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## President's Message



By the time you read this message, I will have completed my term as President of your Alumni Association. During the past two years, I have met and talked with many of our alumni from around the world. We have a wonderful base of committed alumni who truly care about our university.

Just over a year ago, we established a long-term goal to become the "best connected Alumni Association in Canada in 10 years." This goal is the basis for our new *strategy document* to be rolled out in the near future.

The four cornerstones of our strategy document are key components to becoming the best connected Alumni Association in Canada. They include: raising the profile of our Alumni Association in key markets; strengthening connections with students; increasing the profile of Saint Mary's to build awareness to help and support enrolment; and supporting the University's fundraising initiatives.

Over the past couple of years, we have added five new alumni chapters and we look to add to this base. After almost a year, we have a new Alumni Director, **Pat Crowley**, and a new Alumni Officer, **Kathy MacFarlane**. Together, with the experience and partnership of **BJ Frenette**, we are well positioned to provide the support and guidance that our alumni require.

I have been elected to represent the alumni on the Board of Governors and am looking forward to working with a very talented Board in shaping the future of Saint Mary's. As I sign off, I would like to thank the many people who provided support and guidance over the past couple of years: the Alumni Executive, SMUSA, staff and faculty, the Development team, and our alumni around the world. I would also like to recognize **BJ Frenette**, **Chuck Bridges**, and **Dr. Colin Dodds** whose support allowed us to be innovative and creative, inspiring us to look outside the box and create a framework to strive for something uniquely special – becoming "the best connected Alumni Association in Canada."

Thank you to all!

**Paul G. O'Hearn**, BComm '82  
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Alumni in July and, two weeks later, was joined by **Kathy MacFarlane** as a second Alumni Officer. They join **Betty-Jean (BJ) Frenette**, longtime Alumni Officer, in forming one of the most dynamic Alumni teams in recent memory.

Pat (BA '72) brings an exceptional combination of knowledge and expertise to his role with more than 25 years of experience in the sales and services industry. A well-known member of the Saint Mary's community, Pat has served on the Alumni Executive, Campaign Cabinet, Atlantic Major Gifts Committee, and as Alumni representative on the University Board of Governors.

He will provide strategic direction to our Alumni Association and its Executive as we move forward in our mission of becoming *"the best connected Alumni Association in Canada within ten years."*



Kathy comes to Saint Mary's as an experienced advancement professional from the University of New Brunswick where she led the development of many new programs in the areas of community outreach, event planning, and student relations. Prior to entering university advancement, Kathy spent more than 14 years working within the amateur sport sector. She brings an invigorating energy to her role as Alumni Officer.

BJ (Assoc.'92) has been working in the Alumni Office for more than 20 years and currently serves as an Alumni Officer. Her in-depth knowledge of Saint Mary's brings a strong sense of tradition to the team. BJ has been a part of many changes to the Office over the years and has been instrumental in helping it evolve to where it is today. She welcomes Pat and Kathy to the team and looks forward to working with them on many new initiatives in the coming year.



**Left to right:** Bill MacAvoy, President, Alumni Association; Kathy MacFarlane, Alumni Officer; Pat Crowley, Director, Alumni Office; and Betty-Jean (BJ) Frenette, Alumni Officer

**Right:** Alumni & Development Offices on Robie Street.

Class President from 1994 until 1995, a position which allowed him to hone his leadership skills and "learn the value of teamwork and the elements of learning above and beyond grades."

Almost ten years later, Bill renewed his involvement with Saint Mary's when, in 2004, he was recruited to serve on the Alumni Association Executive. He has chaired the Annual Alumni Golf Tournament for the past two years, helping to raise thousands of dollars in support of student bursaries. For the past year, he has served as Vice-President of the Alumni Association in preparation for his term.

*"There is a great story to tell at Saint Mary's and keeping alumni involved is essential,"* says Bill. As President, he hopes to bring a new energy to our vision and build upon the successes of the past few years to achieve greater engagement of alumni.

Bill is a Commercial Real Estate Advisor with CB Richard Ellis Ltd. He and his wife, Natasha, have a three year-old daughter, Molly.

## Meet the New Alumni Team

The summer of 2007 saw the Saint Mary's Alumni Office undergo some significant staffing additions. The newly formed team consists of three full-time staff, each bringing unique qualities to the Office including experience, creativity and vision.

After an extensive search, **Pat Crowley** was selected to serve as the new Director of

## Meet the New Alumni Association President

### Bill MacAvoy

Bill MacAvoy's relationship with Saint Mary's began long before he earned his Master of Business Administration (MBA) degree from the University in 1995. Bill was actually on campus before he was born, as his mother, Faye, was expecting him during the end of her tenure as secretary to then Vice-President (Academic and Research), **Father Gerald Tait**. A few years later, as a student at St. Patrick's High School, he became an ardent fan of the football and basketball Huskies as they ruled the field and the court against teams from across the country.

Although he received his Bachelor of Science (BSc) degree (Honours) in Economics from Dalhousie, Bill is quick to point out that Saint Mary's was still a part of his undergraduate experience. *"I may have received my first degree from Dal,"* he smiles, *"But I did take some credits at SMU."*

After earning his BSc, Bill decided to pursue his MBA at Saint Mary's. He served as MBA

## on campus: student partnerships

### A taste of Asia on the Halifax waterfront:

Cindy Dobbelsteyn (centre) was among the many friends of Saint Mary's who enjoyed a truly interactive dining experience at Hamachi Steakhouse, a local hot spot owned and operated by SMU alumnus, Boris Mirtchev (MBA '99).



# Today's Students... Tomorrow's Alumni

## Alumni Association Focuses on Building Relationships With Current Students



Members of the SMUSA Executive worked with the Alumni Office to organize the successful fundraiser at Hamachi Steakhouse.

**Left to right:** Bilguun Ankhbayar, SMUSA VP Finance and Operations; Matt Risser, SMUSA VP External; Courtney Schaller, SMUSA VP Academic; Pat Crowley, Director of Alumni; Mitch Gillingwater, SMUSA President; Chris MacDougall, SMUSA VP Internal.

A strong relationship between alumni and students has long been a hallmark of Saint Mary's University. This year, both SMUSA and the Alumni Association are working to elevate that relationship to new heights.

*"The Alumni Association is looking forward to developing a strong working relationship with students this year," said Pat Crowley, Director, Alumni Association. "It's important to make a connection with students as early as possible, and not just when they cross the stage at convocation. By developing a positive working relationship with student organizations, we hope that students will learn the value of being involved with their Alumni Association and will stay engaged wherever the future takes them."*

If this Fall's activities are any indication, alumni and students can look forward to a year of both fun-filled and productive collaborations.



### An Evening With Terry Kelly

The Alumni Association partnered with SMUSA to host *An Evening with Terry Kelly* at Halifax's Hamachi Steakhouse on September 19, 2007. The special event, which attracted more than 80 alumni, students, faculty and staff, raised more than \$3,000 in support of the SMUSA Opportunity Bursary Fund. For more details on the SMUSA Opportunity Bursary Fund, see story on next page.

**Above:** The talented Terry Kelly relived some old memories from his days performing at the Gorsebrook Lounge in the 1970s. Kelly, who earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from Saint Mary's, received an Honorary Doctor of Fine Arts degree from the University in 2002.

## Ready... Set... Joust!



The Alumni Association partnered with SMUSA in early September to host one of the highlight events of this year's Orientation Week. The first annual **SMUlebrity Jousting tournament** pitted members of the University Administration against the SMUSA Executive in a series of five spirited matches. Representing the Alumni Association, **Pat Crowley** put up a valiant effort against SMUSA President, **Mitch Gillingwater**. Although Crowley did not win his match, the Administration captured a 3-2 victory over SMUSA to earn the coveted championship title. To view the full play-by-play, visit the Photo Gallery section of the Alumni Association website at [www.smu.ca/alumni/gallery](http://www.smu.ca/alumni/gallery).

**Top:** A strategic loss, perhaps? Mitch Gillingwater, SMUSA President, defeats Pat Crowley, Director, Alumni Office, in match 3 of 5. Could it be that Crowley was attempting to lull the SMUSA team into a false sense of security?

**Bottom:** Ross Quackenbush, Men's Basketball Coach, scored for the Administration against Matt Risser, SMUSA Vice-President External, in match 4 of 5.

# SMUSA Awards Inaugural \$15,000 Opportunity Bursary

The Saint Mary's University Students' Association (SMUSA) has awarded the first bursary from the SMUSA Opportunity Bursary Fund. At a special event on September 10, 2007, **Mitch Gillingwater**, SMUSA President, presented a \$15,000 undergraduate student bursary to **Letcha Lucas**, a first-year student from Lower Sackville, NS. The bursary will cover Lucas' tuition for four full years.

