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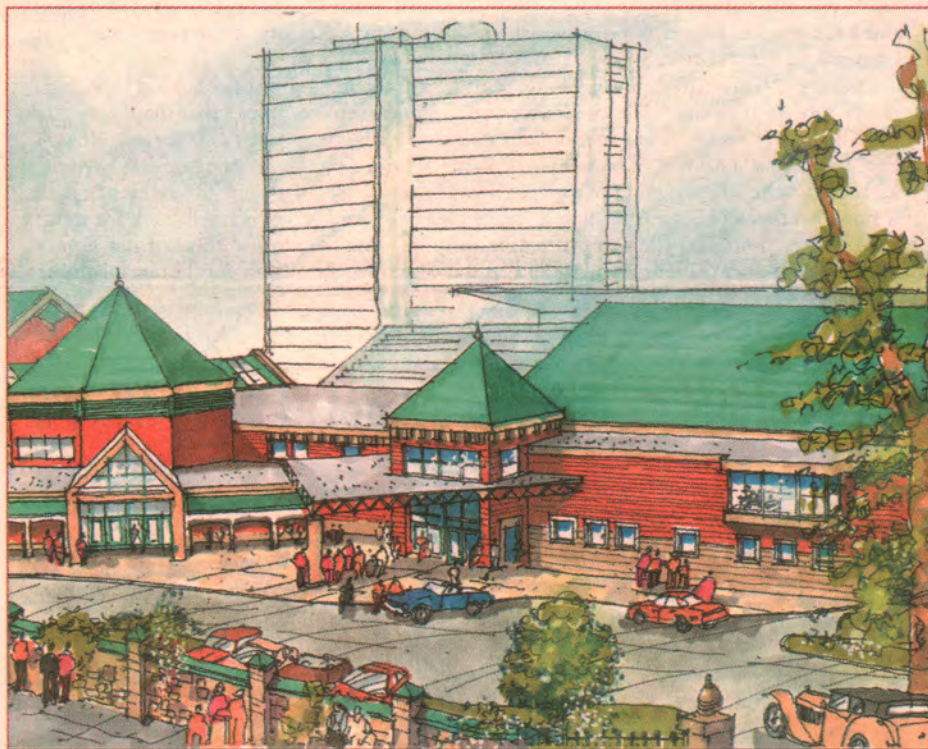


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CAMPAIGN UPDATE:

Hearts and Minds Campaign Reaching the Top



Planning for the much anticipated Homburg Centre for Health and Wellness is underway.

HEARTS & MINDS REACH MINDS & TOUCH HEARTS SAINT MARY'S UNIVERSITY CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

The *Hearts and Minds* Capital Campaign has raised over 90 percent of its \$40 million campaign target and continues to build support thanks to substantial investments

from alumni, faculty, staff, students, organizations, foundations and friends – who have contributed \$36.7 million thus far.

The *Hearts and Minds* campaign priority is to raise funds which support projects that will benefit Saint Mary's students, faculty, staff and the greater Saint Mary's community. The campaign's priorities are to support student financial aid and new academic and community spaces such as The Atrium and Homburg Centre for Health and Wellness.

With the Atrium project well under way and expected to open in September 2009, the final push in the *Hearts and Minds* campaign will focus on increasing support for the Homburg Centre for Health and Wellness expected to begin construction in the spring of 2009. The Saint Mary's University Board of Governors has approved funding for a design concept for the Homburg Centre and a steering committee will be established to begin work on detailed plans for the facility.

With the *Hearts and Minds* campaign on the verge of reaching and hopefully surpassing its \$40 million goal, a final community and campus-wide funding appeal will be launched in the coming months which will push the campaign over the top.

Heather Fitzpatrick, Director of Development for Saint Mary's University sums it up this way, "The Saint Mary's community has demonstrated strong support for the *Hearts and Minds* Capital Campaign all along the way. Every donation, be it large or small, helps immensely. The generosity of Saint Mary's University alumni, faculty, staff, students, and friends mean that a lot of people care deeply about the University and want to make a difference for our students."

