



# SPECIAL TIMES SUPPLEMENT

## *Saint Mary's Celebrates the Installation of Dr. J. Colin Dodds October 22, 2000*

### *Installation Evokes Memories and Tributes*

*On October 22, Dr. J. Colin Dodds officially became the 33rd President of Saint Mary's University. He described the day that marked the symbolic beginning of his term as President as "truly remarkable" not only for him but for his family.*

The Presidential Installation at the Fall Convocation Ceremony and the dinner that evening brought together presidents of post-secondary institutions, representatives of academic associations and government. Her Honour, Myra A. Freeman, Lieutenant-Governor of Nova Scotia was also in attendance at the Installation Dinner along with colleagues and friends of the Dodds. Saint Mary's had not installed a new president in more than two decades. It was a celebration that Dr. Dodds shared with his wife Carol and two grown children James and Elizabeth.

"Eighteen years ago, we boarded a DC-8 from London to Halifax on our own journey of discovery to find a very special university with excellent

and dedicated faculty and staff," Dr. Dodds said as he addressed the audience at the Presidential Installation Dinner. In 1982, the Dodds left their home in England so Dr. Dodds could accept a position as Associate Professor in the Finance and Management Science in the Faculty of Commerce.

Dr. Dodds soon established himself at Saint Mary's. When he assumed his position as President on July 1, 2000 he had occupied every possible academic role at the University. He became a full professor and the Chair of the Finance and Management Science Department and Director of the Master of Business Administration program only two years after his arrival at Saint Mary's. Three years later, he was appointed the Dean of the Faculty of Commerce. In 1991, he was

named the chief academic officer, Vice-President Academic and Research.

The man responsible for bringing Dr. Dodds to Saint Mary's, Dr. Earl J. Robinson, led a toast to his friend at the dinner. He recruited Dr. Dodds when he was the Chairperson of Saint Mary's Finance and Management Science Department. Today, Dr. Robinson is the President of Lees-McRae College in Banner Elk, North Carolina. In his remarks, he recalled the day when he and his wife Karen drove their two cars to the Halifax International Airport to pick up the Dodds, their newborn daughter, Elizabeth and five year old son, James. The Robinsons loaded their belongings into their cars and dropped them off at a motel where they stayed while they looked for a home.

Dr. Robinson also related what he had said to Dr. Dodds the night before the Installation. He described how Dr. Dodds had graciously thanked him for the opportunity to work at Saint Mary's so many years ago. Dr. Robinson repeated his response, "I brought you here but the real treasure is what you have done in the 18

years since you came here." The Robinson family's trip to Halifax had been a closely guarded surprise for Dr. Dodds.

Dr. Dodds expressed his sincere gratitude to everyone who was involved in coordinating the Installation. "On behalf of the Dodds family, thank you. It means so much to us." He had special words of thanks for Dr. Elizabeth Chard, the University's Registrar and chairperson of the Installation committee for her extraordinary efforts coordinating both a convocation ceremony and Installation events in one weekend. He also thanked committee members Dr. Andrew Seaman, Acting Vice-President Academic and Research, Dr. Don Naulls, Chairperson of Senate, Stephanie Babcock, Dr. Dodds' executive assistant, Joanne Byrne, Dr. Chard's executive assistant, Wanda Robinson, Manager of Conference Services and Gary Schmeisser, Director of Facilities Management and their staff. Dr. Dodds acknowledged Dr. Cyril Byrne, Chair Irish Studies and Hon. Helen Gillis, Board of Governors who hosted the evening.



The Dodds family; Carol, James, Colin and Elizabeth.

Dr. Dodds also thanked Archbishop Terrence Prendergast, S.J. Chancellor of Saint Mary's and Robert G. Belliveau, Q.C. Chair of the Board of Govern-

ors. Dr. Dodds said, "Any success that I have achieved is due to the contributions of the whole Saint Mary's family past and present." ♦

### *The Lieutenant-Governor of Nova Scotia Congratulates Dr. and Mrs. Dodds*



The Honourable Myra A. Freeman, Lieutenant-Governor of Nova Scotia and His Honour Lawrence Freeman pin the gold insignia of the Office of the Lieutenant-Governor of Nova Scotia on Dr. and Mrs. Dodds in recognition of their contributions to the province.

