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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Saint Mary's is really showing up on the national stage!

In the latest Maclean's survey, we moved up in a number of key categories, including alumni participation, demonstrating that the perception of those surveyed is matching what

we've known all along – that Saint Mary's is one of the best Universities in Canada. This information is presented in more detail on page 6.

Our rise in the Maclean's university rankings follows on the heels of the top marks our MBA program received in Canadian Business magazine and the international accreditation of the Sobey School of Business.

To continue to communicate effectively to the local, national and international markets, Saint Mary's has rolled out a strategic marketing and communication initiative, which supports the academic and strategic plans.

The purpose of this initiative is to distill the Saint Mary's key messages into a clear, concise expression and determine the best way to convey this to all our stakeholders. To lead this process and provide strategic

direction, a steering committee representing the various stakeholders of the university has been assembled.

As part of this initiative, focus groups have been held in Toronto, Calgary and Halifax with alumni, students, faculty, staff and prospective students and parents. The Executive of the Alumni Association are excited and supportive of this initiative.

As we hear from alumni in the focus groups, we are getting valuable feedback on our activities and what we need to do, as an association, to provide value to our members. If you didn't participate in a focus group, please feel free to contact anyone in the Association and give us your feedback. Look for some exciting changes as a result!

On a final note, I would like to thank all alumni who contributed in 2004 to Saint Mary's, whether that was through volunteering, donating or referring a student. Your generosity is much appreciated.



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LETTERS: Teammate remembers “Bullet” Kelly

Dear Editor,

For those who played football and hockey with Granville “Bullet” Kelly in the 1950s on Saint Mary’s University championship teams, his death in the last week of 2004 will be remembered as a celebration of his kindness, his character, his deep desire always to enliven his teammates and coaches. And Bullet did so to the end of his life.

In the darkness of winter, we celebrate with light—the Menorah, the stars of Bethlehem, twinkling lights on a tree. And Bullet Kelly was truly a light. Using e-mail, he reached out to two dozen of his teammates from our glory days as Santamarians nearly half a century ago. He was the flame that drew us back from across Canada and the United States to Robie Street for a reunion last September and in the summer of 2002.

In a time of worldwide terror and dire headlines from South Asia, everyone needs someone like Bullet, someone who promotes virtue and Christian thought,

someone to help us deal with the inner demons and self doubts we all have. Almost daily, he shared his light over the past couple of years through engaging e-mails filled with laughter and goodwill.

Confined to his home because of his poor physical condition, Bullet shared his best moments with old Santamarians when we visited with him. He made us realize that we longed for that unbeatable feeling we all had in our team back when we had 35-cent “brush cut” haircuts—the style that Bullet was proud to wear. This was the second reunion Bullet had inspired, and ex-players came from as far away as Los Angeles, Seattle, Calgary, Quebec City, Toronto and Montana and as near as Cape Breton and Shediac, not to mention the home boys of Halifax and Dartmouth.

Bullet’s achievements are made greater by the manner in which he lived. He adhered to the credo of what was practiced in the 1950s on the all-male Jesuit campus: “Preach the Gospel every day and, if necessary, use words.” He had an unquenchable

gregariousness. He loved words and he once told me he wanted to write and publish children’s books.

If asked how to make the next season better, he would have given this advice: “Recite the Lord’s Prayer together before each match.” In his day, prayer wasn’t mere habit, nor was it for show. It simply felt like something that was right to share with one another. We often were tempted at each prayer huddle to look up and watch the faces of our fellow players and coaches as we prayed, but we kept our eyes closed out of respect. We didn’t pray for victory, but for what was good. Then we would go out and win one for Saint Mary’s the way the Jesuits taught us: With total commitment, but without arrogance or unfair play.

We who remain praise Bullet for striving for that ideal in his daily battle for life and for showing how good guys can win. Our thanks go to him and his family.

Peter Fraser, Saint Mary’s High School ’54, BA (Journalism) ’59



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SMU PRESIDENT OBTAINS FUNDING FROM PROVINCE

Nova Scotia and its universities signed an agreement on December 7, 2004, to cap tuition fee increases for three years. In return, Nova Scotia universities will get the largest funding increases in provincial history.

The memorandum of understanding was negotiated between the provincial government and the Council of Nova Scotia University Presidents, which is chaired by Dr. Colin Dodds, President of Saint Mary's University.

Dr. Dodds said the agreement represents a significant re-investment by the Nova Scotia government in the universities and their students.

"It recognizes that Nova Scotia's universities are a strategic asset, critically important to the province's future prosperity and quality of life," Dr. Dodds said.

"The memorandum helps ensure that Nova Scotia's universities continue to deliver high quality, nationally competitive programs and an overall experience attractive and accessible to students here at home, from across Canada and from around the world." Under the three-year agreement, the universities annual funding will increase by \$12.3 million in 2005-06, by \$11.7 million in 2006-07, and by \$10.6 million in 2007-08. In the third year, funding available to universities will be \$246.3 million dollars.

This is an increase of \$71 million in the annual grant from a low of \$175 million in 1997-98. It is the largest increase in provincial operating grants to universities in history.

On average, this new funding will avert about \$1,300 in tuition fee increases in the final year of the agreement.

"This is a substantial investment by the people of Nova Scotia in their students and universities," said Education Minister Jamie Muir. "Higher education will continue to be an excellent value for students and our universities will continue to offer an education that is recognized across the country for its high quality."



Education Minister Jamie Muir and Saint Mary's University President Dr. Colin Dodds announce agreement to cap tuition fees and increase funding for Nova Scotia universities.

Tuition fees will be limited to increases of no more than 3.9 per cent annually for most programs during the agreement. The agreement also limits increases to other fees such as those for labs and residences.

Tuition fees in Nova Scotia have increased by about seven per cent in each of the past three years, although tuition at Saint Mary's has been increasing less than the average.

The agreement recognizes that universities are a \$1 billion industry vital to the province's economy, providing 7,500 direct high quality, well-paying jobs, and 17,500 indirect jobs.

Higher education represents 60 per cent of the research and development in the province.

Work on the second memorandum of understanding will begin in 2007-08.

"Provincial funding increase will avert \$1,300 in tuition increases"

Patrick Power Library 30th Anniversary

By Madeleine Lefebvre, University Librarian

Over the course of 2005, we will be celebrating the Patrick Power Library's 30th anniversary. This anniversary will be marked by a series of events in the fall for alumni, faculty, students, and former and current library employees.

The Patrick Power Library was built in 1975, only 10 years after the Burke Library (now the Burke Education Centre) had opened. The rapidly growing library collection and an increasing demand for library services forced the construction of a new facility. The doors opened in September 1975, and at the official opening ceremony the following year what had been known up to that point simply as "the new library" was named after the generous donor who helped in the rebirth of Saint Mary's in the early 1900's.

Today, we are experiencing a similar growth, as the library has become a focus of the campus and more students are passing through our doors than ever before. Our virtual collection has grown beside the print collection, and the library has transformed into a modern information centre. There is an increasing demand for library instruction

sessions and student study space, and as new programs are added to the curriculum, the library must keep up.

Keep your eyes open for 30th anniversary events over the course of the next year. In the meantime, if you have had any connection with the library in the past, we would like to hear about it. Why not visit our web site and submit to us any favourite memories of your time within our stacks? Whether you're a student who studied here, or a former library staff member, or just someone who had a memorable experience within our walls, go ahead and share your story with us.

We have worked hard to make the Patrick Power Library a congenial place - a place to work, to read, to write, to think, and to learn. Please help us celebrate this important milestone by adding your memories of the library. Thank you.

The Patrick Power 30th anniversary web site can be found at: www.smu.ca/administration/archives/library_30th



Did YOU know...

- ...students used to move the cozy library lobby chairs to the lower floor for hanky panky?
- ...an underground stream, the Gorsebrook, runs under the library and caused the entire north part of the building to drop by a few inches after construction?
- ...the library used to subscribe to Playboy Magazine, but it had to be cancelled after they kept disappearing?

CIBC FUNDS BUSINESS SCHOOL PROFESSORSHIP

CIBC awarded \$400,000 this past December to the Sobey School of Business at Saint Mary's University. The donation will fund the new CIBC Professorship in Entrepreneurship and Venture Development, which represents the first professorship established at Saint Mary's.

The CIBC Professorship will enable the Sobey School of Business to undertake educational, community and research activity in the area of entrepreneurship and venture development that will ultimately have national relevance, regional significance and direct community impact.

"Small Business development is a key ingredient in the growth of Atlantic Canada's economy," said Rob Paterson, Senior Vice President, CIBC Small Business Banking. "This new CIBC Professorship will help Saint Mary's attract the talent who will inspire the next generation of entrepreneurs."

With the establishment of the CIBC Professorship, the Sobey School of Business will be recruiting internationally for a candidate who has a distinguished national or international reputation for teaching and research excellence in the areas of entrepreneurship and venture development. The successful candidate will be hired for the upcoming academic year.

"Saint Mary's applauds this generous gift from CIBC," said Dr. J. Colin Dodds, President of

Saint Mary's University. "This donation allows Saint Mary's to expand our leadership role in the community outreach. It will have a direct and positive impact on the large number of Atlantic Canadians who have already initiated or dream of starting up their own business ventures."

