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Call for Nominations

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

Distinguished Community Service Award

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

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3. in their field of study

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

Alumni Volunteer Awards

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

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



NOMINATIONS FOR HALL OF FAME

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

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A. Athlete/Team

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

B. Builder

1. A member of the University community who has made a significant contribution to Saint Mary's University athletics for a minimum of five (5) years.
2. Normally, consideration for selection as a builder will not be given to an individual until ten (10) years after their initial involvement/appointment.

For additional information and nomination forms, please contact the Department of Athletics & Recreation at (902) 420-5429.

Visit their Website at WWW.SMUHUSKIES.CA

Completed nomination forms must be returned by March 31st, together with supporting documentation to the Sport Hall of Fame & Heritage Centre.



Editor's Homepage

Saint Mary's University has built a strong reputation as one of Canada's leading post-secondary institutions. Across Canada and around the world, Saint Mary's is recognized for dedication to excellence in teaching, innovative research, and for outstanding social, cultural and recreational opportunities that are available to our students and our community.

But Saint Mary's is so much more. A unique characteristic that makes us special is the Saint Mary's "experience", one that's achieved by providing a learning environment based on a deep commitment to community – on campus, in our region and around the globe. This commitment to the advancement and well-being of others is demonstrated through the work of Saint Mary's and through the individuals who make up our family.

In our cover story, Barb Thompson recounts her experience as part of a team that works to offer inspiration, support and hope to those facing breast cancer in their lives. While not all of us encounter trials of this magnitude, we all have encountered challenges, and to some degree, the Saint Mary's experience has helped to equip us for these tests of perseverance and fortitude.

Wendy Firlotte shares her Tsunami experience and shows us how the efforts of one can translate into benefits for many, and how those in peril can rise to the occasion and still find hope and faith in the face of enormous tragedy.

Just as Saint Mary's is committed to our people and our community, we are also privileged to have many friends who are equally engaged in helping us make a difference. Together, Sobeys Inc, Empire Company Limited and the Sobey Foundation pledged millions to our *Hearts & Minds* Capital Campaign to support scholarships and infrastructure, and the Coy Family Endowment will fund scholarships and bursaries on an annual basis.

Saint Mary's truly is about reaching and touching the hearts and minds of our students. We hope you enjoy reading about the challenges and rewards that our alumni and university encounter every day, and that you share with us your own experiences and achievements.

LAURA FITZGERALD

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Five ladies have discovered they have more in common than they thought. They each have survived breast cancer and work to support and help others through Breast Cancer Action Nova Scotia, and they also are proud Santamarians! Barb Thompson tells the story of these ladies, their experience, their work and how "coming home" to Saint Mary's has helped them all connect.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



The Alumni Executive is focused on providing increased value to our alumni. Saint Mary's University is steep in history with over 30,000 alumni, a tremendous faculty and staff and over 8,000 full and part time students.

Together we are an economic engine in many of the communities where we live and work.

Your Alumni Executive has established new committees to help gather information, communicate and provide events and activities that offer value, and are informative and unique to Saint Mary's.

We will research other successful alumni associations, invite feedback from our alumni, and establish best practices with long term defined goals. Partnering with faculty, students and alumni will provide opportunities for alumni to engage with Saint Mary's while looking for unique ways to support and give back to the university.

Our vision for success depends upon all interested parties working together for the benefit of Saint Mary's.

You will soon begin to hear about Saint Mary's new branding initiative. Research shows the stronger the identity of the university, the less it costs to recruit students, staff and faculty. The primary theme will be "One University. One World. Yours"

The Alumni Association's long term goal is to be "The Best Connected Alumni of all Universities in Canada." We are excited about what lies ahead, we have the people, the focus, and the plan will be established in the coming months to guide us to success.

If you are interested in helping establish the foundation, provide guidance and help build a legacy for Saint Mary's Alumni, I encourage you to contact the Alumni Office.

Please mark your calendars now, September 21 - 24, 2006 is Alumni Weekend!

Paul G. O'Hearn, BComm'82

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The Salzinnes Antiphonal: A Guided Talk



On February 8, Judy Dietz, former curator at the Art Gallery of Nova Scotia and Saint Mary's graduate student, gave an enlightening talk about the Salzinnes Antiphonal, a rare and valuable artifact from the Patrick Power Library's rare book collection. The antiphonal is a handmade manuscript produced in 1554 for the prioress at the Abbey of Salzinnes in Liege, Belgium. It features text and music, full-page illuminations of biblical scenes and, of particular rarity, full-length representations of 34 nuns who lived in the abbey. It has been likened to a lavish medieval version of a university yearbook.

The antiphonal was brought to Halifax in the 1840s by Bishop William Walsh, the first Archbishop for the Catholic diocese of Halifax. It languished in the attic of the archbishop's official residence until the early 1970s when it was discovered by then-Archbishop James M. Hayes. In 1975, Saint Mary's University opened a new library, named in honour of Mr. Patrick Power, a prominent 19th century citizen of Halifax. To help mark the occasion, Archbishop Hayes donated the antiphonal to the new library.

This event was part of a year-long recognition of the Patrick Power Library's 30th anniversary. For more information visit: www.stmarys.ca/administration/archives/library_30th/index.html or phone (902) 420-5508.

MBA Beach Cleanup

One Saturday in September, more than 40 students enrolled in the MBA program at the Sobey School of Business went to the beach. Not just to work on the late season tan, but to participate in a national initiative – the TD Bank Great Canadian Shoreline Cleanup. Over several weeks tens of thousands of volunteers descended upon the beaches and waterways across the nation to remove any debris that could be found. Headquartered at the Vancouver Aquarium, this project has seen a tremendous increase in volunteers over its 10 year history.

The students from the Sobey School of Business selected Crystal Crescent Beach as their location to lend a hand in keeping the beach free from debris. The MBA Society identified community activism as a key goal for its membership in 2005 and beyond. Taking part in the Shoreline Cleanup project is one small thing that the students see as giving back to the community that they call home. Many of the students participating call another country other than Canada home, with students from India, China and Brazil, the School truly has international representation in this initiative.

The MBA students spent over 2 hours picking up garbage from all around the beach and boardwalks at Crsytal Crescent. In the end, the students removed over 8 bags of garbage from the area. Notably, Crystal Crescent now has 400 less cigarette butts to pollute its beautiful views, over 50 less plastic bags which cause a number of problems to wildlife who call the beach home, and over 75 plastic forks and knives which never found their way to the garbage cans. The Sobey MBA class had a terrific time on an absolutely beautiful day, and everyone left the beach feeling a little bit better about themselves having participated in such a worthwhile project here in our community.




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Couple Leaves Legacy to Saint Mary's University through \$400,000 Endowment



Vincent and Eileen (nee Sheehan) Coy

Students at Saint Mary's University will benefit from a significant bequest made by two long-time supporters. The late Vincent and Eileen (nee Sheehan) Coy have bequeathed \$400,000 to help champion the education of students through the provision of scholarships and bursaries.

The Coy Family Endowment will fund four scholarships and four bursaries on an annual basis, and all have been awarded for the first time this year.

Dr. J. Colin Dodds, President, Saint Mary's, expressed gratitude for the Coys' generosity on behalf of the university and its students. "It is with the deepest appreciation that we accept this most generous gift," said Dodds. "Vincent and Eileen Coy were beloved and respected individuals who embraced Saint Mary's vision of accessibility and community engagement. These scholarships and bursaries will serve as their legacy for years to come."

This year's scholarship recipients are Jordan d'Eon (Pubnico, NS), Dubravka Gavric (Middleton, NS), Vanessa Little (Halifax, NS), and Dalia Hussein Dajani (Amman, Jordan). The bursary recipients are Wendy Robinson (Stewiacke,

NS), Randon Wright (Dartmouth, NS), Georgina Harvey (Ghana, Africa) and Maureen Kimani (Nairobi, Kenya). These individuals were recognized at a special Scholarship and Tea Ceremony held on campus in October. A large number of students, faculty, staff and alumni attended this event. Saint Mary's now offers over \$3 million in scholarships and bursaries to students.

