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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



It has been an interesting and busy couple of months. We established a Montreal Alumni Chapter, reinvigorated our Toronto Chapter, and we are in the process of establishing chapters in Victoria, British Columbia, Bangkok, San Francisco and Afghanistan.

We now have 30 active chapters all over the globe.

We are also working on a new Strategic Plan that will guide your Alumni Association into the future, and drive our key long term goal to be the "Best Connected Alumni Association in Canada." The plan is built upon four cornerstones: 1) increase the profile of the Alumni Association in all of our markets; 2) raise the profile of the university while supporting recruitment; 3) support the universities fundraising initiatives, and; 4) interact with and support students while on campus.

We have retooled the Alumni Director's job description and will be commencing a search in the coming weeks. The new Alumni Director will be a key figure as we rollout

the Strategic Plan with established goals and timelines.

Mark your calendars for Thursday, April 19, 2007 when our flagship event "Turning Points in Leadership" presents special guest host Linda Kuga Pikulin, President, The Pepsi Bottling Group (Canada) Co. It promises to be another wonderful evening showcasing alumni, students, and leadership from a regional, national and international perspective. Last year's event sold out very quickly, so if you are interested in attending please contact the alumni office.

Alumni Weekend plans are well underway with reunions planned for the graduation years of 1957, 1982 and 1997. We will be adding the 5-year reunion to the weekend so grads of 2002 should get ready to join in the fun! Vanier Cup Champions of 2001 and 2002 will also be celebrating their reunions. Mark your calendars for September 20-22, 2007.

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We Are Saint Mary's: *New Branding Initiative Personifies Our History, Traditions, and Vision*

By David Ryan, BA '98

You can see the words everywhere: on web pages, posters, clothing, accessories and advertisements. Saint Mary's University: One University. One World. Yours. This is the new signature line of the University, and part of the new Strategic Marketing and Communications Initiative, spearheaded by Saint Mary's President, Dr. J. Colin Dodds. "Our branding encapsulates the vision of our University, and the belief that an education at Saint Mary's prepares our students to be able to succeed anywhere in the world," says Dr. Dodds.

In the age of globalization, this is a powerful message. "The new branding initiative has allowed us to plant our colours firmly in the ground and say, 'this is who we are, and this is where we're going,'" adds Dr. Dodds. "Students from Nova Scotia, across Canada and from abroad will know that attending Saint Mary's will give them a chance to learn about the world in depth. This comes from the curriculum, the internationalized student community (over 80 countries are represented on our campus—a fact acknowledged by Maclean's magazine) and the study and work abroad opportunities that exist."

"Our students learn first hand that while there are certainly cultural differences between people around the world, and we need to celebrate diversity, our communities share many similarities," says **Chuck Bridges (MBA '92)**, Vice President (Assoc.) External Affairs.

"Students can come from anywhere in the world and get a first-class education in a safe, nurturing environment. Indeed, at Saint Mary's you can experience the world in one city block."

Bridges says that the time taken to complete the new strategic branding initiative is nothing short of remarkable—16 months. This includes work by a committee of 23 people, and research that was done around the world, involving alumni, current and prospective students, and leaders from both business and government.

The branding is part of a larger strategic mission driven by Dr. Dodds. It enables the university to advance its academic plan in the global context. For instance, Dr. Esther Enns, Dean of Arts, has established an international



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curriculum in the Arts faculty, so that students can be exposed to the world in the classroom. "All this follows on our 200th Anniversary," says Dr. Dodds. "Although the University and the world we live in has changed over that time, the essential foundations of our educational mission and values remain as our guiding principles in preparing all our students to be citizens of the world."

Much of the actual branding process was guided by **Dr. Richard Franklin, (BComm '69, Hon. '99)**. Dr. Franklin has had brand responsibility for several international firms, including Coors, Reebok, and Pepsi. The Computing Research Association (CRA) was brought in for research, and the branding was developed with Chester Goluch, from Chester + Company in Halifax.

"What it comes down to is that this project has confirmed our thoughts about the University," says Chuck Bridges. "It has even helped us face some uncomfortable truths. For instance, our strengths, such as the caliber of our academic programmes, and the quality of our faculty and staff were not as widely known throughout Canada as they were overseas. We were actually better known in Beijing than we were in Vancouver! With our new strategic initiatives, including branding and work with our alumni, our external profile has been greatly enhanced."

Meet the Class of 2006!

Fall Convocation a Resounding Success



Bachelor of Commerce graduate Katherine MacLeod Brown and Dr. Don Nauills, Associate Dean of Arts and Marshall of Convocation.



Master of Science (Applied Science) graduates Colin Garroway and Erica Oberndorfer.

Over 300 students in the Faculties of Arts, Commerce, Science and Graduate Studies and Research crossed in October to receive their degrees from Saint Mary's University.

Chenara Murray, who is from the Bahamas, gave the Valedictorian Address and received a Bachelor of Commerce degree.

"To all of you graduates here today, make sure you go on in life and fulfill your dreams," she said in her address.

"All of you have proven that you can achieve; now it's time for you to go out in the world and strive for excellence. Remember, reach for success, but also make sure you reach for happiness in your life as well," she added.

Allison Langille was the Hooding Recipient. She was also presented with the University's official Alumni Pin. Langille, who is from New Glasgow, NS, was presented with an Honours Degree in Psychology.

This year's President's Award for Excellence in Research was presented to Dr. Kevin Kelloway, who is a professor of management and psychology at the University.

In addition, the University named Dr. George Mitchell Professor Emeritus of Astronomy and Physics.

Dr. Elizabeth Chard, Louis Deveau and Peter McCreath were awarded Honorary Degrees from Saint Mary's.

Dr. Chard and McCreath were presented Honorary Doctor of Civil Law Degrees, while Deveau was awarded an Honorary Doctor of Commerce Degree.

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SMU graduate students scoop big scholarships



left) Jay Boutillier, MBA student in the Sobey School of Business at Saint Mary's, and (right) Paul O'Hearn (BComm '82), President of the University's Alumni Association. Boutillier is the recipient of the Mahon's Stationery Limited Scholarship which is valued at \$1,700.00.



Jennifer Crawford (right), a Master of Arts student in Atlantic Canada Studies, is this year's recipient of the Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR) Scholarship. The value of this award is \$17,500. Jennifer is pictured here with her mother Joan.

Dr. J. Colin Dodds, President of Saint Mary's University and the Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research hosted a special ceremony and reception recently to recognize students who have earned scholarships for the 2006-2007 academic year.

The University currently offers over \$3 million in scholarships to undergraduate and graduate students.

"Today we bring together benefactors who have invested their time and resources in the University, and students who will someday write new chapters in the history of Saint Mary's University," said Dr. Dodds.

Dr. Dodds indicated that in order to achieve the vibrant, dynamic campus that so many people enjoy, the University has been assisted over the years by the Archdiocese; federal, provincial and municipal governments; foundations, in particular, the Patrick Power Estate, the Windsor Foundation, and the Sobey Foundation; community groups; faculty; staff; students; alumni; corporations and friends of Saint Mary's. These contributions have sustained the University with new buildings, renovations, research support and scholarships. The scholarships have reinforced the University's mission of accessibility as they have made the difference for many students to embark on and complete their dream of earning a degree.

"As the University continues to attract extremely qualified students and seeks new ways to ensure that Saint Mary's remains accessible, scholarship support will be critical. For that reason, the University wishes to express its heartfelt appreciation to the individuals, corporations, and foundations that are investing in today's and tomorrow's students," said Dr. Dodds.

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Saint Mary's Alumnus to Lead the World's Largest Securities and Asset Management Firm



Robert P. Kelly, (BComm. '75, Hon. D.Comm. '97)

In December 2006 The Bank of New York Company and Mellon Financial Corporation announced a merger that will make them the world's largest securities servicing and asset management firm.

The new company, called The Bank of New York Mellon Corporation, will hold \$16.6 trillion in assets under custody and corporate trustee with \$8 trillion in assets under trusteeship, and they will be one of the top 10 global asset managers with more than \$1.1 trillion in assets under management.

At the helm of this global giant is Saint Mary's alumnus **Robert P. Kelly (BComm.'75, Hon. D.Comm.'97)** Bob was a vice chairman at TD Bank in Toronto, which included three years in London and two years in Halifax. He also was CFO of Wachovia, one of the nation's largest banks, and joined Mellon Financial as chairman, chief executive officer and president in February 2006. Just over a year later he will become chief executive officer of the new company, The Bank of New York Mellon Corporation, and – after 18 months – will also serve as chairman of the board for the organization. He was just named by US Banker magazine as one of the Top 10 Bank CEOs in the country.

"Through this merger, we will be able to invest and expand more effectively than any of our competitors due to our combined scale, profitability and global reach" said Mr. Kelly. "Together, we will have strong investment performance and the best customer service in the world."

Bob Kelly was born in Halifax and his wife is from Cape Breton. He has two children who are both attending university in the United States. Bob's father, Howard, graduated from Saint Mary's in 1939.

Saint Mary's Student Awarded Rhodes Scholarship

Olivier Jarda, a student at Saint Mary's University, is one of only two students from the Maritimes to be selected as a 2007 Rhodes Scholar.