Said Gillingwater, "There's no doubt about it - education is expensive everywhere across Canada, so SMUSA only wants to make a difference."

The SMUSA Opportunity Bursary Fund was launched in 2006, under the leadership of then-SMUSA President, **Zach Churchill**, in an effort to increase accessibility and affordability of post-secondary education. At its inception, SMUSA established an ambitious goal of raising \$300,000 to create an endowed bursary fund for students in financial need.

The initiative received a huge kick-start in March, 2006 when the students of Saint Mary's voted in favor of paying a one-time \$5 per student contribution that would be applied to the fund. Said Gillingwater, "This started SMUSA off with \$37,500 toward its goal. Since May 1, 2006 we have been engaged in a major fundraising campaign to garner the other \$262,500. We have built a network of support across the country, and have volunteers in Halifax, Toronto, New York and Calgary supporting our cause." To date, SMUSA has raised an impressive \$273,000 in support of the Opportunity Bursary Fund.

Gillingwater noted that support from alumni and members of the wider community has been overwhelming. "Our success so far would not have been possible without the help of our volunteers and donors," he said. "My sincerest thanks go out to everyone who has helped over the past year. It is my hope that we can continue finding new donors so that we can reach our goal of \$300,000 and help those students and families who need it the most."

**Kevin Reinhart (BA '81)**, Vice-President Corporate Planning, Nexen Inc., is one of the many alumni who have come forward to support the bursary initiative. "I believe in the value of an education," said Reinhart. "It opens new doors and new opportunities that otherwise might not be there. There are lots of capable people that, due to unfortunate circumstances, don't get the chance to advance their education to a point that opens these new doors for them. I've had numerous turns of good luck along the



**Left to right:** Dr. Terry Murphy, Vice-President (Academic and Research), Saint Mary's; Letcha Lucas; Mitch Gillingwater, President, SMUSA; and Dr. J. Colin Dodds, President, Saint Mary's

way that have allowed me to grow and succeed; I want to provide someone with a similar opportunity to make the most of their life."

### Thank You to All Individual and Corporate Supporters of the SMUSA Opportunity Bursary

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To learn more about the SMUSA Opportunity Bursary Fund, contact SMUSA at 496.8700 or visit [www.smusa.ca](http://www.smusa.ca).



## alumni files

Jewellery designer and Saint Mary's alumna, **Ozlem Metinoglu Ozgun** (BA '06), has achieved a level of success that might seem disproportionate to her age. Already she has sold her work to actors Alicia Silverstone and Sophia Myles, and performer Beyoncé Knowles sported her earrings throughout her world tour last summer. It's a heady experience for a 24-year-old.





# a glittering success

By Cheryl Bell

Ozlem Metinoglu Ozgun's feet are firmly on the ground, and her meteoric success has more to do with hard work and shrewd business planning than mere good luck.

Her story starts in Istanbul, Turkey, where she grew up and went to high school. When it came to university, however, Ozlem's mother attended a "Study in Canada" fair and had a good feeling about Saint Mary's. She liked the small, single campus and the fact that Halifax is a very student-oriented city. Her mother liked it so much that Saint Mary's was the only Canadian university to which Ozlem applied. When she received a scholarship offer, it was, she says, "the perfect sign that I was meant to go there."

Ozlem began her studies at Saint Mary's in 2000, taking an advanced major in political science and another major in German studies. But it was studying jewellery design during summer vacations in Turkey that inspired her to add a business studies minor to her already busy schedule of courses.

"I always had an interest in fashion and design," she explains. "So I started learning jewellery design as just a fun thing to do. But I received a lot of encouragement from my jewellery teacher in Turkey, and friends and family enjoyed wearing what I made, so I began to see that this could be my future."

Her business got off the ground while she was still a student at Saint Mary's. She sold her jewellery on campus and held private jewellery parties for her friends. A regular stall at the Halifax Farmers' Market soon followed.

At the same time as her business was starting to grow, Ozlem's personal life also took an interesting turn. After her first year of studies, her high school sweetheart, **Asil Ozgun**, transferred to Saint Mary's to complete his business degree. The pair graduated together in May 2006 and are now married.

After graduation, Asil started to look for a job, but it quickly became obvious that he should join Ozlem's rapidly growing

business. He now handles all of the marketing, accounting and wholesaling activities, updates the website, and makes the bookings for the Christmas shows.

But it was by working together that they achieved the coup of seeing **Beyoncé** don Ozlem's earrings throughout her world tour this past summer. "I love her and I love her music," explains Ozlem. "I felt that my earrings would really suit her because in all her photos you see her wearing big jewellery."

Ozlem and Asil planned every step, joining Beyoncé's fan club to get priority booking for VIP concert tickets and passes to a pre-concert meet-and-greet with the star.

Going into the meet-and-greet, Ozlem brought four pairs of earrings with intricate Swarovski crystal beading from her jewellery line, *Moda by Ozlem*. "When I met her, I was wearing a pair of earrings similar to the ones I was giving as a gift, hoping they might attract her attention. And they did! When Beyoncé complimented me on my earrings, I was able to say that I had left some with her security guard (standard practice) as a present. We chatted, I had my picture taken with her, and then I left to go to the concert."

From her front row seat, Ozlem was astounded a short while later when Beyoncé walked on stage wearing her earrings. The security guard later explained that Beyoncé had specifically asked for Ozlem's gift box just prior to the show. She continued to wear Ozlem's earrings throughout the rest of her tour and on the live DVD that will be released this November.

"It was like a million dollar deal for us," laughs Ozlem, clearly delighted by the way things worked out. Newspaper, magazine and TV

interviews followed. Ozlem's jewellery is now distributed in Edmonton and there is a waiting list for the "Beyoncé earrings."

When asked about her future plans, Ozlem replies that they are "endless." "I love wholesaling. I would like to open up my own store, and the new location for the Farmers' Market opens up new opportunities. I'm looking around at all the different options and waiting for that 'perfect sign' again – like the one that took me to Saint Mary's."



**Far left:** Ozlem Metinoglu Ozgun models an intricate handmade necklace from her collection, *Moda by Ozlem*.

**Left & top:** Superstar Beyoncé wore a pair of Ozlem's earrings at her Toronto concert this summer.

**Above:** Beyoncé and Ozlem at the backstage meet-and-greet in Toronto

By Paul Fitzgerald (BA '97 and MA '06)

For most of his life, Terry Klironomos wanted a career in professional sports. Now, thanks to a new invention by two Nova Scotians, the Saint Mary's graduate is living his dream.

"I have the best job in the world," smiles the 32-year-old who received his Bachelor of Commerce degree from the Sobey School of Business in May 1998. "All my life, I wanted to work with the pros in the NFL, NHL and other major sports organizations, so it's truly awesome to have this opportunity," he says.

## Alumnus Bites on Unique Business Endeavor: Pure Power Mouthguard (PPM) Hailed as the New "Legal Performance Enhancer" in NFL, NHL



From left to right: Chuck Sproule, co-founder of the PPM; Damon Huard, quarterback for the Kansas City Chiefs; and Terry Klironomos (BComm '98)

He is now a prominent shareholder with **Pure Power Mouthguard (PPM)**, a new device that is taking the sports world by storm. The PPM is a specially molded mouthpiece that properly aligns the jaw and relaxes muscles in the face, helping improve muscle recruitment and vertebrae alignment. The company now has a network of over 60 dentists from Canada, the United States, Australia, the United Kingdom, and Singapore.

Klironomos explains that dentists are trained to fit athletes with the PPM through computer technology and a Transcutaneous Electrical Nerve Simulator (TENS) machine. The computer software, known as the K7 Evaluation System, allows dentists to discover the most comfortable and relaxed jaw positions for athletes.

"The PPM simply removes the limitations experienced by many athletes by aligning the jaw in an ideal position in relation to the rest of the body. It allows athletes to run faster, jump higher, hit harder and lift more — all naturally without the use and dangers associated with anabolic steroids," says Klironomos.

Forty players from the NFL are currently using the PPM including Seattle Seahawks linebacker, **Lofa Tatupu**, and **Steve Smith**, wide receiver for the Carolina Panthers. Players from the Panthers are now calling the PPM the "magic mouthguard." New Jersey defenseman, **Colin White**, was recently fitted, as were players from the Montreal Canadiens.

The founders and creators of the PPM are Dr. **Anil Makkar** and **Chuck Sproule**, both from Truro, NS. Dr. Makkar is the owner of Victoria Court Dental, and Sproule is a well-known fitness instructor.

The PPM came to life about two years ago when Dr. Makkar was dealing with patients who were getting headaches. One of them was a lobster fisherman who, because of a lack of energy, found it difficult to toss his traps in the water and haul them back on board. Makkar had a hunch that a mouthguard would help.

Not long afterward, the lobster fisherman called Makkar to say that he could now toss traps with little effort and his headaches had gone away. This is when Makkar called on Sproule.

