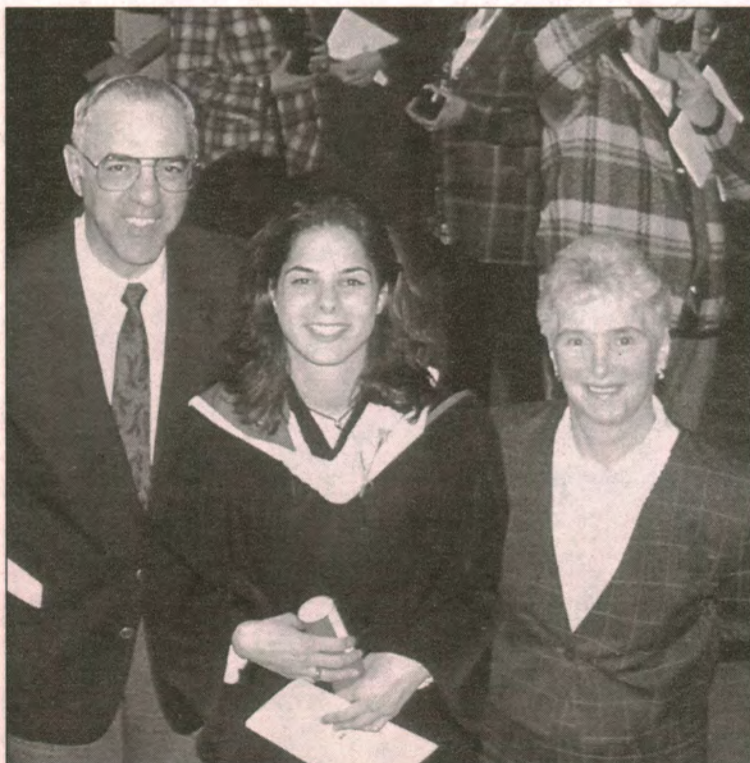
Dr. Liette Vassuer (second in on right) is joined by Environmental Studies graduates.

the University's Faculty and Division Medals were present to Cynthia Thomson, Bachelor of Arts; Qiyang Li, Bachelor of Science; Angus MacLean, Certificate in Engineering; and Peter Fevens, Bachelor

of Commerce.

The Governor General's Gold Medal was awarded to Sharon MacDonald, Bachelor of Arts, and the University Faculty Medals were awarded to Ann Dudley, Master of Arts

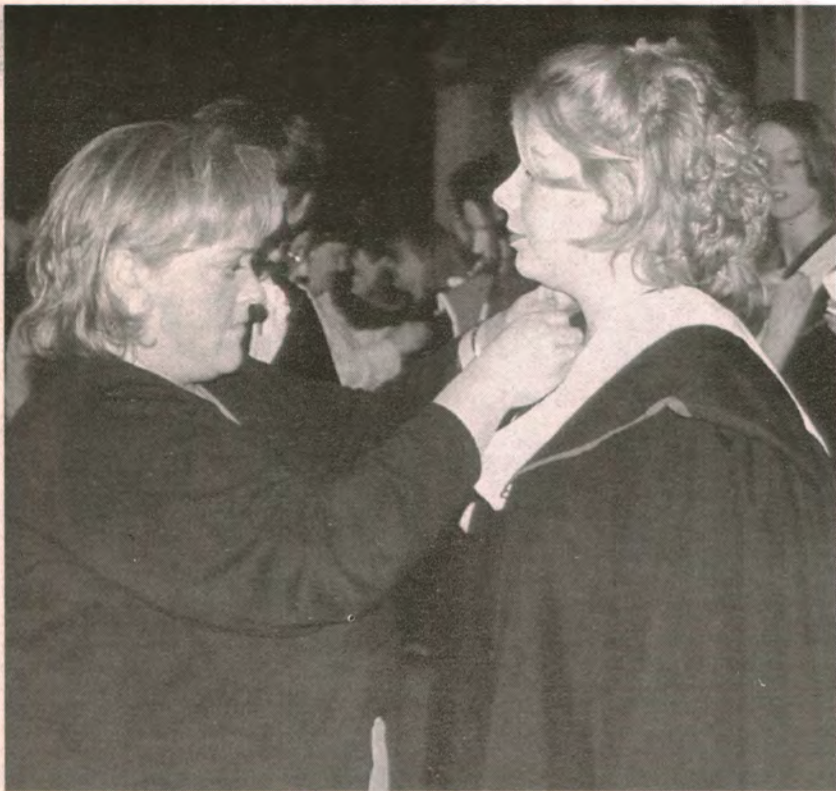
(International Development Studies); Kimberley Parkhill, Master of Business Administration; Don Jessome, Executive Master of Business Administration; and Angela Bissonnett, Master of Science in Applied Psychology. ❖