The 22 year-old native from Moncton, New Brunswick has received the prestigious award that will allow him to study for up to three years at Oxford University — one of the most widely esteemed academic institutions in the world.

Rhodes Scholarships, created in 1902 by the will of British philanthropist Cecil Rhodes, allow recipients to study at the graduate level at Oxford University in England. Recipients are selected on the basis of high academic achievement, personal integrity, leadership potential and physical vigor, among other attributes.

"For me, being a Rhodes Scholar is an opportunity of a lifetime and I am grateful to have been selected," says Jarda, who is completing his Bachelor of Arts (Honours) Degree, with a double major in Political Science and Economics and a minor in International Development Studies (IDS).

"The Rhodes will allow me to focus entirely on my graduate studies in a fertile and world-renown learning environment. I can't wait to begin," he says.

Jarda's research interests he will pursue as a Rhodes Scholar will probe relations between developed and developing countries in terms of foreign policy and nation building.

He is currently working on his Honours Thesis at Saint Mary's, and this lengthy research paper will explore Canada's foreign policy in Haiti.

He has a 3.93 Grade Point Average (GPA) and has been extremely active as a student since coming to the University in the Fall of 2001.

He currently serves as Editor-in-Chief of The Journal Newspaper at Saint Mary's, one of Canada's oldest student newspapers, and he is also a member of the University's Track and Field Varsity Team. This year, he was named a Canadian Interuniversity Sport (CIS) All-Canadian. In 2005-2006, he was elected by the students to serve as the Vice-President of Academic for the Saint Mary's University Students Association (SMUSA). He has also served as an Official Student Representative for the Board of Governors and the Academic Senate. Last year, he was instrumental in the Model United Nations Conference held in New York City, NY, USA.

He also is the singer and bass player with a familiar Indie rock band in Canada, the Turnstiles.



Saint Mary's produces another Rhodes Scholar, Olivier Jarda.

"Saint Mary's has given me so many wonderful opportunities, both in and outside the classroom," he says.

"As the University's vision statement asserts of its students, I see myself as an aspiring citizen of the world. This chance to study abroad will allow me to gain a true international perspective."

He credits a number of people who were instrumental in aiding him through the Rhodes Scholarship process. These individuals include Dr. John Young, Chemistry Department, Dr. Marc Doucet, Political Science Department, and Dr. Leonard Preyra, Political Science Department and Member of the Legislative Assembly (MLA) for Nova Scotia for Halifax-Citadel.

Dr. Terry Murphy (BA '68), Vice-President (Academic and Research) at Saint Mary's, has congratulated Jarda on behalf of the entire University community.

"Olivier is a person who embodies the true global citizen," says Dr. Murphy. "He is a promising scholar, and is an individual who believes in social justice and community building, and these attributes will serve Olivier well at Oxford University and beyond."

Surviving Life Abroad

By Latoya Perkins, BSc '05

I left for the small town of Rzeszow, Poland, on August 31, 2005, amidst family and friends and tearful goodbyes. As I made the journey to my gate, the waterworks continued, and, aside from a few brief pauses along the way, maintained its flow until well after I had arrived and settled in my new living quarters. I'll be the first to admit that the transition was a difficult one. I'd always thought myself an adaptable, strong person, but being alone in a foreign country is a considerable challenge.

So how did I find myself in Poland, of all places? After graduating from Saint Mary's in 2005, I happened upon information about an internship opportunity in the Human Resources Department at a large company in Rzeszow. I applied, and once I had been chosen for the position, everything moved very quickly. Within a month I thought I was prepped and ready to embark on my first real cultural adventure. However, upon arriving it didn't take long to see how much I would really have to overcome.

My first big task was to learn the basics – how to say simple words and phrases such as "Please," "No," and "I don't speak Polish," as well as how to buy bus tickets, where to buy groceries, and, more to the point, how to distinguish the different coins and bills! I concentrated on learning as much as possible about the country, for several reasons: 1) I found it interesting; 2) I had nothing else to do, and 3) I hoped that I would charm would-be friends by my knowledge of their country. Well, it certainly helped pass the time, but I can't confirm that it charmed anyone into being my friend. Despite living on an International floor in a dormitory, I had a genuine struggle with making friends, as it required some real guts, which at that point I hadn't yet developed.

To bide my time until I felt comfortable enough to reach out to my fellow roommates, I explored the town as well as other cities in Eastern Europe. Travel in Europe, I found, was extremely cheap. On my humble



Latoya Perkins, BSc '05 (second from left) and new friends she made during her internship in Poland.

salary I was able to visit Krakow, Prague, Budapest, the Czech Republic, as well as explore 8 other countries after I had finished my internship (this separate excursion, of course, was padded by a little thing called a MasterCard). Europe is interesting, crowded, rich in culture, and often quite beautiful. While superficially it has similarities to North America, its deep-set roots and mysterious history are very different from our own liberal youth.

When I arrived in Poland, I thought I would never last the full six months. After living there for three, I didn't want to leave. I finally grew brave enough to approach others on my floor, and I'm pleased to say I made some wonderful friends with whom I still keep in great contact, and am planning to visit in the spring. While I didn't learn the language well, by the time I left I could follow many conversations relatively easily. My biggest lesson and achievement, however, was the growth I felt in my beliefs, about myself and about the world around me. I realized that I was much more capable than I gave myself credit for. As well, my scope of the world broadened and I came to fully respect and appreciate the differences between cultures and people, rather than be quick to judge. My experience, though it had its low moments, turned out to be the very best time of my life. I encourage others to take a chance and go for it. I don't know one person who has done so and regretted it.

HERE We Rise to the Challenge!

By Rebecca Bruce

As an institution that encourages sport development and has welcomed students from around the world, Saint Mary's is excited for the possibility of Halifax hosting the 2014 Commonwealth Games.

"The Games have so much potential to transform Halifax through economic benefits, health promotion, community involvement, facilities and infrastructure," said **Chuck Bridges (MBA'92)**, Vice President (Assoc.) of External Affairs. "The legacy that such an event creates will attract new people to Halifax and put the city on the world map."

This fall, Saint Mary's was honoured to host the international Commonwealth Games Federation President Michael Fennell and CEO Mike Hooper while they toured potential sites for the Games. During their tour of Halifax, Mr. Fennell was impressed by the city's warmth and hospitality.

The Commonwealth Games are an international sport and cultural event held every four years in which athletes from 71 Commonwealth nations and territories compete. Dubbed The Friendly Games, it is an event that celebrates and strengthens the ties that bind the Commonwealth family.

Over one billion viewers of a cumulative global audience will experience the excitement and drama of the 2nd-largest multi-sport event in the world. Properly planned and delivered, the 2014 Games can have a profound impact on Halifax and the Atlantic region of Canada.

For more information on the Halifax 2014 bid, go to www.2014Halifax.com.

Santamarian Working to Bring the Games Home

Frank Garner (BA'67, BEd'69), is a Santamarian who is a true believer in supporting two of his favorite things: sports and Halifax.

A transplant from Ontario in the early 60's, Frank moved to attend Saint Mary's and has stayed in Halifax ever since. Now unarguably a true



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Saint Mary Alumni working on the Halifax 2014 bid, (left to right) James Fox (BComm '05), Nicolle Spagnoli (BA'90), Frank Garner (BA'67, BEd'69)

Haligonian, he has been giving back to the city ever since.

For the past eight years, Frank was the executive director of Events Halifax, the general manager of the 1997 Senior World Canoe Championships and an executive board member for the 2003 IIHF World Junior Hockey and 2004 IIHF World Women's Hockey championships. He is also a former international level athlete and Olympic coach.

His latest challenge: bringing the 2014 Commonwealth Games to Halifax.

As Director of Sport, Frank is both confident and excited about the potential of his favourite city's bid.

"Halifax has a long and proud sporting history," says Frank. "The 2014 Commonwealth Games will showcase our sporting tradition and bring a world audience to Nova-Scotia."

Frank believes that Halifax's reputation as a world-class host city and Halifax 2014's athlete-focus bid are essential to winning the Games bid. His sport team is working to ensure a world-class Games that will meet athletes' needs and also leave behind a sustainable legacy for future generations.

In competition with Glasgow, Scotland, and Abuja, Nigeria, the Halifax 2014 bid committee is now focused on developing and winning the international bid, which will be awarded by the Commonwealth Games Federation on Nov. 9, 2007, in Sri Lanka.



“Work hard and always give back to your community”

Stephen Leahey, Diploma in Engineering '62

For Stephen Leahey, there is only one thing that he attributes to his success in life — Saint Mary's University.

He came to the University in 1959 to earn an Engineering Degree. Being from the small village of Pugwash, Nova Scotia, he was nervous about coming to the city and earning a degree from the then Jesuit-run institution.

“I had no idea what to expect when I first arrived here,” laughs Leahey.

“I was just a kid from a little village, so coming to the Halifax to attend Saint Mary's was a whole new experience for me, but totally worth it,” he smiles.

Leahey recalls how hard his first year was as a student.

“I never worked so hard in my entire life,” he says. “I was under a lot of pressure to do well. It all however came to pass and I made it over any barriers that were in the way.”

He certainly did.

After graduating he then went on to earn an Engineering Degree from the Technical University of Nova Scotia (now DalTech), as well as his Master of Business Administration (MBA) Degree from Queen's University.