The executors of the Coys' estate, James Wolfe and Maureen Driscoll, noted an inherent symbolism in the bequest. "Vincent and Eileen did not have children of their own," said Wolfe. "This endowment is their way of providing for a future generation in a tangible and meaningful way."

A proud Santamarian, Vincent Coy entered Freshman Arts at Saint Mary's in 1924. He began his Engineering course the following year and then went on to earn a degree in Electrical Engineering from the Nova Scotia Technical College. He served as the Senior Electrical Engineer for NS Light and Power Company Limited for many years until his retirement in 1973. Eileen Coy, who held a Bachelor of Arts degree in Education from Mount Saint Vincent University, worked as a teacher in the Halifax public school system.

The couple married in 1935, and were charter members of the Canadian Martyrs Church. In addition to contributing to various community organizations, they were well-known as avid golfers and travellers.

Recipients of scholarships and bursaries made possible by the Coy Family Endowment are determined by Saint Mary's Financial Aid and Admissions Offices. Scholarships are awarded based on academic achievement, with a value of approximately \$4,000 each, while Bursaries will be awarded on the basis of financial need, with a value of approximately \$1,200.

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Fall 2005 Honorary Degree Recipients

Three outstanding individuals representing a wide field of unique endeavors were granted Honorary Degrees by Saint Mary's University at the Fall 2005 Convocation.

Sid Pobihushchy and Hetty van Gorp both received Honorary Doctor of Civil Law degrees, while Michael "Mickey" MacDonald was presented with an Honorary Doctor of Commerce.

Van Gorp is described as a person full of courage and determination. When her son died after an incident with a bully, the Halifax elementary teacher resolved to get rid of school violence by teaching peace. Today, she heads Peaceful Schools International, an organization that aims to end conflict among youth in schools.

MacDonald grew up in Halifax and was one of seven children whose father died when he was young. He dropped out of high school and ventured across Canada. He has been a professional boxer, a Halifax city firefighter and ran three small businesses in his spare time.

With an obvious knack for business, MacDonald bought Down East Cellular (now called Down East Communications) in 1991, expanded the company to over \$100 million in sales and 51 outlets across Atlantic Canada. In 2004, he sold Down East to Aliant.

MacDonald has received a number of awards and recognition for his tireless work in business and the community and has been named one of the region's TOP 50 CEOs, and one of the top 25 Nova Scotians.

Pobihushchy was born in Saskatchewan of farming parents for whom co-operation was a way of life. He studied Political Economy at Saint Mary's, University of Alberta and the University of Michigan, and Engineering at the University of Manitoba. He joined the faculty of the University of New Brunswick in 1968 and has received the Dr. Allan P. Stuart Memorial Award for Excellence in Teaching.

During his teaching career, he researched and wrote on many topics with a particular interest in aboriginal peoples and co-operatives. He has been an active member of the Canadian Association for the Study of Co-operatives and has been on the Boards of Directors of the York Credit Union and Fredericton Direct Charge Co-operative, and served terms as President of both Fredericton Co-op and Co-op Atlantic.



(from left to right) Hetty van Gorp recipient of the Honorary Doctor of Civil Law degree; Michael "Mickey" MacDonald recipient of the Honorary Doctor of Commerce; Sid Pobihushchy recipient of the Honorary Doctor of Civil Law degree

Halifax Regional Municipality & Metro Universities Sign Memorandum of Understanding

Halifax Regional Municipality (HRM) and metro's six universities joined together to meet future challenges of mutual interest facing the community.

In October, an official Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) was signed during a ceremony at City Hall by **Mayor Peter Kelly MBA '96**, on behalf of Halifax Regional Council, and by Paul Greenhalgh, President of NSCAD University and Chair of the Metro University Presidents' Consortium. The Presidents of metro's six universities attended the event, as well as some members of Halifax Regional Council.

The six metro universities include The Atlantic School of Theology, Dalhousie University, Saint Mary's University, University of King's College, Mount Saint Vincent University and NSCAD University

In November 2004, the Halifax Chamber of Commerce organized an Economic Summit at the request of HRM. The Summit resulted in 21

recommendations from the business community into the development of an economic strategy for HRM. Under the category of "post-secondary institutions," a recommendation was made that HRM develop a formal relationship with metro post-secondary institutions.

"One of the obvious immediate benefits of this agreement to HRM is the ability to tap in to the tremendous wealth of intellectual power that exists in our metro universities," said Mayor Kelly. "The universities are very much a part of this community, and contribute greatly to our economy, arts and culture, sport and recreation activities. More importantly, they are now officially our partners as we look to the future for new growth and opportunities."

The Mayor said one common characteristic of great cities throughout the world is that they all have great universities. Those universities can assist these great cities in promoting economic, social and cultural vitality.

"The signing of this MOU is an important step in the evolution of our relationship with HRM and the community. Our six universities are both a key economic driver and a creative hub, essential to the growth and vitality of metro," said President Greenhalgh. "There is much we can achieve together, on behalf of our institutions, students and all citizens."

Today's Saint Mary's

On December 13, 2005, Saint Mary's University entered a pivotal new chapter in its 203-year history. More than 200 students, faculty, staff, alumni, supporters, and media turned out to see the university unveil a new signature and rallying cry that will redefine its image to current and future stakeholders.

Saint Mary's University. One University. One World. Yours.

The new image is part of a comprehensive strategic marketing and communications initiative that was launched in June 2004 as one of the deliverables of the University's Strategic Plan. The initiative has been led by Chuck Bridges, MBA'92, Vice-President (Assoc.) External Affairs.

"Saint Mary's University. One University. One World. Yours. This powerful statement captures the fundamental nature of today's Saint Mary's," said Dr. J. Colin Dodds, President. "It encompasses our strategic directions and our vision to be the university of choice for aspiring citizens of the world."



Paul O'Hearn, President of the Saint Mary's University Alumni Association, at the launch of "Today's Saint Mary's"

The new signature is the result of 18 months of in-depth research and consultation that spanned all segments of the University community. In addition to extensive one-on-one interviews and competitive analysis, the process included numerous focus groups with current and prospective students, international students, faculty, staff and alumni.

"In a competitive post-secondary marketplace, we require a clear, concise articulation of who we are and what sets us apart," Bridges said. In the recently released 2005 Maclean's university rankings, Saint Mary's earned the top spot in the key category of internationalization, solidifying its reputation as a leader in international recruitment, partnerships, and global exchange opportunities for students.

Dr. Dodds stated that this focus is embodied in the university's new identity. "With advancements in technology and communications, today's students already subscribe to the belief of One World. The world is open to them in ways like never before, offering unlimited possibilities for the future."

At the event, Dr. Dodds succinctly distilled the three elements of the rallying cry.

One University:

Our singular vision and commitment.

One World:

Unlimited possibilities.

Yours:

The challenge and the responsibility for all Santamarians.

Said Dodds, "Whether our students hail from Halifax, Vancouver, Singapore, Oslo or Frankfurt, they will learn at Saint Mary's that there is no such thing as borders, that opportunities are endless, and that we are One University. One World. Yours."



One University. One World. Yours.

Case of Compassion



Valerie Payn, MBA'00, Jesse Cooper, Leanne Christie, BA'93

If you are a volunteer, you know there is more joy in giving than receiving. Wine growers around the world have always been active volunteers and supports of worthwhile causes. In the quaint Burgundian town of Beaune, local wine growers donate

a portion of their crop each year to a charity auction which establishes annual wine prices and finances the local hospital. Kendall-Jackson of California, have lead the battle against Breast Cancer in America, while Vincor, a Canadian global giant, supports our Canadian Olympians.

FEED NOVA SCOTIA, the provincial organization, which grew out of the Metro Food Bank has a fundraising program which includes several Saint Mary's alumni and wine. A collection of 30 business people arrange case sales of wine to associates and friends with a portion of the revenues going to help feed people through FEED NOVA SCOTIA. In 2005 and 2006, **Valerie Payn, MBA'00**, President, Halifax Chamber of Commerce and her husband Robert lead the sales effort. The project originally proposed two years ago by Jim Mills and **John Patterson, BA'87** of Office Interiors has raised over \$40,000 in two Holiday Seasons.