For more campus news...

The campus news section is compiled with assistance from public affairs officer, Paul Fitzgerald. For more complete stories and additional news stories from campus, visit the Saint Mary's website at www.smu.ca and there you will find *The Times* - the University's official campus newspaper.

SAINT MARY'S IN MACLEAN'S TOP TEN University No. 1 In Many Categories

The annual Maclean's university rankings, released this past November, saw Saint Mary's University move up two spots to ninth place in the primarily undergraduate category.

Saint Mary's improved its rank in 11 of the 22 categories, five of these in the important "student body" categories.

One of the best testaments to Saint Mary's strength is the third place ranking, out of all universities in Canada, in the Value Added category. Last year, Saint Mary's placed sixth in this category. This complex measure of how the university fulfills its mission to its students has the consulting statisticians at MacDougall Scientific Ltd. compare information about students' grades when they enter school with student achievement.

Capturing first place spots in Student Retention, Proportion of Students who Graduate, and Faculty with PhDs, Saint Mary's is proving it is a world-class university with top quality teachers that can motivate students to success.

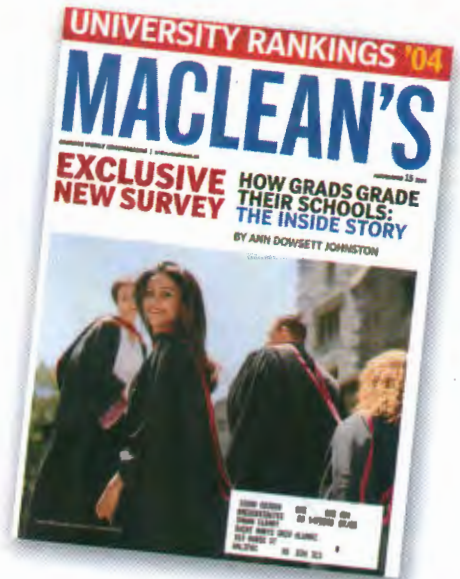
Our alumni seem to agree. Saint Mary's placed second in Alumni Support, a measure of the percentage of alumni who made gifts to the university over a five-year period.

This year, Maclean's, with the assistance of the universities, conducted a survey of graduates from the years 1999 to 2001. They were looking for their opinions and experiences at university.

Saint Mary's students proved to be very satisfied with their university experience, with 96% responding with "very good" or "good" to the eight questions they were asked. These numbers break down as follows: 73% said "very good" and 23% said "good."

In the survey, six questions measured satisfaction with teaching, learning environment, library resources, student services, extracurricular environment and the entire educational experience. Two questions were measures of the graduates' willingness to recommend Saint Mary's to a friend or relative and graduates' opinion of the value of their educational experience.

Saint Mary's placed fifth in "Extracurricular Environment" in the primarily undergraduate category. When compared to all universities across Canada, Saint Mary's placed in the top half in all but two of the categories.



SMU by numbers

1985 The year the Atlantic Centre for students with disabilities was established at Saint Mary's University

1,124 Residence beds on campus for single students

96 Percentage of alumni who say they had a positive experience at SMU, according to a survey conducted by Maclean's magazine

72 Apartments on campus for families and grad students

40 Years since the Burke Building was completed (the first library building)

30 Years since the Patrick Power Library opened its doors

4 MBA students placed 2nd at the 24th Annual John Molson 2005 MBA International Case Competition, hosted by Concordia University, winning \$7000

2 Our ranking for Alumni Support according to Maclean's university rankings

1 SMU's ranking in the annual Maclean's university rankings in the categories of Student Retention, Proportion Who Graduate, and Faculty with PhDs

SANTAMARIAN KELLY MARKS ANNIVERSARY WITH GIFT TO STUDENTS

Robert (Bob) Kelly, BComm'75, DComm'97, remembers fondly his time at Saint Mary's. As he approached the thirtieth anniversary of his graduation, he decided to mark the occasion by making a special gift to students at Saint Mary's.

Although he grew up in Halifax, his wife is from Cape Breton, and they both understand the special challenges that face some students from rural areas of the province. His aim is to assist students from Cape Breton for whom financial aid is a critical deciding factor in pursuing post-secondary education.

With a \$100,000 contribution, he has established The Kelly Bursary for students studying in the Sobey School of Business at Saint Mary's University.

"The foundation that Saint Mary's provided me has made an enormous difference in my life," Kelly reflected.

Kelly's professional life has been marked by a number of impressive milestones. Having become a Fellow of the Chartered

Accountants (FCA) and risen to Vice Chairman at TD Bank in Toronto, Kelly is now Chief Financial Officer (CFO) for US-based Wachovia Corporation, the 8th largest bank in the world.

Institutional Investor Magazine's 2004 and 2005 surveys named him the best bank CFO in the United States.

He and wife of 23 years Rose (parents of two children), now make their home in North Carolina.

"Our congratulations go out to Bob on his recent honorary doctorate from City University (London, England)," said Anne Melanson, Campaign Director at Saint Mary's University. "As well, a heartfelt thanks, on behalf of today's students...our future Santamarians, for his generous and thoughtful gift."

Kelly's gift shows us that wherever life takes you, the Saint Mary's experience stays with you always.



30/30 Program Supports Women in Sport

During last October's Alumni Weekend & Homecoming 2004, students, faculty, staff, alumni and friends of the university had so much to celebrate, including 30 years of women in sport at Saint Mary's.

A large number of people attended a luncheon held that weekend which underscored the achievement women have made to varsity sports over the last three decades. The future of women in sport at the University looks bright, too.

In order to compliment this growth, **Dr. David Murphy, BA '66**, Director of the Athletics and Recreation Department at Saint Mary's, has launched the 30/30 Program, which encourages people donating \$30 a month for 30 months.

"The 30/30 Program is a great way for everyone to get involved and support women in sport at Saint Mary's," said Dr. Murphy. "The money raised will establish scholarship awards for women involved in varsity sports here at Saint Mary's," he added.



Pictured with Dr. Murphy (second in on right) are those who have already pledged to the 30/30 Program - (from left to right): Dr. J. Colin Dodds, President of Saint Mary's, Dr. Elizabeth Chard, Registrar, and Gabrielle Morrison, Vice-President Administration.

SAINT MARY'S HOGS HARDWARE AT BIZ AWARDS GALA

Alumni and Friends Top All Categories

At the 2005 Metro Halifax Business Awards Gala on February 3rd, in all four categories, the Gold awards went to alumni or friends of Saint Mary's. There were Santamarians counted among the silver and bronze recipients and nominees as well.

The Chronicle Herald was awarded the Business of the Year. Publisher **Graham Dennis, CM, DCL'04**, wasn't on hand for evening's festivities but his daughter, Herald Vice-President, and Alumni Representative on Saint Mary's Board of Governors **Sarah Dennis, MBA'97**, accepted the award for the newspaper.

The Herald was chosen because of their recent capital investments (almost unheard of for an independent newspaper), dramatic redesign, new branding strategy, modern facilities, and longstanding support of local charities.



SMU President Colin Dodds, Sarah Dennis, and Graham Dennis - Business of the Year

Tim Moore, a member of the Saint Mary's University Board of Governors, took home the hardware for Small Business of the Year for Premier Executive Suites.

Premier Executive Suites won for its calculated risks and aggressive expansion over its five-year history. They offer 140 suites here in Halifax and have operations in Montreal, Toronto, Moncton, and Calgary.



Tim Moore, Small Business of the Year

The top prize for New Business of the Year went to Bishop's Cellar, run by **John Stewart, BA'75**. Bishop's Cellar is Halifax's first private retailer of wines, spirits, and beer.



John Stewart, New Business of the Year

Bishop's Cellar met its goal of introducing more than 750 different wines to Nova Scotians in its first year – some of the best and most dynamic wines from around the

world. To achieve its growth targets, it has put staff training at the top of its priority list, with about two percent of gross revenue going to staff and management training.

The Chamber chose **Colin MacDonald** as Halifax's Business Person of the Year. MacDonald is the CEO of Clearwater Seafoods Limited and a member of Saint Mary's Sobeys School of Business Advisory Board.

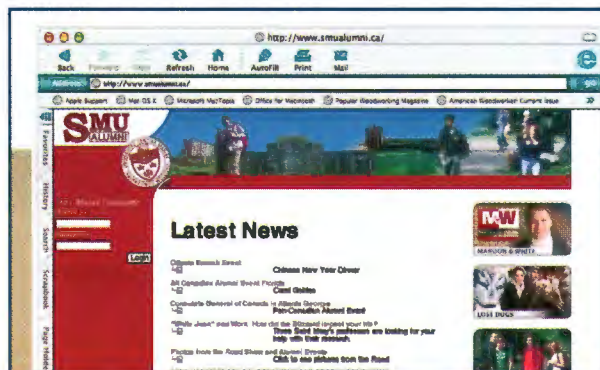
In his business, MacDonald is focused on sustainability, innovation and leading-edge technology. He is also active in the community, serving as vice-chair of the IVK Children's Hospital Board of Trustees.

Noted for the unswerving moral and ethical code that governs his day-to-day business practices, MacDonald was a deserving candidate for this award.