“I enjoyed my educational experience at Saint Mary's,” he says. “The thrill of learning stuck with me. I am proud to have learned more about the field of engineering and business at the graduate level of study.”

His professional career is quite remarkable.

He joined Bell Canada in the late 1960's moving his way up the ladder to Divisional Construction Manager in Toronto, Ontario. Subsequently, he held five Vice-Presidential positions in economics, systems development, corporate performance, quality and strategic planning.

In the late 1980's, he opened his own company, the Canadian Quality Management Centre, a successful consulting firm which he still owns.

In the early 1990's, his wife Dennice was offered a Regional President's position with the Royal Bank in Winnipeg, Manitoba.

Once there, Leahey worked with the Manitoba Government enhancing

the province's information and telecommunications infrastructure. He was also the founding President of the Manitoba Innovation Network, a non-profit company whose mission was to accelerate Manitoba's move into the information economy.

When departing from “The Peg,” he was presented with the coveted Honorary Citizen Award by the Mayor for his contributions to the City.

Leahey has a long list of accomplishments. He's taught at McGill University, done research at the University of Montreal, and was a director of the Executive Development program at Williams College. His past directorships include the American Productivity and Quality Centre, the Canadian Healthcare Telematics Corporation, the EDI Council of Canada, TRILabs, the Canadian Electronic Commerce Committee, Positron Fiber Systems, the Montreal Chamber of Music and the Manitoba Theatre Centre.

Now retired and living in both Halifax and Pugwash, Leahey remains busy working and giving back to the community.

For the last three years, he has sat on the Board of Directors for the Museums of Nova Scotia and the Board of the Northumberland Golf Club.

He is also the founding Chairman of the Pugwash Peace Exchange, and founding President of the Pugwash Estuary.

Recently, he wrote a book, *Stories from the Lobster Fishery of Cumberland's Northern Shore* and dedicated all profits to the North Cumberland Historical Society.

“I really enjoyed writing this book,” he says. “Some of my relatives were lobster people, so for me there was a romantic appeal to this project. Also, the real reward with releasing this work is giving back to the region and to the North Cumberland Historical Society.”

Certainly, Leahey has been living a good life and always will.

“Living a good life is not about being rich,” he says. “I learned this at Saint Mary's. My life is based on hard work, and community outreach. This is why I have a good life, and I owe it all to Saint Mary's.”

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SAINT MARY'S UNIVERSITY CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

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The *Hearts & Minds* Capital Campaign continues to build momentum thanks to the generous support of Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce (CIBC) and Manulife Financial. **To date, the University has received over \$28 million from corporations and individuals for the Campaign.**

On November 16, 2006 faculty, staff, students, alumni and friends gathered at the University's Art Gallery for the announcement that Dr. John Chamard, a management professor in the Sobey School of Business at Saint Mary's, was appointed the CIBC Professor in Entrepreneurship and Venture Development, a new position created through CIBC's generous Campaign gift.

CIBC donated \$400,000 to the *Hearts & Minds* Campaign to create this new professorship — one which will allow Dr. Chamard to carry out educational, community and research activity in the areas of entrepreneurship and venture development.

"Dr. Chamard will be inspiring the next generation of Atlantic Canada's entrepreneurs who will be a driving force in the region's future success," says **Ian Penny, BComm.'87**, Vice President, Atlantic Canada, CIBC Commercial Banking.

"New venture creation is vital to the economic and social well-being of Atlantic Canadians," says Dr. Chamard. "Everyone at Saint Mary's is proud that CIBC has provided the support that will help us continue our leadership role in the development of entrepreneurs."

On November 29, 2006, Manulife Financial announced a generous gift of \$100,000 – a gesture that will have far reaching benefits for Nova Scotians.

At a special ceremony held at the Tower Courtside Lounge, Saint Mary's honoured this special gift with the naming of the Manulife Heart for Life Program at Saint Mary's. The program is designed to improve the health and well-being of heart patients who have either had, or are at risk of having heart disease, heart attack, heart surgery or angina.

Alumnus **Gerard Ferguson, BSc.'75**, Regional Vice-President of Group Atlantic, Manulife Financial, attended the event saying his financial institution is proud to support Saint Mary's University.



Saint Mary's President, Dr. J. Colin Dodds (left) thanks Ian Penny (BComm.'87), Vice President, Atlantic Canada, CIBC Commercial Banking for their support of the Hearts & Minds Campaign.



Dr. David Murphy, Director of the Athletics and Recreation Department (left) and Gerard Ferguson (BSc.'75), Regional Vice-President of Group Atlantic, Manulife Financial both unveil the \$100,000 cheque.

"Manulife Financial has a proud tradition of supporting the communities where we live and work," said Ferguson. "The Manulife Heart for Life Program fits perfectly with our charitable program focus, which aims to improve the health and welfare of all Canadians."

This one is for you Dick! UNIVERSITY ANNOUNCES DICK MACLEAN LEADERSHIP AWARD

Santamarians and friends of the University gathered in October to celebrate the life of **Richard (Dick) MacLean, MA'69** with a special ceremony held in the Unilever Lounge on the fourth floor of the Sobey Building.

More than \$133,000 in gifts and pledges were raised in 2006 in support of the Dick MacLean Leadership Award and in honour of Dick who passed away on September 19, 2005.

The first recipient of the award is Erik Glavic, a student pursuing his Bachelor of Commerce Degree through the Sobey School of Business. Glavic is also a quarterback with the Huskies Football Team.

Family members — **Ted MacLean, BA '94 and BEd '95, Richard MacLean, BA '90,** and wife **Carol, Assoc. '05** — spoke at the event. Grandson Theo also had the chance to say a few words to the audience.

"When the committee began sharing ideas of what we could do to honour my dad it was an easy decision," said Richard. "He loved education, football, and Saint Mary's, so in this spirit we committed to establishing an endowment, the interest of which would fund an annual award in perpetuity."

Dick served as a passionate ambassador for Saint Mary's, working on behalf of the Alumni Association, Athletics and Recreation, and in



Ted MacLean (BA '94 and BEd '95) presents Erik Glavic (right) with the Dick MacLean Leadership Award.

support of the University's strategic directions and fundraising. In 2003, he was appointed to the Board of Governors where he embraced the opportunity to help shape the future of his alma mater.

70 Years Old and Going Strong!



We're 70 years old! From left to right: Paul Fitzgerald (BA '97 and MA '06), former Editor in Chief of The Journal; Kristian Bertin, current News Editor; Adam Costello, current Sports Editor; Paul O'Hearn (BComm '82), President of the University's Alumni Association; Ryan O'Hearn; Jackie Howatt, current Business Editor; Dr. J. Colin Dodds, President of Saint Mary's; and Zach Churchill, President of the Saint Mary's University Students' Association (SMUSA).

The Journal Newspaper is now 70 years old, and this past November former and current editors celebrated the success of one of Canada's oldest student newspapers.

At a special 70th Anniversary ceremony for The Journal a number of alumni who spent countless hours during their time as students penning stories of all sorts gathered to reminisce.

The Journal was established in 1935 when the University was located on Windsor Street. Since its founding in 1802, the University has always maintained a strong student press. During the 1800's, students produced The Santamarian, and in the early 1900's the newspaper was renamed The Tatler.

Future Alumni



(left to right): Barry Lampier (Dip Eng '75), Chuck Bridges (MBA '92), "Daddy" Greg Doody (BSc '97), Sydney Doody (Class of 2030), "Grandpa" Dave Flewwelling (BComm. '85)

It's never too early to recruit! Friends gather at the Annual Sinclair Beach, Pictou County, Canada Day Alumni gathering.

Where the Boys Are!



(left to right): Darcy Brown, Lyn Brown & Kyle Drake

Lyn Brown was on hand to support her son and her son's room-mate at a Huskies Game against Concordia in October. Lyn has been volunteering with the Athletics Department to develop recruiting tools and parent and player information packages.

Boston Tree Lighting



Frank Arment (BA '71), Saint Mary's President, Dr. J. Colin Dodds, Paul J. Dyer (BComm. '68).

Alumni gathered in Boston for the annual Christmas Tree Lighting event. For the past 35 years Nova Scotia has donated a Christmas tree to the city of Boston in thanks for their help in the aftermath of the December 6, 1917 Halifax Explosion.



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Building Connections Around the World

By David Ryan, BA '98

New, progressive ideas – time honoured values and traditions. These are the ingredients Saint Mary's Alumni are using across Canada and around the world to reach out to fellow Santamarians and new, eager minds.

As 2007 begins, key members of the Alumni Association are working on a new, official strategic document that will serve as a guide in this new century. But the work of leading Saint Mary's through our rapidly changing world has already started.

"Our goal is to have the best connected alumni in Canada in the next ten years," says **Paul O'Hearn (BComm '82)**, President of the Alumni Association. O'Hearn's drive and passion embody the spirit of Saint Mary's University. He explains that the Alumni have built their strategy around four pillars. "First, we want to raise the profile of the Alumni Association in all key markets. Second, we want to raise the profile of the University and assist with recruitment. Third, we are here to support Saint Mary's fundraising initiatives. Finally, we are interacting with students and providing support for students on campus and their career aspirations."

Already, Maclean's Magazine, in its 2006 rankings, has rated Saint Mary's second overall for alumni support.