Greetings from the President



Dr. J. Colin Dodds, 33rd President of Saint Mary's University

For anyone in the school and university community, early September is the true start of the year. It's a time of new beginnings, new hopes, and a distinctive air of excitement and anticipation with a new academic year and the many campus events including the athletic and recreational programs. For new and returning students, September is a month filled with particular promise, but for the campus as a whole, we believe that new beginnings are a regular part of life here.

Perhaps one of the most obvious new beginnings taking shape on campus is the new Atrium. This ambitious, \$17.5 million project, supported by the *Hearts and Minds* capital campaign, is now under construction on campus and is expected to open in the autumn of 2009. When completed, this Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) certified building will provide a modern new open learning space for students and faculty, display space for art and exhibitions, and a 'living laboratory' that is in keeping with our Environmental Sustainability Initiative.

Saint Mary's is not a stranger to projects of this scope and nature. The renewal of the Science Building was completed during the year, including the construction of a five-story, 22,500-square foot addition. Many conservation features were included in the building design and as much material was reused as possible. The high-tech labs and research facilities are now benefiting all who currently use them, and we expect that our enhanced facilities will attract high calibre students and faculty from across the country and internationally.

We are also proud of our achievements in the academic arena. One of our recent successes is a new Master of Theology and Religious Studies, a partnership with Atlantic School of Theology. At a time when there is growing public recognition of the importance of spirituality in public and private life, this new MA program is an essential resource.

We also continue to improve our teaching resources. In addition to a number of new faculty appointments, the Saint Mary's community is also delighted to welcome Marie DeYoung as our new University Librarian. Marie has won many awards for her work and leadership in library science. One of her first projects at Saint Mary's is a space planning exercise to look at how best to support student learning and study and we look forward to receiving her recommendations.

This is just a small snapshot of the many projects and initiatives that are part of the year's 'new beginnings' at Saint Mary's. As always, our students continue to excel in the arenas of academics, athletics and business. We are proud of them and their achievements as well as the success of our faculty and staff, and we continue to be grateful to our donors and supporters for their many different gifts. Saint Mary's is a community in which every member contributes to our success. To each one of you, I extend my thanks and best wishes for another exciting year of new beginnings.

Sincerely,

J. Colin Dodds
President

The Times Readers' Survey – Your Opinion Counts!!

What would you like to read in The Times? Would you like to receive The Times electronically?

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Above: Construction began on the Atrium Project this summer.



Foreground (left to right): Gabrielle Morrison, VP Administration; Marie DeYoung, University Librarian; Gary Schmeisser, Director of Facilities Management and Dr. Esther Enns, Dean of Arts; survey the construction site.

The Atrium Takes Shape...

Work began this summer on the **Atrium**, an ambitious \$17.5 million project that reinforces Saint Mary's University as a global learning centre. The Atrium, which is the focal point of the *Hearts and Minds* capital campaign, included funding from alumni, faculty, staff, organizations, foundations and the Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency. To be completed in the fall of 2009, the Atrium not only provides a physical link to the Library, the Burke and Science buildings, but will transform an open space into a living laboratory and open learning centre.

As the Saint Mary's community watches the Atrium take shape over the year, much can be said about the exciting features of the complex. The Atrium will be a LEED certified building meaning that it embraces sustainable building technologies in keeping with the University's Environmental Sustainability Initiative and commitment to reducing the University's environmental footprint. A highlight of the Atrium will be the open sky concept complemented by the three-storey green or "bio" wall that naturally filters out volatile organic compounds (VOC) and carbon dioxide (CO₂) from the air. These features add a sense of comfort and tranquility to the open learning space.

The Atrium's heart is the Global Learning Commons, a learning concept that facilitates learning through open collaboration among students, faculty and the broader Saint Mary's community. The Global Learning Commons at Saint Mary's will be global in more than just spirit given that Saint Mary's is home to students from more than 90 countries. Under the direction of Robin Metcalfe, Saint Mary's Art Gallery Director/Curator, the Atrium will carry the global theme even further by featuring artwork and displays from around the world.