Colin MacDonald, Business Person of the Year

This was the fifth anniversary for the Business Awards. The Halifax Chamber of Commerce is a best-practice business organization that continuously strives to make Halifax an even more attractive city in which to live, work and play. The almost 2,000 Chamber members employ more than 90,000 people, representing over half of Metro Halifax's labour force.



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Attracting, Selecting & Retaining Great People

Written by **Dr. Denis L. Cauvier**

Since graduating with his Bachelor of Commerce in 1986, Cauvier completed his MBA and PhD at California Coast University, wrote international bestselling books, conducted more than 5,100 selection interviews in seven countries, and conducted workshops and seminars for over 750,000 in 51 countries.

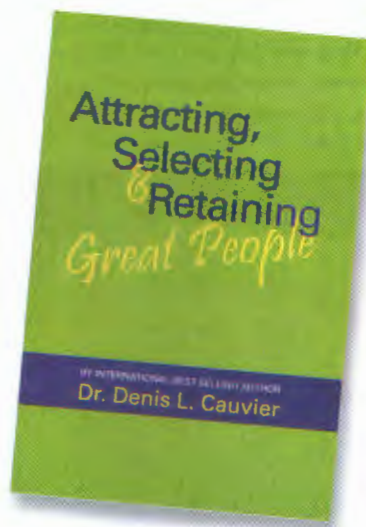
Cauvier runs his own professional speaking, training, and consulting firm from Ottawa. He received the Consummate Speaker of the Year Award in 1998, putting him in the company of previous recipients Margaret Thatcher, Tom Wolfe, and William Buckley, Jr.

Saint Mary's had a tremendous impact on who he is today, he says, helping him bring a global perspective to local situations in his business and developing his mindset of "investing in yourself."

While at SMU, Cauvier was a member of the Commerce Society and started the first martial arts society in Atlantic Canada.

We have arranged for a substantial discount for SMU alumni on Cauvier's new book (\$19.95, which includes shipping & handling, compared to the retail price of \$29.95). You can contact Denis at dcauvier@magi.com or 613.623.5656.

Cauvier's previous publications include:
The ABCs of Making Money
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Halifax: Historic Sites and Sounds of a Port City (DVD)

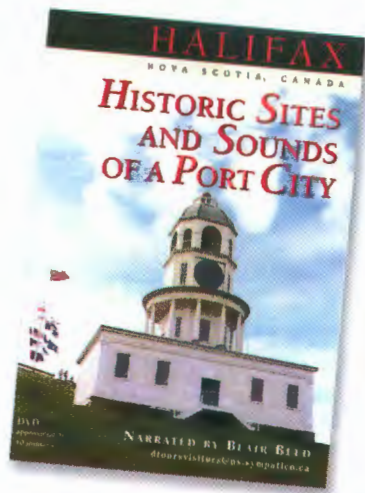
Narrated by **Blair Beed**

This is as much a documentary of Halifax's vibrant existence as it is a tour. Narrator, author and historian Blair Beed has done an excellent job of capturing the spirit and, sometime idiosyncrasies, of Haligonians.

The DVD covers princes, privateers and press gangs, the Titanic disaster, the Halifax Explosion, and other tidbits of our history. You'll visit Citadel Hill, the naval yard, Historic Properties, Pier 21, houses, churches, forts, and more.

Beed graduated from Saint Mary's with his Bachelor of Commerce degree in 1977. He owns D Tours Visitors and Convention Centre.

Beed's previous publications include:
1917 Halifax Explosion and the American Response
Titanic Victims in Halifax Graveyards



ALUMNUS LECTURES ABOUT LAYERED INTRUSION

Greg Shellnutt, BSc'98, was back on the Saint Mary's campus on January 7, 2005, speaking to geology students and faculty. Shellnutt delivered a seminar entitled "Fe-Ti-V Ore Deposits of Southwest China: A Study of the Baima Layered Intrusion."

He is currently working on his PhD at the University of Hong Kong, and studying these ore deposits first hand.



After completing his undergraduate degree in geology at Saint Mary's, Shellnutt pursued his graduate studies at the University of Western Ontario. With his master's degree in hand, he traveled to Mexico on a Saint Mary's internship for a project he worked on at the National Autonomous University of Mexico.

Shellnutt has already achieved a degree of success in his field, editing a major research publication this past year.

Speech delivered by “Lip” MacPherson to the Varsity Football Team prior to the Game against Concordia on September 25, 2004

It is with a great deal of pride and pleasure that I have been given this opportunity to speak to you, the Team of the 2004 season, hearing the echoes of the teams of the 1950s.

The gear may have been a little different, the plays a little more simplistic but the essence of the game remains the same.

We of the fifties era are the spirit of Saint Mary's University of the past, which informs the Huskies of today. You are the embodiment of that same spirit in 2004. There is not only a strong connect but a strong bond of unity going from generation to generation.

This game of football yesterday, today, and in the future is a team sport where each player plays a role, a part, and contributes to the success of the whole.

It is very satisfying to win championships and titles. But what is more important is having played the game to the best of your ability, having had fun, and making memories of plays, games, highs and lows. More important still is the lasting friendships you will make with coaches, team members and the University.

Yes, Pete and Cam and I are old, as you look at us, but we are young in spirit and over the

last few days, we have reminisced with old friends about the days when we played. We rekindled the pride in ourselves and we bask in the reflecting pride of the Huskies of today.

My nickname when I was at university was Lip MacPherson, so may I close by echoing a famous football line and ask you to win one for the “Lipper.”

Good Luck and go get'em Huskies.

Kevin “Lip” MacPherson, BA'57

2004 - 2005 AUS CHAMPS

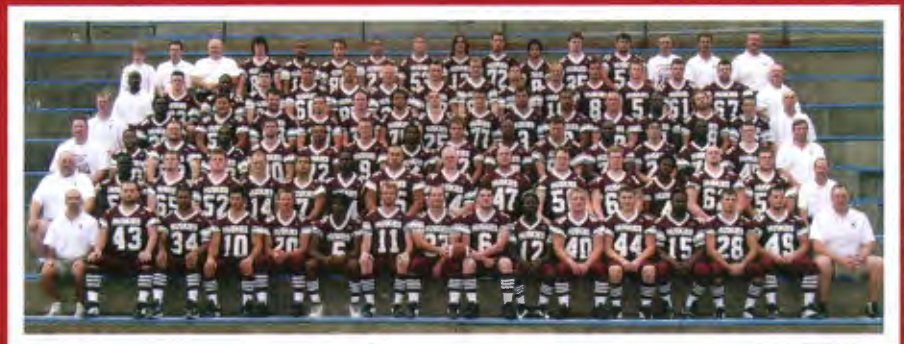


2004 Women's Field Hockey AUS Champs



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The 2004 Football Huskies won a 6th Straight AUS Football Championship.

ICE DOGS WARM UP VIVO

On a very chilly Saturday evening, the Ice Dogs descended on Vivo for some savory sustenance before braving the elements to walk across the street to watch the Hockey Huskies play the Moncton Blue Eagles.

Vivo is the hip, happening and comfortable eatery opening across from the Forum, on the corner of Almon and Windsor, by alumnus, former Hockey Husky and Ice Dog himself **Dan Uberoi, BComm'88**.

Dan recently closed down the Danube Café on Spring Garden, which he first opened five years ago, to focus his energy on creating Vivo and ensuring its success. With its enticing red walls, alluring interior, and cozy circular corner booths, I'm sure Vivo's success is all but guaranteed.

The Ice Dogs are a newly formed "club" of former hockey players and friends of Huskies hockey who are supporting the program by

laying down a cool thousand bucks a piece. Their formation follows on the burgeoning success of the Old Dogs, a group of supporters of Saint Mary's football program.

Hoping to create a better link between alumni and friends of the hockey program and the current hockey players, Ice Dogs Chair **Cal Bussey, BA'90** is leading an effort to grow their membership. Mid-way through their first year, they already have fifteen members and the plan is to double that by the end of the year.

Given the perks of membership and the great social atmosphere of the Ice Dogs, I doubt they'll have much trouble reaching that goal.

Anyone interested in joining the Ice Dogs should contact Cal Bussey at 453-7223 or Coach Trevor Stienburg at 420-5131 or trevor.stienburg@smu.ca.

Some members of the Ice Dogs (L-R): Strat Kane, Chris Larsen, Mike Brown, Sean Cleary, Cal Bussey, Alex Bussey, Tim Harris, Dan Uberoi.



Ice Dogs at Vivo (L-R): Coach Trevor Stienburg, Mike Brown, Cal Bussey, Sean Cleary.

INNOVATION AT HALL OF FAME INDUCTION

At the Saint Mary's University Sport Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony on October 15, 2004, there was an interesting innovation.

The first-ever Sport Hall of Fame Inductee Pin was given to **Susan Beazley, Bill Robinson, Ross Webb** and the late **Les Goodwin**.

Designed by two previous inductees, Saint Mary's Registrar **Elizabeth Chard** and Athletics Facilities Manager **Kathy Mullane**, the pin is crafted from polished pewter and displays the Huskies "M" - the symbol of Saint Mary's Athletics.

The pin will be presented at future inductions, and all previous inductees to the hall will receive the pin.

This unique pin was financed from the estate of Kathy's mother, the late **Dorothy Mullane**.