O'Hearn has been actively engaging with other alumni from around the world. New chapters have recently been established in Victoria, Montreal, and Bangkok. The Toronto chapter was recently reinvigorated. But is Saint Mary's stopping there? "We're going to keep growing around the world," says a beaming O'Hearn.

His enthusiasm is contagious. Saint Mary's boasts a truly international student body, with students from almost 80 countries around the globe, and alumni from every continent—over 38,000 strong. Changes in technology and the way we communicate have altered the dynamics of citizenship throughout the world, and Saint Mary's new branding initiative is reflective of this reality. Saint Mary's University: One University. One World. Yours. These words express the core values shared by our alumni, faculty and staff. They also reflect the high standards in education that today's students demand.

"Today's students expect top quality education, and they know how important it is to be able to thrive in the global market place," says Saint

Mary's University President, Dr. J. Colin Dodds. "Our educational mission is to broaden their horizons by providing first rate education in the classroom, by interacting with students from around the world and by offering opportunities to study and work abroad."

"Students have always been the top priority in everything we do at Saint Mary's," says Dr. Dodds. "This is what makes the experience of attending our University so unique, and it is why we have such a strong alumni. People who attend Saint Mary's never forget their experiences they've had and the bonds they've forged, and are only too eager to pass on these values to others."

Monica Wood, Director of Student Recruitment, shares these sentiments. "Word of mouth is our most powerful tool," she says. "The current and prospective students of today are very bright and understand the world around them. They are very aware when marketing campaigns are being directed towards them, and are very conscious of branding. What they really want is a genuine experience, and there is no better way to convey that experience than through connection with people who have actually lived it."

Saint Mary's Alumni are a key component in the recruitment process, and are part of a partnership with External Affairs, Alumni Affairs, and the Student Recruitment Office. "The strategic direction of the Alumni Association reflects the core values of the University, and these are values everyone who has been part of the Saint Mary's experience shares," says Wood. "By sharing their experiences, our alumni can exemplify the impact that Saint Mary's can have on someone's life, in their career and the communities they are part of. This is something that no marketing campaign can achieve. It is why we engage our alumni to get involved with the recruitment process. And I know from my own experience that wherever I have gone in the world, people know about Saint Mary's and the support they have received from faculty and staff."

The specifics of the official strategic document are being constructed by a committee chaired by Paul O'Hearn, which includes **Chuck Bridges (MBA '92)**, Vice President (Assoc.) External Affairs, and **Ron Gomes (BComm.'65)**. Gomes, working out of Andover, Massachusetts, has been a driving force in the growth of the New England chapter. He has also been instrumental in recruiting from the New England area. Also

involved is **Adriana Dolnyckyj (MBA '02)**, a key member of the Alumni Executive. "This plan really builds on previous plans," says Chuck Bridges. "We have always been aware that we have a strong, connected alumni around the world. The shared experience that epitomizes Saint Mary's is what binds us. What the new strategic plan gives us is an even greater focus."

Part of the reason for this, says Bridges, is the incorporation of the new branding initiative into the strategic direction of the alumni. "Our branding is a message that personifies the vision, strategic goals, and values of Saint Mary's with real clarity. This clarity of purpose and the focus of our mission will serve as the rallying cry for our alumni around the world."

Bridges says that this spirit has already manifested itself. "Alumni are frequently calling us and asking us how they can stay engaged. And they can do so by continuing to raise our profile in Halifax and internationally."

Three prominent alumni based in Halifax are doing just that. **BJ Frenette (Assc.'92, Alumni Affairs Officer)**, **Dwayne Provo (Bed.'95)**, and **Nicole Godbout (BComm.'98)** are working tirelessly on the establishment

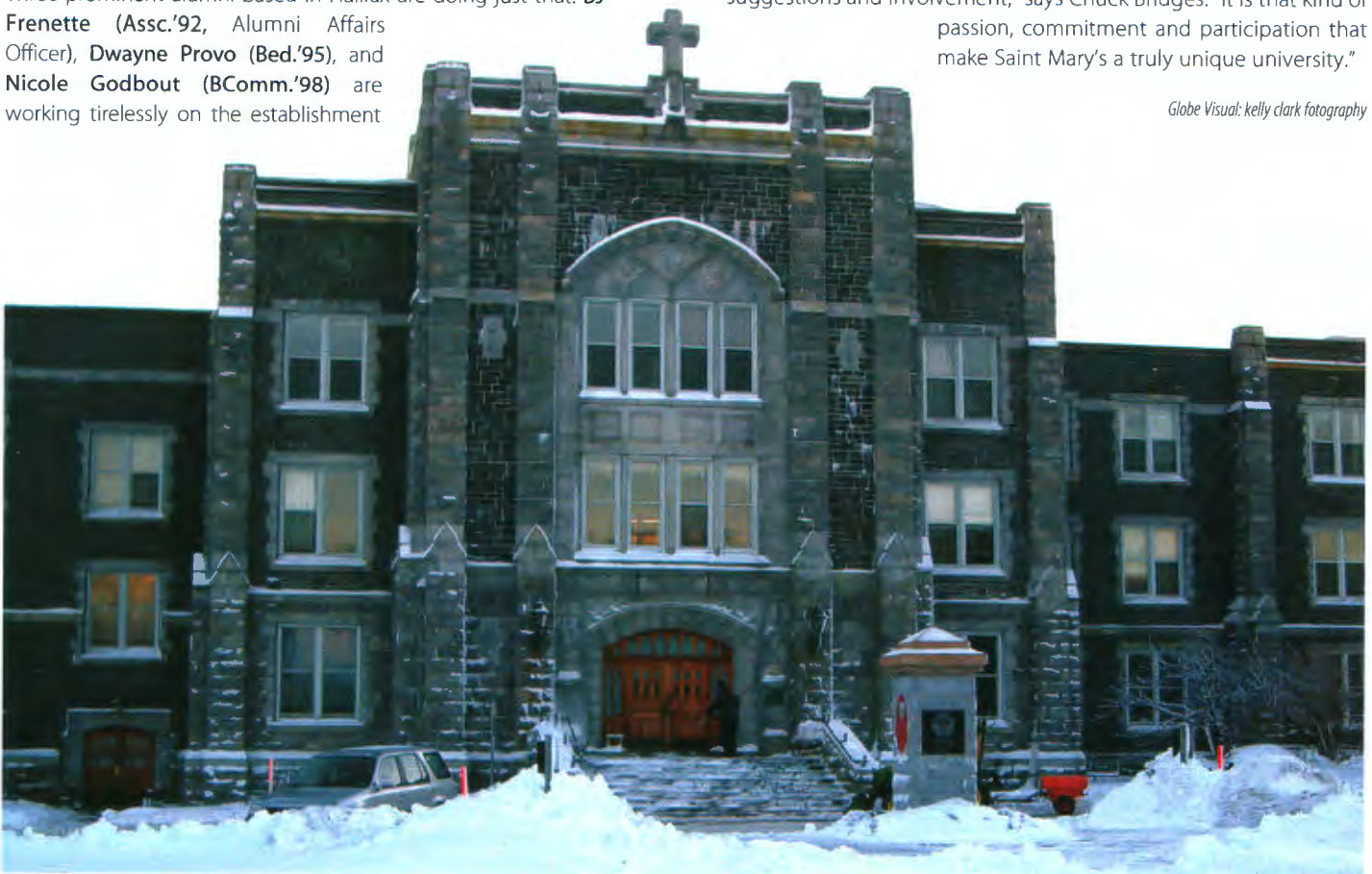
and growth of all chapters. "Establishing branches is very important to the Association and the University, because this is another way of communicating to our alumni, they can help us with recruiting in their area which is now becoming even more important," says Frenette. "One of our goals is to become the best connected alumni association in the country and with the help of branches and chapter growth I think we can accomplish this goal."



The newest branch is being established in San Francisco by alumni representative **Trevor Curwin (MBA '97)**. Others are sure to follow. "There's nothing more satisfying than seeing a student have a great university experience," says Monica Wood. "This is what drives our alumni to engage the world. This is not a top-down plan, but a grassroots movement. We are in an era of involvement, and that is why this is such an exciting time to be a part of Saint Mary's history."

The new strategic document mirrors this grassroots philosophy. When it is published early in the new year, it will be posted in full at www.smu.ca/alumni, where all Saint Mary's Alumni are encouraged to read it and comment on it. "We encourage suggestions and involvement," says Chuck Bridges. "It is that kind of passion, commitment and participation that make Saint Mary's a truly unique university."

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Branches, Brunches & Brainstorming



(left to right): Ken Langile, Rick Tordon (BComm.'84), Jane Lawley, Christine Tordon (BA'83)

In December the Ottawa Alumni Branch gathered for their Annual Christmas Brunch. Talks over a great buffet included how to recruit students to attend Saint Mary's from friends and family of alumni.



Mike Burgoyne (BComm.'93) and Signa Butler (BA'96)

Toronto Alumni also got together recently to trade ideas and stories, and to share fun and fellowship.