The two spent 2006 conducting their own research with athletes from a wide range of sports who claimed that their performance in sport would be enhanced if only their jaws could be properly aligned. This led to the creation of the PPM.

When it was launched in late 2006, the two developers wanted a sound sales and marketing person on board to help promote their cutting-edge appliance. They had gotten to know Klironomos during his time as a senior advertising representative with CTV News (Atlantic), and wanted him for the

job. Says Makkar, "Based on his extensive experience, we knew he would be a great team player and help the PPM grow."

Sproule states, "When I first met Terry, I was surprised and amazed at his depth and knowledge of all levels of sports. Coupled with my hands-on knowledge of the industry, we formed an incredible partnership that has proven more and more successful with each team we meet."

Added Makkar, "When we introduced the PPM to Terry, his eyes lit up with amazement. He was a true believer in our product since its inception and he is the big reason why the name of the PPM is out there in the sports world."

Since joining the PPM a year ago, Klironomos has been busy traveling throughout the US and Canada, meeting with players and coaches from the NFL and NHL.

"I recently had the chance to meet Steve Smith and Dan Morgan from the Carolina Panthers

who are both using the PPM," he says. "As well, I have been busy meeting with players and coaches from major US college football and basketball teams [Division 1A], so it's been an exciting ride so far."

"What's fascinating in all this is to see a product made in Nova Scotia take the sports world by storm and put our province on the map, demonstrating the true innovators that we are. My goal is to keep working to ensure the growth of the PPM and let the whole world know how good this appliance is for professional and amateur athletes."

Terry Klironomos (BComm '98)

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# Alumni Weekend 2007

## Santamarians Join Together for Unforgettable Weekend of Events

From September 21-23, 2007, alumni from across Canada and around the world converged upon the Saint Mary's campus to take part in Alumni Weekend festivities. The celebrations commenced with the annual Golden Grad Luncheon, a revered Alumni Weekend tradition, on Friday, September 21. This year's luncheon celebrated the Class of 1957, with eleven of the graduating class in attendance. The event also attracted more than 55 other alumni from the past 50 years in addition to a number of faculty and staff.

The festivities continued into the evening with the highly anticipated 1st Annual Husky Howl. Alumni gathered under a huge party tent next to the Gorsebrook Lounge where they reconnected, enjoyed a casual dinner, and recognized the Vanier Cup champions of 2001 and 2002. The group then moved into the Gorsebrook where they were entertained by **The Classics**, a popular band who boast several SMU alumni among their members.

Saturday morning brought the 13th Annual Sport Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony at the Tower Courtside Lounge. With more than 100 alumni and community members in attendance, this year's inductees included **John Gallinaugh, Father George Leach, S.J.,** and **Lee Thomas.** Special tribute was also paid to **Dr. Elizabeth A. Chard**, who passed away on May 5, 2007 after a short battle with cancer. A member of the Steering Committee for the Saint Mary's Sport Hall of Fame and Heritage Centre, Dr. Chard was the first woman to be inducted into the Hall as a "builder" of varsity sport at SMU. (See full story on this year's Sport Hall of Fame inductees on page 17.)

The Hall of Fame ceremony served as the perfect precursor to the much-hyped football game between the Huskies and the Concordia Stingers. A huge crowd of enthusiastic alumni, students and community members gathered at noon for a Tailgate Party in the tent where members of the Alumni Association distributed thundersticks, Huskies tattoos and cheering paws. By game time, everyone was bursting with excitement to cheer on the Huskies. The team did not disappoint with a 34-21 victory over Concordia.

The jam-packed weekend concluded with a Family Day on Sunday, September 23 outside the O'Donnell Hennessy Student Centre. Children and parents alike enjoyed the inflatables, games, and especially the snow cones!

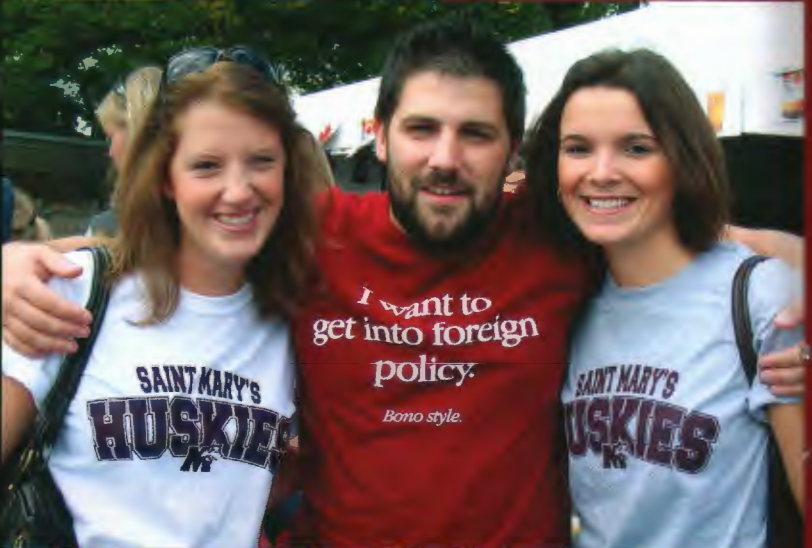
The Alumni Association extends a huge thank you to all alumni and friends who helped make Alumni Weekend 2007 such a great success. Thanks as well to Molson for its support and to the many Saint Mary's departments who provided assistance and expertise.

If you were unable to attend this year's Alumni Weekend events, we hope to see you next year.

Is there a particular activity that you would like to see us add to the event schedule? How can we make our 2008 Alumni Weekend the best ever? We want to hear your thoughts. Please be sure to visit our new website section, "**Your Opinion Counts**," at [www.smu.ca/alumni](http://www.smu.ca/alumni) and share your ideas. We look forward to hearing from you!



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## 2007 Alumni Awards

The Annual Alumni Awards were presented during Alumni Weekend. Congratulations to all of this year's recipients!

### Father William Stewart, S.J., Medal for Excellence in Teaching:

Dr. Stephen Davis, professor of anthropology, was recognized for winning this year's *Father William Stewart, S.J., Medal for Excellence in Teaching*. Established by the Alumni Association in 1983, the Father Stewart Medal is presented annually to recognize a professor who has gone above and beyond the call of duty for students both inside and outside the classroom. Davis was formally presented with the award at the May 2007 convocation.



**Left to right:** Paul O'Hearn, President, Alumni Association; Dr. Stephen Davis, and Pat Crowley, Director of Alumni

### Associate Alumni Membership:

Paul Sobey, Frank Matheson, Tony Arab and Wadih Fares were selected as the 2007 recipients of Associate Alumni Membership. The Alumni Association awards this special designation each year to outstanding individuals who have rendered significant service to Saint Mary's but are not alumni of the University.



**Left to right:** Tony Arab (centre) receives his award from Paul O'Hearn, President, Alumni Association, and Pat Crowley, Director of Alumni.

### Alumni Volunteer of the Year Award:

This award is presented to individuals who have provided exemplary service to the Saint Mary's University Alumni Association on a voluntary basis. This year's recipients are: **Paul Lynch** (BComm '76), and **Paul O'Hearn** (BComm '82).



Paul O'Hearn (left) accepts the Alumni Volunteer Award from Pat Crowley, Director of Alumni.

### Guide to Pictures:

#### Page 12: Clockwise from top:

1. SMU Spirit! Husky tattoos were the must-have fashion accessory on game day!
2. Maroon Madness: Students pump up the crowd at Huskies Stadium.
3. Community members give a "paws up" at Family Day.
4. Current students at the Husky Howl, left to right: Mitch Gillingwater, Courtney Gillingwater, Chris MacDougall, Ayako Nakamura, Matt Risser, Courtney Schaller, Adam Harris, and Shane Cunningham
5. SMU alumnus and former Huskies football player (2001 Vanier Cup champions), Anthony Brown, enjoys Family Day with his son Malik, age 4.

#### Page 13: Top to Bottom:

1. The Husky Mascot tries to recruit some future alum!
2. Kevin MacPherson and Judge Pat Curran (right) at the tailgate party
3. Go Team! The talented Huskies cheerleaders display their own athletic prowess at the SMU-Concordia game.