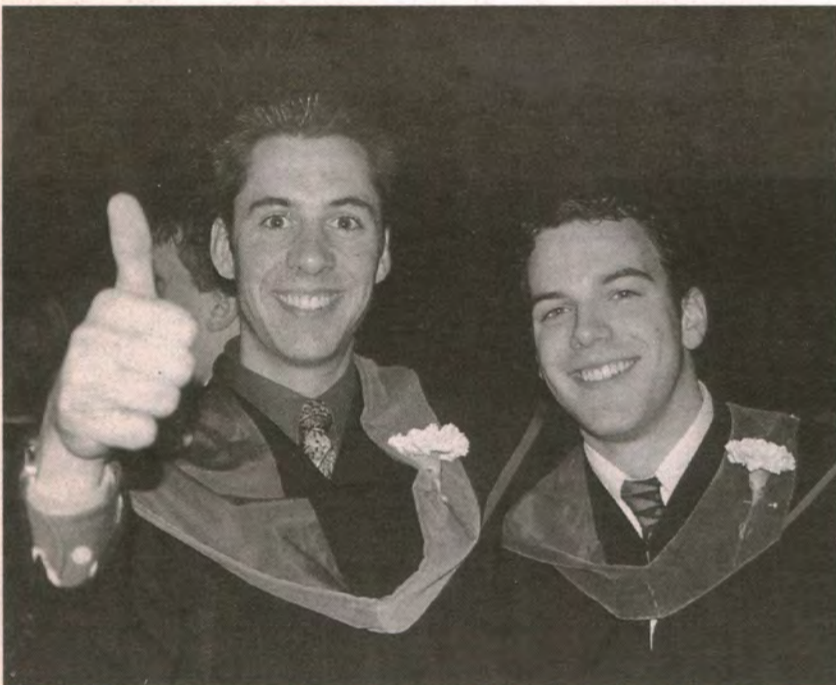
Bachelor of Arts graduate, Sharon Pottie poses for a picture with Mom and Dad.



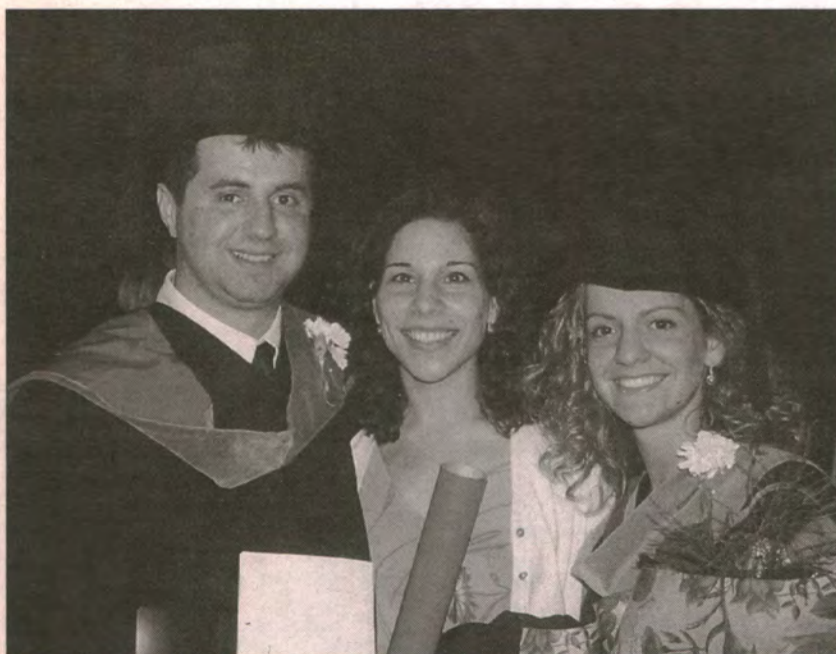
Everyone was all smiles before receiving their degrees.