The wines offered in this year's program were La Campagne 2004 Chardonnay and La Campagne 2004 Merlot. Both wines originate in the Languedoc region of Southern France, where warm Mediterranean winds ripen the Chardonnay to perfection. This bright, generous Chardonnay has clean open freshness and pear overtones. Great with chicken, roast pork, or rich appetizers when entertaining. Look to this area of France for excellent finish in wines that are inexpensive. The La Campagne 2004 Merlot shows this smooth finish while still letting the red berries burst out. This is a wonderful wine with brie, camembert and aged cheddar, perfect for apres ski. Both wines work with food, or just to sip.

Margaret River, south of Perth in West Australia, is the new darling area for Aussie wine lovers. Cartwell 2004, Sauvignon Blanc Semillon is a beautiful blend of passion fruit, melon and apple flavours, which was the third wine the volunteers offered. A great buy, it is hard to imagine more fresh green flavours in a bottle than this wine presents. **Boris Mirtchev, BSc'96, MBA'99**, Hamachi House Restaurants, recently served this wine at a charity event at Hamachi Steakhouse, where it was perfect with hot hors d'oeuvres and his famous sushi. **Gord Gamble, MBA'97** another supporter was promoting the fourth wine Cartwell 2003, Cabernet Sauvignon as the ultimate compliment to that first big spring BBQ. Blackcurrant and ripe black cherry tastes combine with fine balance, this wine is for now, but in 3 – 4 years a cellar star. If you decant this wine for 2 or more hours, the waste will reward you with cocoa flavours.

The Margaret River region has young vines; these vines yield crisp, fresh berries, thus light pleasant drinking wines. The wines are New Zealand style, not the hot temperature crops of South Australia. Over the next couple of years, we are going to see some reduction in big fruit, more crisp wines like the Pinot Noir and Pinot Grigio are coming into vogue. Look to Chile's blends, the blushes of Southern France, Prosecco's from Italy and Chenin Blanc, the pride of South Africa, all good buys. Sparkling wines are being served all year round, they work as a welcome beverage when warming up a room before a winter's dinner.

This winter and spring, as you host guests and partake in various fundraising events consider serving wine spritzers, a great way to get everyone involved in another good cause.



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.

Saint Mary's Alumni Honoured



Sanjeev Chowdhury, BComm'89

In October, the Vietnam Federation of the United Nations Educational Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) awarded the UNESCO Vietnam Medal and Certificate of Recognition to Mr. Sanjeev Chowdhury, Canadian Consul General to Ho Chi Minh City. Chowdhury graduated from the Sobey School of Business at Saint Mary's University in 1989, and is now the youngest head of Mission to the World.

On this occasion, the Vietnam Federation of UNESCO Clubs recognized Chowdhury as a UNESCO honorary member for his tireless efforts in promoting cultural relations between Vietnam and Canada.



Chief Lawrence Paul and Jarvis Googoo, BA'05

Jarvis Googoo, BA'05 attended the Treaty Celebrations held recently at Province House in Halifax. He is pictured here with Chief Lawrence Paul, who is First Nations Chief of the Millbrook Band and satellite reserves at Sheet Harbour, Beaver Dam and Cole Harbour. Last year, Chief Paul, who is also

Chair of the Assembly of Nova Scotia Chiefs, a businessman and a community leader, received an Honorary Doctorate of Civil Law from Saint Mary's. Googoo became the first aboriginal graduate to be chosen by faculty and his fellow students, to wear the ceremonial hood at Saint Mary's Spring 2005 Convocation, where he earned his Bachelor of Arts Degree (cum laude) and is now attending Dalhousie University Law School.

Santamarian Appointed Head of DaimlerChrysler Canada



Steven J. Landry, BComm'82, was appointed Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer of DaimlerChrysler Canada in November 2005.

Landry is responsible for all Chrysler Group sales and marketing in the country, reporting to Joe Eberhardt, Chrysler Group Executive Vice President for Global Sales, Marketing and Service. Mr. Landry most recently served as Vice President- Global Dodge Marketing in Auburn Hills, Michigan.

At just 48 years of age, Landry has been with DaimlerChrysler for over 23 years. After graduating from Saint Mary's, Landry joined Chrysler Canada as a distribution analyst in its Western region and has held increasingly more responsible positions in the US, European and Canadian sales and marketing organizations.

Just one month on the job, Landry signed key agreements with the Federal and Ontario governments totaling \$768 million for the Canadian operations for new investments in facilities, flexible manufacturing and automotive research and development.

Walter P. Chrysler began operations in Canada over 80 years ago, and DaimlerChrysler Canada is the second largest manufacturer and seller of motor vehicles in Canada.

A classmate of our current Alumni Association President, Paul O'Hearn, Landry received his Bachelor of Commerce degree in 1982 from Saint Mary's. He also earned an MBA from Michigan State University's Advanced Management Program.



Hoops Don't Change With Age

A Saint Mary's house-league basketball team from the early 70s returned from across Canada and the United States to reunite for a basketball game in Halifax. Competition for the aging alumni was a group of 15 year olds coached by SMU's varsity basketball Coach Quakenbush. Although the game was close for the first half minute, it didn't stay that way for long. According to one alumnus, "Although we lost this time, I think we can lay a beating on some 10 year olds next time". The alumni thank Saint Mary's for their generosity and hospitality.

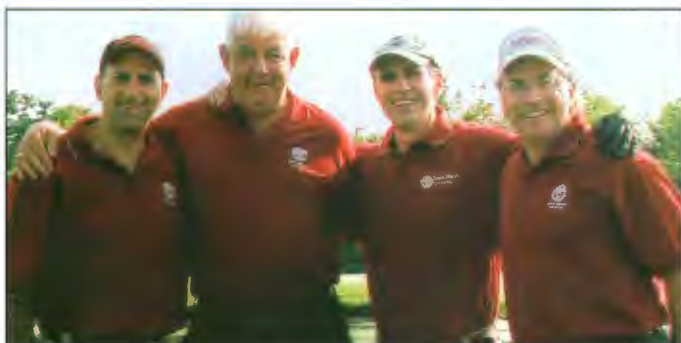
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Saint Mary's Hits the Links

Charles Sardo Memorial Golf Tournament



The gang's all here at the Charles Sardo Memorial Golf Tournament that took place in Maine in August 2005.



Steve Sumarah, Dave Randall, Peter Miller and Chuck Bridges make up a foresome.

Husky Howl Ottawa Alumni Golf Tournament



Alumni and friends gather at the Ottawa Alumni Husky Howl Golf Tournament in August 2005.

A Toast to Saint Mary's

Excerpts from Max Beaton's toast to Saint Mary's at the Golden Grads Luncheon

...Browsing through the 1955 Year Book, I noticed (along with Murray Napier's "Joe College" cartoons) an advertisement urging people to attend Saint Mary's University which, it said, imparts the ideals of a Jesuit Education. These included three major elements:

KNOWLEDGE: Men... trained to think and to assess values, to deal with facts and abstract thoughts... inspired with creative ideas.

CHARACTER: Men with a capacity to act according to values learned; who in their chosen careers act steadfastly in accordance with the highest standards of right living and gentlemanly conduct; men who so live the truth they know that their conviction and courage will give hope and confidence to their world of tomorrow

LEADERSHIP: Men who can take an enlightened place in society and meet the challenge of the times undaunted... who, in their professions will radiate sound principles of Faith and sound citizenship in their world of tomorrow.

I have to say that I am quoting from the advertisement when I keep referring to "men". Since these days I spend a lot of time promoting gender equity, I would be remiss not to note that the Class of '55 was blessed with four graduates of the feminine persuasion...

Looking through the yearbook got me to thinking of what Saint Mary's really meant to me from a perspective of fifty years.

Saint Mary's is being in an airport in Banjul, The Gambia, waiting to meet two speakers for a United Nations conference. The first, Blair Lopez representing CIDA, arrives and as we shake hands I notice the SMU pin in his lapel. The second, Crispin Grey-Johnson a Gambian arriving from Tanzania and representing the UNECA arrives and as we greet each other I notice the SMU ring on his finger. The three of us stand talking about the incredible reach of SMU and its impact not only on Halifax but also on the world...