#### Page 14: Clockwise from top:

1. Party time! Alumni kick up their heels at the Gorsebrook to the sounds of *The Classics* during the 1st Annual Husky Howl. Band members, left to right: Ross MacDougall (saxophone & vocals); David Carrigan, BComm '83, (keyboards & vocals); Mike Walsh, BComm '82, MBA '85 (trumpet and vocals); George Clarke (drums); Karleen Dooks (vocals); James Jackson (bass and vocals); and Chris MacDonald, BA '81, (guitar and vocals)
2. Current students proudly show their SMU spirit at the tailgate party. Left to right: Jenna McGrath, Matt Risser, and Amanda Stone.
3. Golden Grad Luncheon: Former students of Saint Mary's High School pause for a photo with Dr. J. Colin Dodds, President (far right)
4. Members of the Saint Mary's Huskies football team were among those who volunteered at Family Day on September 23. Left to right: Joe Doherty, Isaac Robinson, the Saint Mary's Husky mascot, Kyle McNeil, and Bryan Jordan.
5. Fun at the Husky Howl: Left to right: David Carrigan (BComm '83); Erin Dorey (BComm '07); Tammy Milbury (MBA '06); Dwayne Provo (BED '95); and Chuck Bridges (MBA '92)

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## Alumni Salute SMU Sports Heroes and Dr. Elizabeth A. Chard

More than 100 alumni, faculty, staff and community members gathered at the Tower Courtside Lounge on the morning of September 22, 2007 for the 13th Annual Sport Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony. In addition to honoring inductees **John Gallinaugh**, **Father George Leach, S.J.**, and **Lee Thomas**, the event included special tributes to the late **Dr. Elizabeth Chard** and **Ed Coolen** ('39), the only living member of the 1930s Saint Mary's football team.

Those who paid tribute to Dr. Chard included **Bob Hayes**, Athletics Director Emeritus; **Dr. David Murphy**, Director, Athletics and Recreation; and **Paul Puma**, Chair, Saint Mary's Sport Hall of Fame and Heritage Centre Steering Committee. Chard, who passed away in May 2007 after a short battle with cancer, was the first female to be inducted into Hall as a "builder" of varsity sport at SMU. Ed Coolen was presented with a special plaque and received a standing ovation from the crowd.

### 2007 Inductees:

**John Gallinaugh** (BComm '74) was known as the "King of Basketball" thanks to his brilliance as a premier point guard and team captain. Gallinaugh led the basketball Huskies to win the Atlantic University Sport (AUS) and Canadian Interuniversity Sport (CIS) national championship in 1973. He remains an active alumnus and, over the years, has coached basketball at the minor and high school levels.

**Father George Leach, S.J.**, studied engineering at Saint Mary's in the 1950s and, from 1952 through 1957, played football, hockey, basketball and participated in track and field. The longest living three-time championship quarterback to lead SMU on the field, he shared fullback and quarterback duties to lead the team – then known as the "Saints" – to the Nova Scotia Championship. He subsequently quarterbacked the SMU

squad in 1955 to the Nova Scotia Provincial title (now the Canadian Junior Football League) and, by 1956, won every league game to claim the conference's first Maritime title match.

**Lee Thomas** excelled on the basketball court, playing with the Huskies from 1973 through 1976. A key force in helping the Huskies capture the 1973 CIS national championship, Thomas has earned a number of honours including AUS All-Conference All-Star (1973, 1974 and 1976); Starting Line-Up for All-Canadian (1975 and 1976); National Tournament All-Star (1973 and 1976); National Basketball Festival of Canadian All-Stars (1974 and 1976); AUS Rebound Champ (1973, 1974, 1975 and 1976); SMU Rookie of the Year (1973); SMU Most Valuable Player (1974); and the Thoroughbred Award (1974-1975).

**Pictured above:** Saint Mary's University Sport Hall of Fame inductees, left to right: Father George Leach, S.J.; Lee Thomas; and John Gallinaugh



# A Gift From the Heart

## \$5 Million Gift Will Benefit Both Saint Mary's and Nova Scotians



Dr. Richard Homburg's \$5 million gift will support the new Homburg Centre for Health & Wellness. **Pictured above**, left to right: Paul Sobey, President and CEO, Empire Company Ltd. & Chair of the Hearts and Minds Capital Campaign; Dr. J. Colin Dodds, President, Saint Mary's; Dr. Richard Homburg, Chairman and CEO, Homburg Invest Inc. and the Homburg Uni Corp. Group; Mitch Gillingwater, President, SMUSA; and Paul J. Dyer, Chair, Saint Mary's University Board of Governors

The Loyola Conference Hall at Saint Mary's University was the place to be on September 20, 2007. As a crowd of more than 200 poured into the room in anticipation of a special announcement, it was clear that something big was about to happen. *And it did.* Saint Mary's University received the largest single gift in its 205-year history – a \$5 million donation from **Dr. Richard Homburg** in support of the University's \$40 million *Hearts & Minds* capital campaign.

The donation brings the capital campaign to \$32 million and will support the **Homburg Centre for Health & Wellness**, a recreation

facility on the University campus which will consist of **The Tower**, a new **Dauphinee Arena** and a high performance training link which will connect the two.

The gift is a testimony to the leading role that Saint Mary's has taken in social health, wellness, and sport. It is also a demonstration of Homburg's own belief in the importance of physical fitness and education.

*"Education and international mobility are the keys to success in the world,"* said Homburg, who is the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of *Homburg Invest Inc.* and *The Homburg Uni Corp. Group.*

*"At the core of success is the health and the wellness of all of us, of all ages. I believe that the Centre represents an opportunity to encourage and foster success, whether it be a championship football team or a healthy community," he said, bringing the packed room to a standing ovation.*

**Dr. J. Colin Dodds**, President of Saint Mary's, expressed his gratitude to Dr. Homburg for his support over the years. *"Richard has been a longtime friend and tireless supporter of our university," he said.*

*"This generous gift from Homburg Canada Inc. will play a key role in helping us capitalize upon new and existing opportunities for growth and development, and its impact will be felt far beyond the walls of this campus," he added. "This gift also acknowledges the leading role Saint Mary's University has taken in the study and execution of social health and medicine, and sport. A balanced and healthy lifestyle is a principal societal concern and the Homburg Centre will ensure that programs and facilities are in place to address the needs of our entire community."*

**Chuck Bridges**, Vice-President (Assoc.) External Affairs, concurred, *"It's remarkable in that it's going to be of benefit not just for Saint Mary's University, but for the city of Halifax and, indeed, for the whole province."*

Dodds outlined the ways in which Saint Mary's has embraced a leading role in social health and sport. *"Our Canada Research Chairs are recognized for their work in the area of health and social policy. Our Atlantic Centre for Research, Access and Support for Students with Disabilities has developed an international reputation as a leader in providing support services for those with disabilities. Our Centre for the Study of Sport and Health attracts international scholars and expands our very successful record of attracting post-doctoral fellows to the University. The Tower fitness facility has been serving our campus and the entire community for twenty years, providing health*



**Top:** Dr. J. Colin Dodds (left) and Dr. Richard Homburg

**Bottom three, clockwise:** Dr. Richard Homburg at home in the Homburg Canada Incorporated (HCI) offices at 1741 Brunswick Street, Halifax.

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and wellness programs for all fitness levels and, of course, we can't forget our renowned Huskies."

He added, "The Saint Mary's University Athletics department is a powerhouse of varsity talent. New high-performance training facilities will ensure that our Huskies remain a force to be reckoned with."

Homburg's commitment to health and wellness was made all the more personal when, six years ago, he found himself temporarily disabled. For the longtime fitness buff, the experience had a life-changing effect. "I was actually paralyzed from the neck down," he said. "I was in a wheelchair and they said I would never walk again." Having learned the true value of physical fitness as he fought his way back to health, the business mogul and philanthropist wants to do everything that he can to support health and wellness in Nova Scotia including "helping and educating people in the areas of rehabilitation after a stroke or heart attack."

Speaking at the ceremony, **Paul Sobey**, chairman of the *Hearts & Minds* campaign and Chief Executive Officer of Empire Company Limited, noted that Homburg initially came to Nova Scotia from the Netherlands in 1972 to visit relatives. "It is our good fortune that he liked it so much that he decided to stay."

Richard Homburg started building his empire with an import-export business in Stellarton and by buying real estate. Today, **Homburg Canada Inc.** employs more than 3,000 people across the country, **Homburg Investments Inc.** is closing deals around the globe, and **Homburg NV**, the parent company in the Netherlands, embraces a range of businesses including real estate investment firms, a media company, and an aviation company specializing in transporting corporate executives.

The ceremony concluded with a presentation of gifts to Homburg, including a football

signed by the Huskies, a soccer ball signed by both the male and female soccer teams, two lifelong passes to the new **Homburg Centre for Health & Wellness** and a Saint Mary's necktie. To view extensive event footage, visit [www.smutube.ca](http://www.smutube.ca) and click the "SMU Spirit" channel.

"Richard Homburg has built a multi-billion dollar business empire from Halifax. He truly exemplifies that, with hard work, passion, focus, and commitment, you can achieve and exceed your goals," said Sobey. "He is also a model of the 'can do' attitude and pursuit of excellence that Saint Mary's inspires."