Sara Morris from Student Services lends a helping hand before the ceremony.



Thumbs up for four years of work completed.



MBA student Vanessa Hussain (middle) joins MBA graduates Boris Mirtchev and Danielle Gorla.

# The Bras d'or Lakes Wait for Dr. Owen Carrigan

## Retired President and History professor says he's not going anywhere, anytime soon

by Paul Fitzgerald

It's early morning and the Bras d'or Lakes wait for Dr. Owen Carrigan.

He stands with his morning cup of coffee on the porch of his cottage and stares at the water, occasionally glancing over at his 17-foot speed boat. The sounds of water splashing against the shore line and the boat lightly hitting the dock seem to go hand in hand.

Soon he'll be in the driver's seat of that sporty boat, and with a bright smile, he'll turn the key to start the engine.

But it's difficult to imagine the quiet history professor behind the wheel of a speed boat, maneuvering his way through the gigantic lake with the spray of water lightly hitting his face. He's Dr. Carrigan, the one who teaches history, writes books, and always seems so conservative in both his manner and attire. But it's true. He enjoys his downtime when he can get it, and has a strong desire to spend time on the clear blue water that's just a stone's throw away from his Big Pond cottage.

"This is one of the greatest places on earth," he says during an interview. He began vacationing there in the early 1960s.

During the 1970s he served as the University's President, and at the end of this summer will officially retire his position as history professor. A farewell reception was held for him this past June, and he was also appointed as professor emeritus.

"I've had a wonderful time at Saint Mary's, serving earlier as President and for the last 19 years as a history professor," he told a packed room of faculty, staff and students who attended the special event.

Born in New Glasgow, Dr. Carrigan received his Bachelor of Arts degree from St. Francis Xavier University, a Master of Arts from Boston University, and a Ph.D. from the University of Maine.

In the late 1950s he took a job teaching history at Xavier College, and from there went to Wilfred Laurier University in Ontario. His first administrative position was as Principal and Dean of Arts at King's College at the University of Western Ontario.

In 1971 he came to Saint Mary's



as the first lay President.

But he says that it wasn't an easy time to take on the role as President. The Archdiocese of Halifax had just given up control of Saint Mary's, and it was now a public institution. "It was a real challenge at first to administer the University," he says. "When I came on board, the University had just become a co-educational institution, it had an accumulated debt,

and no financial endowment." His work over the years has certainly made him a recognized name not only in Canada but North America. *Canadian Who's Who*, *American Who's Who*, *Leaders in Education*, *Contemporary Authors*, *Leaders of Education*, and *Men of Achievement* are just a few of the many books he's listed in.

As part of his retirement projects, he's recently completed a fiction novel, *The Second Man*, and is also involved in an academic research project on organized crime in Canada.

"Look for these books in stores," he laughs. "The study of crime is something I certainly enjoy, and I intend to continue for quite some time."

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So there is Dr. Carrigan, now inside his speed boat with the engine running. He gently pushes the gas lever, and moves slowly away from the dock. With one last look around, he pushes the lever harder and begins to pick up speed.

And now he's gone. The salt water lake now knows that it doesn't need to wait for him any longer. ♦

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# Congratulations

# SMU Professor Helps Sex Trade Workers in the Philippines



By Crystal Oickle

Saint Mary's political science professor Dr. Edna Keeble, along with Mount Saint Vincent University Professor Dr. Meredith Ralston has been working in the Philippines to create better conditions for women in the country's sex trade industry.

The Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) granted the two professors almost \$750,000 for the five-year collaborative human resource development project. In-kind contributions from Canadian and Philippine partner institutions bring the total project grant to \$1.15 million. The program is managed by the Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada.

The project, "Sex Trade in the Philippines: A Multi-Level Gender-Sensitive Approach to Human Resource Development," initially came about when Dr. Keeble and Dr. Ralston were doing a comparative analysis of sex trade industries in the Philippines and Canada. The Filipino partners – judges, police, community leaders, grassroots advocates – wanted informa-

tion on how Canada deals with its sex trade industry problems.

This pilot project, which will be based in Angeles City, emerged as a result. Angeles University Foundation (AUF) is an institutional partner. Education and sensitivity training will be provided at four levels: the judiciary, the police, the community and sex trade workers themselves.

The training will affect the manner in which those in the sex trade are perceived and treated. "The welfare of the women, after all, is what ties all the partners together," says Dr. Keeble.

Both professors also want to publicize the fact that while government officials claim that sex

trade is illegal, they do nothing to stop it. Angeles City was the site of the former U.S. Clark Air Force Base, and although the local sex trade industry no longer caters to American servicemen, the community continues to grapple with the continued presence of prostitution in their midst. "Many sex tourists believe that Asian women are more compliant and sexual than Western women," says Dr. Ralston. "This represents the racist and sexist aspects, while the economic dependence and poverty of the women represents the class aspect."

Project duration is from October 1999 to September 2004. ♦

Dr. Edna Keeble is sad to report that Mrs. Marietta Suarez, the Philippine Project Director of the recently funded UPCD Tier 2 Project, "Sex Trade in the Philippines: A Multi-Level Gender-Sensitive Approach to Human Resource Development," unexpectedly passed away on June 18, 1999. Mrs. Suarez, a central figure in the germination of the project, visited Saint Mary's in April 1998 and (in her words) "looked forward to being part of such a dynamic and caring community."

Her death is tremendous loss to the project and the University sends its condolences to her husband, four children and many grandchildren.

## Saint Mary's and Parks Canada Sign Agreement

Saint Mary's University and Parks Canada signed a historic agreement on Tuesday, June 15 that formalized the commitment of both organizations to improving research, education and available information on national and historic parks, and other protected heritage sites.

The University's relationship with Parks Canada has been ongoing and in 1997, Saint Mary's faculty and students began conducting research in conserva-

tion and environmental management in Kejimikujik National Park. This relationship has grown over the past two years and currently Kejimikujik and Parks Canada are supporting research being done by Dr. Liette Vasseur, Biology Professor and Director of the Environmental Studies Program at Saint Mary's, and her students in the park.

The Memorandum of Understanding between Saint Mary's and Parks Canada was signed by Dr. Kenneth L. Ozmon, President of

Saint Mary's University and Mr. Graham Noseworthy, Director of Parks Canada Atlantic Region will sign the agreement.

The event also marked the launch of the Taxonomy Group at Saint Mary's, the first official group dedicated to taxonomy work in Atlantic Canada's. The group is made of a significant number of internationally recognized taxonomists whose work it is to describe, name and identify organisms. ♦

## In The News...

**Dr. Therese Arseneau**, Political Science, appeared weekly leading up to the provincial election on CBC's First Edition to discuss the political campaigns. She also appeared on CBC's The National, CBC Radio's Information Morning, CBC Radio's World Report. She and Dr. Leonard Preyra, Political Science, kicked off the campaign together by appearing together on First Edition.

**Dr. John Reid**, History, was interviewed by the *Chronicle-Herald* and ATV, about the early settling of Halifax and the city's founder Edward Cornwallis, during the 250th anniversary of Halifax.

**Dr. Leonard Preyra**, Political Science, has been very active in the media during the election campaign. He has spoken to and appeared on CJCH Hotline, Global News, Canadian Press and Broadcast News, *Toronto Star*, *Chronicle-Herald*, CBC Television, *Daily News*, CBC Radio's As It Happens, ATV

**Dr. Kenneth L. Ozmon**, President, appeared on Breakfast Television with other faculty, staff and friends of Saint Mary's, when he shaved his head to support breast cancer awareness education programs.