CALL For Nominations

Sport Hall of Fame & Heritage Centre

In September 2006, Saint Mary's University Sport Hall of Fame & Heritage Centre inducted Reg MacDougall (BA'60), Dr. Bob Ruotolo (BA'65) and Mike Curry (1973 - 1976). All were excellent scholar athletes whose abilities and leadership destined them for Hall of Fame recognition. They also represent the heritage and history of Saint Mary's University.

All three inductees were worthy of induction into our Hall of Fame because of what they accomplished here at Saint Mary's, and what they accomplished after graduation. But how did they gain entrance into this prestigious Hall? Someone took the time to nominate them.

How many other worthy candidates are out there who also deserve recognition and induction into the Hall of Fame?

Nominate a worthy candidate to the Sport Hall of Fame today.

Find out more by visiting our website at www.smu.ca/athletics

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

Here is an opportunity for you to honor your favorite professor with a nomination for this highly respected award.

The Father William A. Stewart, S.J. Medal for Excellence in Teaching was established in 1983 by the Saint Mary's University Alumni Association to honor Father Stewart, who taught in the Philosophy Department at Saint Mary's University for many years, and held numerous administrative positions. The gold medal is presented to the winner at the Spring Convocation and a monetary award is presented at the Alumni Association's Annual Dinner.

Each nomination must:

- a) Be supported by the names of at least ten people from among students, faculty and alumni
- b) In making its recommendation to the Alumni Executive, the Awards Committee will consider:
 - Teaching ability and classroom performance
 - Interaction with students
 - Extra-curricular contributions to the life of the University (Include a statement of support of the nomination)
 - Include a Curriculum Vitae for the professor.

• While previous winners are ineligible for re-nomination, the Alumni Association welcomes re-nominations from previous candidates for this Award

Include the names of two (2) references, which consist of a Faculty member and a student who support this application (student name may be selected from selection criteria a), above).

Note: The candidate will be determined on quality, rather than quantity.

Nominations will be reviewed by a five member selection committee, composed of three people appointed by the Alumni Executive, one faculty member appointed by the Saint Mary's University Faculty Union, and one member of the student body, appointed by the Students' Representative Council.

The award is open to faculty members who have completed at least five years of teaching service at the University. More information is available at the Alumni Office, 867 Robie Street, Halifax, NS B3H 3C3 email: alumni@smu.ca, website: www.smu.ca/alumni/ or phone 902.420.5420.

All Nominations MUST be received in the Alumni Office NO LATER than Friday, March 9th, 2007

Mayann E. Francis BA'72

Lieutenant Governor of Nova Scotia

“Great leaders should be humble and spiritual”

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

At the official installation ceremony for the appointment of Lieutenant Governor of Nova Scotia, Mayann E. Francis, a native of Whitney Pier, NS and Saint Mary's alumna, ensured that her family ties were clearly evident: she took the oath of office while holding a Bible given to her father, the late Archpriest George A. Francis, for his pastoral and community work.

A career public servant, the first African Nova Scotian, and only the second woman to hold the position in the province's more than 400-year history, she became the Lieutenant Governor only four months ago.

Her Honour continually credits her family with instilling in her a dedication to excellence and a commitment to success critical to her journey in life.

And what a journey it's been.

With her parents as role models, Her Honour became a firm advocate of ongoing formal education.

She arrived in Halifax in the early 1960's to study X-ray technology at the old Halifax Infirmary. She earned her Bachelor of Arts (BA) Degree from Saint Mary's in 1972 and over the years has earned a Master's Degree in Public Administration from New York University (NYU), a Certificate in Equal Opportunity Studies from Cornell University, and a Certificate in Theological Studies from the Atlantic School of Theology (AST), among others.

After jobs as an X-ray technician, department store switchboard operator and paralegal, she became a pioneer in senior positions with the provincial governments of Nova Scotia and Ontario, and was instrumental in advancing diversity and equality through human resources positions like at the District Attorney's Office in Kings County, New York.

A former director and CEO of the Nova Scotia Human Rights Commission and Ombudsman for the province, she says the celebration of equity and inclusion will continue to be of primary influence in her new role.



The Honourable Mayann E. Francis, BA'72

She's come a long way in her career over the years.

As she explains in this one-on-one interview, in order to reach success, keep one thing in mind: "We must treat every step as an opportunity to do good because we do not know what our destination will be. Our past helps to shape our future."

What was it like growing up in Whitney Pier and what made you move to Halifax in the 1960's?

I came to Halifax in the 1960s to study X-ray technology at the old Halifax Infirmary which was located on Queen Street. The decision to leave Whitney Pier was not an easy one. Growing up in Whitney Pier was an experience that is sometimes difficult to put into words. We were a poor community of immigrants - a mini United Nations. We came from

many different places and were diverse before the word became popular. Our neighbours were West Indian, Polish, Italian, Irish, Ukrainian, Jewish, Lebanese, Russian, French and Scottish. It was amazing. Learning to live with so many different cultures certainly helped shape who I am today. We were a community that shared and cared. Whitney Pier used to have banks, grocery stores, movie theatres, plenty of churches, a synagogue, restaurants; it was a community that had everything we needed. Parents wanted their children to have more. They stressed the importance of education for our future. For my family the church was the focal point. My father was a church minister.

What made you decide to attend Saint Mary's University?

I selected Saint Mary's University because of its size. Believe it or not I was rather shy and wanted to be at a school that would not overwhelm me. I was fearful but it did not take long before I met many wonderful people. My professors took a special interest in me. I gained the confidence I needed to successfully complete my studies and to face the world. When I reflect on my days at Saint Mary's, I do so fondly. I did not live on campus. Sometimes I wish I had. I think living on campus at least for part of my studies would have allowed me to be more involved in student life. Nonetheless I made many close friends and the bond is still there today. Saint Mary's was a warm and welcoming place. Its doors were open to women, international students and persons with disabilities. Perhaps this is where my interest in human rights began. I worked at the Nova Scotia Human Rights Commission during summer breaks and eventually was hired as a Human Rights Officer after my graduation.

When you look back on your days as a SMU student, what sticks out in your mind the most?

There was always something pushing me along to learn as much as I could. Perhaps it was my parents. They instilled in me the value of education. I believe education, hard work and a strong belief in your own abilities is the key to unlocking many doors. I believe God placed me on this earth for a reason. I have followed the path I believed was laid out for me. That path has brought me to where I am today. I believe my call to service as Lieutenant Governor is another step along this path.

You have held many unique positions over the past 30 years and also have achieved even more higher education. What's motivated you in life to keep forging ahead?

As always, my parents played a role in motivating me. My mother especially stressed the importance of learning and continuously seeking to improve yourself. This is a message I want to communicate as Lieutenant Governor. So, when I completed my X-Ray technology program I knew that there was more to learn. I wanted a university degree and after I achieved that eventually another degree. Along the way I earned certificates in Paralegal Studies (Long Island University), Equal Employment Opportunities Studies (Cornell University) and a Certificate in Theology (Atlantic School of Theology). I had started the process of applying for doctoral studies while I was living in New York. I guess it was not meant to be because before I knew it I was offered a position at Dalhousie University as their first Employment Equity Officer.



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How did you feel when Prime Minister Stephen Harper offered you the position as Lieutenant Governor of Nova Scotia?

When I met with Prime Minister Harper, and he told me why he wanted to see me, a warm feeling came over me. I knew what he was offering me and what the impact of his offer would mean for my life. My mind was full of thoughts. I could not believe what was happening. I was calm or maybe a bit numb from the shock. I thought about my family, especially my parents. When I was alone in my hotel room that night. (I had flown to Toronto for another meeting), I shed a tear and said a prayer. I believed God, through the Prime Minister, had called me to serve. I had a good night's sleep. In the morning, I knew my answer to the appointment would be, yes. I knew the pressures would be great; nonetheless, my faith would carry me through. I have had many challenges in my journey but my foundation has always been God and my faith.

What was it like at the swearing in ceremony, the official point in time you were granted this unique position?

The ceremony is almost a blur. I began my day with an ecumenical service of celebration and thanks at the Cathedral Church of All Saints. I could not imagine taking on this role without first giving praise and thanks to God. I wanted to be blessed. Faith leaders from many different traditions surrounded me while I knelt at the altar and received the blessing from Bishop Hiltz of the Anglican Church and my brother-in-law, the Archbishop and Primate of St. Philip's African Orthodox church. This meant so much to me because the other faith leaders joined in the blessing. Only after the church service did I feel completely ready to take the next step. My installation was wonderful and moving. After I was sworn in by chief Justice Michael Macdonald using my father's bible, I felt very calm and relaxed. I realized I had made history for our province. I now had a chance to give back to my community and province in thanks for the many blessings I have received along my journey. I knew my life had changed. I was now "Your Honour," Queen Elizabeth II's representative in Nova Scotia.

So tell me, how has it been so far serving as the Lieutenant Governor of Nova Scotia?