HALL OF FAME NOMINATIONS

DEADLINE IS MARCH 31st

The Saint Mary's University Sport Hall of Fame and Heritage Centre recognizes those individuals who have made a significant contribution to the athletic programmes at Saint Mary's, and who, as a result of this contribution, have enhanced the image and reputation of the institution.

The Sport Hall of Fame and Heritage Centre was founded in 1995 to celebrate the rich tradition and heritage of sport and recreation at Saint Mary's University.

For over two hundred years, students, faculty and staff have shared a sport tradition as athletes, builders and teams. The Santamarian, the Times, the Journal, and the Maroon & White record vivid and exciting chapters of this aspect of university life.

Categories & Criteria

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The major factor for consideration for selection is the athlete's/team's contribution to Saint Mary's University's varsity athletic programme. Other factors which will be considered for selection include: either: the athlete's achievements in provincial, national and international athletic competitions; character; leadership; non-athletic service to the University community; and achievement(s) in later life; or: the team's achievement(s) in provincial, national and international competitions. Normally, consideration for selection will be given to an athlete/team following a minimum ten (10) year absence from the varsity programme.

Builder

A member of the University community who has made a significant contribution to Saint Mary's University athletics for a minimum of five years. Normally, consideration for selection as a builder will not be given to an individual until ten (10) years after their initial involvement/appointment.

How to Nominate Someone

Nomination forms are available from the Department of Athletics & Recreation by calling 902.420.5429 or visiting www.smuhuskies.ca.
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WALSH'S BLUE NOSE MARATHON

A RUNAWAY HIT

Marathon Co-founder Gearing Up For Second Race

By Shawn Cleary

On a misty grey morning last May, I pulled on my running kit, laced up my Air Pegasus, adjusted my SMU Alumni baseball cap and headed out to run in my first race – the Volkswagen Half-Marathon at the Blue Nose International Marathon.

I have been running off-and-on since I was a teenager, and I trained – also off-and-on – for the better part of six months leading up to that day. Even though my training was, admittedly, more off than it was on, I still finished the half-marathon in a respectable 1 hour, 57 minutes.

Having thought about running in a marathon previously, it always seemed an inconvenience to have to travel to do so. So, I have to credit **Gerry Walsh, BComm'76**, and his co-founder, Rod McCulloch, for bringing this fabulous event to my own backyard.



BLUE NOSE FULL MARATHON

John Sao Miguel, EMBA'97, helped organize the Blue Nose and ran the full marathon (42.2 kilometers).

When asked why he started running, John's response: "I started running because I had always wanted to run in a marathon. I saw the New York Marathon on TV and said, "I want to run it.""

John has run six marathons: Blue Nose, Chicago (twice), New York, Ottawa, Big Sur.

In addition to running, John is very active back at SMU. He's an Executive member of the Alumni Association.

John recently moved to Ottawa to take up the post of VP-Finance & CFO of PointShot Wireless Inc. and, as a result, is currently in the market for a new running partner.



Walsh speaks to MBA students during a career development workshop at the Sobey School of Business.

With his training in accounting, Walsh had worked as an accountant and controller, and served as President of the CMA Nova Scotia and Chair of CMA Canada. He started his own company in 1990, Gerald Walsh Associates Inc., which offers professional executive search, career transitions, and executive coaching services.

Walsh grew up around the corner from campus and has maintained a connection to Saint Mary's since. He completed his commerce degree, taught in the accounting department, and served two terms on the Board of Governors here.

As he recalls his terms on the board, he remembers the controversy of the first Maclean's university rankings. He also remembers the heady times of growth and development. His service on the board coincides with the construction of the Tower, the lead up to the capital campaign to build the Sobey Building, and the launch of the Executive MBA.

Gerry wasn't the first Walsh to serve on Saint Mary's Board of Governors though. His father, Nick Walsh, also served on the board. Walsh's relationship with Saint Mary's continues today. Gerald Walsh Associates Inc. manages the Sobey MBA Career Development Service. Saint Mary's was the first university in Canada outsourcing its career services to an outside firm when this program began six years ago.

If it sounds as if Walsh is busy, he is. That's one of the reasons why he runs.

He started running in 1982 to relieve stress and improve his fitness but found his competitive spirit calling and traveled abroad to run in a number of races. He has run three marathons and twelve half-marathons.

It was after one of these trips that Walsh, McCulloch, and their running companions decided to create a world-class event right here in Halifax.

Chris Larsen, who also does development work with the SMU Hockey Huskies, was hired to manage the event. They formed



Gerry Walsh after running inaugural Blue Nose Marathon



BLUE NOSE 10K RACE

Joscelyn Duffy, BComm'00, volunteered as transportation coordinator with the logistics committee for the Blue Nose International Marathon.

When asked why she runs, Joscelyn stated that it was a great challenge – everytime trying to push herself a bit further or find a new route. In running, she found the combination of two passions – exercise and enjoying the great outdoors.

Despite a true passion for running, she had never run in a marathon event and thought it would be great to take part with friends in Halifax's first. Her friends call her Forest Gump, as she is often just running and running and running, without a definite destination.

Hoping for a new nickname by running with 'a destination' (i.e. the finish line) and seeing what was being created from behind the scenes, she decided to take part in the run as well.

Joscelyn started running in high school, training with the cross country team. She's run in several Terry Fox runs and the CIBC Run for the Cure. Most days, you'll find her and her walkman running around Halifax, clocking as many as 35 kilometers a week.

Joscelyn works as a marketing specialist at Manulife. This past year, she was the Chair of the SMU Alumni Weekend & Homecoming Committee.



Blue Nose Marathon co-founders Gerry Walsh and Rod McCulloch

event committees, recruited sponsors, planned out five races that took place over two days, and attracted almost 4,000 participants and 700 volunteers to the first Blue Nose International Marathon.

“Our intention wasn’t to organize a race for elite runners but to have an event that everyone in Halifax and those traveling here could run and enjoy,” said Walsh. They must have achieved that goal because the Blue Nose quickly became known as “the people’s marathon.”

Another of the co-founders’ goals was to raise money for the community. The YMCA is the official charity of the Blue Nose, and last year, they received almost \$40,000 from the Marathon, 100% of the funds generated.

With the leadership and assistance of Doctors Nova Scotia, a race sponsor; the

Youth Run has become a year-round program that promotes a healthy lifestyle for youth, highlighted by their participation in the excitement of the event.

Walsh was particularly pleased when Doctors Nova Scotia recently hired a full-time coordinator to run their newest initiative – the youth running program goes directly to schools across Nova Scotia and encourages kids to run throughout the year and to log a total distance of a full marathon.

More than 500 youth participated in the 2003 event, and it is expected that over 1,000 will run in the 2004 race, bringing the expected total Blue Nose participants of all ages to 7,000 for the upcoming May 20-22 running extravaganza.

SANTAMARIAN LEADING TSUNAMI RELIEF EFFORTS

As the federal Minister of International Cooperation, the Honourable **Aileen Carroll, BA’65**, is leading a number of the Canadian government’s relief initiatives for tsunami-affected countries.

Canada was one of the first countries to come to the aid of the people affected by the earthquake and resulting tsunami on December 26, 2004. The federal government is providing more than \$425 million in aid. Included in this figure are the matching donations to recognized aid agencies through Carroll’s department.

A week after visiting Banda Aceh, one of the hardest hit areas, Minister Carroll gave a speech at the Meeting on Humanitarian Assistance to Tsunami-Affected Communities in Geneva, saying, “...the damage – to people’s lives, to buildings, to communities – is of breathtaking proportions.”

“I spoke with a man who had lost sixteen family members to the tsunami. It is impossible to imagine his personal devastation,” Carroll continued.

She has thanked Canadians on many occasions for their generosity. During her speech, she indicated the federal government would continue with the same approach, saying, “Let me assure you that Canada is there to help in any and every way that we can...for as long as it takes.”

Minister Carroll was first elected to the House of Commons in 1997, and was re-elected in 2000 and 2004. She represents the constituency of Barrie. She was the first full-time female graduate of Saint Mary’s University.



Federal Minister of International Cooperation Aileen Carroll and SMU President Dr. Colin Dodds during her recent visit to campus.

Sanjeev Chowdhury

Brings Canada to the people and the people to Canada

By Paul W. Fitzgerald



It's around noon on a Thursday in Ho Chi Minh (HCM) City, and it's certainly not hard for one to become infected by the exhilarating vibe of daily life here - the place that many call the heart and soul of Vietnam.

This is a place that churns, ferments, bubbles, and fumes.

The downtown core, where much of the City's life takes place, is a jumble of street markets, shops, pavement cafes, stands-on-wheels, and vendors selling wares spread out on sidewalks.

Standing out amidst the hub of activity here in the City-Centre is a tall, thin man, dressed in a black pinned striped suit, with a light blue dress shirt, dark blue tie, and black dress shoes, carrying what appears to be at least eight boxes of cakes, stacked up on top of one another.

It's Sanjeev Chowdhury, the Canadian Consul General to HCM City, and he's heading back to the Canadian Consulate just a stone's throw from downtown with his chocolate cakes, each elegantly decorated with a bright-red iced Canadian Flag.

They look delicious, too.