...I think of a place where I had to take philosophy, French, metaphysics, epistemology, political science and lots and lots of English to get a degree in commerce. I think of a university that turned out the only Engineers in Nova Scotia who could actually read and write a proper sentence in English.

...I think of the efforts of all at Saint Mary's to instill in each and every student a sense of responsibility. The Apostolic Delegate to Canada that year in a visit to Saint Mary's commented: "If there is one thing that I would urge it is that you avoid falling into mediocrity...have a healthy respect for hard work and avoid just getting by... and... remember that no one ever knew how to command who could not learn how to obey".

Fifty years after the SMU experience, it is up to each of us to do the comparison of what we were taught against what we have done with what we were taught...

Max Beaton, BComm'55

Award Recipients at the 2005 Alumni Dinner



1. Associate Alumna Jennifer Ozon and Past Alumni President Wendy Brookhouse
2. Past Alumni President Wendy Brookhouse, BComm'91, MBA'02 and Dinah Grace, BComm'91, recipient of the Alumni Volunteer of the Year Award.
3. Past Alumni President Wendy Brookhouse and Distinguished Community Service Award recipient Carol MacLean
4. Former Mayor Walter Fitzgerald, Carol MacLean, SMU Board Chair, Paul Dyer, BComm'68

Climbing the Great Wall



James Donner, Homburg Scholarship Winner, who is currently in China, tries to climb down the Great Wall of China safely.

Alumni Event In China



Mr. Dao Wei (Wally) Yu, BComm'04, Mr. Yu Jie (Eugene) Shen, M.F.I.'04, Dr. Frank Wang, Ms. Nancy Liu, James Donner, SMU student at Fudan University, Shanghai, Mr. Denis Leclaire, Assoc'98, Mr. Ming Kui (Michael) Wu, MBA, Mr. Lin Hua, MBA'04, Ms. Lei Du, BComm'04 & Mr. Yuwei Zhou, MBA'04

Recruiting in Bangkok



Three SMU grads joined Monica Wood, Director Student Recruitment, at the CEC Recruitment Fair in Bangkok, Thailand in November.
Front, left to right: Supacharee Malungpaishrop, MBA'02, Monica Wood
Back, left to right: Pornitina Tangsajaviton, MBA'02, Srikul Jiravichitchai, BComm'02

Go Huskies



November 2, 2005, SMU Alumni of the Business Development Bank of Canada played a friendly game of football against their colleagues of various other universities. SMU won the game 7-0 when Greg Dickie connected with Jayson Hilchie for the game winning touchdown.

Left to Right: Jayson Hilchie, BComm'01, Account Manager, Craig Levangie, BComm'92, Vice-President & Area Manager, Gina Gale, BComm'93, MBA'95, Area Manager Underwriting & Portfolio Development, Pat Coolen, Counsel BA'72, Melanie Barteaux Cert. in HR 2002, Client Services Assistant B.A., Shawna MacDonald-Wong, BComm'96, Customer Service Officer, Barbara Pietersma, BComm'03, Customer Service Officer, Staci Kentish, Current Student, Customer Service Officer, Greg Dickie, BComm'03, Account Manager
Missing from picture: Rick Martin, BSc and BEd'75, Manager BDC Consulting Group

Ottawa Christmas Cheer



Alumni and friends get together for the Annual Christmas Brunch in Ottawa

Boston Tree Lighting



Krista MacLellan, BComm'91, and Angus Lindsay, BComm'95

Alumni gathered in Boston for the annual lighting of the tree. For the past 34 years, Nova Scotia has donated a Christmas tree to Boston in thanks for its help following the 1917 Halifax Explosion



Frank Arment, BA'71, Frank Archambault, BA'68, John Peterson, BA'66, Cos Marandos, BA'66, Dave Murphy, BA'66

Time for Tea 2005 Correction



In our last edition of the Maroon & White we misidentified the woman in the photo at the Time for Tea event. She is actually Mrs. Joan Stead. We apologize for the error.



(L to R) Bill McEwan, President & CEO, Sobeys Inc., Paul D. Sobeys, President & CEO, Empire Co. Ltd., Dr. Colin Dodds, President, Saint Mary's University, centre field at Huskies Stadium prior to September 24th game against Laval University

Leaders

Together, Sobeys Inc., Empire Company Limited and the Sobeys Foundation pledged \$2 million to the *Hearts & Minds* Capital Campaign in support of the growth of Saint Mary's University and its students.

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On behalf of the students, faculty, staff and alumni of Saint Mary's, we extend a sincere thank you.

We are proud to have you on our team.



Adding “PINK” to the Maroon and White

“Saint Mary’s taught me at a young age that a caring community empowers people, but it is your responsibility to use what you learn for the greater good.”

As if it’s not enough, Alma Major, Eileen Power, Dorothy Fenn, Elaine White-Walker and Barbara Thompson have even more in common than surviving breast cancer and volunteering with Breast Cancer Action Nova Scotia. All five have earned degrees from Saint Mary’s University. “And the funny thing is,” says **Barbara Thompson, BA’97**, “only recently did we discover who in our group were Santamarians.” This discovery came after the group was offered a meeting space at the university by Saint Mary’s President, Dr. Colin Dodds. When a notice was sent out to the group about the new meeting place, five out of 17 members emailed back to say they had degrees from Saint Mary’s University. Thompson explains that, “Approximately 710 women are diagnosed with breast cancer each year in Nova Scotia. That’s the highest rate in the Atlantic. When someone steps up to help make a difference by joining Breast Cancer Action Nova Scotia we don’t ask what degree they have. We look for skills, passion and dedication.”

Breast Cancer Action Nova Scotia (www.bcans.ca) is a survivor-driven group formed to voice the unique concerns and needs of people living with breast cancer through networking, support, education and research. BCANS is the only breast cancer action group in the Atlantic Region. This small, but mighty non-profit organization formed in 1994 and is well-respected across Canada and the United States, as they work to improve the lives of breast cancer patients and their caregivers.

Eileen Power, BA’80, B.Ed’86, MEd’91, is one of the founding members of BCANS and was diagnosed 25 years ago, with a recurrence 12 years later in the scar tissue. Power started university later in life in 1971 as a “mature student” and found that Saint Mary’s early acceptance of “the grey power” encouraged her to embark on an educational journey that she still enjoys today as a student currently taking Hellenistic Art and Irish Geography. Power says, “I was a born activist, and seeing the many inequities around led to community involvement, even in those busy student days. Certainly the confidence and support gained from my finest moments at Saint Mary’s helped foster the positive outlook to make change possible. I am proud to be a founding member of Breast Cancer Action Nova Scotia and appreciate my valued alumni for supporting our efforts.”

Alma Major, MSc’92, was also a mature student. Major received undergraduate and Bachelor of Education degrees and taught for 10 years in Allied Health Sciences (College of the North Atlantic, St. John’s, Newfoundland). Plus she had several years experience working in clinical and research labs before moving to Dartmouth in 1984. After working for five years at the Biology Department of Mount Saint Vincent University, Major decided to return to school. She remembers the trepidation involved, “To test the waters, so to speak, I took a couple of courses in Psychology at Saint Mary’s University. My anxiety was quickly allayed by professors and students alike. I was treated no differently than any other student. It was stimulating to be among these young enthusiastic students. There was a real sense of community in this place, and I flowered. To make a long story short, I upgraded my B.Sc. to an Honours B.Sc. and then went on to get a Masters in Applied Psychology (Clinical) in 1992. I am ever grateful to Dr. Irmgard Lenzer for inspiring me to follow this path. I then worked in psychology in clinical and university settings for almost 10 years, until I retired in 2001.”