**Dr. Hugh Millward**, Geography, spoke to CBC's Mainstreet about struggling downtown areas versus industrial parks.

**Blake Nill**, Huskies' Football Coach, appeared on ATV when he arranged to have Calgary Stampeders' Coaches come to Saint Mary's to work with high school students and their coaches to help raise the caliber of play at this level.

**Dr. Colin Dodds**, Vice-President Academic and Research, was quoted in *Maclean's* magazine about the issue of recruiting of business grads in eastern Canada.

**Dr. David Turner**, Astronomy and Physics, appeared on ATV's Live at Five when he was asked to determine if a rock found in a backyard was indeed a meteorite rock. He was interviewed for an article in the *Chronicle Herald* about the Big Dipper constellation. ♦

## Scholarly & Professional Development

### Sociology

**Dr. Ronald Cosper** published the *Barawa Lexicon a Wordlist of Eight South Bauchi (West Chadic) Languages: Boghom, Buli, Dott, Geji, Jimi, Polci, Sayanci, and Zul*. Studies in African Linguistics, no. 39., LINCOM Europa, 1999. He also published a book review of Rudolf Leger's *Eine Grammatik der Kwami-Sprache* in the *Journal of African Languages and Linguistics*. Vol. 19 no. 2.

**Dr. Henry Veltmeyer** received a \$74,390 SSHRC research grant to study "The Response to Crisis in Latin America." His book, *The Dynamics of Social Change in Latin America* with James Petras has been published by Macmillan Press. He also published the following articles, "Challenging the World Bank's Agenda on the Restructuring of Labour in Latin America" in *Labour, Capital and Society*; "Restructuring Labour in the World Economy" in *Radical Review of Political Economics*; and "The Dynamics of Social Change in Mexico" in *Latin American Perspectives*. Dr. Veltmeyer has been appointed to the national task force set up to monitor and evaluate Canada's compliance with the UN Charter re: the Convention Rights of the Child.

### Management

At the fourth Atlantic Human Resource Conference in May, **Dr. Terry Wagar** presented his paper *Issues in Wrongful Dismissal and Due Diligence*.

### Geography

**Dr. Hugh Millward** presented his paper *Regional and Local Factors Affecting Exurban Development in the Eastern Shore Commuter Zone of Halifax*, at this year's International Rural Geography Symposium, which was held here at Saint Mary's.

### Interdisciplinary Studies

**Dr. Suzanne Damsereau** has been awarded \$53,437 from the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council.

### Chemistry

**John C. O'C. Young** and **Christopher B. Murray** were recently awarded a Canadian Patent for "Hydraulic Drag Reducing Agents for Low Temperature Applications," covering work carried out while Murray was a member of Dr. Young's undergraduate student research group. After graduating with an honours degree in chemistry, Dr. Murray obtained a Ph.D. degree from MIT and is currently a senior research scientist with IBM in New York.

### Environmental Science

Dr. Liette Vasseur had her article "Are you a Plant Watcher" published in the April issue of *East Coast Gardener*.

### Geology

**Dr. Victor Owen** has been awarded \$33,000 from the Social Science and Humanities Research Council.

**Dr. John Waldron** been appointed as a member of the Grant Selection Committee (GSC) for Solid Earth Science for a three-year period ending June 30, 2002.

### Public Affairs

**Paul Fitzgerald** and **Penny Murdock** are both recipients of the Rising Star Award from the Canadian Council for the Advancement of Education (CCAEE). The awards were presented at the CCAEE National Conference which was held in St. John's, Newfoundland this past June.

### TESL Centre

**Maureen Sargent** presented a paper entitled "Preparing for the Millennium: An IEP's Transition to Independent Management," at TESL Canada '99: Meeting the Millennium, held in Banff, Alberta, last May.