Saint Mary's was privileged to welcome a very special guest to the Presidential Installation Dinner held on October 22.

The Honourable Myra A. Freeman, Lieutenant-Governor of Nova Scotia extended official congratulations as Queen Eliz-

abeth II's representative to Dr. Dodds on his appointment as President of Saint Mary's University. She said that on a personal note, it was very special for her to be a part of the the Installation celebration.

The Lieutenant-Governor addressed the audience and commented on Dr. Dodds' contributions to the University. "For the past 18 years, Colin, you have offered insight and guidance to this university," she said. "You have made it your mission to ensure that the exceptional quality of Saint Mary's education is known around the world."

She shared some insight into her personal relationship with the Dodds in her speech, "My words come from personal knowledge of your abilities and

vision." She described her impressions of Dr. Dodds after working with him on the Duke of Edinburgh Awards. "It was during that time that I recognized your leadership qualities and the gentle manner in which you command respect." Her Honour also explained that she had worked closely with Mrs. Dodds at Inglis Street School last year before she assumed her position as Lieutenant-Governor. Mrs. Dodds was her vice-principal before she left her position as principal of the school.

The Lieutenant-Governor had high praise for her friend and former colleague. "I know first hand how effortlessly and cheerfully Carol has always juggled her career and the added responsibilities placed upon her

by the University as Colin's partner." She commented on Mrs. Dodds' support of her husband and commitment to the University as Saint Mary's first lady.

Her Honour presented a certificate of recognition to the Dodds on behalf of Her Majesty, the province of Nova Scotia and all Nova Scotians. The Dodds were also presented with the gold insignia of the Office of the Lieutenant-Gov-

ernor in recognition of the ties both have to the monarchy having grown up in England and to mark their contributions to their ongoing commitment to furthering education in the province. During the presentation the Lieutenant-Governor said, "I have every confidence that you will meet the challenge of ensuring that Saint Mary's continues to be the superb school and close knit community for which it is known." ♦

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*The Installation of the 33rd President of Saint Mary's – Dr. J. Colin Dodds*

*The Presidential Installation Dinner*



During the Installation Ceremony and Presidential Installation Dinner, Presidents of post-secondary institutions, representatives of academic associations, governments and the Lieutenant-Governor of Nova Scotia presented greetings to Dr. Dodds. Dr. Dodds is pictured with Robert Shaw, Chairperson of the Nova Scotia Advisory Board on Colleges and Universities.



Dr. Dodds' address receives a standing ovation at the Presidential Installation Dinner.



Her Honour Myra A. Freeman, Lieutenant-Governor of Nova Scotia and His Honour Lawrence Freeman (left) speak with Dr. Ronald Wong, B.Sc. '59, honorary degree recipient '94 and his wife Carmen. Dr. and Mrs. Wong traveled from London, England to attend Dr. Dodds' Installation celebration.



(L-R) Margaret-Anne Bennett, Director Instructional Development; Wendy Fletcher, Program Development Coordinator for the Department of Continuing Education; Larry Lefebvre, and Madeleine Lefebvre, University Librarian.



Brian and Janice Flemming.



Dr. Dodds is congratulated by his friend Dr. Earl J. Robinson, President of Lees-McRae College in Banner Elk, North Carolina. Also pictured is Hon. Helen Gillis, Board of Governors and retired Citizenship Court Judge.



(L-R) Barry Gallant, Director of Alumni; David Hendsbee, MLA – Preston and Kate Reeves, Saint Mary's student.

## Education Without Borders – Theme for the Installation

Dr. J. Colin Dodds, President of Saint Mary's, has been a driving force behind the globalization of Saint Mary's from the expansion of projects and the recruitment of international students to the development of internationally focused academic programming. In recognition of his contributions, a celebration of the internationalization of Saint Mary's was chosen as the theme to mark the beginning of Dr. Dodds' presidency.

The field house at the Tower where convocation and Dr. Dodds' Installation took place and the conference hall where the convocation luncheon and the Presidential Installation Dinner were held were adorned with over 100 flags. The flags represented the countries of Saint Mary's international students. Dr. Dodds, who collects antique maps, said that he was delighted to find images of antique maps used

on the invitations and various decorations at the evening event. He commented in his Installation Dinner speech that the symbolism of the flags and maps was very important. "Saint Mary's is very much a part of this globalized world with our outreach of academic and development programs." Dr. Dodds described how the antique maps were also fitting as they represent the old world and the age of discovery. Saint Mary's is approaching its own age of discovery with the move to education without borders.