I consider my role a call to service and each day I ask God for guidance. I have been blessed with a successful career, many friendships and a great family. There have been many people who mentored me throughout the years. Of course there have been challenges but each one has made me stronger. Every aspect of my journey has prepared me for where I am today. My role as Lieutenant Governor is made stronger because of my past experiences. As Lieutenant Governor I have the honor to serve my province and country. It has been amazing. I

enjoy meeting the wonderful people of Nova Scotia. I want to go to places Lieutenant Governors have not gone before. If every vice-regal representative did that, then within 30 years every community would be able to say they were visited by a Lieutenant Governor. I enjoy the

smiles on people's faces and the joy in their eyes. Clearly, they feel special because the Lieutenant Governor came to visit their community. I see in many faces hope for tomorrow. I have also enjoyed learning about and performing my constitutional responsibilities. Giving royal assent to all bills is a remarkable feeling. When I recently closed the sitting of the legislature it was a very emotional feeling for me. A black woman for the first time in the history of this province performed this duty. My name is now forever attached to Samuel Cunard, the Halifax shipping magnate of the 18th century. I dedicated his life sized statue in September 2006. A bronze plaque bears my name dedicating the statue. I am proud to have made history for my family, my province, my country and for my race.

What is it you hope to achieve in your role as the Queen's representative in Nova Scotia?

I hope I leave a legacy which will make everyone proud to say I served the province. I hope to leave the province a little bit better than how I found it. I want to try and encourage people to understand the value of communities, youth, senior citizens, faith communities and what it means to value diversity. Diversity not only in the context of employment, but also its value in education and other aspects of public life. I realize that arts and culture play an important role in the development and growth of societies. We should encourage our youth to study and participate in the richness of arts and culture. Sport should be promoted for its benefits. A truly vibrant and healthy society recognizes the value and importance of these activities. I want to encourage Nova Scotians to play their part in making that happen in our communities.

What words of encouragement do you have for others out there who someday want to be leaders of tomorrow?

Becoming a leader is a lifelong commitment. Those who seek to be leaders of tomorrow must start taking steps to prepare for that responsibility today. I believe great leaders should be humble and spiritual. They should respect people and our environment. They must want to give back to their community and country. To be a leader you must explore the many lessons your life's journey can teach. Every experience prepares you for the next mile in that journey. We must treat every step as an opportunity to do good because we do not know what our destination will be. Our past helps to shape our future.



Mayann Francis, BA '72

Fruit of the Vine



Kiwi Winery

Lush perfectly manicured vineyards crawl up the hills of the Gimblett Gravel area just southeast of Napier, North Island, New Zealand; each spring bud burst brings the hope of a new crop of delicious wines. My wife **Lucille (nee Feron), (BA'76)** and I are here looking for new wines to appear on the shelves of our store.

One of our very first wine trips was to New Zealand over 20 years ago, and in the ensuing years the change that is most evident are the striking new wineries found throughout the five main wine regions. Change is also evident in the pastures of the country. Sheep populations have dropped from over 50 million animals to slightly more than 30 million woolly creatures. Times have forced this nation's farmers to quickly adapt to change with new farm crops,

Back in the 1980's, the wine industry was the exclusive domain of Yugoslavian farmers with each farmer growing a few grapes to make wine that was challenging for any palate. I well remember having a glass of red wine with Old Joe Babich at his winery that was almost more than I could stomach. Lucille, my daughter Terra and I spent a pleasant afternoon with David Babich, 'Old Joe's' grandson tasting the wines he grows and marveled at how he, along with his Dad and uncle, have changed to the new 'fruit bombs' New Zealand now sends to the worlds markets. The Babich Family has faced many challenges over the years including the most recent threat of urban encroachment of their vineyards. Vineyards we walked in 20 years ago now play host to over 5,000 homes. The family saw this change as an opportunity, a source of money to buy more acreage to grow grapes. As David stated, 'challenge combined with hope produces change and opportunities'.

Often on Friday afternoon you will find me at my computer with a glass of wine and more than the occasional visitor. Recently that visitor was my old friend and former SMUSA compatriot **Gerry 'Rifle' MacKinnon (BComm.'75)**. Our wine pleasure that day came from Kemblefield Estate Winery near Hastings, New Zealand. I was first introduced to John Kemble's **Gewurztraminer 2004** by Phil Cochrane and a co worker **Valerie MacDonald (BComm.'03)**. An old German grape, Gewurztraminer goes wonderfully with sushi, stir fry and scallops.

Not only has vineyard expansion increased ten fold over the past decade, but old vineyards have been grahpted to Sauvignon Blanc and Pinot Noir, as New Zealand in typical 'Kiwi' fashion, rushes forward with new wines. On average you will pay \$2.00 to \$3.00 more for wines from this area, but the price is well worth the experience especially when served with our own Maritime Seafood.

New Zealand like few other nations has worked with great globa production challenges and turned them to their advance as the hope and plan for the future.



John Stuart, BA'75. With many years in the agricultural and wine industry. John is General Manager of Bishop's Cellar, in Bishop's Landing on the Historic Halifax Waterfront. Bishop's Cellar is Halifax's first privately owned retail wine, beer and spirits store.



We're Leaders in International Education:

Saint Mary's Recognized by CBIE

Two members of the Saint Mary's community were recognized recently by the Canadian Bureau for International Education (CBIE).

Alana Robb, International Student Advisor at Saint Mary's University, was given an International Service Award and Danica Francis, a double major in International Development Studies and Political Science, was given the Award for Student Leadership in Internationalization.

Both awards were presented by Dr. Colin Dodds, President of Saint Mary's University who is the Chair of the CBIE Board. The awards were given at CBIE's 40th Anniversary Conference that was held in Quebec City November 12, 13 and 14, 2006.



Dr. J. Colin Dodds and Alana Robb



Dr. J. Colin Dodds and Danica Francis

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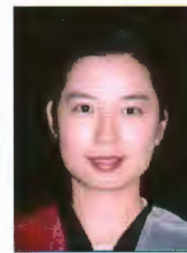
Patricia Dyson, BComm.'94



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Recently the Certified General Accountants Association of Canada appointed the following Santamarians to the CGA. Certified General Accountants are professional accountants holding senior level positions in industry, commerce, finance, government and public practice.



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1963

The Very Reverend Thomas A. Mabey, BA, has been awarded the degree of Doctor of Divinity (honoris causa) from the Atlantic School of Theology in recognition of his outstanding service and leadership in the areas of ethics, ecumenism and education. In 1967 he was ordained a priest in the Archdiocese of Halifax, and taught moral theology at the Holy Heart Seminary from 1967 to 1970. He also holds a Master's and Licentiate in Theology from St. Paul's Seminary and the University of Ottawa. Father Mabey was Associate Professor of Systematic Theology at the Atlantic School of Theology from 1974-2004, where he served many terms as Academic Dean. He has served on a number of committees including the Canadian Bioethics Society and the Canadian Theological Society. Since retiring from teaching in 2004, he has been appointed Rector of St. Mary's Basilica, Halifax.

1964

Peter Aucoin, BA, was recently presented with an Award for Excellence in Teaching from Dalhousie University. This award is presented annually to the professor who, in the eyes of his or her students and peers, has displayed the qualities of superior teaching, enthusiasm for the subject, and interest in the needs of the students.

1971

Terry Hawkins, BA, is President and CEO of Terry Hawkins Industries Limited, Shelburne, Nova Scotia. He has been a strong employer in Shelburne for the past 4 years. They employ 13 people from the community. His recent acquisition a Pultrusion machine with a price tag of \$500,000, will allow his company to produce products that will make it possible to enter previously unreachable Composites sector markets and also expand its product mix and market penetration.

1974

Jean Paul Poirier, BComm, CA, is employed with the consulting firm The MacArthurGroup Inc. in Charlottetown, PEI, as Director-Capacity Development. While operating as Chief Financial Officer at Texaco-West Africa based in Abidjan, Ivory Coast, he contracted cerebral malaria and returned to Canada in 2003. Prior to that, Jean Paul worked for 12 years at the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) in Haiti,

Johnson Controls in Asia, The Saudi Industrial Development Fund in Saudi Arabia and Pricewaterhouse in Germany and Haiti. He obtained his C.A. with the Ordre des Comptables Agrées due Quebec in 1979. You can contact Jean Paul at poirier_jeanpaul@yahoo.ca.

1977

Stephen Dempsey, BComm, is President and Chief Operating Officer of the Greater Halifax Partnership, and has been elected chairman of the Atlantic Provinces of Chamber of Commerce. The Chamber is a federation of 127 local chambers of commerce and boards of trade representing 12,000 businesses in Atlantic Canada. Stephen previously served as vice-president and as a patron director of the Atlantic board.

1980



The Gardella family, Naples, Florida

Irene Gardella, BComm '80 and her husband **Frazier ('78-'79)** have three children. Their oldest son Colin and his wife Tiffany were married on November 25, 2006 in Orlando, Florida. Second son Morgan is an avid traveler and attends the University of Central Florida and is studying business. Their youngest boy Neal is 11 years old and attends 6th grade at a Montessori school. Frazier, Irene and Frazier's brother owned and operated a shutter manufacturing plant from 1982-2004. They now work in property management and real estate.

1986

Sue Uteck, BA, has been elected HRM's new Deputy Mayor, Halifax, Nova Scotia. She is the first female deputy mayor in the history of the Halifax Regional Municipality. Sue was chosen for the position by her fellow councilors. Her late husband Larry Uteck was elected to deputy mayor in October 1998. In her new position, Sue will fill in for the Mayor in his absence during meetings of regional council, committee of the whole, official civic functions and community events.

1987

J. Paul Cooper, BA, was elected Member at Large, Calgary by the Writers Guild of Alberta at the 2006 Annual General Meeting in Edmonton.