### Business Development Centre

The Business Development Centre (SMUBDC) attended the First Annual University Business Development Centre Conference from June 9-11 in Antigonish, Nova Scotia. ♦

# "The Future's Calling"

## University delivers unique IT program to MTT

The hum of voices fills the lobby of the Sobey Building like that of a downtown Halifax business centre. Many people are checking their messages and talking with clients during their morning coffee break from class. It's business as usual for this dedicated group of sales consultants from MTT in the Certified Information Technology Sales Consultant pro-

gram at the University.

"We are anxious to receive our diplomas from this unique program," says Mary McDaid, a sales consultant for MTT. "We are also enthusiastic about taking all our new knowledge of information technology to our company and our clients."

"The Future is calling," laughs Wendy Fletcher, the program's coordinator. "That's the latest

motto from MTT which also defines the program we are offering their team of sales consultants."

She says that the need for the program was identified by MTT early last summer. The large Nova Scotia company put out a tender to three institutions in Halifax and chose Saint Mary's because of its combination of information technology training and for its strong

business program.

She says that the sales consultants at MTT had to go from telephone sales to selling information technology solutions. For the most part, the sales staff at MTT did not have a background in information technology and they had no training in making sales presentations to senior level executives of companies that are embarking on information technology business solutions. So this program, which consists of nine modules, has provided them with a solid foundation in a variety of areas, including Information Technology Fundamentals, Customized Applications, Sales Strategies and Future Trends.

"The students themselves have commented on how scary they found the curriculum, at the beginning but how comfortable they are at the completion of the nine modules," she says. "The training has given them some very important rungs on their career ladder."

The first three groups of 20 students each, started last year and receives their certificates this past June, and two other groups will complete the program at the end of this October. The program is also being delivered to Island Tel via the web and video conferencing.

"There continues to be further interest at MTT for the program and we expect to sell the web ver-

sion to other information technology organizations and telephone companies in Atlantic and Central Canada," she says.

She attributes the success of the program to the instructors who consulted carefully with MTT and who developed and delivered the curriculum. Some of the instructors are experts in the industry and others are members of the Saint Mary's business faculty whose technical and business expertise was invaluable to the program.

"Everyone involved in the program at Saint Mary's including Senior Administrators, Conference Services, Food Services and the Division of Continuing Education contributed hugely to the success of CITSC," she says.

"Interesting and thought provoking," is how sales consultant Madonna MacDonald describes the program. "We now have the right tools to successfully grow in the area of sales and information technology."

So, if you pass through the Sobey Building and see a large group of people doing business, just remember that they are MTT sales consultants on a quick break from their long day of learning about information technology. And also remember that they are just as dedicated to learning in the classroom as they are in making sales during their break. ❖

## Larry Uteck Golf Classic Sold-out Success

The first annual Larry Uteck Golf Classic, held in early June at Granite Springs Golf Club, was a huge success. The sold-out benefit raised \$60,000 for a scholarship fund and to assist with the construction of a new, specially-designed home for Larry and his family.

Students at Saint Mary's came up with idea of the tournament and dinner/auction (held the evening before) because they wanted to help Larry and his family in his battle against Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS). ❖



Larry Uteck and his wife Sue at the dinner/auction held at the University's Tower Fieldhouse.

## Sheree Fitch Performs at Saint Mary's to Mark Child Care Centre's Anniversary

Well-known children's writer Sheree Fitch was at Saint Mary's University recently to read to some of the University's youngest students.

The Saint Mary's Child Care Centre celebrated 10 years on campus with a performance by Fitch followed by the dedication of a new playground on June 18th. Children, parents, staff and student organizations at Saint Mary's have worked tirelessly for many years to raise the funds needed to build a new playground. Money has been raised through auctions, cookie and plant sales, walkathons and bottle collections.

Dr. Kenneth L. Ozmon, President of Saint Mary's University, dedicated the new playground. In 1998, Fitch received an honorary degree from Saint Mary's for her work with literacy and the joy she brings to the lives of children around the world with her animated prose and poetry.

The Child Care Centre at



Sheree Fitch and Dr. Ozmon cut the cake at the anniversary party as some children from the child care centre eagerly await a piece.