As an educator, Dr. Dodds has worked in many countries across the world including Indonesia, Malaysia, Singapore, Vietnam, the Baltic States, the Czech and Slovak Republics and



China. His contributions around the world have been numerous. For instance, he was the key Saint Mary's

representative to work with Xiamen University, one of the University's most important partners in China, in the development of their M.B.A. program. Dr. Dodds will be returning to Xiamen University in the weeks ahead to contribute to the Saint Mary's Tier 1 project, where he will continue his work with the M.B.A. program.

Dr. Dodds helped the University of International Business and Economics in Beijing upgrade their business programs. The university is now one of the top business schools in China. He was also instrumental in Saint Mary's delivery of E.M.B.A. programming to a Chinese multinational.

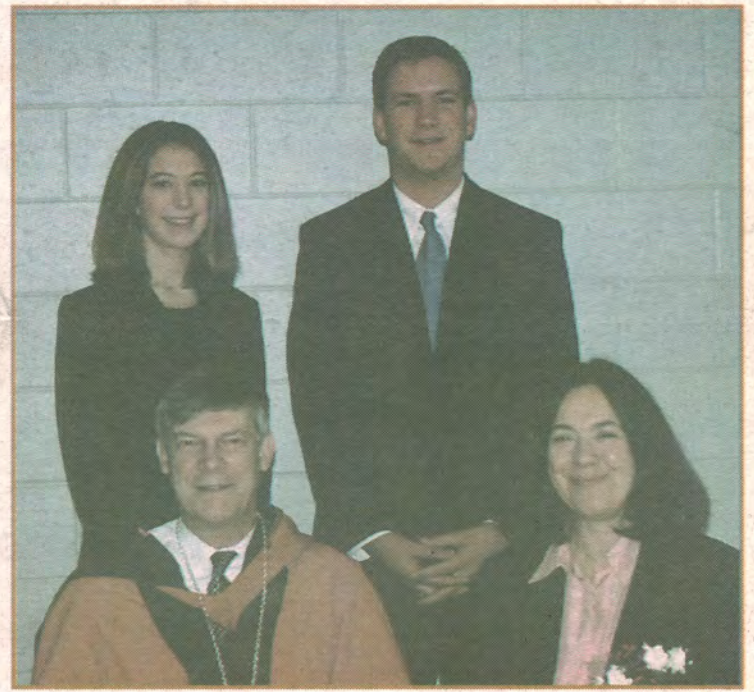
Dr. Dodds delivered workshops in The Gambia on a variety of

governance and management issues. Denis Leclaire, Director of International Activities says, "During his tenure as V.P. Academic and Research, his office was integral in ensuring that quality academic programming was delivered in this West African country."

Leclaire says that the most important aspect of Dr. Dodds' involvement in the internationalizing of Saint Mary's is the work that he does with students as a supervisor, teacher and mentor. "For literally hundreds of international students who have come to Saint Mary's over the last two decades, Dr. Dodds has made the difference for these students academically," says Leclaire. "He has spent countless hours tutoring these students, correcting their papers and supporting them as they worked through their academic careers. This is always done quietly and without fanfare." ♦



Dr. J. Colin Dodds, President of Saint Mary's (far left, front row) was joined by honorary degree recipients (L-R) Hon. Constance R. Glube, Dr. Ann Elizabeth Duggan, Most Rev. Terrence Prendergast, SJ, Archbishop of Halifax, Chancellor of Saint Mary's. (Back row) Mrs. Carol Dodds, Elizabeth Dodds, Dr. Elizabeth Chard, Registrar, Dr. Andrew Seaman, Acting V.P. Academic and Research, Robert Belliveau, Q.C., Chair of Saint Mary's Board of Governors, and James Dodds.



Dr. J. Colin Dodds, President of Saint Mary's with Mrs. Dodds, Elizabeth and James.

## A New Symbol of the Presidency The Medallion of Office

Dr. J. Colin Dodds received a surprise at the Fall Convocation when during the Installation Ceremony, he was presented with the Medallion of Office.