“Six months later, in February 2002, I was diagnosed with breast cancer. I received the phone call at 10:30 p.m. and one hour later I was on the Internet searching the Mayo Clinic website to find as much information as I could about this dreaded disease. From then on I read everything I could get my hands on about breast cancer. I really believe that ‘Knowledge is Power’ and I quickly became my own advocate. The experiences I had at Saint Mary’s have helped me deal with the psychological aspects of a cancer diagnosis. The science helped me clearly understand the clinical



Barbara Thompson, BA’97, Eileen Power, BA’80, BEd’86, MEd’91, Alma Major, MSc’92

information. I've learned so much since that February day in 2002. And I found BCANS early in my journey, one of the best things to come out of a bad situation." Major is currently one of two BCANS co-chairs.

Barbara Thompson, BA'97, was diagnosed with breast cancer 6.5 years ago at the age of 35. She joined BCANS four months after surgery. "What I learned at Saint Mary's University has had a direct impact on what I do now. Since I was a child I was fascinated with people's stories. Two professors in particular made a big impact: Dr. David Morrison taught me the skills to collect oral history and Dr. Paul Bowlby opened my eyes to the 'power' of story. In fact, Dr. Bowlby helped write a piece for a book BCANS created called *Breast Cancer Online: How We Told Our Children*. (See below for details). Today I work as the Managing Editor for the Atlantic Breast Cancer Net at www.abcn.ca (a service of BCANS). It's people's stories that intrigue me the most. There are so many stories of strength, passion, joy and sadness that need to be shared. Saint Mary's taught me at a young age that a caring community empowers people, but it is your responsibility to use what you learn for the greater good."

Dorothy Fenn, BComm'79, joined BCANS in January of 2003, not quite a year after her diagnosis, as a result of posting to the world famous BCANS Community Discussion Forum (see below). She was keen about educating the public about this disease. Dorothy's life took on two paths with accounting and nursing (1985). After her nursing career, Dorothy returned to accounting, then worked with community economic development and finally back to accounting with a non-profit organization. Dorothy's passion is accounting, but she found the perfect match working for a non-profit organization. As Dorothy explains, "The values of non-profit organizations are different. Any motivation to save money revolves around furthering the good work around what the organization does. Being employed in a non-profit organization increases the knowledge I bring to BCANS with regard to tax legislation. BCANS resources require frugal budgeting. Earning a Bachelor of Commerce with an accounting major has helped me to fulfill my personal belief that everyone plays a part in the stewardship of this planet."

One of BCANS's newest members is **Elaine White-Walker, BA'88** (& Diploma in Human Resources), who was diagnosed in January 2005. White-Walker joined BCANS in June and has already put her skills to work doing public talks and helping out with anything that needs to be organized. White-Walker worked with Human Resources at the now QEII HSC. She recalls why she went to Saint Mary's to earn a diploma in Human Resources: "I soon discovered that if I wanted to pursue a career in Human Resources Management, it would be necessary for me to obtain the related training and education requirements. At that time, Saint Mary's University was the only school of learning which offered a Human Resource Management Program. After working at the Victoria General Hospitals for 20 years, I then went on to work another eight years as a Human Resources Consultant with the provincial government. It is true

"The experiences I had at Saint Mary's have helped me deal with the psychological aspects of a cancer diagnosis."

that any individual who works in Human Resources must be a 'people person' and my career has certainly helped me with my relationships and work with BCANS."

"Holding our meetings at Saint Mary's," says Thompson "is like coming home! We invite more Santamarians to contribute their expertise, skills and energy to the breast cancer community or to write to us at abcn@abcn.ca."



Elaine White-Walker, BA'88



Dorothy Fenn, B.Comm '79

Breast Cancer Online:
In Our Own Words and Breast Cancer Online:

How We Told Our Children are available online at:
<http://www.bcans.ca/Publications/breastcanceronline.html>
BCANS Community Discussion Forum <http://www.bcans.ca/forum/index.cgi>

Through My Eyes

Tsunami Recovery and Rehabilitation One Year Later

By Wendy Firlotte, B.Sc.'97

My Journey

Looking back over this last year, I am finding it difficult to remember how I felt when I first arrived in January 2005. So much happens on a day-to-day basis here, it seems like a lifetime ago already. I remember boarding the airplane to Thailand feeling uncertain about what I would find when I arrived. Would I be able to handle seeing the devastation and the unpleasant realities associated with it? It is impossible for me to articulate exactly how I was feeling, but it is safe to say that my sense of purpose far outweighed my fears.

After living and traveling in Asia for several years, the footage of the disaster on television deeply affected me. After the tsunami struck, watching the death toll rise everyday was too much to bear. Close friends of mine were both in Thailand and Sri Lanka at the time. It was incredibly difficult seeing the destruction and devastation not knowing if my friends had survived or being there to help. It took one week before I had received word that everyone was OK. Fortunately, they were all physically unharmed but, mentally and emotionally, they were struggling.

I arrived in Bangkok in January. Although the capital city is several hours away from the tsunami affected Andaman coast, it was still abuzz with talk about the recent disaster. There were numerous travelers accounting their near miss situations as well as random, unconfirmed reports of the situation in the disaster struck west coast. I immediately headed to Krabi Town, the capital of Krabi Province where my close friend Diane lives. I had only intermittent phone contact with her since the disaster, as phone lines in Thailand were unable to cope with the volume of phone calls. When I was able to get through, we were



Ban Niang Beach - Khao Lak



Wendy at Khao Lak Resort

only able to speak in five-minute intervals before losing the connection so I only had bits and pieces of what was actually happening. I knew she had been volunteering at the local hospital. Many of the injured from the surrounding areas, including Phi Phi Island, a very popular tourist destination, were taken there. As you can imagine, the hospital was not able to cope with the numbers of patients. People had to lie on any floor space that was available but the most disturbing news was that surgical procedures, including amputations were being done without any pain medication or anaesthetic. They just did not have the supplies to treat everyone.

When I arrived in Krabi, the feeling is hard to explain, except to say it was heavy, very heavy. Bodies were still being brought in from surrounding islands and transported through town to the temple where they were being held for identification. Coffins were piled high outside the town's municipal parks building where they were being constructed. It was difficult to take it all in.

My Work

Within the first few days of arriving in Krabi, I approached a local NGO to see if I could help out in any way. Here I was volunteering as a Community Worker and Information Coordinator, doing a little of everything really, visiting local communities to assess needs and impacts, working at the Phi Phi Island temporary housing camp, creating a frequently asked questions booklet about earthquakes and tsunamis for local communities; the list goes on and on.

Currently, I volunteer as the Environmental Restoration Coordinator at the Tsunami Volunteer Center in Khao Lak, the hardest hit area in Thailand. We are working closely with local communities on environmental projects that include, village restoration, beach and reef clean up as well as environmental education clubs in local schools. If you would like more information about the Tsunami Volunteer Center, about our projects or how to become a volunteer, check out our website at www.tsunamivolunteer.net.

One Year Later...

One year later, most of the tourist areas affected by the tsunami in Thailand are back up and running and have been for a while now. Of course the situation here in Khao Lak is a bit different and can be described as "getting there". Most of the infrastructure was destroyed during the tsunami and I am sure it will take another year for a sense of normality to be felt here again. Village construction projects are still ongoing as well as some hotels, resorts and local shops managing to get back on their feet. Mental health has become an important focus in recent months, which was a significant issue that really needed to be addressed, as many people still struggle emotionally and mentally.

In terms of my work, our organization struggles with a few things, but we do what we can with the resources that we have. As other disasters seem to be happening quite regularly lately, funding for tsunami related projects has become more and more difficult to come by. It has been a year, but the reality does exist that in some areas rehabilitation projects will need to continue for some time to come.

Hope & Spirit



Loi Krathong Festival

The spirit, strength and kindness of the Thai people have been inspiring. Recently, the volunteers from our center were fortunate enough to be invited to a local village for the "Loi Krathong" or "Lantern" Festival. This is a very special occasion where lanterns are made from pieces of banana trees and hold small offerings with candles and incense that are floated down the river and into the ocean, carrying with it wishes and hopes. Floating this offering is also seen as showing gratitude to the river goddess Mae Kong Kha.

The festival in Nam Kem Village was truly an international gathering, as it also hosted numerous friends and family members of international tourists whose lives were claimed by the tsunami. Many different nationalities and cultures stood together, remembering the faces and smiles of lost loved ones, wishing their spirits peace and freedom. It was beautiful.