The Atrium will include open areas where students and faculty can gather for group work or informal discussion. The Library will open into the Global Learning Commons of the Atrium, bringing the research and support services of the Library into the common area. As well, a new Information Technology Centre will offer support services for research and developing presentations. The Global Learning Commons facilitates learning in a social network setting that is conducive to sharing information and open dialogue. On a sunny winter's day, the open space of the Global Learning Commons will be much sought after refuge from the cold, an inviting space where learning and interaction will truly blossom.

To learn more about the Atrium and the Global Learning Commons coming to Saint Mary's in 2009, participate in the Atrium Town Hall session on Tuesday September 30, 2008 from Noon until 1:30 p.m. in the Sobeys Building's Scotiabank Conference Theatre. Refreshments will be served.

Town Hall Meeting Atrium Update

- Atrium & Global Commons Project Overview
- Staff, students and faculty welcome
- Tuesday, September 30, 2008
- Noon until 1:30 pm
- Sobeys Building - Scotiabank Conference Theatre



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INTRODUCING...

Marie DeYoung, Saint Mary's New University Librarian



Marie DeYoung Photo credit: Michael Bayer

Marie DeYoung joined Saint Mary's on July 1st, coming to the University from the Nova Scotia Community College where she was Director of Library Services. While at NSCC, Marie was also responsible for on-line learning and copywriting.

Marie brings a wealth of experience to Saint Mary's. Not only does she have experience working in an academic setting, but she has government experience working for the Nova Scotia Department of Justice as an Information Management Administrator.

One of Marie's priorities at Saint Mary's is to enhance and promote "information literacy" on campus. Information literacy means understanding how to effectively source and evaluate information that is relevant when completing assignments and ultimately contributes to student success.

"We realize that with the increasing number of electronic resources and the barrage of information that students are bombarded with, it is vital that they are skilled in accessing, evaluating and documenting information appropriately," said Marie, "Students need to be confident that they are on the right track with their research."

Marie is a graduate of St. Francis Xavier and Dalhousie universities as well as Ryerson Polytechnical Institute. She has played an active role in various professional associations and has served on the executive of the Canadian Library Association to name but a few.

Marie has won many awards and acknowledgements for her work and leadership in library science over the years. Among her awards is the *Norman Horrocks Award for Library Leadership* from the Association of Library and Information Science Education. Marie was also named *Outstanding College Librarian* by the Canadian Library Association and has been recognized as a distinguished Alumnus by Dalhousie University's School of Library and Information Studies.

Our new University Librarian joins Saint Mary's during a time of change. The Patrick Power Library is in the midst of an overhaul as the Atrium complex takes shape.

"We are reviewing all our library space and embracing the openness that the new Atrium and the Global Learning Commons will bring to our part of the campus," said Marie. Changes to the library include a new entrance relocated to where the reference area is now. Marie will be spearheading a "space planning exercise" which will look for input from library users and the campus community on how best to use the existing library space and support student learning and study. Watch for details on this library planning exercise in the near future.

New Faculty Go Back to School at Saint Mary's



Seated, L to R: Dr. Jeanette Ireland, Anthropology; Trish McLaren, Management; Dr. Todd Calder, Philosophy. **Standing, L to R:** Margaret-Anne Bennett, Director, CAID; Daphne Rixon, Accounting; Stephanie Morley, English; Dr. Sharon Beckford, English; Michael Parker, History; Wynne Jordan, Religious Studies; Dr. Jason Masuda, Chemistry; Dr. Karen Grandy, Marketing; Shari Mallory-Shaw, Management; Jonathan Fowler (back), Anthropology; Shannon Webb, Management; Adam Bohnet (partially hidden), History; Dr. Jessica Boyd, Biology; Johanna Weststar, Management; Heather Sceles, Accounting; Michael Ramsay, History; Heidi Weigand, Marketing.

On August 25 and 26, new faculty joining Saint Mary's attended a two-day orientation session provided by the Centre for Academic and Instructional Development (CAID) under the direction of **Margaret-Anne Bennett**, the Centre's Director.