### Clockwise from top:

1. The award-winning Rhapsody Quintet lent an elegant air to the special event.
2. Dr. Homburg received a Huskies football signed by each of this year's players.
3. Dr. J. Colin Dodds, President, thanked Dr. Homburg for his generous donation.
4. Dr. Richard Homburg.
5. Paul Sobey, President and CEO, Empire Company Ltd. & chair of the Hearts and Minds Capital Campaign; and Dr. Richard Homburg, Chairman and CEO, Homburg Invest Inc. and the Homburg Uni-Corp. Group.

## A Commitment to Global Citizenship

Dr. Homburg's longstanding support of Saint Mary's is well-known among students, faculty, staff and community members.

In early 2004, he donated \$1.5 million to the University to establish the *Homburg International Mobility Awards*. Each year, up to eight Mobility Awards are presented to full-time and part-time Saint Mary's University undergraduate and graduate students. Since its inception, the awards program has enabled 48 Saint Mary's students to study in 13 countries throughout Europe, Asia and Latin America.

Full details on the Homburg International Mobility Awards are online at [www.smu.ca/administration/international](http://www.smu.ca/administration/international).

*Dr. Homburg received an Honorary Doctorate of Commerce from Saint Mary's University in May 2005.*



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# Alumni Tee Off For Our Students!



Alumni, faculty, staff, students and friends of the University gathered on August 23, 2007 for the **31st Annual Saint Mary's University Alumni Golf Tournament**. Held at *Granite Springs Golf Club* in picturesque Bayside, NS, this year's event generated more than \$12,000 in support of student bursaries, with eleven bursaries of \$1000 being presented to student recipients that evening. Thanks to all alumni, friends and supporters whose generosity made these bursaries possible.

Congratulations as well as to the winning team of **John Gallinaugh, Bruce Hopkins, Wayne Ritchey, Bill Robinson and Larry Belliveau**.



## Ottawa Husky Howl

The weather could not have been more perfect as the Ottawa Alumni branch hosted the **20th Annual Husky Howl** on August 9, 2007 at the *Emerald Links Golf Course*. The event attracted both longtime alumni and recent grads, providing an ideal opportunity to reconnect with old friends while making new ones.

This year's tournament was won by **Ted Hoganson**; new alumnus, **Zach Churchill**, and **Pat Crowley**. For Pat, the win was especially memorable as it marked his first trip to Ottawa in his new role as Director of the Alumni Office.

### Clockwise from top right:

Granite Springs winning team, left to right: Larry Belliveau, Wayne Ritchey, Bill Robinson, John Gallinaugh and Bruce Hopkins

Andrew Belliveau, Michelle Murray, Heather Zwicker and Jeff Rudderham  
Jim Brown, John Fitzpatrick, Guy Noel, Fred Smithers and Dr. Colin Dodds

Sasha Irving, Jamie Baillie, Mitch Gillingwater, Chris McDougall and Chuck Bridges

### Bottom picture:

Participants in the Ottawa Husky Howl pause for a group photo following the event.  
**Back row (l-r):** Brian Dennehy; Patrick Dennehy; Frank Fitch; Aaron Menchions; Mary van Buskirk; Jim Lovette **Middle row (l-r):** Bob Hoganson; Paul Hoganson; Pat Bishara; External Affairs, Saint Mary's; Sean Dennehy; Mike Hoganson **Front row (l-r):** Chuck Bridges, Vice-President (Assoc.) External Affairs, Saint Mary's; Zach Churchill; Ted Hoganson; Pat Crowley, Director of Alumni; Paul Lynch, Ottawa Branch Representative

*Congratulations to other winners:*

**Second-place: Paul, Bob, Mike and Jeff Hoganson**

**Longest Drive: Zach Churchill (325 yards)**

**Closest to the Pin: Brian Dennehy**

**Most Honest Golfers: Pat Bishara, Saint Mary's University External Affairs; Aaron Menchions; Frank Fitch; and Mary van Buskirk**

**Stay tuned for details on the 2008 Ottawa Husky Howl, tentatively scheduled for Thursday, August 7, 2008.**

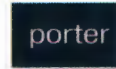


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# Thank You!

On behalf of the Saint Mary's University Alumni Association and the 2007 bursary recipients, thank you to all golfers, sponsors, Granite Springs, and everyone who made our 2007 tournament a success!



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**Alejandro Ulloa Unanue almost seems like a celebrity in Cadiz, Spain.**

At the Las Flores Freiduria in Plaza Topete, a hot spot for fried fish, fine wine and cold beer, it seems that everyone wants to chat with the 36 year-old owner of *Spanish in Cadiz*<sup>®</sup>, a prestigious language school that he opened in 2003.

While seated on the patio awaiting an order of dogfish and cuttlefish, some people from other tables come over to greet the Saint Mary's graduate. At the same time, a driver in a blue Mercedes Benz convertible honks his horn and shouts, "Hola Alejandro! Cómo estas amigo?" Alejandro waves back as the waitress rushes over with the wine.

# Alejandro Ulloa Unanue: De SMU al éxito

By Paul Fitzgerald (BA '97 & MA '06)



**Above:** Students take a break on the front steps of *Spanish in Cadiz*<sup>®</sup> (Escuela Internacional de Español).

**Page 25, top left:** Students work together in one of the many bright, air-conditioned study rooms.

**Middle:** The school is situated in the centre of Cadiz, a short walk from the historic downtown area and only 30 metres from Santa Maria del Mar beach.

**Bottom:** Students enjoy some leisure time with Alejandro Ulloa Unanue (black shirt and white shorts, third from left) at the popular "Fresh Meat" café.

"Alejandro is a fine man, indeed," she says with a smile. "He is certainly a popular guy."

He blushes a bit, but he does not seem to mind the innocent attention. He appears to be someone many admire in this part of Cadiz, one of Europe's oldest cities filled with Moorish architecture. It's a city that stands on a peninsula jutting out into a bay, almost entirely surrounded by bright blue water and boasting many miraculous beaches.

"I have a good life here," says the Santamarian who received his Bachelor of Commerce degree in Global Business Management in 1998. "I would not give this up for anything in the world."

Alejandro was born and raised in the north of Spain and moved to Dartmouth, NS in the mid-1980s. After graduating from Dartmouth High School, he knew Saint Mary's was the place to obtain a global education. "If it weren't for SMU, I would not be where I am today," he says.

Following graduation from the University, he ventured back to Spain and Cadiz became home. He then discovered that Cadiz needed a good Spanish language school. So, sure enough, he took his chances and opened *Spanish in Cadiz*<sup>®</sup>. In this interview with the entrepreneur, one quickly discovers that he has no regrets.





work in large transnational companies and also for those who are thinking of becoming entrepreneurs. In all, SMU helped me open my eyes to the world around me. The classes I took, the people I met, and my time abroad has shaped me as both a worldly citizen and a successful entrepreneur.

### What memories do you have of SMU?

I have all sorts of memories of the time I spent at SMU, even though the time from the uncertainty of getting around the first days there to graduation day seemed to pass in the blink of an eye. My best memory of SMU is all of the friends I made and the feeling that, despite having left SMU a long time ago, I will always be part of that very privileged community. I also can't forget the Tim Horton's coffee. They have not franchised in Spain yet, so maybe this can be my next business venture.

### Do you keep in touch with your friends from SMU?

I sure do. I keep in touch with **Julie Everett** and **Marcel Boudreau**, who, as a matter of fact, were here visiting me with their respective spouses this past September. I also keep in touch with **Wayne Lavigne**, **Angelica Groeschel**, **Mike McInnis**, **Dawn Pottier**, **Luciane Ermano Romeiro**, and **Paul Fitzgerald** (the author of article). E-mail and the Internet, like with facebook, has made it easier for myself and all of us as friends to remain connected. SMU for me was a wonderful experience and the people I met there will remain my friends forever.

### What do you see yourself doing in the future?

I really enjoy what I'm doing right now, so I will keep it going and, at some point down the road, look to expand **Spanish in Cadiz**. I am living my dream of being an entrepreneur, so this is as good as it gets.



### Tell me, what's it like being the founder and owner of Spanish in Cadiz?

Opening up your own business can be a daunting proposition at first, not only from a financial point of view. Planning things out carefully is important and time consuming as well. Obviously, the sense of security diminishes considerably, but the satisfaction is much greater. Being my own boss is very challenging, but there are rewards which I am now discovering.

### Why did you decide to take on this venture?

Some friends I met while I was at SMU came to visit me about five years ago and they wanted to further study Spanish while on vacation in Cadiz. However, there was really not much available for them here. So, this is when the project was born. I knew that Cadiz – and all of Spain for that matter – needed a top-notch language school, one with a unique curriculum and modern teaching facilities and accommodations second to none. We opened our doors in January 2003 and have been growing ever since.

### Tell me about the clients you serve year round.

We have all sorts of clients from around the world who come to study Spanish. They range from high school and university students, to adults, to corporate clients from different industries. Those who come here are keen on learning Spanish and they know that having another language is beneficial for both their personal lives and their careers too.