Sandee-lee Parker (nee Price), BA graduated from the University of Nevada, Reno in February 2006 with her Master of Arts in Psychology and passed her Board Certification exam in August of 2006. She is currently the Clinical Director of Behavioural Consultation and Therapy Services Inc., an early intervention service for children with Autism. Her husband, Scott Parker, also BA'87, is a sergeant with the Ontario Provincial Police. Their middle child, Rebecca recently applied to the BSc program at Saint Mary's in Environmental Science to begin in the fall of 2007. Friends can get in touch at: sandee.parker@rogers.com or scott.parker@rogers.com.

1988



John T. Griffin, BComm '88, recipient of the first CFIB Business Ownership Transition Award

John T. Griffin, BComm., is president of WP Griffin Inc., a family-owned and operated potato grower, packer and supplier in Elmsdale, PEI. The Business Development Bank of Canada (BDC) awarded the company the first Canadian Federation of Independent Business (CFIB) Business Ownership Transition Award during Small Business Week in

October. This new award will be presented over the next three years and will recognize entrepreneurs who have completed a winning business succession, and it will also act as method of promoting other businesses to plan in a similar way. In the near future, the Canadian economy will see an unprecedented trend of company successions as a result of the aging population. The CFIB is committed to working with entrepreneurs and business to plan for this development.

1989

Pamela Bursey (nee Marks), BComm, is the Professional Responsibility Administrator for the Law Society of Newfoundland and Labrador in St. John's, NL.

1990

David Boudrea, BComm, works as General Manager at RuSh Communications Ltd, Halifax, Nova Scotia. He and his wife Michelle (nee Lalonde) were married on October 6, 2001. They have a daughter Kinlugh Emilie who was born on January 19, 2005. David graduated with a MBA in 2001 from York University.

1992

Bill Fletcher BComm, MBA '94 is coaching the women's curling team for the Province of Nova Scotia for the 2007 Canada Games that are being held in Whitehorse from February 25 to March 10, 2007.

1993



The Benjamin Family

A. Brad Benjamin, BComm, is a pilot for Air Canada flying the Boeing 737. He loves to fly. Brad and his wife Sonya have been married for 10 years and have 3 children: Bradisha, Mitchell and AJ. You can reach Brad at b.benjamin@ns.sympatico.ca.

Shawn Harmon, BA, after graduating from Saint Mary's, Shawn went on to graduate from Law School from the University of New Brunswick, clerked at the Federal Court (Ottawa), and served as a litigator with Huestis Ritch, Halifax. He recently obtained a Masters of Law (LL.M.'04) from the University of Edinburgh, for which he earned the T.B. Smith Prize (top graduate) and W.A. Wilson Prize (top dissertation). He's also served as a lecturer in the Saint Mary's University, Political Science Department. He has since returned to the University of Edinburgh, as a research fellow and a PhD candidate in bioethics, international medical and human rights law. Shawn and his wife Brenda Roberts-Harmon, are expecting their first child in December 2006.

1994

Janice Gillis, BA, graduated from Regis College/Toronto School of Theology/University on November 11, 2006 with a MA in Ministry and Spirituality. She is involved in the Spiritual Directors Program which will be completed next spring.

Philippa (Brown) Johnston, BComm. - living in Vancouver, BC. HR Generalist with Mountain Equipment Co-op. I saw that Tanya Copeland (nee Smith) and Kevin got married and had twins - Congrats guys! I'd love to get back in touch... email philippabrown@shaw.ca



Len MacGillvray, BSc '94

Len MacGillvray, BSc., was awarded one of nine American Chemical Society (ACS) 2007 Arthur C Cope Scholar Awards recognizing and encouraging excellence in organic chemistry. This is a very prestigious award and is a testament to Len's abilities as a chemist. After graduating with Honours, Len went on to earn his PhD at the University of Missouri-Columbia in 1998. He is currently a professor of organic chemistry at the University of Iowa. The award consists of \$5,000, a certificate, and a \$40,000 unrestricted research grant to be assigned by the recipient to any university or nonprofit institution.

1995



(left to right) JoAnn Cunningham, MEd.'95, Lauren Connors, BA'06, Chuck Bridges, MBA'92.

JoAnn Cunningham, MEd.'95, celebrates the graduation of her niece **Lauren Connors, BA'06**, with **Chuck Bridges, MBA'92**.

1996

Janet Knox, MBA, is President and CEO of Annapolis Valley Health. She has a Bachelor of Nursing degree from the University of New Brunswick and a Masters of Nursing from Dalhousie. Janet taught at the University of British Columbia and returned to Halifax's IWK Health Centre in 1989, and in 2004, she became the president and CEO of Annapolis Valley Health. She has held part-time university teaching appointments for 20 years.

1997

Andrew MacKinnon, BComm, has worked for over seven years as the Regional Manager of Life Insurance Marketing. In his position with Sinclair Billard+ Weld, he works with individuals and business owners in areas of retirement planning, income protection, life insurance analysis and tax and estate planning. Andrew has his Certified Financial Planning (CFP) designation. He gives back to the community by being an active member of the Halifax Progress Club, the Halifax Junior Chamber of Commerce and is Chair of the Board of Directors for the King's Meadow Home in Windsor, NS

1998

John R. Barrett, BComm., has received confirmation from Special Olympics Canada that he will be representing Canada in Powerlifting at the 2007 Special Olympics World Summer Games to be held in October in Shanghai, China.

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Team Nova Scotia, 2006 Special Olympics Summer National Games

Bernadine Halliday, Assoc., was a member of the Mission Staff that accompanied Team Nova Scotia to Brandon, Manitoba in July of 2006 for the Special Olympics National Summer Games. Waiting for her upon her arrival at the Halifax International Airport were 70 VERY excited athletes, groggy Coaches and the other two Mission Staff. For some of the athletes, it was the first time they'd been outside of the province or their hometown, so they found lots of things to see and do. Once they reached the Games site, they were greeted by cheerleaders, the mascot for the Games and a group of friendly volunteers. Team Nova Scotia was represented in Soccer, Softball, Bowling, Athletics (Track & Field), Power Lifting and Swimming and in the end were the proud holders of 56 medals (15 Gold, 22 Silver and 19 Bronze) – even a couple of new world records! The time, energy and dedication of the athletes and coaches was truly outstanding. It was an exhausting week filled with laughter, tears, high-fives, heat, long plane and bus rides, but Bernadine says she would do it all again, in a minute!

1999

Christopher Matheson, BSc., is a fisheries officer with the Barrington detachment of Fisheries and Oceans Canada in Shelburne, Nova Scotia. In his role, he does everything from routine boarding of fishing vessels at sea, to undercover work where officers are dropped off on islands to use night vision scopes to monitor suspicious activities. Prior to this appointment, Chris worked in Alaska as a fishery observer.

2000

Jeff Britton, BA, graduated from Mount Saint Vincent University with his Masters degree in Education (MEd) in Educational Psychology. He was valedictorian at the ceremony in October, 2006. Jeff will continue his work overseas as an educator and motivational speaker/youth leadership consultant and has relocated to Hong Kong until August 2007. Jeff can be reached via email at: email@jeffbritton.com.

Shawn Gammon, BComm., married Crystal Wells aboard the Tall Ship Silva on May 21, 2005.

2001

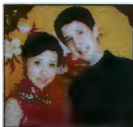


Cora de Jong Greenaway, Hon.'01, is an Order of Canada recipient

Alida (Cora) de Jong Greenaway, Hon.'01 is a historic researcher and linguist, and she is known nationally as a cultural icon for her efforts in preserving the culture and heritage of Nova Scotia. She is also a recipient of an Order of Canada. Awarded in 2006, the Order, which is the highest in Canada, is presented to Canadians to recognize their outstanding achievements and the difference they are making to the country. Ms. de Jong Greenaway is known for her discovery of renowned artist Maud Lewis and for her preservation of the Croscup Room, which is now preserved in the National Art Gallery in Ottawa. She also worked as a freelance broadcaster for the CBC Radio and headed the development of the Heritage Trust of Nova Scotia.

Jeremy Porter, BComm., and his wife Susan (nee Baker) were married in June 2002. They had a son, Ryan in June 2003 and a daughter Ellinna in August 2005. **Jeremy works** at the Nova Scotia Community College, Lunenburg campus after previous college positions at Admissions at the Annapolis Valley campus. He is working completing his MEd at Mount Saint Vincent University.

2005



Mark Crosby, BA'05 and his wife May on their wedding day

Mark Crosby, BA, a grad in Asian Studies spent a summer in Hakodate, Japan, a sister city to Halifax. He's also spent a year in Kumamoto and completed a six month internship in Beijing. Mark and his wife May were married on November 3rd in Beijing.

Michael (Mickey) MacDonald, Hon., has been appointed to the Board of Governors for the Newfoundland and Capital Corporation. Mickey's business interests include Micco Developments, a residential land development company and Micco Leasing, an automotive leasing firm. He has won numerous business awards including the 2005 Nova Scotia Philanthropist of the Year, Halifax Chamber of Commerce Business Person of the Year and was among the Top 50 CEO's in Atlantic Canada for four years in a row.

2006

C. Danielle Cullen, BSc., graduated in May. She is attending the University of Maine at the Orino Campus for her Bachelor of Education.