"These cakes are a hit here - trust me on this one," smiles Chowdhury during the short car ride back for a networking session that he and his staff host on the third Thursday of each month.

The monthly event is one of Chowdhury's innovative ways of attracting local business people and the general public to the Canadian Consulate in HCM City - all in a bid to bring Canada to the people and the people to Canada.

Nearly 500 people have now passed through the doors since the inception of

Sanjeev Chowdhury, Canadian Consul General of Canada to HCM City.

the afternoon networking session over a year ago, where Chowdhury even acts as a personal guide.

"Most of our guests have never been behind the bullet proof doors of any consulate," he explains, "so our networking event with cake is very appealing, and it's also a unique way to highlight Canada for those interested in pursuing business opportunities."

Chowdhury, now 36, is Canada's youngest Head of Mission for Canada in the world, and the first Canadian of East Indian origin to be named to such a prestigious position, which he's earned through higher education and hard work.

He obtained a Bachelor of Commerce from Saint Mary's in the Spring of 1990 (Magna Cum Laude). While earning a double major in Personnel and Industrial Relations, he was an active in campus life, and in his final year served as President of the Saint Mary's University Students' Association (SMUSA).

He returned to Halifax for a visit in October of last year. During his one-week stay in town, he spent much of his time on the campus of Saint Mary's where he spoke to students about the exciting career opportunities that exist in Canada's Foreign Service, and discussed a Spring 2005 trip to HCM City to the Executive Master of Business Administration (EMBA) class at the University. He also gave a special talk to a sold out crowd at the Halifax Northwest Rotary Club.

"I learned so many things about the world during my four years at Saint Mary's," he says. "It's an experience that has touched my life, and is one I will never, ever forget."

Many professors and senior administrators knew that Chowdhury would go on in life to achieve tremendous success.

"Many of us at Saint Mary's admired him [Chowdhury] for his enthusiasm, leadership and commitment to higher education," says Dr. Elizabeth Chard, who is the Registrar at Saint Mary's.

After graduating from the south end

campus, he received a full scholarship from the Rotary International Foundation and earned a Master of Business Administration (MBA) Degree from the world renowned American Graduate School of International Management in Glendale, Arizona. He graduated with Distinction from there in 1991, and was named the school's top graduate as chosen by the faculty based on scholarship, accomplishment, and character. Not long after completing his MBA degree, Chowdhury then joined Canada's Foreign Service.

"The purpose of the trip was to let people know we exist and that Canada is open and ready to do business with Vietnam"

"In my career, I have had very interesting assignments, first as a member of the G-7 Summit Organizing Team, which was being hosted by Canada in Halifax in 1995," he says.

"I was proud to be chosen to work on this project and meet so many world leaders, like Bill Clinton, Jacques Chirac, and John Major. After that, I worked in Parliamentary and Media Relations and traveled with the Prime Minister of Canada, Jean Chretien, to Pakistan, India, Indonesia, Malaysia, South Korea, the Philippines and Thailand. I was

then appointed to Vice-Consul of the Canadian Consulate in Mumbai, India, from 1997 to 2000 where I did trade and consular work."

He adds, "When I came back to Canada in 2000, I took the position as press spokesperson to Canada's Foreign Minister, John Manley. Later, Manley was promoted to Deputy Prime Minister, and he asked me to join him in his new office."

Chowdhury recalls the time he traveled to Afghanistan with Manley not long after the horrific 9/11 terrorist attacks on the USA.

"The airplane we were in had to make a corkscrew landing to avoid being hit by gun fire near Kabul," he says. "That landing into Kabul was a frightening experience to say the least."

"While in Kabul, I helped the inexperienced Afghans set up a press conference. A British reporter, thinking I was Afghani, came to Manley and said, 'He speaks very good English.' Manley told the reporter, 'He works with me, but I'll leave him behind if you want,'" laughs Chowdhury, while reflecting on the trip.

It is all these unique career opportunities that Chowdhury says have taught him how to handle responsibility, preparing him fully for his current position as the Consul General of Canada in HCM City.

Since taking the top job just over a year ago, this young, stylish Consul General is making waves by turning the normally sober diplomatic world on its ear.

It's no wonder then that he was recently featured on the cover and inside of Saigon Entrepreneur Magazine, and also featured extensively in Outlook Magazine – both hailed the two most popular publications in Vietnam.

He has taken his office outside to the people in a massive outreach campaign to eight southern provinces in Vietnam over three weeks by car in an ambitious and exhausting tour, which he dubbed the "Canadian Consulate Road Trip 2004."

“500 people have passed through the doors to the Consulate since the inception of the networking session”

“There is a world outside of HCM City where people want to learn about Canada. So, since they can’t often always visit me, I took my office to them,” he says.

During the road trip, he met with the Chairs of each Peoples’ Committee, and toured Canadian businesses, aid projects and universities.

“The purpose of the trip was to let people known we exist and that Canada is open and ready to do business with Vietnam,” he says. “Some officials I met with even told me that they had not seen a Canadian Consul General in their province in more than five years.”

He’s even known for making friends with famous people through his role as Consul General.

Some notables he rubs elbows with on a daily basis include stage and screen actor Than Loc, fashion designers VoViet Chung, Sy Hoang, and Truong Thanh Long, pop superstars My Tam and Dam Vinh Hung, and saxophonist Tran Manh Tuan.

“Chowdhury is young, enthusiastic and loves the arts. He appreciates Vietnamese culture and introduces it to not only Canadians but also with his international friends,” says Chung.

Loc states, “The first time I met him [Chowdhury] was when he invited me to his office. He made me feel comfortable – not like other diplomats who often keep some distance.”

Many say that Chowdhury’s biggest achievement during his first year in office

was his creation of the “Maple Leaf Artist of the Year Award,” the only award of its kind given by a foreign consulate to a Vietnamese artist to recognize one artist per year who has done something to promote cultural relations between Canada and Vietnam. This year, singer My Tam was chosen for the award because of her decision to record a song on her latest pop CD, Yesterday and Now, which was written by Canadian song writer Lara Fabian. The award helped propel the Canadian Consulate to the front pages of virtually every youth oriented publication in all of Vietnam.

He has also hosted a number of other events in HCM City, such as the annual Terry Fox Run, which Manley, his former boss, participated in as well.

“Manley is someone who still gives me lots of support,” he says. “He and I will remain friends forever, there’s no doubt about it.”

Chowdhury says he admires his father the most. “My father came to Canada in 1958 as a student without anything. He worked three jobs and got a university education. He died before seeing me become the first Indo-Canadian to head a Canadian diplomatic mission, but my mother, Rupa Chowdhury, who is still alive, was thrilled when I told her that I was going to present my diplomatic credentials in HCM City on November 25, 2003. This happens to be the date of my father’s birthday. I did not ask for this date. It was given to me coincidentally by the Ministry. I think my father was with me in spirit on this date, and I know he will remain here in spirit with me forever.”

His mother Rupa, states, “I encouraged Sanjeev to enter Canada’s Foreign Service... I knew he would do well, and I am so proud of him. His father would be too.”

Chowdhury is now making plans to make 2005 even bigger and better through his role as the Canadian Consul General in HCM City.

That means picking up more cakes on the third Thursday of each month.

And, he’s more than fine with that, too.



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Sanjeev Chowdhury is bringing Canada to the people and the people to Canada.