### What else makes your school unique?

**Spanish in Cadiz** is more than just a language school and this is what I think makes us stand out above the rest. We offer a comprehensive package to our clients which means we do not

limit ourselves to teaching. We organize cultural activities and visits throughout Cadiz and Spain like along the Costa Del Sol. We also offer several types of accommodations: dorm facilities, private apartments and host family housing for those students who want to maximize their Spanish experience. Everyone who attends **Spanish in Cadiz** raves about their experience and, in turn, recommends our school to others. This is the reason that we're growing.



### How would you say your SMU experience helped you open up your school in Cadiz?

My experience at SMU has been crucial in determining what I'm doing right now. The University has always had a large international population who are there not only to learn a language and obtain a first-class degree, but also to get the experience of living abroad and working with people from varied nationalities and cultures. While at SMU, I also spent a year in Mexico as part of an exchange program. This experience made me realize that in today's globalized economy it is increasingly important for graduates to have this type of experience in order to maximize their employability. This kind of experience is wonderful for those who want to



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His blockers are a disconcerting distance away.

The kicker is somewhere downfield, hidden behind a muscled mass of humanity. Suddenly, there is the staccato sound of cracking helmets, then the unmistakable *'whump!'* of inflated leather meeting foot. He searches the sky frantically for the spiraling missile. His instincts tell him to look down, to flee the belligerent herd thundering toward him. He must trust that his teammates will make the blocks and deliver him from harm. Trust allows him to focus on the ball, to do his job, and to help the team succeed.

*what was run here before, but in other ways is exactly what this group of athletes needed."*

McLean came to Saint Mary's after the dust had settled from the Nil era, and he objectively assessed his players and diagnosed what he saw as their needs. *"I saw good athletes who weren't trusting what was going on, or maybe they had information overload,"* says McLean. *"I know that Blake (Nil) was a schematic coach, whereas my philosophy is rooted in fundamentals and keeping it simple. But as much as it's simple, the players will dictate how far and how fast they will go."*

# It's All About Trust

By Joe Fitzgerald, BA '94

**Bottom left, left to right:** AJ Tufford, Receiver; Steve Sumarah, Head Coach; David Pace, Offensive Line; Mike McLean, Defensive Coordinator; Taku Murahwi, Defensive Back; Jude Rousseau, Defensive Line; and Al Gagnon, Offensive Line

**Photos on pages 26 and 28:** The SMU Huskies battle the Concordia Stingers during the first home game of the season, scoring a 34-21 victory. **Our powerhouse team consists of:** Darcy Brown, Andre Grondin, Marc Beswick, Ian Shaw, Francis Best, Aldrick Birthwright, Glen Downs, Shawn White, Erik Glavic, Valentino Swasey, Michel Okelu, Carl Hardwick, Craig Leger, Michael Jack, Patrick Hooey, Ted Abraham, Joseph Doherty, Ryan Benjamin, Jacques-Olivier Lumbala, Brittan Moultry, Geoffrey Power, Michael McNair, Mark Holden, William Anderson, Billy Dee Johnson, Jeff Zelinski, Takudzwa Murahwi, Alistair Blair, Tyler Schussler, Saleem Borhot, Tyrone Roue, Jerret Laycock, Tim St., ierre, Jonathan Shreve, Taylor Bowie, Tyler Matheson, Andrew Pye, Mark Baxter, Brent Shabley, Leroy, ontaine, Jerone Daley, Andrew King, David Coens, Jeremy Smith, Austin McLennan, Kyle McNeil, Andrew, orey, Kenny Holownia, Philip Cormier, Isaac Robinson, Craig Walford, Daniel Schutte, Tommy Gibbons, Sean McCarthy, Reed Anderson, Geoffrey Zochodne, Bryan Jordan, Adam Hawco, Clayton Chiurka, Derek, eber, Paul Best, Adam Baboulas, Thomas Elinesky, Al Gagnon, David Pace, Chris MacDonald, Daniel, urbridge, Justin Palardy, Clinton Cruickshank, Jude Rousseau, Bryan Parr, Matt Lemay, Aaron Racioppa, Firass El Fateh, Aaron Tufford, Mike Krajewski, Fraser O'Neil, Bryce Fisher, Paul Grondin, Nick McQuade, Ryeann Warburton, Kyle Drake, Jake Myers, Zack Agathos, and Andrew Paopao.

Trust is a key word for today's Saint Mary's Football Huskies as they gear up for a playoff run and the chance at securing a national championship. Second year head coach and Saint Mary's alumnus, **Steve Sumarah**, is establishing his brand of football at a program still reveling in the success of high profile coach, **Blake Nil**. *"The first thing I wanted to do was instill in the players that this is a player program,"* says Sumarah. *"It has nothing to do with the coaches and all those other things. It's about the players. As coaches, we're here to facilitate and keep the team moving in the right direction. I've tried to make it a players' team – that they have a say, that they have ownership in the team."*

Giving the players an increased role as stakeholders in the program also applies to Sumarah's coaches and staff. When the University hired **Mike McLean**, a seven-year CFL veteran linebacker with the Edmonton Eskimos and 1987 Grey Cup Champion, as the team's defensive coordinator, Sumarah gave him *carte blanche*. *"You hire someone you trust is going to know what they're doing,"* says Sumarah. *"This is Mike's thing. His specialty is defense. He's brought in a philosophy of team defense that in some ways is very simplistic to*

Last year was a trying one for the Huskies, as players adjusted to the new philosophy, complete with new terminology and signals. McLean, however, was confident in his approach. *"Defense is all about trust,"* he says, *"and it took a while for the defensive players to trust me. They couldn't trust each other if they couldn't trust me. The threshold game was against Montreal when we beat up on a nationally ranked team. We didn't have that hurdle this year, so it's been seamless. Everybody's on the same page."*

While the Huskies foster a trust that generates on-field success, they have also ventured outside the stadium to garner that same trust in the broader community. If a well equipped athlete can falter in the heat of a battle they have chosen to be in, imagine what it is like to be alone, cornered and unprotected, with no one to trust. Bullying has become a big issue in the past decade, and the Huskies have been striving to impart youth with strategies to overcome what can be life-crippling scenarios.

Huskies linebacker coach and Saint Mary's alumnus, **Joe Taplin**, approached then-head coach, Blake Nil, and offensive





coordinator, Steve Sumarah, seven years ago with the idea as a great way for the players to get out into the community. Taplin, an RCMP Officer, had been involved with the Edmonton Eskimos' 'Stay in School Program,' which dealt with a lot of bullying issues. "We took a core group of about twenty guys who volunteered and put them through some training sessions on how to talk to kids about anti-bullying," says Taplin. "The biggest thing was not to just talk about anti-bullying, but talk about your own experiences. If you were a bully, talk about it and tell them how foolish you feel now looking back. Or if you were bullied, what happened."

Taplin points to Huskies all-star linebacker, **Tim St. Pierre**, as a current example of how players' poignant personal stories can impact audiences. "He's probably one of the best football players in Canada right now," says Taplin. "He was bullied when he was younger, and he was telling the story of how his parents put him in karate and how he built up his self-esteem from there. He represented Canada as champion kickboxer at 19 and he's been a captain on the football team the last three years. The kids say, 'Wow, this kid was bullied!' It gives them a different light on how they can come forward and start talking about their stories as well as techniques on how to avoid bullies and who they can reach out to and talk to."

Another initiative the Huskies were involved with this year was *Habitat for Humanity's Great Habitat Build 2007*, sponsored by the Nova Scotia Homebuilders' Association. Twenty-four players volunteered to help in the construction of a home in Lower Sackville for a family in need. Defensive Coordinator McLean understands the pressures on a varsity athlete, but expects his players to embrace community service as part and parcel of that role. "When I was with

**Page 29, top right:** Members of the Huskies football team volunteered their time for the Habitat for Humanity Build this September. Participating players included Andrew Pye, Michel Okelu, Mike Krajewski, Jude Rousseau, Daniel Schutte, Tyler Matheson, Michael Jack, Aaron Tufford, David Pace, Jeremy Smith, Reed Anderson, Al Gagnon, Austin McLennan, Jerret Laycock, Clayton Chiurka, Valentino Swasey, Paul Best, Brent Shabley, Francis Best, Jonathan Shreve, Matt Lemay, Tyler Schussler, Leroy Fontaine, and Mark Baxter.