In addition to an overview of life, teaching and learning at Saint Mary's given by Dr. Terry Murphy, Vice President, Academic and Research, and Deans Dr. Esther Enns, Arts; Dr. David Wicks, Sobeys School of Business; Dr. Kevin Vessey, Graduate Studies and Research; and Dr. Steven Smith, Associate Dean of Science, new faculty members met on-campus administrative and teaching support personnel.

For the session on the 26th, Saint Mary's Teaching Scholars Dr. Edna Keeble, Dr. Adam Sarty and Dr. Shelagh Crooks led discussions on the changing faces, issues and expectations for the new academic year. It was a great opportunity for faculty both new and seasoned to meet and share their experiences. *Welcome to Saint Mary's!*



Saint Mary's newly renovated Science Building opened for studies last spring.

\$25 Million Dollar Improvement Increase Science and Discovery at SMU

by **Steven M. Smith, Ph.D.**, Acting Associate Dean of Science

Saint Mary's University is the *University of Choice* for aspiring citizens of the world. Well, to attract the best and brightest current and future scientists from around the world; you must have new technology, and the best possible spaces for faculty and students to learn and discover. With the completion of the \$25.5 million renovation on the Science Building now complete, students and researchers have the best technology available to facilitate their work.

The Science Building renewal involved the renovation and modernization of the University's existing five-storey, 71,500 square foot building as well as the construction of a five-storey, 22,500 square foot addition. The building houses the applied science departments of Biology, Chemistry, Environmental Sciences and Geology along with related programs and services. Consistent with Saint Mary's University's goals of sustainability, renovating the old science building into a new modern facility was the preferred approach, providing an opportunity to re-use as much existing material as possible. Furthermore, many conservation features (e.g., automatic light shut-offs) were incorporated into the building design in order to reduce the building's environmental impact.

To date, over 30 faculty have moved into their new research spaces, which include the regional Atlantic Computation Excellence Network (ACEnet) which houses sophisticated high performance computing equipment, a virtual reality simulator room, and state-of-the-art video conferencing technology. Dozens of honours, graduate, and post-doctoral students are working on their own and in collaborative research projects in the building, and there are several large undergraduate teaching labs that have high tech equipment to enhance undergraduate learning opportunities.

"With what we have now, we are in an excellent position to recruit top-notch faculty and students from around the region, across the country, and internationally," said Dr. Malcolm Butler, Dean of Science, who oversaw the completion of the renovation project. "The now complete renovation of the Science Building places us at the forefront of science research and teaching in the region."

"This is more than bricks and mortar," said Dr. J. Colin Dodds, President of Saint Mary's University. "This has been an investment in people and ideas — an investment in the future — and we are committed to helping people reach their full potential."

New Academic Plan Focuses on Engaging the Saint Mary's Vision

Saint Mary's, building on its strong tradition of accessibility and community engagement, will be the *University of Choice* for aspiring citizens of the world.

In a nutshell, this vision statement sums up Saint Mary's University. The 2008-2011 Academic Plan focuses on "engaging the vision", and outlines a framework for shaping Saint Mary's "aspiring citizens of the world".

Saint Mary's University's ultimate goal is to foster and support citizenship. By helping learners along the road to becoming responsible citizens, the University cultivates and encourages critical thinking and social engagement. The Academic Plan states "citizenship is all about belonging". At Saint Mary's, learners find their path to becoming citizens in the true sense of the word. Citizens have a sense of purpose and know that each and everyone has a role to play to make the world a better place.

At Saint Mary's, student success means more than just academic success. Student success means helping students embrace their civic responsibility and become engaged in the world around them. The 2008-2011 Academic Plan is not a blueprint, but an outline of how Saint Mary's can provide opportunities for students to become "aspiring citizens of the world". For more information on the Academic Plan visit: <http://www.smu.ca/academic/vp/plan.html>.