My Thoughts

I feel lucky that I have been in a position where I could dedicate my time long term to helping others. Of course this has only been possible through the generous support from my friends and family. My experiences here have been extremely challenging. I am thankful everyday for all of the lovely people I have met this year and who have let me into their lives and their hearts during such difficult times.

For me, the one-year tsunami memorial will not only be to commemorate all those who were lost but also those that continue to struggle everyday to put their lives back together.



Children at temporary housing - Ko Lanta

From Saint Mary's to Success:

Meet David Hope

By Paul W. Fitzgerald, BA'97

It was September of 1958 when David Hope walked through the main doors of the McNally Building at Saint Mary's as a first year student.

He vividly remembers his first day as a freshman: He was nervous, but at the same time was excited about beginning his studies at Saint Mary's.

After graduating with a Bachelor of Commerce Degree from the university in the spring of 1961 (summa cum laude and recipient of Governor General's Medal), he earned his Chartered Accountant (CA) designation in Nova Scotia, and then went on to earn a Master of Business Administration (MBA) Degree from Harvard University in 1968.

For years, he was a partner of Grant Thornton LLP. In 2001, he retired from there as Executive Partner and Chief Executive Office (CEO). He continued as CEO of Grant Thornton Canada and also served as Director of Grant Thornton International through 2002. Grant Thornton Canada has two operating entities: Grant Thornton LLP and Raymond Chabot Grant Thornton, and is the fifth largest accounting and consulting organization in Canada.

His other positions over the years have included faculty member and department and program head at Saint Mary's. In 1982, he was awarded The Father Stewart Medal for Excellence in Teaching from the University's Alumni Association. He received the award based on his dedication to the students both in and outside the classroom.

He's enjoyed a tremendous level of success in life. Sure, achieving success is hard work. But as he explains in this interview, he got a great start at Saint Mary's – the place he says taught him much about the values of life.

When you look back on your time here at Saint Mary's, what sticks out in your mind?

I was 18 years old when I first came to Saint Mary's, after graduating from St. Patrick's High School in Halifax. I knew that Saint Mary's was the right school for me. Saint Mary's back then had a very modest campus. Though it was on a large piece of land, it had only one building – the McNally Building – where the students lived in the North Wing, the Jesuits lived in the South Wing, and the administrative offices,



David Hope

classrooms, chapel and gym were located in the main building. The Jesuits were central to my education. They were the heart and soul of Saint Mary's and under them our university years at Saint Mary's were a complete life unto itself. They provided us with an academically sound education, and many social activities were built into life on campus. Sports were important, leadership opportunities were plentiful, and everyone was involved in all sorts of other activities such as drama, music, political groups and debating teams. Through the support of the Jesuits, I even had the opportunity to spend the summer of 1960 studying in Israel at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. There were a number of people on campus who were responsible for the academic integrity of the university and who taught all of us about the key values in life – people like Harold Beazley (Dean of Commerce), Father Mike O'Donnell (Dean of Men), and Father Bill Stewart (Dean of Studies) and athletic greats Bob Hayes and Frank Baldwin, to name a few. Beazley was a man I truly admired as a great mentor and a person with steadfast values. He was a very important person in my life for many, many years.

What took you to Harvard University?

The Jesuits were the kind of teachers who always pushed us to be our best and they offered a unique educational package for students. Yes, I earned a Bachelor of Commerce Degree, but the Jesuits also made sure we all received a classical education. As a result, I studied philosophy, economics, literature, calculus, politics and French, and a few business courses, of course. I had a well rounded education from Saint Mary's and also learned the values of community outreach and leadership, and all these experiences were reasons Harvard accepted me into their graduate business school. Beazley was someone who had attended Harvard, so he suggested I go for my best. In addition, I also had some good experience after graduating from Saint Mary's. I earned my CA and also spent four years working at Peat Marwick (now KPMG), so this rigorous professional experience probably helped. Saint Mary's graduates who went to Harvard Business School before me, such as Paul Cormier and Jim Radford, had established for Saint Mary's a good record at Harvard. Clearly, Saint Mary's played a big role in my going to Harvard.

You have had an exciting professional career, what are some of the highlights for you?

After Harvard, Harold Beazley lured me back to Saint Mary's where I ended up spending 15 years as part of a young and energetic team committed to building a strong business school, which today is the Sobey School of Business. I wanted to be at Saint Mary's so I could help send well educated students into the business community. During my time at Saint Mary's, I served many years on the Academic Senate, which I considered a very important body in the life of the University. In 1986, I joined Grant Thornton as a partner and director of professional development, which was an exciting move. During my days at Saint Mary's and my early days at Grant Thornton, I also served as the educational program advisor to the Atlantic School of Chartered Accountancy, a volunteer role which was very rewarding. In 1996, I was appointed CEO of Grant Thornton, a position which I held until 2001.

What are you doing at present?

I am presently completing a two year term as Chair of the Canadian Institute of Chartered Accountants, representing Canada's 68,000 CAs. I am also serving on boards; one a national research foundation and another a Toronto Stock Exchange (TSX) listed company. My wife Rose and I have children and grandchildren and we spend time with them. We also like to travel. As well, we have a lakeside cottage which we enjoy with our family.

You are someone known for making family come first, can you tell me more about this?

I have been married to my wife Rose for over 40 years and she is the love of my life and my best friend. We also have seven children who have been the centre of our life. Though Rose and our children have all been supportive of my career, family has always come first for us. I consider our family to be the biggest success in my life.



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Mary's Memories



Mary Veinotte, Mary Lou and Ron Gomes

Mary Catherine Veinotte, BA'57, BEd'65, has self-published *Mary's Memories: A Collection of Short Stories on the Life and Times of Miss Veinotte – A Teacher from Ecum Secum*. The book contains some fascinating tales about another era. I especially enjoyed the very

short story about her Aunt Minnie lying about her age to the hospital staff that were treating her for a broken hip, by some 20 years, and getting away with it – more or less.

In the section entitled "Santamarians," Mary describes how she came to Saint Mary's because it was the first university in the area to offer evening classes to working men and women who could not attend during the day. She also enumerates her relatives who have attended Saint Mary's – a surprisingly long list including Ron Gomes (who is the husband of her niece, Mary Lou), with whom she graduated in 1965.

Dances With Love



Michael Ernest Sweet, BA'02

Michael Ernest Sweet, BA'02, has been prolific on the last few years, with Lulu Press publishing two volumes of poetry in 2005, *ab ovo* and *dances with love*. Michael also edited a volume of student poetry as a fundraiser for the Montreal Children's Hospital.

Born in Windsor, Nova Scotia, Michael grew up on a horse farm. He studied at five post-secondary institutions, earning degrees in Arts and Education, and diplomas and certificates in Drama, Child

Psychology and Differential Learning. Michael now teaches at Lester B. Pearson High School in Montreal.

Of the editorial reviews, I had to agree with Max Keeping from CTV News: "Michael speaks powerfully and with endearing emotion, read slowly and fully savour the words."

Responding to a question about how he became interested in writing, Sweet said, "Honestly, it wasn't until my first year at Saint Mary's that I really became interested in literature. They say teachers are a big influence. I agree, not because I am one, but because Saint Mary's professor Janet Hill is absolutely responsible for lighting my literary flame."



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1959

Brian Flemming, BSc., CM, QC, DCL, was recently appointed by the Government of Canada to be a member of the newly-created Advisory Council on National Security. Until March 31, 2005, Brian was Chairman of the Canadian Air Transport Security Authority. He was also appointed on July 1, 2005, to be a Special Advisor to Sypher:Mueller International Inc. of Ottawa.

1969

Donald P. Keleher, DEgn, is director, Fund Development for the Progress Centre for Early Intervention. The Progress Centre is a non-profit resource and support centre for families in the HRM who have children, aged birth to school entry, with special needs.

1976

Jeff Power, BComm, MBA'80, has recently been appointed the Associate Dean of Commerce (Acting) for 2005-06. He was awarded the FCMA designation by the Society of Management Accountants of Canada.