*the Eskimos, we were always out in the community, stay in school, drug awareness, we did the whole gamut," says McLean. "Those things were expected. You're doing what's right, but the kickback, if you can say that, is the satisfaction of giving back."*

Although the work was more blue-collar than the anti-bullying campaign, the effects were instant. *"For the habitat, they busted their rear ends for a whole day shoveling and laying sod, after a game day, and a long night after a game day," says McLean. "But they were all smiles and they still talk about it. Any time you do something physically and you see the results of your effort, it's immediately rewarding."* McLean emphasizes the need to teach players how to be good citizens as well as good football players. *"Wins and losses don't necessarily dictate the success of a program. If you make good human beings and role models for the future, then I think you've done a great job."*

Along with the anti-bullying campaign and *Habitat for Humanity*, the football Huskies volunteer time in the *Drug Abuse Resistance Education Campaign*, canvassing for the *Alzheimer Society*, and have a run for *Cystic Fibrosis*.

*"I think the guys are quite shocked by how good they feel about doing something for the community," says Sumarah. "They get this opportunity to touch kids' lives by saying this is what's happened to me or, with the Habitat for Humanity, when they see the family that's moving in. They see the huge impact they've made on people, and it's very empowering. Any time you can show that you're not just football players, but you're humans and you care about your community, that's positive. And Saint Mary's in general has a philosophy of 'Hey we're willing to get out in the community and help out.'"*

As this generation of football Huskies seek to establish their own legacy, there is a palpable bond crystallizing that is characteristic of all great teams. *"I think that when a team becomes very close, they become very secure in what they're doing," says Sumarah. "You see that on the field – that there's a trust developing. Once that trust develops, they're able to expand that, and when people meet these players, they realize how respectful they are, how polite they are, and generally are a good bunch of guys."*



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**1964**

**Winston C. (Clen) Francis, BSc.**, and his wife, Patricia, now reside in Miramar, Florida. He is Director of Systems & Automation for a pre-paid cellular phone company in the US. Clen would like to hear from SMU graduates who reside in Ft. Lauderdale/Miami area and can be contacted at 954.850.1606 or e-mail clenpat@bellsouth.net. Their son, **John, BComm '99**, is field marketing manager for Molson Canada (Coors Light, Corona, Heineken). John and his wife **Kimberly (nee Atwell), BA '98**, were married at Oak Island Resort on August 11, 2007.

**1965**



**Murray Wilson, BA, BEd '70**, Associate Registrar, Saint Mary's University, retired on June 29, 2007. **Joseph Kennedy, BA '65**, is Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Nova Scotia.

Photo: Murray Wilson and Joseph Kennedy

**1972**

**Her Honour Mayann Francis, BA**, Lieutenant Governor of Nova Scotia, celebrated her first anniversary of installation at the Cathedral Church of All Saints, Halifax, NS, on September 7, 2007.

**1973**

**Bruce Warren, BComm**, volunteered at the Garden Expo at Toronto Botanical Garden on

Earth Day. He owned a major Halifax contracting firm and then returned to Ontario in 1985 and shared his expertise with the province's industry players: Aldershot Landscape Contractors, PAO Horticultural, Downsview Park, BTN Nurseries and, currently, Clintar Groundskeeping.

**1978**



**Gregory Dickson, BComm, MBA '81, CMA '85**, graduated from Knox College, University of Toronto, on May 9, 2007 with a Master of Divinity degree. He looks forward to the ordained ministry in the Presbyterian Church in Canada with his wife, **Melanie Dickson, MBA '87**.

Photo: Gregory Dickson

**David G. Kyte, BSc.**, is Vice-President and Portfolio Manager of EnerVest Management Partners, Ltd., in its Western Division. Prior to joining EnerVest, David was a principal of Otero Resources LLC, Vice-President of Engineering of Sawtooth Energy Partners, LLC, and with Anadarko Petroleum Corporation and Union Pacific Resources Inc., and Chevron. He holds Bachelor and Masters degrees in engineering from the Technical University of Nova Scotia, Halifax.

**1982**

**Barry Gorman, MBA**, served as the program organizer for the Financial Executives International conferences which were held in Halifax in June.

**1983**

**Bill Allwright, BSc, MSc '85**, is a software developer with Sybase, Inc., in Waterloo, Ontario. Bill's wife, Debra, passed away on May 9, 2005 due to complications around treatment of a stem cell transplant for leukemia. They have three children. Bill recently purchased his retirement property overlooking the Bay of Fundy at Victoria Beach

(near Annapolis Royal) and is planning to retire there within 5 to 10 years.

**Margaret States (nee Knight), MA**, is an English teacher with Cree School Board (Northern Quebec).

**1984**

**Joyce Carter, BComm**, is Halifax International Airport Authority Interim President and CEO. Prior to this appointment, she was Vice-President, Finance, and Chief Financial Officer.

**1985**

**Dr. Roger Russell, MBA**, earned his Doctor of Philosophy degree. He accepted his PhD in business at Curtin University in Perth, Australia in February 2007. Roger is also a graduate of NASC, University of Guelph (BSc). He is a faculty member at Atlantic Baptist University in Moncton, New Brunswick.

**Wayne Stewart, BA**, is Court Administrator, Halifax Law Courts, for the Nova Scotia Department of Justice. He recently returned to Halifax after spending the past 21 years working for the department in Western Nova Scotia.

**Michael Whitlock, BA**, is a clinical social worker and team leader for Youth Mental Health Services, Summerside, PEI. Since December 2006, he has been the Acting Coordinator of Community Mental Health Services for Prince County, PEI.

**1987**

**E. Kevin Kelloway, MSc**, is incoming president of the Canadian Society for Industrial and Organizational Psychology. He was the moderator for the human resources panel at the Financial Executives International Conference in Halifax in June. Kevin was the keynote speaker at the Canadian Association of Administrators of Labor Legislation conference, *Preventing Workplace Violence: Toward Safer and Healthier Workplaces*.



**1989**

**Drew Franklin, BComm**, is Director, Pest Control, North America, with SC Johnson. His experience as General Manager of SCJ Canada; Category Manager, Air Care; Vice-President, Sales, SCJ Canada, and with General Mills and Procter & Gamble will serve him well. Drew completed an executive program from Harvard Law School. He relocated to the Racine area with his wife, Angela, and three children.

**Kelly Barteaux (nee Osborne), BA, Hon '90, BEd '92**, and her husband, David, announce an adopted son, Samuel Noah, who was born on September 14, 2005 and came home to Kelly and David in November 2005. Kelly is a high school English teacher/department head of English in Dartmouth, Nova Scotia and welcomes e-mails from her former classmates. Her e-mail is: [dbart@ns.sympatico.ca](mailto:dbart@ns.sympatico.ca).

**1991**

**Kelly Baker (nee Crossman), BA**, and husband, Mark, welcomed a daughter, Marley Lynn Baker, born on September 17, 2007. Marley Lynn is a little sister for Seth, age 2.



**Candace (Candy) Palmer, BA**, and Criminology Certificate, has retired from the RCMP after 30.5 years of service. Candy retired as an Inspector, the Officer in Charge of Protective Services, for "O" Division, Ont. In 2002, the secretary for HRH Queen Elizabeth presented Candy with the *Queen's Jubilee Medal* for her bodyguard services to HRH, Prince Phillip. She is enjoying her very busy retirement along with her spouse, Terry Brown, Sgt (retired RCMP). They can be reached at [candy.terry@rogers.com](mailto:candy.terry@rogers.com).

**1992**

**Jamie O'Neil, BComm**, and his wife, Cathy (nee Wheeler), welcomed son, Colin Patrick, on September 3, 2007, weighing 8 lbs. 7 oz. Colin is a little brother for Matthew. Jamie is employed with KPMG.

**1993**

**Derek Flynn, MBA**, is CEO of Barrett Lumber, a family-owned building supply company that has operated in Lower Sackville since 1926. He is the first non-family senior executive with the company. Prior to this, Derek was president of Parrsboro Metal Works for eight years before working at Dexter's Automotive Group in 2005.

**Blain MacIsaac, BComm**, completed his Certified Employee Benefits Specialist (CEBS) designation in 2006 and has joined the Human Resource Department of the United Farmers of Alberta Co-operative Ltd. as a Compensation Analyst in Calgary, Alberta.

**1994**

**Barbara Manning, MBA**, an Atlantic business leader, is CEO of the Internet search engine firm, [genieknows.com](http://genieknows.com).

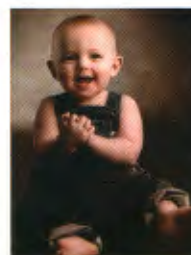
**1995**

**Lee Rosky, BA** and former football player, and his wife, Randi (nee Lang), BA and former basketball player, announce a son, Josef Edward, born on July 3, 2007 in Muscat, Orman. Lee is employed with American British Academy, Medinat Al Sultan Quaboos.

**1998**

**Maxwell Sean Brennan, BA**, went on to further his studies in advertising in Ottawa, Ontario, and graduated with a diploma in 2002. He has managed corporate partnerships for the 04-05 Canadian Tulip Festival and is currently the account manager for Proton Media Ottawa with clients such as the British Council of

Canada, Canoe Kayak Canada, and Gabriel's Pizza. Max and his partner, Angela, have two daughters, Rowyn (11/05/05) and Kyla (15/06/06).