Research is Key at Saint Mary's

The Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research was established in 2001 to carry out a key component of Saint Mary's Academic Plan: to further develop the University as a dynamic research institution. To support the research direction of the University, Dr. Kevin Vessey was appointed Dean of the newly created Faculty in 2005 and the Industry Liaison Office (ILO) was established. The ILO identifies research opportunities for Saint Mary's faculty and students; and marries knowledge and technology with practical research applications.



Biologist Dr. Jeremy Lundholm (left), with BSc Environmental Studies student, Adam Harris, conducts research on green roof technology on the roof of the McNally Building.

In the six years since the Faculty was created, research funding has increased from \$2 million in 2002 to \$10 million in 2008. Given the size of Saint Mary's University, the University's ability to raise significant funding for research initiatives is commendable.

Dr. Vessey attributes this success to the team effort from faculty and staff. "When research became a priority of the Academic Plan, faculty stepped up to the challenge," said Vessey. "Research funding is very competitive, but Saint Mary's has been able to garner significant funding from several prestigious national funding programs."

In fact, Saint Mary's has been so successful in attracting outside funding that the University has been allotted an extra Canada Research Chair.

The 2008-2011 Academic Plan forecasts a steady growth in research activities on campus. Research activities such as biologist Dr. Jeremy Lundholm's green roof technology that looks at the energy savings that green roofs can bring, and ACEnet Data Cave, which is a virtual reality environment that allows researchers to visualize graphic representations of scientific calculations, all bring increased recognition of Saint Mary's as a research-active university. This research has helped Saint Mary's receive national recognition and significant research funding for both faculty and students.

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Saint Mary's Launches New Master of Arts in Theology and Religious Studies

At a time when there is growing public recognition of the important role of spirituality in public and private life, the new Master of Arts in Theology and Religious Studies is an vital resource. Graduates of the new program will have the research training to help address issues of religious diversity and be prepared to assume leadership roles serving diverse faith communities across Nova Scotia and around the world.

The program, offered jointly by the Atlantic School of Theology and Saint Mary's University, began this September. Program coordinators, Dr. Anne Marie Dalton, of the Religious Studies Department at Saint Mary's University and Dr. Alyda Faber of the Atlantic School of Theology welcomed both full-time and part-time students to the program.

This program brings together two complementary, interdisciplinary programs, Theology, offered at Atlantic School of Theology, and Religious Studies, offered at Saint Mary's. Students will be able to pursue a thesis-based MA designed to qualify for admission to doctoral programs or a course-only program designed for students wishing to develop applied skills to work within religious institutions as teachers, pastoral care workers or lay chaplains. One of the objectives of the program is to provide religious communities in the Maritimes with knowledge that could help them understand their place in a multicultural society.

For more information about the new MA in Theology and Religious Studies, contact Dr. Anne-Marie Dalton, Department of Religious Studies at 420-5864 or adalton@smu.ca.

Campus Happenings...

Robin Rigby Trust Calls for Proposals - Coastal Researcher

Proposals are invited until October 31, 2008 for projects that will provide qualified individuals with the opportunity to develop and carry out sustainable development projects in coastal areas. The Robin Rigby Trust supports Canadians who work with coastal communities in Canada or overseas, and non-Canadians who work with coastal communities in Canada. Established by Dr. Robin Rigby's parents in Robin's memory, the Trust aims to continue the coastal communities research work that was so important to Robin.

Call for proposal details are available from the Saint Mary's University Development Office by contacting 420-5496 or robinrigbytrust@smu.ca.

Volunteer Needed for Ethics Research Board

The Saint Mary's University Research Ethics Board (REB) is looking for a volunteer from the community to serve on its Board for a three-year term. Responsibilities would include reviewing REB applications and attending monthly meetings. Those interested can contact Dr. Veronica Stinson, Chair of the Ethics Board, at 420-5861 or veronica.stinson@smu.ca.

Travel to the Stars at Saint Mary's Burke-Gaffney Observatory

Free public tours are held every Saturday night from 9-10 pm (when skies are clear and dark). Call the information line 496-8257 after 6 p.m. to confirm. Stargazers should meet in the Lobby of the Loyola Building.