1977

George McLellan, MBA, was named the CEO of Emergency Medical Care. EMC manages ambulance operations, including paramedic and medical communications and supports medical first-response services in Nova Scotia on behalf of the provincial Department of Health. George has been the chief administrative officer of the Halifax Regional Municipality, since 2002 and has been employed in senior

management positions, since 1993. Prior to his municipal government experience, he had positions in the banking and energy industry in Houston, New York and Halifax.

Robyn Quinn, BA, was honored with the 2005 Amethyst Award in Marketing Communications for "Introducing Maestra Tania Miller" a comprehensive marketing communications campaign for the Victoria Symphony. The Amethyst Award recognizes communications campaigns that exceed industry standards. A strong marketing communications program identifies an opportunity for integrated communications, focuses on measurable marketing objectives, uses creative and cost-effectiveness tactics and is measurable and accountable. As communications professionals move toward an increasingly holistic approach to their programming, strategies that consider all aspects of communication, including public relations, marketing and advertising, are making an indelible mark on the industry.

1980

Jeff Johnson, BComm, his wife Alexis, two daughters Kera and Katie and dog Maxi reside in Mississauga, Ontario. He is an investment representative with Edward Jones Investments in Mississauga.

1983

Theresa Forgeron, BA, was appointed a Justice of the Supreme Court of Nova Scotia (Family Division) on June 23, 2005 and is serving in Sydney, Nova Scotia. Prior to her appointment, she was a partner in the practice of law with her husband, H.F. (Boe) MacIntyre in Sydney where she practiced primarily in the area of family law

and civil litigation. Theresa resides in Sydney with her husband and two children, Brittany (14) and Bridget (12), their two dogs and two cats.

1984

Anne Driscoll, BComm, FCGA, a member of CGA Nova Scotia is this year's recipient of the prestigious Fellowship Award presented by CGA Canada. This award recognizes members who provide exemplary service to the Association, the profession or the public. Anne joined the staff of J.W. Lindsay Enterprises Limited, a Dartmouth based contracting company, in 1984 and became controller in 1999. She received her CGA designation in 1994. Anne resides in Beaverbank, Nova Scotia with her partner, Kevin MacDonald. She joined the CGA Nova Scotia Board in 2000, served as President in 2002-2003 and this past year served as secretary/treasurer, past president and chair of the Strategic Plan Task Force. Currently, she is a member of Financial Executives International (Atlantic Chapter). She was also a volunteer for the Nokia Brier when it was held in Halifax in the spring of 2003.

1986



Riley Marie Gates

John Gates, BComm, is one of the owners of Nova Trophy, Halifax, Nova Scotia. John and his wife Lisa, a daughter, Riley Marie Gates, on June 18, 2005.

1987

Michael O'Brien, BComm, has joined the sales and leasing team for Halifax Chrysler Dodge Jeep. He has over 20 years experience in the Hospitality Service industry in downtown Halifax. Michael is a former member of the Saint Mary's Huskies football team.

1988

Colleen Fitzgerald, BComm, and her husband Jeff were married in 2001. They have two daughters Cate, Maria and another little girl on the way. They are thinking on naming her Eileen.

Ellen Farrell, MBA, has been awarded her PhD from the University of Nottingham in the UK. Her research specialty is venture capital. Three times she was the recipient of popular professor and Commerce Professor of the Year in 2004. Ellen has coached her students to significant successes in national and international entrepreneurship competitions.

1990


Michelle Benson and Michael Slack on their wedding day

Michelle Benson, Hon, BA, and her husband Michael Slack were married on April 30, 2005, in a beach side chapel in Mexico's Mayan Riviera. Two receptions celebrated their marriage one on June 18th in Toronto where the couple currently resides. The other reception was held on August 21st in New Brunswick at the family cottage. Michelle works as a senior manager for

Strategy and Business Intelligence for BMO Mutual Funds and Michael is a senior manager with Canpark Services Ltd.

Darrin Young, BA, after nine plus years with the Ontario Provincial Police is now a member of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police. He is assigned to the Integrated Proceeds of Crime Section, Toronto North Detachment in Newmarket, Ontario. Darrin resides in Barrie, Ontario with his wife Robyn and their 19 month old daughter Justine. Go Huskies Go!

1992

Todd Field, BComm, is national vice-president – retail sales group office for A Lassonde Inc., Toronto, a large juice and fruit drink manufacturers in Canada. He has over 13 years of experience in the food industry, especially with the Lassonde Group. A. Lassonde Inc. specializes in the manufacturing, processing and marketing of food products such as pure juices and other fruit drinks under the Rougemont, Oasis, Fruite, Allen's, Graves, Sun Maid, Orange Maison, Fairlee and Everfresh brand names.

Christine Greening, B.Comm, has joined Xela Human Resource Solutions (Xela HRS) as a Recruitment Consultant. Since leaving SMU, she has lived in NS, NB and ON, and has gathered experience in banking, insurance, and for the past 7 years, the pharmaceutical industry with Pfizer & Bayer. Her primary focus is recruiting sales and management professionals in the Pharmaceutical, Medical, Consumer Goods, B2B, and Industrial sectors in Atlantic Canada. Having spent several years volunteering with the SMU Alumni Association, and a few years with the Alumni Executive, Christine would love to hear from fellow Alumni. She can be reached at: cgreening@XelaHRS.com.

Greg O'Brien, B.Comm., '92, is Vice President of Candidate Services, for Xela Human Resource Solutions (www.xelahrs.com). Xela HRS is a national Human Capital Consulting firm. Greg is

responsible for the development and implementation of web and DVD-based tools and resources for job seekers and employers. His first offering, an online resume building tool, will be ready for launch in early 2006. Previous to this endeavor, Greg spent the better part of 9 years as Senior Recruitment Consultant for Lock & Associates, a leading national recruitment firm. When Greg graduated in 1992, he created and ran the business "Pastaman" until he sold the company late in 1995 to enter the corporate world.

1994

John McCulloch, BComm, is serving as President of the CGA Nova Scotia Executive Committee, Board of Directors 2004-2005.

1995

Michael Shellnutt, BComm, CGA works for Bill Shellnutt & Associates Ltd. He is a new member 2005 for CGA Nova Scotia.

1997

Douglas Marshall, BComm, CGA works for William Foster Chartered Accountants. He is a new member 2005 for CGA Nova Scotia.

1998

Vanessa L. Tynes, BA, graduated from law school May 2002. She articulated with Paul Miller in Sackville, NS. Vanessa was called to the bar in July 2003 and practiced law at Arnold Pizzo McKiggan until November 30, 2004. She opened her own practice in Dartmouth, December 1, 2005. Vanessa's son Tevon is almost 13 years old.

1999



Judith Richardson

In November, **Judith Richardson, MA, BA, B.Ed., MEC**, was recognized with a prestigious 2005 Canadian Progress Club Women of Excellence Award as Entrepreneur and Innovator.

She was recognized for her innovative methods in International Executive and Business Consulting/ Coaching and Organizational Culture Consulting.

Judith leads PONO Consultants International and helps companies achieve high performance, potential and profitability, and her work has taken her across North America, Europe, Jamaica, Siberia, Denmark, Australia, Sweden, Israel and Russia.

Judith was deemed an extraordinary woman by the Canadian Progress Club, one whose impressive achievements make a powerful impact on the community. She is a woman who influences, excels, inspires, leads and teaches by example.

Evan Hambrook, BComm, and his wife **Jodie Thynne, BSc'99**, were married on July 9, 2005, in Mahone Bay, NS. They currently reside in Toronto, Ontario. Evan is a sales consultant for an automotive software company Reynolds & Reynolds. Jodie is programs manager for the Ontario Forestry Association.

Aaron Sibley, BSc., is now a third year emergency medicine resident at the Royal Alexander Hospital in Edmonton. He has two years remaining in his residency at which point he will be looking to return to his home province of Nova Scotia to begin practicing medicine.

2002



Anthony and Jillian Bell on their wedding day

Anthony Bell, BComm, and his wife Jillian (nee Filliter) were married on August 20, 2005, in Malagash, Nova Scotia. They currently reside in downtown Halifax. Anthony works as a manager for the O'Regan's Automotive

Group and his wife is completing her Master's in Health Administration at Dalhousie.