Bradley Redden, BSc., graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Geology. His plans include employment in the mineral exploration field.

MBA

Alex Handyside, MBA'00 owner of Scotia Care Homecare won the Maritime Business Ethics Award 2006 in the less than 25 employees category. This award recognizes and honors organizations in the Maritimes that demonstrate ethical business practices. Scotia Care Homecare was featured in the January issue of the Nova Scotia Business Journal.

Sumant Kumar, MBA'02 and **Porninta Tangsajaviton, MBA'02** were married and are residing in Bangkok Thailand. Sumant is employed as the South East Asia Regional Human Resources Officer for the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies. Porninta is employed as a marketing manager with Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu Jaiyos.

Joann Lawless, MBA'06, was recently awarded the Futures Fund Scholarship for Outstanding Leadership and the Frank H. Sobeby Business Excellence Award. Her goal is to combine her engineering background with her business knowledge to pursue opportunities in the finance community.

Cdr. Michael Wood, MBA'06, has been working in National Defence headquarters with the director of Maritime Ship and Support, as the section head for Ship Systems Engineering, since July 2005. Michael has been a member of the Canadian Forces since 1983.

Births



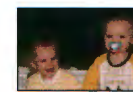
Heather Frances Cook

Matthew Cook, BComm '99, and his wife, Vanessa, a daughter, Heather Frances, was born on June 17, 2005, a sister for Madeline, 4.

Hope (Douglas) Gouthro, BComm., and Roy Gouthro (BComm.'89) are pleased to announce the birth of their daughter, Isabella Carsley on May 13, 2006.

Kelly Janes (nee Hiltz) BA'94, BEd'95, and her husband David, a daughter, Hannah Lauren, born on August 15, 2006, weighing 7 lbs 7 oz. The Janes family resides in Yellowknife, NWT.

Wally Kowalchuk, BSc'86, and wife Nancy Jenkins, a daughter, Natasha (Tasha) Katherine, was born on June 4th, 2006, weighing 9 lbs 1/2 oz. A sister, for Alexandra (Lexi) Louise, 3. The family resides in Meadow Bank, PEI.



Emma Maxine and Ian Malcolm Poirier and Ryan Craig Richard Poirier



Craig Poirier, MBA'96, and his wife Connie Frail, twins, Emma Maxine and Ian Malcolm, were born on February 28, 2005, weighing 6 lbs 8 oz. and 7 lbs 9 oz. respectively. Also, a son, Ryan Craig Richard born on April 5, 2006, weighing 9 lbs 3.5 oz. Two brothers and a sister for Evan Michael age 3. All were born in Halifax, NS.

A Family Tree

The Vorstermans family has deeply rooted connections to Saint Mary's. Joseph Vorstermans taught economics from 1958-1983, his four sons graduated from the university, and his wife, their mother, Jean Vorstermans took several evening courses.

When Jean passed away this past summer, the family wanted to have a memorial celebration to remember her and decided that coming home to Saint Mary's to plant a tree on campus in her memory was a significant and fitting tribute.

Working with Dr David Richardson, the former Dean of Science, and Gary Schmeisser, Director of Facilities Management, **Paul Vorstermans (BA'66)** arranged the event for October 20th when family gathered on the front lawn of McNally to plant a beautiful Magnolia tree.

"So many things about this tribute are meaningful to my family," said Paul Vorstermans. "Both my parents were avid gardeners so a Magnolia is a fitting tree for my mother's memory. Our connection with Saint Mary's goes back to the late 50's when the only building on campus was McNally, so it seems appropriate to have the tree in that area, and my dad always parked his car in the circular driveway so the suggested site is admirable. On behalf of the whole family I want to thank everyone at Saint Mary's for helping us honour my mother and for making the tree planting a success."



The Vorstermans siblings were on campus for the tree planting ceremony to honour their mother. (left to right) Dr. J. Colin Dodds, President, Saint Mary's University, Paul Vorstermans (BA'66), his sister, Margaret Airoidi, Frank Vorstermans (BA'69), Luke Vorstermans (BA'71), Joe Vorstermans, (BA'74).

Unfortunately Joseph Vorstermans was laid up with a broken leg and unable to attend, but many members of the family were on hand including: Paul Vorstermans, BA'66/ wife Charlotte Vorstermans/ son Matthew Vorstermans. Margaret Airoidi (nee Vorstermans)/husband Lou Airoidi, BA'68/ daughter Stephanie Airoidi. Frank Vorstermans, BA'69. Luke Vorstermans BA'71 /daughter Rebecca Keil. Joe Vorstermans, BA'74/ wife Stephanie Vorstermans/ sons Nick Vorstermans and Dan Vorstermans/ daughter Rachel Vorstermans.

University Community Mourn the Passing of Dr. Surendra J. Patel

The University community is saddened with the passing of Dr. Surendra J. Patel who was a professor of International Development Studies (IDS) at Saint Mary's University. He passed away on December 17, 2006.

He began his professional career in 1949, teaching economics at the Samaldas College, Bhavnagar, Gujarat (India). A year later, he joined the United Nations (New York) as a staff member. Since then, he worked in various capacities making contributions to economic development analysis in different parts of the world. His work includes elaboration of policies, plans and strategies for the technological transformation in the Third World.

Since his retirement from the United Nations in 1984, he was invited to be a senior Advisor to the Governor of Puerto Rico and to the World Institute

of Development Economics Research, United Nations University, Helsinki (Finland) where he was involved in research on Technological Transformation in the Third World.

In 1992, he was appointed a Visiting Professor at Dalhousie and Saint Mary's Universities in Halifax (Canada). In 1993, he received an Honorary Doctorate of Laws after which he continued to teach at the International Development Studies Program, Saint Mary's University, Halifax (Canada) until 1999.

He has written extensively on development economics, his most recent publication being a five volume study on Technological Transformation in the Third World (London, 1993). He has also contributed over one hundred articles to leading professional journals all over the world.



University Community Mourn the Loss of Distinguished Professor and Researcher Sister Helen Ralston, RSCJ. 1929-2006

Members of the Saint Mary's University community are mourning the loss of Dr. Helen Ralston, Professor Emerita.

Born in 1929 in Newcastle, New South Wales, Australia, Sister Ralston died at the Queen Elizabeth II Health Sciences Centre on December 25, 2006 following a brief illness. She was a daughter of the late Walter Joseph Ralston and Margaret Eileen (Carroll) Ralston.

Sister Ralston entered the Society of the Sacred Heart in 1957 in Albany, NY, and made her final profession in Rome in 1965.

Her early education took place in her native Australia where she received her Diploma in Social Studies and Certificate in Medical Social Work from the University of Sydney. She continued her post-secondary education at McGill University where she earned her MSW in 1956. At Newton College and Boston College she received her Bachelor of Arts and Master of Arts degrees in Sociology in 1965 and 1969 respectively. In 1973 she achieved her PhD in Sociology from Carleton University.

Sister Ralston launched her teaching career in 1959 at the Convent of the Sacred Heart in Montreal. Two years later, she relocated to Halifax where she taught at the Convent of the Sacred Heart from 1962 through 1965 before returning to the United States to continue her education. In 1968, she joined the Faculty of Arts at Saint Mary's University in Halifax where she served as Lecturer, Assistant Professor, Associate Professor and Professor until her retirement in 1994 when she was granted the designation of Professor Emerita.

A widely respected educator, researcher and writer, she was an ardent champion of social justice. She earned national and international recognition for her work in the areas of anti-sexist and anti-racist social justice. She was regularly invited to lecture on social justice issues around the world and, in particular, on her extensive research into identity and lived experiences of South Asian immigrant women.

As a member of the Faculty of Arts at Saint Mary's University, she taught in the departments of Asian Studies and International Development Studies (IDS). She also served as a faculty member of the Inter-University Graduate Program in Women's Studies (offered jointly by Saint Mary's University, Dalhousie University, and Mount Saint Vincent University), and the

Metropolis Centre of Excellence in Atlantic Canada for Research on Immigration and Diversity.

Sister Ralston is survived by her sister, Dr. Mary Ralston, and cousins Mary Henderson, Peggy Birt, Maureen Kellett, Anne Dares, and Ann and Helen McCauley, all of Australia. She was a beloved family member and friend, and an esteemed colleague, teacher and mentor. She will be dearly missed by all who knew her.

IN MEMORIAM

**Richmond A. Bayes,
BComm'78, BEd'80, MA'86**
October 16, 2006

Thomas Burke, BSc'46
February 7, 2006

**E. Michael Byrne,
High School '54**
November 25, 2006

Michael Cleary, BA'94
September 9, 2006

Anthony (Tory) Marandos
December 12, 2006
Son of Cos, BA'66 and Lynda Marandos and nephew of
Thomas Tsoumas, BA'63

Nora (Burns) O'Leary
December 8, 2006
Mother of Aileen (O'Leary) Carroll, BA'65 and Paul F.
O'Leary, BA'65

Megan C. Sommerfeld, BComm'97
December 30, 2006

John Patrick Whelly, BComm'58
May 10, 2006



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Saint Mary's President Dr. Kenneth L. Ozmon (third from right) and his wife, Elizabeth (to his right) join the Singapore branch of the Alumni Association.



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