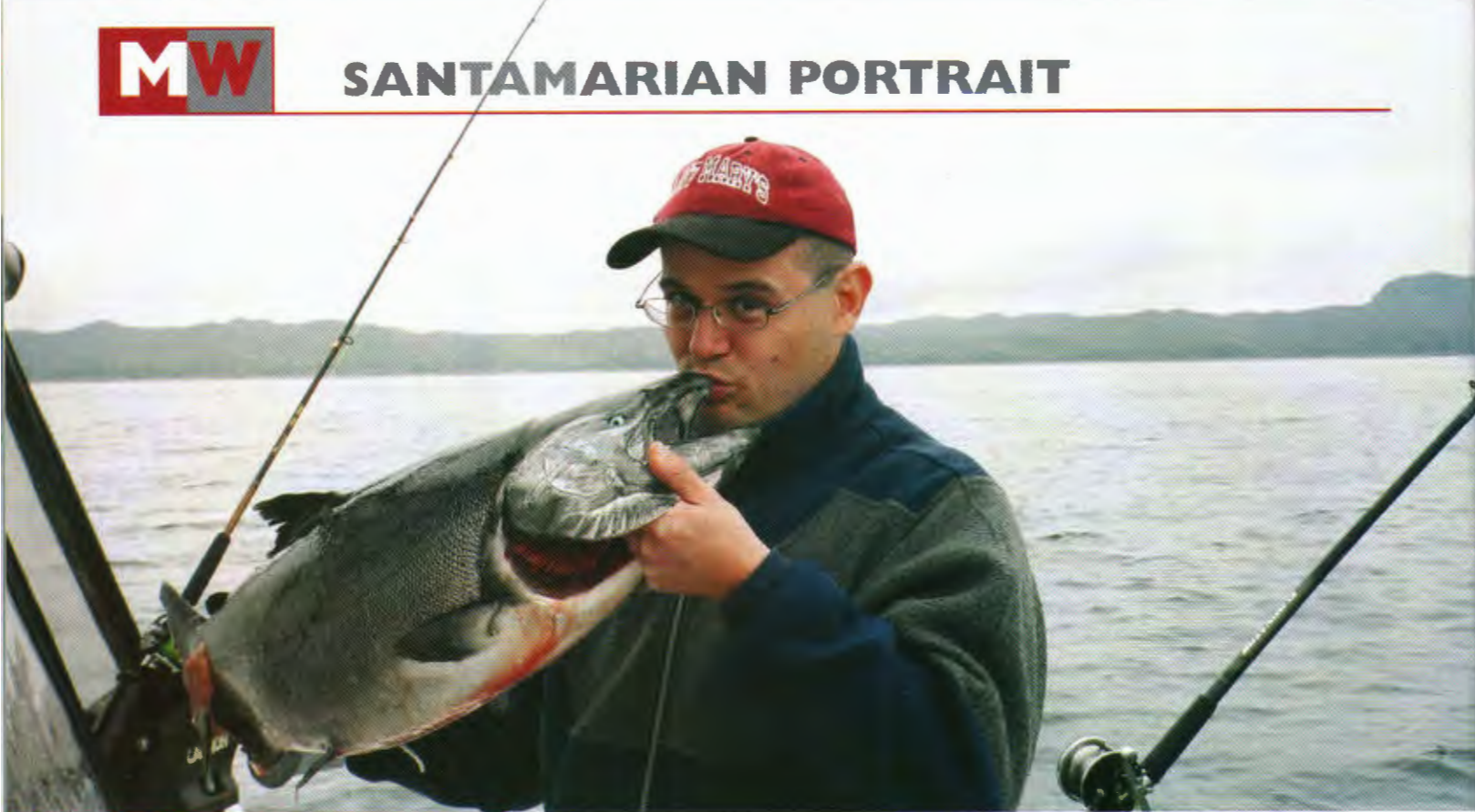


photo: Trung

Posing on stage with Canadian band “Saint-O” from Toronto and some executives of the Sheraton. Saint-O is the Sheraton Saigon house band and play to a full house every night.



Sanjeev Chowdhury (right, on the microphone) announces that the Terry Fox Run in HCM City will soon get underway. Jahn Manley (left), former Deputy Prime Minister of Canada, also took part in the special event. Both Chowdhury and Manley are close friends.



Dr. Robert SINGER

Dr. Robert Singer, BSc'86, is a professor and Chair of the Department of Chemistry at Saint Mary's University and was the recipient of the Reverend William A. Stewart, S.J., Medal for Excellence in Teaching in 1999.

Did any professors have an impact on you when you were a student at SMU?

I suppose it is safe to say that Keith Vaughan had, perhaps, the largest influence on me since he had me as a research assistant for two summers and then as an Honours student in his lab, and helped set me up as a summer research assistant after my third year at Simon Fraser, where I returned to pursue my Ph.D.

In those days, there was a core of professors in the Department of Chemistry (Drs. Jack Ginsberg, Bill Bridgeo, John Young and Keith Vaughan) who encouraged all their students to not only excel in their studies but also to balance things well with extra-curricular activities and social life (...and they were no strangers themselves to the social end of things then either!!!). These profs all had an influence on me in one way or another.

Do you think you are having that kind of impact on your students?

I truly hope that I am having a positive influence on my students. From a philosophical point of view, that's what I think I am supposed to be doing, and what I get paid for...isn't it?

I have had the pleasure and the privilege of teaching a wide array of students from varied backgrounds. From these, a number of very

gifted individuals have been research assistants in my research group. All of those students who have completed their Honours research under my supervision have gone onto either graduate school or some other postgraduate studies in such fields as medicine and business (MBA). Others have gone onto all sorts of professional pursuits.

I like to think that I played some kind of role in helping these students achieve their goals and aspirations. I am inspired to improve as a scientist and as a teacher when my students succeed.

Are things very different teaching here at Saint Mary's versus attending as a student?

At first it was rather awkward, working alongside people who were your professors. With time, this changed as I became more acquainted with colleagues, as colleagues, both on a professional level but also on a personal level.

The old teacher-student relationships took some time to transform into co-worker relationships. Having been a student here was a real advantage as a new faculty member, since I knew where most things were and, hence, acclimatized quickly.

As I was developing into a teaching professor, it was easy to recall when I was on the "other side" of the desk, since I was teaching in many of the classrooms where I was first taught myself.

I should also mention that I gained an appreciation for what my old profs had to endure insofar as facilities were concerned in the 80's. Things were pretty dire when I first arrived compared to what I experienced in grad school. Thankfully, things have changed dramatically over the last ten or so years so that we can compete on the research front.

Do you encourage your students to engage in research and a life in academia? Or do you find that most want to work in private industry?

There is no question about it, if I am being honest. I am rather biased towards encouraging my students towards research and a life in academia.

I can attempt to rationalize this position though....As I see it, I was encouraged to go the academic route by my profs, and they were so encouraged by their profs before them. So, I guess this attitude is some kind of a "legacy" of the traditional academic chemist.

My attitude in this regard, however, is changing as I mature as a professor. My modus operandi now is to first determine whether a student is even vaguely interested in graduate school. If they are, great!! If they are not...well, I simply attempt to help them get to where they want to go by counseling them in course selections appropriate for their area of interest and also by getting them in touch with people who may be more familiar with a particular area of interest.

These days, I simply want my students to do or pursue whatever they want, as long as they try their hardest and do their best. That is, in fact, one definition of "success," by the way.

Just a side note on this, I have a plaque in my office clearly visible to all students who visit during office hours or otherwise that reads, "Some dream of success, others accomplish it." That pretty well sums it up.

What's a "typical" day for a scientist?

A typical day for a scientist? There isn't one; not for this scientist, anyway.

My average day, based on a 12 month period, consists of quite a bit of teaching, both at the

undergraduate and at the graduate level since the new MSc in Applied Science began.

Then, throw in a healthy dose of administrative duties. I recently retired from the Board of Governors and I'm chairing the Chemistry Department. And, of course, there's the Academic Senate and associated committees.

You follow that up with supervision of the researchers in my lab – at present, one undergrad research assistant, one honours student, one masters student, and two postdoctoral fellows. Somewhere in all of this, I write two to four papers a year and a few grant proposals.

I would be remiss if I didn't mention that I do spend ample time with my wife and two children, Benjamin (5 yrs) and Olivia (3 yrs), and that they are religiously included in my "daily" activities. In fact, one of the biggest reasons I came to Saint Mary's was the ability to have a family life while being able to maintain a productive professional life (as opposed to the other way around!!!).

How did it feel being recognized as one of the nation's most outstanding young researchers when you were selected as one of just 15 or so scientists from across Canada to be an academic delegate to the 2004 Leaders of Tomorrow Symposium, held in Ottawa last November?

I was absolutely flattered to be included in this symposium. I would never have thought that I was in the same league as many of those who were also at the symposium.

After the pleasant surprise of being invited to Ottawa for this I actually began to feel quite proud that someone from a smaller university like Saint Mary's could be included with this group of scientists from across Canada.

What did you take away from that Symposium?

I took a number of things away from this symposium. I renewed an old friendship with a rugby teammate from the SFU-RFC at Simon Fraser University, Darin Barney, who was also invited to the symposium. Darin, a political scientist, is now a faculty member at McGill University. Needless to say we had some stories to reminisce about.

On a more serious note though, I learned just how political and complex funding from the

various funding agencies (i.e. NSERC and SSERC) can be. During the symposium, we met with executives from all of the federal granting agencies. These sessions were very enlightening.

It was also a good experience to go up to Parliament Hill to meet with MP's and other government officials to discuss Canadian science issues in an informal atmosphere.

How do you top such an accomplishment?

Geeesh...I don't really know how to answer this question. I have always believed that just working hard and maintaining one's integrity in their profession will lead to good things happening.

Since I didn't see this particular accolade coming, I can only attribute it to being a good thing that happened after some hard work was done. So, I figure if I stay the course, more good things will come...hopefully, sooner rather than later.

Where do you see yourself in ten years?

Since we're just coming out of three major snowstorms in one week...I can see myself on a beach on some island in the South Pacific with my wife and kids making sand castles, frolicking in the warm waves, and drinking a cold beverage because it's so hot out!

On a professional front though, by the time the next ten years have passed, I would like to see myself still at Saint Mary's University and still very active in research and teaching.

I do know for sure that if I still have good health (knock-on-wood), I'll be teaching and doing research somewhere! I do sincerely hope we have a new science building here by then, along with a well-developed graduate program in chemistry – at least an M.Sc. in Chemistry.

By then, I will likely be considered one of the "old guys" and, as such, I hope to be welcoming and mentoring new faculty members to our department that has increased in size from the current eight faculty members to somewhere around ten or twelve. Of course, this will all be due to exemplary research productivity by all chemistry profs and unprecedented student enrollments! Here's hopin'!