Because Dr. Dodds had opted to wear his own academic robes from the University of Sheffield rather than the traditional robes of office the Installation committee was faced with the task of creating a new symbol of office. That symbol took the form of a Medallion of Office designed and created by James Bradshaw and Bruce Babcock of James Bradshaw

Jewelry Design Studio in Halifax.

The centre of the medallion is a University Gold Medal, traditionally awarded to the top graduating students. It symbolizes the University's deep commitment to academic excellence. The medal is surrounded by sterling silver, to represent the diversity of the University community and academic programs.

The medallion was proudly presented by Mary



Eileen Donahoe and her family as a memorial the late Senator Richard A. Donahoe, Q.C., K.S.G., LL.D. honoris causa, Saint Mary's University. "Dickie" Donahoe, as he was affectionately known to his close friends and associates, was one of the first members of the University's Board of Governors. The Donahoe family has a lengthy relationship with Saint Mary's.

"My family was extremely pleased when Dr. Elizabeth Chard called to tell us

about the plans to present the medallion of presidential office which was to become a permanent part of the office of the President of Saint Mary's. To Mom and our family it was an opportunity to have the medallion be a continuing memorial to our dad, his career of public service and his love for Saint Mary's," Terry Donahoe said in his address at the Presidential Installation Dinner. "It means a great deal to all of us to have Dad's and our family's very long association with the University perpetuated in this way." ♦



Dr. Dodds with Terry Donahoe (left), Lynn and Mary Eileen Donahoe. The Donahoe family presented Dr. Dodds with the Medallion of Office in memory of the late Senator Richard A. Donahoe.

# ~ Fall Convocation 2000 ~

## A Unique Valedictory Voice



Tara Keleher, Saint Mary's Fall Convocation 2000 valedictorian.

Tara Keleher's valedictory address, delivered as a Dr. Suess inspired poem not only revealed her creative spirit but was an inspiring call for graduates to contribute to their global community.

Keleher, the valedictorian of the 2000 Fall Convocation received a dual Bachelor of Commerce degree with a marketing major and a Bachelor of Arts degree with a major in International Development Studies.

She has a special family connection to Saint Mary's. Her father, Donald Keleher, Director of Development and an alumnus, has been part of the senior administration team for more than 20 years.

She drew her idea for the speech from the Dr. Suess book *All the Places You'll Go*. "I started to write a 'normal' speech and I wasn't inspired." Her speech prompted compliments from many in the convocation audience. Dr. Barry Gorman, a professor in the Accounting Department told Keleher after the ceremony, "That was the best valedictory speech in both format and content that I have heard in 20 years."

Keleher's speech reflected the lessons that she has learned through her extensive travel across the far reaches of the world. In 1998, she participated in "The India Experience" study abroad program. Her experiences made

a profound impact on her. She recently returned from four months of travel through South East Asia spending time in Thailand, Cambodia and a return visit to India. Keleher says of her future plans, "I'm planning to go away and do more development work, hopefully in India."

*That's why the close future depends on us youth!*

*We must be the risk takers, not forgetting what's best*

*For this world and its people, let's rise to the test.*

*We've inherited a responsibility, we must respect mother earth*

*We must preserve our future, may we value its worth.*

Excerpt from Keleher's valedictory poem

## First Nunavut EMBA Graduate



Helen Kimnik Klengenber is the first graduate of the Nunavut EMBA program.

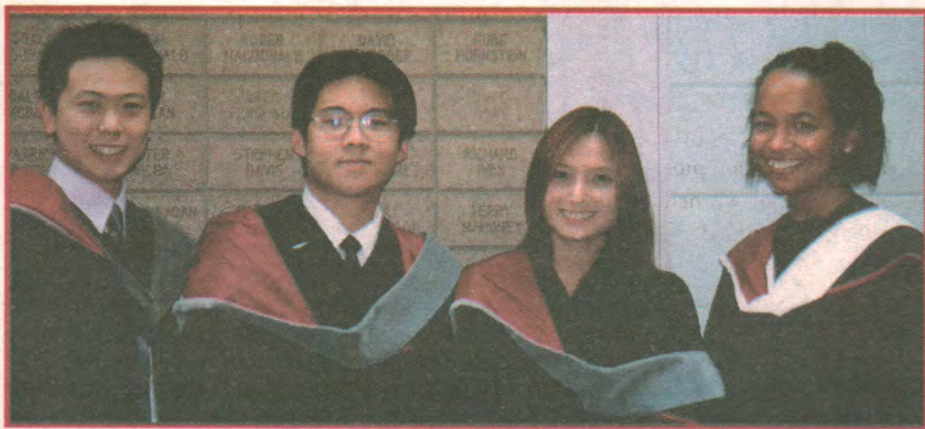
journey. She is the first graduate of the Nunavut EMBA program. "It's been a long haul. I'm so happy to be finished," she said before convocation.