**Colin MacNeil, BComm**, and his wife, **Cari Duggan-MacNeil, BComm '98, MBA '00** and their son, James John Laird, born on April 6, 2006, reside in Halifax, Nova Scotia. Colin is a senior diabetes consultant with Novo Nordisk Canada and Cari is an HR consultant with Bell Aliant. Cari earned her CHRP designation in 2005.

*Photo: James John Laird MacNeil*



**Jamie Welsh, BComm** and his wife, Jacque, welcomed daughter, Hannah Elizabeth Welsh, 5 lbs. 14 oz., on September 4, 2007. Hannah will be making celebrity appearances at select home football games at Huskies Stadium this fall.

*Photo: Hannah Elizabeth Welsh*

**2000**

**Alex Handyside, MBA**, founder and president of ScotiaCare Homecare and Care Givers was honored with an *Award of Excellence* by the Canadian Academy of Senior Advisors at a conference in Las Vegas. In 2006, ScotiaCare received the *Maritime Business Ethics Award* from the Better Business Bureau and was



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awarded silver in the *New Business of the Year* category at the Metro Halifax Business Awards.

**2001**

**Jay Conrad, BSc**, graduated from the University of Ottawa with his Doctorate in Chemistry in 2007. Jay is currently pursuing his Post-Doctorate in Chemistry at Princeton University, USA.

**Cory Isaacs, BComm**, and his wife Sofia, announce a son, Alec Isaacs, born on April 30, 2007. Cory graduated from the University of Vaasa, Finland, with a Masters degree in International Business and a Master of Science in Economics and Business Administration on May 25, 2007.

**2003**

**Katharine (Kathy) Beaman, BComm** and Certificate in Human Resource Management, was appointed Honorary Vice-Consul of Austria for the Atlantic Provinces in November 2006. Austria's first diplomatic ties to Canada were established in 1855 with William Cunard's appointment as Imperial Honorary Consul in Halifax. Kathy is pleased to be part of the continuing history of Austria's longstanding association with Atlantic Canada.

**Paul Deveau, BA**, and his wife, **Gretchen Tanner, BA '03** were married on September 8, 2007 at Murphy's on the Water, Halifax, Nova Scotia. Members of the wedding party included SMU alumni: **Jeff Britton, BA'00**, best man, **Gavin Beck, BSc '03**, groomsman; **Jenny Walker, BA '03**, maid of honour; **Sherry**



**BComm '01**, along with the father of the groom, **Terry Deveau, BSc '77**.

*Photo: Paul and Gretchen Deveau*

**Denis Smith, BA, BEd '05**, has been working as an elementary instructor at Seiko Gakuen Bilingual School in Tokushima, Japan, since March as part of the SMU International Youth Internship Program.

**2005**



**Sara Bushey (nee Barker), BComm**, and Master Sheldon Bushey, married on May 26, 2007. The wedding took place in Windsor, Nova Scotia. After graduation, Sara moved to Petawawa, Ontario where her husband was posted in July 2005.

*Photo: Sara and Master Corporal Sheldon Bushey*

**2006**

**Ozlem Metinoglu Ozgun, BA**, is a Halifax jewelry designer born and raised in Turkey. Ozlem has sold her jewelry at parties, schools,

festivals, and at the Halifax Farmers' Market. Most recently, her jewelry attracted the attention of singer, Beyoncé Knowles, who Ozlem met at her Toronto concert. Beyoncé subsequently sported Ozlem's designs on her world tour.

**Jennifer J. Mills, BA**, graduated from the University of Maine at Presque Isle with a BSc in Elementary Education with a minor in English.

**Nathaniel Smith, BA (Hons)** was the hooding candidate at the 2006 convocation. He worked last year at the Nova Scotia Archives and Records Management. Nathaniel resides in Halifax. He entered the Masters of Public Administration program in September 2007 at Dalhousie University and will graduate in 2009. He looks forward to a future career in municipal government administration.

**Roisin Fegan, BA**, has arrived in Accra, Ghana, and is working as a monitoring and evaluation officer on two projects with the Health Foundation of Ghana as part of the SMU International Youth Internship Program.

**2007**

**Natalie Boyd, MA**, started a work experience at the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) of the United Nations in Accra Ghana in June as part of the SMU International Youth Internship Program.

**Nathan Deg, BSc**, studied at Castel Gandolfo in the Pope's summer residence in Italy, where students studied extra solar planets and brown dwarfs (sub-stellar objects that orbit gas giant planets). Nathan is one of 27 students from 23 countries to be selected for this opportunity.

**Melissa D. Gray, BA**, was awarded a Canada Graduate Scholarship and will be pursuing her Masters degree in Counselling Psychology at the University of Calgary.

**Alexis Kraig, BA**, began an eight-month work experience as a monitoring and evaluation officer with CARE International in Hanoi, Vietnam in August 2007 as part of the SMU International Youth Internship Program.



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**Gregory J.A. MacDonald, BComm**, has accepted a position with Belliveau Veinotte Inc., Bridgewater, NS, where he will work towards his CA designation.

**Justin V. O'Hearn, BA**, has been accepted into the Education degree program at Wollongong University, Australia.

**Captain Andrew J. Rae, Honorary Doctorate of Civil Law (Honoris Causa)**, has been an integral part of the marine industry for 50 years both locally and nationally.

Kenneth Stannix, father of **Master Cpl. Christopher Paul Stannix, BA**, accepted a Bachelor of Arts degree awarded post-humously to his son. The 24 year-old Saint Mary's student was serving in Afghanistan in April when a bomb hit a military convoy about 75 kilometres west of Kandahar, killing the reservist and five other Canadian soldiers.

**Darlene Swales, BA** and Certificate in Human Resources, is leaving Nova Scotia to continue her studies and travel to the United Kingdom.

**Derek Wolf, BSc**, is now working in Dong Hoi City, Vietnam, with the Landmine Survivors Network as part of the SMU International Youth Internship Program.

## In Memorium

**Liam Currie, BA '91, MA '95**

October 7, 2007

**Dr. Simon Spatz, DOCL '02**

October 2, 2007

**Leo P. Arab, BA '57**

September 23, 2007

**James E. Britten, BA '55**

September 3, 2007

**Charles Stephen Dwyer,**  
*attended SMU 1939*

August 9, 2007

**Eric Dewling, BA '68**

July 24, 2007

**Anne Marie de Fontes (nee McKenzie), BA '72**

July 5, 2007

**John L. O'Toole, DipEng '52**

July 1, 2007

**Gerald Bowlin, HS '53**

June 25, 2007

**Dr. Raymond Ferguson, Hon '84**

June 10, 2007

**Diane L. Lamb, BA '95**

June 9, 2007

**Donald A. Brown, HS '62**

May 23, 2007

**Thomas Sweet,**  
Associate Alumnus

May 20, 2007

**Edgar McGrath, BComm '52**

May 2, 2007

**James S. (Farmer) Landry,**  
*attended 1976-77*

May 1, 2007

**Pamela D. Lerch, BA '84**

April 24, 2007

**Dr. Lawrence Murphy, MA '62**

April 17, 2007

**Hugh McDonald, HS '49**

March 12, 2007

**Frank Reardon, HS '39**

January 23, 2007

## With Sympathy

Deepest Sympathy to **Dr. Gerry Reardon, Class of '69**, on the passing of his mother, Barbara Therese (McCarthy) Reardon, on September 16, 2007.

Deepest Sympathy to **Joseph Bishara, BEd '76**, and **Cindy Bishara**, Continuing Education, Saint Mary's University, on the passing of their mother, Mary Elizabeth Bishara, on May 4, 2007. Mary Elizabeth was grandmother to **Zach Churchill, BComm '07**.

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## On Father William Stewart's 70th Anniversary as a Jesuit

Friends of **Father William A. Stewart** will be pleased to learn that Father Bill celebrated his 92nd birthday on August 21, 2007, and marked 70 years as a Jesuit on September 8. Many Saint Mary's graduates will remember Father Stewart not only as a professor of philosophy and university administrator (1950-1980), but as a longtime force behind the Saint Mary's Drama Society (SMUDS). In 1983, the SMU Alumni Association established the *Father William A. Stewart, S.J., Medal for Excellence in Teaching*.

Father Stewart is now living comfortably at the Jesuit Infirmary in Pickering, Ontario. Though his mobility and hearing are somewhat limited, he is very active in mind and spirit. He can be contacted c/o The Jesuit Infirmary, 2315 Liverpool Road, Pickering, ON, L1X 1V4.



ca. 1979

*Father Stewart discusses Shakespeare's Macbeth with members of the Drama Society.*

ca. 1965

*Father William Stewart, S.J., at the Horne Memorial Library*



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