Saint Mary's opened in 1989 at the request of the University, to pri-

marily serve the child care needs of faculty, staff and students. ❖

## Commerce Professors Shine at ASAC Conference

Saint Mary's University made quite an impact at this year's Annual Meeting of the Administrative Sciences Association of Canada (ASAC), held in Saint John, New Brunswick from June 12-15.

Best Paper awards went to Dr. Sean Cleary, Finance and Management Science Department, and Dr. Harold Ogden, Marketing Department.

Dr. Albert Mills and Dr. David Wicks of the Management Department were elected to key ASAC positions. Dr. Wicks was elected Program Chair and Reviewer of the Women in Management Division, making him the first male to be elected to that position in the Division's history. Dr. Mills was elected to one of the ASAC's two Vice President positions - VP Communications, and will edit the Association's Bulletin.

Of sixteen ASAC Divisions, Dr. Cleary won the Finance Division award with his paper "The Sensitivity of Canadian Corporate Investment to Liquidity" and Dr. Ogden (along with students Ross MacIntosh and Ken Charters) won the Tourism and Hospitality Management Division award with a paper entitled: "Service Quality and Travel Agencies: A Comparison of Business and Leisure Clients."

Other contributions to the proceedings included Dr. Wicks' paper "Cognitive Institutional Influences on Working Class Men: Dangerous Work, Harmful Mindsets and Organizational Crisis"; Dr. Ramesh Venkat's paper "Effectiveness of Banner Advertising on the World Wide Web"; and Dr. Terry Wagar's paper (co-author with Kent Rondeau) "Examining the Relationship Between Workforce Reduction and Restructuring: Some Preliminary Findings." Dr. Wicks and Dr. Wagar have themselves both won Best Paper awards at previous meetings of ASAC.

ASAC was established 27 years ago to provide a forum for business scholars across Canada. With over 700 members it has grown to sixteen divisions. ❖

# M Sports

## CFL Coaches at Saint Mary's for High School Clinic

**T**wo Calgary Stampeders coaches were at Saint Mary's this spring to give local high school players and coaches exposure to high level coaching in an effort to raise the level of playing in the area.

"There has been a concern for the lack of local representation of players on our team at Saint Mary's and other university teams in the region," says Huskies Football Coach Blake Nill. "In order to change the situation, we must improve the level of playing and

coaching locally. That's why we had the professional coaches coming so the kids and coaches can utilize the experience of CIAU, as well as CFL coaches."

The first annual Huskies High Performance Football Clinic was held in May at Huskies' Stadium in Halifax. During the Clinic, emphasis was placed on the individual athlete, focusing on skill development and upgrading.

George Cortez, Offensive Coordinator/ Quarterback Coach and Bob Vespaziani, Defensive Line Coach, both of the Calgary Stam-



Huskies Coach Blake Nill introduces Calgary Stampeders Coaches Bob Vespaziani (left) and George Cortez (middle) on opening night of the Huskies High Performance Camp to local high school players and their coaches.

peders, as well as Huskies' Football coaches and players worked with the participants. In addition to working on techniques and drills, there was a nutritional session and

a drug seminar.

"The game just hasn't had enough exposure in our area, unlike other parts of Canada like Ontario, Alberta and B.C.," says

Nill. "We hope this will be just one step in raising the level of play here at home so we see more local faces on our fields." ♦

## A Celebration of the Life of Mr. Basketball – Frank Baldwin

Over 100 family, friends and fans took "time out" to remember the life of Nova Scotia's and Canada's Mr. Basketball at the Saint Mary's Art Gallery on June 24th.

Mr. Frank Baldwin passed away on Friday, April 30, 1999 at 78 years of age. A "Celebration of Life" was held to remember his countless contributions to local and national sports.

"We at Saint Mary's have a special attachment to and affection for Frankie since much of his working and coaching life took place here," said Saint Mary's President Dr. Kenneth L. Ozmon at the ceremony in tribute of Mr. Baldwin.

Mr. Baldwin's coaching career in basketball began at the Halifax Church League in 1939. In 1949-50, he coached Queen Elizabeth High School to the juvenile championships. In 1952, he founded the Saint Mary's Huskies' Basketball team, which has been on the path of excellence ever since. While at Saint Mary's, he also worked at the University's bookstore and canteen.