The program, a partnership between Arctic College and Saint Mary's allowed students in Nunavut to enroll in EMBA courses at home and at Saint Mary's. Faculty including Dr. Peter Secord, Dr. John Chamard, Dr. Sean Cleary, Dr. Harvey Miller and Dr. Eric Lee traveled to Iqaluit to teach specific modules. Dr. John Chamard, Management, was one of the participating faculty. "I am proud to have been part of the Nunavut

EMBA program. It was a positive contribution to helping the people of Nunavut hone their skills for self-government. It also gave us a chance to develop our skills in delivering culturally sensitive teaching material. Finally, it was a wonderful personal experience to meet and work with some of the people of Canada's newest region.

As a result of the EMBA program, Klengenber moved from her job dealing with land claims to running her own business as a financial and management consultant. "It has really helped me especially in the research and report writing," she says. "I can now compete with other consultants."

## "It's as exciting as our wedding day!"



(L-R) Ron Lai, M.B.A., Kevin Kwok, B.Comm., Vanessa Wong, B.Comm., Walette Carter, B.A.



(L-R) Meylin Zink, Anna L. Tam, Lucas J. Roch, B.Sc.



Krista and Chris Arseneau.

Krista and Chris Arseneau graduated together on a day that they agreed was just as exciting as the day they were married. After three years of hard work, the couple received Saint Mary's degrees, she with a Bachelor of Arts

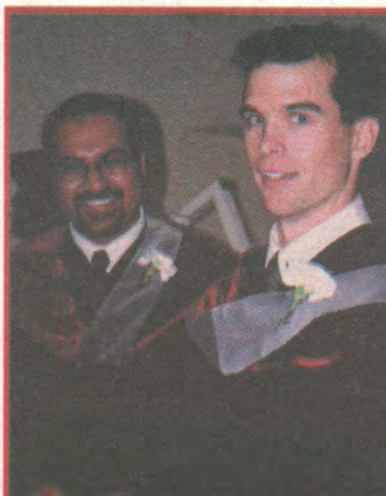
degree in Criminology and Sociology and he with a Bachelor of Commerce.

With their entire family in attendance including their 6 year old daughter, the couple from Summerside, PEI were able to look back on their

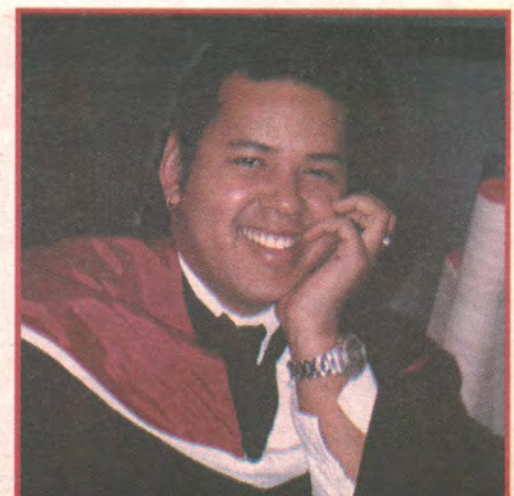
years of scheduling babysitters and classes with fondness. Chris is now working for Grant Thornton in pursuit of his chartered accountant designation. Krista will begin a Bachelor of Social Work at Dalhousie in the new year. ♦



(L-R) Dr. Barry Gorman, Dr. Thomas Cheng, Accounting.



(L-R) Tabrays Nawab Majeed, Christopher Norman, B.Comm.



Troy Holness, B.A., Asian Studies, I.D.S.