Boston Tree Lighting 2004



New England Alumni Past President Cos Marandos, Alumni Director Shawn Cleary, Alumni Association President Wendy Brookhouse, and New England Alumni President Tim Lyons



Alumni in front of the tree from Nova Scotia on the Boston Common



Alumni watching the stage show



Alumna with Red Sox Curt Schilling



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Saint Mary's Road Show 2005



Alumni and students at the 2005 Saint Mary's Road Show in Saint John



Alumni and students at the 2005 Saint Mary's Road Show in Moncton

Upcoming Event in Bermuda



SMU Registrar Elizabeth Chard, Bermuda Alumni President Marie Kent Smith and alumnus Mark Wheddon plan Road Show for March 15th from 5:30 - 7:30 pm at the Royal Hamilton Amateur Dinghy Club

Call for Nominations

Take the time to recognize the contributions and achievements of a fellow alumni or a member of the Saint Mary's community by nominating them for one of the following distinguished awards granted annually by the Saint Mary's University Alumni Association:

Distinguished Community Service Award

This award is presented by the Saint Mary's University Alumni Association to the individual who has made an outstanding achievement and/or contribution in one of the following areas:

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2. to Saint Mary's University
3. in their field of study

Father William A. Stewart Medal for Teaching

The Reverend William A. Stewart, S.J., Medal for Excellence in Teaching was established in 1983 by the Alumni Association and the Saint Mary's University Faculty Union. A Gold medal and monetary award is presented to the winner of this coveted award.

Associate Membership

Associate Membership to the Saint Mary's University Alumni Association is given to those individuals who have rendered significant service to Saint Mary's University and are not alumni of the University.

Alumni Volunteer Awards

The Alumni Volunteer Award (s) is granted to individuals who have provided outstanding service to the Saint Mary's University Alumni Association on a voluntary basis. The individuals recognized with the Alumni Association Award are inspirations to Saint Mary's University and its Alumni Association.

For guidelines and more information about how to nominate an individual for an award, as well as deadline information, please visit the Saint Mary's University website at www.smualumni.ca or contact the Alumni Office at (902) 420-5420 or toll-free at 1800 SMU ALUM.



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1967 **60s**

Alan MacKinnon, BA'67, BComm'68 is a trustee in bankruptcy with Deloitte in St. John's, NL. He was recently named to the Board of Directors of the Canadian Association of Insolvency and Restructuring Professionals (CAIRP), a national not-for-profit organization representing insolvency and restructuring professionals. Alan is a past president of the Association.

1977 **70s**

Bill MacPherson, BComm, is vice president and general manager of sales and operations North America for Custom House Global Foreign Exchange. Custom House is an independent foreign exchange broker in North America with 80 offices in 6 countries. Bill resides in Calgary with his wife Linda and son Jacob.

1983 **80s**

Derek Flynn, DEgn, is general manager for all automotive operations for Dexter's Auto Group. He has held senior management positions with several successful Nova Scotia corporations.

1986

Catherine Biermann (nee Watkins), BComm, opened a retail scrap booking and rubber stamping store in Halifax's Clayton Park area. The Cutting Garden Paper Craft Studio opened in July 2004, 6 weeks after Catherine finished a 17 year career with Maritime Life. She is now putting all of her commerce degree to good use, but wishes she had spent more time on her accounting courses and less time at the Gorsebrook! Those looking for information about The Cutting Garden can find it at www.thecuttinggarden.ca. Catherine and husband Karl and daughters Olivia (10) and Bridget (7) live in Hammonds Plains.

1990 **90s**

Bill Tobin, BComm, BA, is director of budgeting at Warner Bros. Studios in Burbank, California. Between graduating from SMU and now, he worked at Deloitte and PricewaterhouseCoopers in Halifax, Vancouver and Seattle, specialized in the film and television production industry. Bill completed his CA designation in 1997 and is member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of British Columbia. He resides in Los Angeles.

1992

Angela Jones Rieksts, BSc'92, BEd'94, is a solicitor for the Halifax Regional Municipality's legal department. She has been selected for the 2004 Canadian Scholarship Program by the International Municipal Lawyers Association in Washington, D.C. Angela presented her paper on municipal defences to flooding claims at the IMLA annual convention in San Antonio, Texas in October.

1994

Jeanne Sarson, MEd'94, and Linda MacDonald, MEd'96, were presenters in a side panel presentation entitled, "The Many Faces of Torture", sponsored by the Human Lactation Center, Ltd. Connecticut, at the 48th Session of the Commission on the Status of Women, March 1-12, 2004, at the United Nations Headquarters in New York. They were invited to present their on-going caring work, writings, and research with persons who identify enduring life-threatening ordeals of ritual abuse-torture. Ritual abuse-torture is increasingly becoming recognized as an emerging human rights violation and a newly acknowledged form of torture that is inflicted by 'non-state actors' unto the girl and boy infant, toddler, child, youth, and captive enslaved women. For further educational information check their website: www.ritualabusetorture.org.

1995

Debbie Sutton (nee McKee), BA, and her husband, Craig, had a son, Matthew, on March 18, 2004, on Debbie's birthday. They both

continue to work for the Halton Catholic District School Board in Ontario as elementary teachers.



Photo: Debbie, Craig & Matthew Sutton

1999

Momodou Sabally, BA'99, is going to press with a new book, "Jangi Jollof A Memoir on The Gambia's First University Programme"

2002 **00s**

Alex Halat, BComm, recently took a position with Ensign Resource Service Group Inc., marketing and contracts of drilling rigs. He allocates drilling rigs to different oil companies. Alex is a former Huskies hockey player.

Sean Jennings, BA, has been working with Humpty Dumpty Snacks Foods, since graduation. Recently, he has been promoted to District Sales Manager for South West Nova Scotia. He and his wife Elyss have relocated to Coldbrook, NS.

2003

Nicole R. Henneberry, BComm, was the recipient of the Chartered Accountants of Canada Gold Medal for the highest standing in Eastern Canada on the 2004 Uniform Final Evaluation (UFE). Nicole works with Grant Thornton.

AUS All Star Women's Basketball Player Turns Pro

Julie Galipeau, BSc'04, AUS All Star player returned to the court this fall, with an eight-month contract, as a professional player with the BBC Grengewald Hostert, Division I, Women's Basketball team in Niederanven, Luxembourg. Julie's goal has always been to play professionally in Europe and someday play for Canada.

Julie completed her five-year CIS career this past spring and graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree. She capped off her final year being named Saint Mary's Female Athlete of the Year.

Over her outstanding Huskies Basketball career, she captured many awards including five time team MVP. In 1999-00 she was named the AUAA and CIAU Rookie of the Year, finishing 2nd in rebounding in the country. In every one of her five years, Julie was honored as a first team AUS All Star. In 2000-01 and 2002-03, she was named CIS 2nd Team All Canadian. As well, in 2000-01 she was named AUS league MVP as she led the league in scoring and rebounding.

Sarah Curtis-Williams, BComm, passed the 2004 Uniform Final Evaluation (UFE), for her CA designation. She works for Grant Thornton.

2004

Tyler MacLeod, BA, has been accepted at Macquarie University in Sydney, Australia, where he will complete his Master of Commerce degree. In his final year, Tyler served as President of the Saint Mary's University Students' Association.

Kirk S. Beazley, BSc., is attending daVinci Institute, Halifax, enrolled in the Recording Arts Foundation Program.

MBA

Sarah Dennis, MBA'97, was recognized in the corporate management and professions category at the 15th annual Women of Excellence Awards by the Halifax-Cornwallis branch of the Canadian Progress Club. She currently serves on the Saint Mary's University Board of Governors, and is vice-president of Brand and Content for the Halifax Herald Ltd., publishers of The Chronicle Herald and The Sunday Herald.

BIRTHS

Congratulations to the following alumni on the new addition to their families.

Julia Benwell (nee Seymour), BA'86, and her husband Richard, a daughter, Anna Faith, on May 15, 2004, weighing 8 lbs. 8 oz. at the IWK Health Centre. A little sister for Marc Andrew and Christopher. Julia is employed at Rock Church as a children's pastor and is director of Tiny Treasures Nursery School.

Tina Dawson (nee Pollard), BA'92, and her husband Doug, a daughter Kailey Elizabeth Dawson on March 12, 2003 weighing in at 8 lbs 4 oz. They just finished celebrating Kailey's 18 month milestone. Anyone wishing to get in touch with Tina please e-mail at tdawson@sympatico.ca. She would love to hear from you.



Photo: Kailey Elizabeth Dawson

ALUMNUS DREW FRANKLIN RUNNING LEADING BRAND COMPANY

S.C. Johnson and Son Ltd. (SCJ) appointed **Drew A. Franklin, BComm'89**, to the position of President and General Manager, Canada, on January 1, 2005.

Drew joined the company in 1995 as Director of Key Accounts. He relocated to the U.S. in his most recent role as Category Manager - Air Care and has extensive sales and marketing experience in the packaged goods industry. He also held the position of Vice President - Sales.

Prior to joining SCJ, Drew worked in management positions for General Mills and Proctor & Gamble in Canada.

Drew has a Bachelor of Commerce degree in marketing from Saint Mary's University and has completed an executive program from Harvard Law School.

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Alumnus becomes President & CEO, Everest Group Canada

As the new President & CEO of Everest Group, **Peter McAdam, BComm'77**, oversees its operations and business development in Canada. Peter has been a leader in building and bringing business solutions to market for large and mid-size North American-based multinational companies in a broad range of industries. His extensive industry experience spans 25 years of developing corporate strategies; 16 of those years were in various executive roles at IBM.