In 1963, he took the position as Director of the Canadian Martyrs Parish Centre, and in 1971, he became the Nova Scotia Amateur Basketball Association's first provincial coach. He was co-founder of the Halifax Juvenile Boys Basketball League, and from 1972 until 1986 he was coordinator for basketball at Sport Nova Scotia.

From 1971 to 1975, he was head coach of the Men's Canada Games teams, and assisted with the national team on a South American tour in 1975.

His dedication to the game put him in the Canadian Basketball Hall of Fame in 1979, and in 1983 the Nova Scotia Heritage Centre inducted him into its Hall of Fame. He was awarded an honorary

degree from Saint Mary's University in 1991 and he was also inducted into the University's Sport Hall of Fame.

"I'm glad we were able to honour him with a honorary degree during my presidency," said Dr. Ozmon. "He never used the title himself but when I called him Dr. Baldwin, he always had a little smirk."

John Murphy, a former Huskies basketball player, remembers Frank attending all his high school games at St. Pat's High School, even when the team was doing poorly. He had a way of putting a loss in perspective that John remembers to this day. Frank would say: "There's a million people in China that don't even know there is a basketball game being played, let alone that you lost." John went on to become coach at his high school alma mater and attributes much of what he learned about good coaching to Frank.

Kaye Pottie remembers Frank as a "gentleman, a sportsman, a lover of good music, a singer, a friend and a man devoted to his God and his church." She first met Frank when she took over the leadership of the St. Mary's Basilica Choir in 1976. She says she realized from the beginning that Frank was special. "Frank's friendship was loyal and steadfast."

On the night before Frank's funeral, she met up with a young man who had a story about Frank to tell. This young man at the time was playing the trumpet in the school music program when he reached the point where he was ready to give up and he needed that little extra push to persevere.

Frank took him aside after Mass one day and offered to pay for private lessons for this young man with one stipulation: that it be

their secret. "Frank had made all the difference for him," says Kaye. "The young man went on to a very successful career as an educator and performer. We will never really know the number of people for whom Frank made the difference."

Frank Baldwin never owned a car, he never owned a home but he considered himself a rich man, remembered Kaye. "He was a man at peace with himself, with the people he met and with his God."

Edmund Boyd, a long-time personal friend of Frank's, also had a story to tell about Frank. It was about a faculty member, a woman from Australia, who made her way over to the University bookstore one day during the time that Frank was managing the store. The door was closed, so she knocked vigorously saying "open the door Baldwin, I know you're in there." There was no response. So once again she knocked this time more vigorously shouting: "open the door, I'm not one of your uncouth ball players."

At this point, Frank broke the silence with a reply: "they are just as couth as you are." He relented and opened the door for her anyway.

Frank taught a lot of people not just about basketball but also about life. Dick McLean, who met Frank in 1950 as a high school basketball player when Frank was coaching, says he prepared all the boys for "the game of life."

"He taught us to give 100 percent on the floor and life, about winning and losing, to try, to set goals, to work towards these goals and that life is a team effort and winning is important but playing to the best of your ability is far more important," said Dick.

Frank Baldwin, Mr. Basketball, touched many lives and will be greatly missed. ♦



Local high school students listen attentively to the words of wisdom of the Stampeders Coaches, Huskies Coaches and players.

## Summer Sports Camps being offered at the Tower in August



Soccer Camp!

### Hockey Camp

August 2 - 6  
August 9 - 13  
August 16 - 20  
August 23 - 27  
August 30 - Sept. 3  
Ages 5 & up  
All Levels!

### Girls Volleyball

August 23 - 27, Ages 12 - 18

### Football

August 9 - 13  
Ages 9 - 11 & 12 - 15

### Soccer

August 2 - 6  
(Minis, Ages 6 - 11 years)  
August 23 - 27 (Minis & Micros,  
Ages 4 - 5 & 6 - 11)

### Basketball/Soccer Combo

August 16 - 20

For more information on camps, call 420-5429.