For group tours call David Lane at 420-5633 or e-mail dlane@ap.smu.ca.

The New Faces of Public Affairs

Chuck Bridges, Vice President (Assoc.), External Affairs and Kimberley Dunn, Public Affairs Officer recently welcomed four new additions to the Public Affairs team. Amy Kennedy returns to Saint Mary's in a new role as External Affairs Assistant after spending several years in Australia. Amy, along with Lindsay Downie, Catherine McCarthy and Blake Patterson are the new faces of Public Affairs at Saint Mary's University. The new staff bring a wealth of marketing, journalism, communications and public education experience from both the private and not-for-profit sectors to Saint Mary's University. *Welcome Aboard!*

Saint Mary's Sports Kick-off

Saint Mary's University varsity sports is in full swing. The football opener on September 5 in front of nearly 5,000 fans featured an uplifting performance from the SkyHawks as a member of this renowned parachute team brought the game ball into Huskies Stadium from above. Both men's and women's varsity soccer and rugby are well underway. Volleyball and Hockey openers are in October and the Basketball court action begins in November.

For a complete Huskies schedule visit: <http://www.smu.ca/athletics>. Come out to the games and support the Huskies!

Campus Culture | arts update | @ saint mary's gallery

A spoken-word artist and exhibitions of contemporary photo-based art will light up the gallery this fall.

23 September 2008

Life of the Heart: an Iftaar Party

Date - Tuesday, September 23rd - 6 pm

Spoken-word artist and Saint Mary's University alumna, **Asna Adhami** will present poetry in the Sufi tradition. **Light of Heart** is offered in a relaxed, respectful spirit of sharing some themes associated with Ramadan.



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18 October - 23 November 2008

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Opening Reception - Friday, October 17th - 8 pm

Susan Dobson - Temporary Architectures

Artist Talk - Saturday, October 18th - 2 pm



Allan Chawner & Andrew Chubb, Bar Beach (Beyond the Sea), 2007*

Allan Chawner & Andrew Chubb - Bar Beach (Beyond the Sea)

Artist Talk - Sunday, October 19th - 2 pm

For more details www.smuartgallery.ca | Tel 902.420.5445 | 5865 Gorsebrook Ave.
*photographic projection with music, installation detail. Dimensions vary. Photo: Dean Beletich, Newcastle Region Art Gallery.

Democracy Conference Comes to Saint Mary's

A panel discussion, featuring Canadians with wide-ranging political experience, will kick-off the Atlantic Provinces Political Science Association's conference to be held at Saint Mary's University October 3-5.

The theme of the conference is **Democracy's Shifting Shorelines: Representation, Citizenship and Governance.**

Lloyd Axworthy, Vice-Chancellor of the University of Winnipeg; Bernard Lord, former Premier of New Brunswick; and Alexa McDonough, Member of Parliament for Halifax, will join a discussion panel moderated by Kevin Deveaux, United Nations Parliamentary Development Advisor and former Member of the Nova Scotia Legislature, to debate their views on the key challenges facing democracy at home and abroad.

The panel discussion, which is open to the public, will be held at the Scotiabank Theatre in the Sobeys Building on Friday, October 3 beginning at 7 p.m. For more information visit: www.appsa2008.org.

Homecoming 2008

Events Schedule (Tentative)

Friday, Sept. 19th

Small Group Time
All day

Golden Grad Luncheon
12:00 - 1:30

Faculty Fest
2:00 - 4:00

Alumni Annual General Meeting
4:00 - 5:00

Pre-Game Concert
5:00 - 6:30

Football Game
7:00 - 10:00

Post-Game Pub
10:00 - 12:00

Saturday, Sept. 20th

Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony
9:30 - 11:30

Small Group Time
All day

*Alumni Harbour Cruise
2:00 - 4:00

Elizabeth A. Chard Dinner
6:00 - 10:00

Sunday, Sept. 21st

Alumni & Community Family BBQ
12:00 - 2:00

Small Group Time
All day

*Feature event



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