As Director and Client Solution Executive for IBM Global Services, Peter led multi-disciplinary, international teams in negotiating \$200 Million-plus, complex strategic partnerships.

While serving as Director of US Mid-Market Strategic Outsourcing at IBM Global Services (New York), he was tasked with re-focusing the existing business, as well as new market development.

Peter had also held the positions of General Manager, Mid-Market Services (Canada); IBM's Director of Software; Manager of Business Process Re-engineering and secretary to the Transformation Committee; Manager of Revenue Programs; Branch Manager of Telecom; and Marketing Manager of General Business Marketing.

Prior to joining IBM, Peter was District Manager (Western Canada) at ROLM Canada (later acquired by IBM). He established the firm's presence in western Canada, opening branch offices in Calgary, Vancouver and Edmonton. In addition, he held various positions at Burroughs Business Machines and the Bank of Montreal.

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Shawn Fancy, BSc'94, and his wife Karla Randall, BSc'94, a daughter, Samantha Jane, on January 21, 2004, weighing 8 pounds. They are currently living in Ottawa. Shawn is working at Health Canada as a Compliance Officer and Karla is working at Industry Canada as a Patent Examiner.



Photo: Samantha Jane Fancy

Jocelyn Green, (nee Pothier), BComm'96, CA, and her husband Jeffrey, a son, Keith Richard on June 19, 2003. They reside in Timberlea, NS.



Photo: Keith Richard Green

Ken Hartling, BSc'98, and his wife Elenor Blades, a son, Brendan Blades Hartling on November 5, 2004 weighing 9 lbs. 2 oz. A brother for Cameron born on March 30, 2003. Ken is employed in California with ESRI, a leading GIS software company. Ken can be reached at kjhishere@yahoo.com.



Photo: Cameron and Brendan Hartling

Dwayne Mercer, DEgn'03, and his wife Beverly, a daughter, Holly McKenna Lynn, on July 3, 2004. She has a big brother Baden, 5, who started school this year. The Mercer's reside in Dartmouth, N.S.



Photo: Baden and Holly Mercer

Elizabeth Smith, BA'89, and partner Dave, a 5th daughter, Sonja Elizabeth Madeline, September 18, 2004, at Belleville General Hospital. She is the newest sister to Jessica, Rachel, Emily and Juliet.

Jerry White, BA/BComm '90, and his wife, Arlene MacAskill, a daughter, Molly Terina Frances, on August 12, 2004. Big brother Rory is very proud and attentive. Having just moved back to Halifax from Toronto in October, 2003, Jerry is director, Strategic Partners and Alliances, Unisys Canada.



Photo: Molly Terina Frances

We would like to congratulate the following alumni on obtaining the Certified General Accountants (CGA) designation:

Glen A. Bates, BComm'96, CGA, Royal and SunAlliance

Lisa Jane Hebb, BComm'94, CGA, Belliveau Veinotte

Darlene Higgs, BComm'02, CGA, Bill Shellnutt & Associates Ltd.

Andrew Cory Miller, BComm'01, CGA, Miller Tire

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IN MEMORIAM

Joan Baccardax, BA'01
January 2, 2005

Carol Marie Hines (nee Martin), BEd'95
December 31, 2004

Granville "Bullet" Kelly, BA'59
December 30, 2004
(see letter to the Editor)

Michael F. MacDonald, Saint Mary's High School
December 30, 2004

John R. MacGillivray, BA'60
August 18, 2004

Dorothy McCoombs-Wilson, attended SMU
December 22, 2004

Carvel Reyno, DipEng'43
November 13, 2004

George P. Roper, BA'65
September 12, 2004

Blayne Lawrence Smith, BComm'71
November 6, 2004

Stanley Spicer, retired from SMU's Electrical department in 1986
November 25, 2004

**full obituaries available online at www.smualumni.ca under Maroon & White magazine*

SMU Supporter All His Life



William Hall "Bill" Ackhurst was born and educated in Halifax. He graduated from Saint Mary's high school and college. He passed away on December 8, 2004.

A veteran, he served during WWII in the Royal Canadian Artillery and the Royal Canadian Electrical and Mechanical Engineers. After the war, he remained active in the reserves in Toronto and Montreal into the 1960s.

Bill was a stamp collector, a community volunteer, and an active church member. His greatest source of pride was his wife and family.

In a letter that accompanied his donation last year, Bill wrote, "I started at Saint Mary's in Grade 7 (1927) and stayed year after year until I left with an engineering diploma in 1936. So you are doing a good job for Saint Mary's University. When you are 90 years old, you don't think you have too many classmates left. I am happy to help."

Farewell and Age Quod Agis



Patrick Crosby passed away on July 16, 2004, after a long and courageous battle that was waged without complaint.

Educated in Halifax, he attended College Street School, Saint Mary's high school, Dalhousie, and Saint Mary's University, graduating in 1951 with his Bachelor of Commerce degree.

According to his yearbook, Patrick was one of the most active men on campus and "made a host of friends with his easy wit." He was the Chairman of the Debating Society and played

interfaculty football and hockey. His classmates dubbed him "Cecil B. Crosby" for his dramatic efforts.

After he was diagnosed with idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis, Patrick wrote a letter as his "farewell" to friends and family. He said he was "educated by the Sacred Heart nuns, the Jesuits, and several outstanding lay teachers. If I fell down anywhere, it wasn't through their lack of effort."

A true Santamarian to the end, he passed this advice on in his farewell letter. "To my seven children, their spouses and sixteen grandchildren, you are all that I could hope for and I am very proud of your achievements and pray that you will continue to do well and maintain your vision, dedication and commitment in going forward to new accomplishments and meeting new challenges. AGE QUOD AGIS."

Former Huskies Coach Passes Away

The Saint Mary's University community mourns the loss of Bob Boucher, who passed away on December 16, 2004.

A coaching icon, Boucher led the Huskies hockey team from 1969 to 1982. In those 13 years, he compiled an astounding record of 231 wins, 33 losses and four ties and led the Huskies to the National Championship game in four consecutive seasons from 1970 to 1973.

Boucher came from an illustrious hockey family with connections to numerous NHL teams. A star junior player with the Montreal Junior Canadiens when they won the Memorial Cup in 1957, and with the Toronto Saint Michaels, a promising NHL career was cut short by an eye injury. Nevertheless, he went on to play senior and semi-professional hockey in Europe and Canada before being lured to Saint Mary's by Athletics Director Bob Hayes.

Boucher revived hockey at Saint Mary's, which had been without a team for many years. He also started the Saint Mary's Hockey Camp of Champions, a summer program for minor hockey players, and under his leadership provided top notch instruction for over 2,000 young players.

He left Saint Mary's in 1982 to become an assistant coach with the Philadelphia Flyers, and subsequently coached junior and senior teams in Ontario and Nova Scotia.

Boucher helped foster a winning tradition at Saint Mary's. A former player noted that Boucher was "known as a strategist and a motivator who always got the most out of his players game in and game out."



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FROM THE ARCHIVES



1930s

A photograph of Saint Mary's students from the early-mid 1930s.

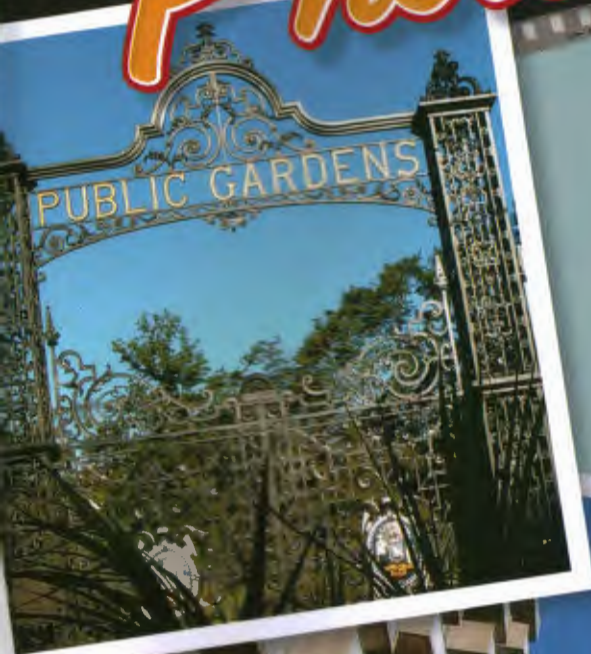
With the input of some of our alumni, we have been able to identify a few of these students. If you recognize anyone pictured here, please contact the Office of Alumni Affairs with your information.

Saint Mary's, Windsor Street, Spring 1930

- Row 1: 2nd from left - Phil Walsh, 4th from left - Neville O'Neill, 7th from left - Bill Ackhurst*
- Row 2: 4th from left - Gerry Sullivan, 6th from left - Michael Carroll, 9th from left - Buz Bailey*
- Row 3: 3rd from left - Jack Wallace, 8th from left - Charles Mader*
- Row 4: 4th from left - M. Faches, 6th from left - John Archie, 7th from left - Eddie Reynolds*
- Row 5: 7th from left - John Roue, 9th from left - Henry Reardon*

Saint Mary's Alumni

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