Brett T. Gibson, BComm, and his wife **Angela N. Leaky, BComm'05**, were married on August 27, 2005, at the Grace United Church, Gananoque. Alumni in attendance were: Lisa Gibson, BComm'05 groom's sister; Brent Zelenewich, BComm'04, former huskies hockey goaltender; Nicky Foley, BA'04, former hockey goaltender; Curtis Watson, BA'03, former huskies player; and former Director of University Advancement, Donald P. Keleher, DipEng'69.

Brad Smith, BComm'02, CHRM, has recently been promoted to Vice President, Business Development for the Greater Halifax Partnership. Brad is responsible for all of the Partnerships outward-facing activities, including investor relations, business retention and expansion, and investment attraction. He leads all activities and relationships that are fundamental to the Partnerships mission of helping to keep and grow business in Greater Halifax, while attracting new businesses to the area. Brad joined the Greater Halifax Partnership as Director, Investor Relations in November 2001. He also serves on the Board of the of the Dartmouth Sportsplex, Chair of the Advisory Committee for the BlueNose International Marathon, and Chair of the Board for Mermaid Theatre which recently received their second Canada Export Award, this time in the Cultural export category.

2004

Suyan Feng, MFIN, is a business development specialist at Celestica, which is headquarters in Toronto. He is based in his hometown of Suzho, which once was a small city but now its population is approaching 10M and last year it surpassed Shanghai and became the largest recipient of foreign direct investment in the world as a city. Numerous global companies have set up manufacturing bases here.

No place like home for native New Glaswegian **Margaret States (nee Knight), MS'83**, who has lived in several centres of Nova Scotia, Canada and the West Indies but for her, home is her birthplace New Glasgow. Recently, she came home joining many family members and friends at the Black Gala Homecoming, an annual event held every five years.

Margaret married and moved to Jamaica with her husband where she taught at a private school. Returning to Pictou County in 1975, the professional taught part-time during 1976 at the A.G. Baillie Elementary school in New Glasgow and, in that same capacity, at her alma mater, Temperance Street school. From January to June 1977, she taught English and general health science full time at NGHS. In September of that year, while working as a resource teacher, Margaret studied at Saint Mary's University where she earned her Master of Arts in education.

During her years in Halifax, she remarried and relocated to Mississauga, Ontario. From 1981 to '99, she taught two years at Humber and another two years at Seneca, both community colleges. From there, she taught English as a second language in the public schools of Peel Board of Education until 1999 when she returned to Nova Scotia.

Margaret enjoyed teaching English as a second language, but met one of her biggest challenges at Southwest Regional School Board, as its first project co-ordinator for Digby Regional High Schools.

The school had been having racial unrest, since the early 1970s. It was believed an outside enquiry was needed. In that position, she assisted the black community with setting

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up the JAC CAP site. At the completion, of her one-year term, there was a more positive attitude among members of the black community toward staff of the high school and a better understanding by the school board of the black community.

Margaret became the Race Relation Cross Cultural Understanding and Human Rights coordinator. She was called upon to do a lot of traveling in this field. Margaret had an office in Yarmouth and Bridgewater with her home in Halifax. She continued to plan weekends with her family in New Glasgow.

In 2004, Margaret returned to Ontario, this time to reside in Ottawa. Teaching was now a happy memory as she took an early retirement. She continues to involve herself in her church and community. As a member of Fourth Avenue Baptist Church, she belongs to the women's group Connections. This is a women's group giving spiritual support for women in the church. Members do fundraising to give money to the church and other charitable causes.

Also a member of the Ottawa co-ordinating team Margaret is involved in building community leadership within the African,

Caribbean communities. She is an organizer and facilitator for workshops in leadership building.

Another interest of Margaret's is genealogy, discovering her family's past. She has two daughters Amarie Lystra Lawrence lives in Montego Bay, Jamaica, Karla Knight lives in Toronto.

Margaret says no matter where she lives, New Glasgow is never far from her mind and every one or two years is her private homecoming.



Ethan Justin

Renee Hussey (nee Banfield), BA'99 and her husband Justin, a son, Ethan Justin on April 15, 2005.

Births



Jacob, Matthew and Evan Sargent

Tracey Freake Sargent, BA'95, a son, Evan Michael, on March 29, 2005, weighing 8 lbs. 10 oz. Evan is a baby brother for Jacob, 4 and Matthew, 2.



Fynn Mitchell Ian MacAlister

Johanna MacAlister (nee Kristjansson), BA'00, and her husband Angus, a son, Fynn Mitchell Ian MacAlister, on September 5, 2005 (on his mommy's 30th birthday!), weighing 8 lbs. 13 oz. The MacAlister family reside in Alberta.

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Terence Richard Boyd Donahoe

- 1944-2005



Terrance Donahoe

Terence Richard Boyd Donahoe passed away in Halifax at the age of 61.

He dedicated his professional life to public service in Nova Scotia and to Saint Mary's University.

The five-time elected member of the Nova Scotia Legislature, key cabinet minister, and Leader of the Opposition and Interim Leader of the Progressive Conservative party made a unique contribution to the political life of the province.

Donahoe, a devoted Santamarian supported and continued his family's long-term connection with Saint Mary's. His late father, Senator Richard Donahoe, was also honoured with an honorary degree from Saint Mary's.

Terry graduated from St. Mary's High School in 1960, and then went on to receive a Bachelor of Commerce Degree from the University in 1964. After completing his studies at Saint Mary's, he went on to receive an LL.B. from Dalhousie University in 1967.

His distinguished political career began when he was elected to the Nova Scotia Legislature in 1978. He was reelected in 1981, 1984, 1988 and 1993.

During his days in public office he was appointed Member of the Executive Council, held various portfolios including Education, Tourism and Culture, Environment, Labour, Attorney General and Chair of the Management Board. Donahoe served as the Leader of Her Majesty's Loyal Opposition and Interim Leader of Nova Scotia's Progressive Conservative Party from 1993-1995.

He played an important role at Saint Mary's as a prominent alumnus serving as President of the University's Alumni Association and as a member of the Board of Governors.

He was instrumental in the growth of Halifax, Nova Scotia and Saint Mary's, and this is why Saint Mary's awarded him with an Honorary Doctorate of Law on May 15, 2001.

Robert William Shaw

1946-2005

Bob Shaw passed away in Dartmouth in December. Born in Halifax, Bob was educated in Fredericton and Halifax and received his Bachelor of Commerce degree (Honours) from Saint Mary's University in 1968.

In 1997, Bob was appointed president of The Shaw Group Limited, a director of Shaw & Shaw Limited, and president of Shaw Wood Industries Limited. At the time of his death he was vice-chairman and director of The Shaw Group and its subsidiaries.

As a volunteer, Bob was active in and committed to a large number of charitable, community and industry organizations. Most recently he served as a director of the Halifax Foundation, The Greater Halifax Partnership and Pier 21 Foundation, and was a member of Saint Mary's Business Development Centre Board. His past volunteer leadership positions include chair of the Nova Scotia Economic Development Corporation, vice-chair of the City of Halifax's Economic Development Task Force and vice-chair of the Halifax County Industrial Commission. He had served as president of both the Canadian Home Builders' Association and the Nova Scotia Home Builders' Association. He also chaired the Metro United Way Corporate Campaign and served for several years as vice-chair of the Board of Dartmouth General Hospital, a governor of Saint Mary's University, chair of the Nova Scotia Advisory Board on Colleges and Universities, and chair of the Nova Scotia Hospital Foundation. Bob was very proud of his children and took great joy in his four grandchildren. As a friend and mentor to many he will be fondly remembered for his wonderful sense of humour and love of life.

Richard (Dick) H. MacLean

1942-2005



Second from right: Richard (Dick) MacLean

Richard (Dick) MacLean, 63, passed away suddenly in Halifax in September.

An acclaimed educator and stalwart supporter of his community, Dick contributed his time and talents to a wide variety of organizations and initiatives. After a rewarding 27-year career as a principal in the Halifax District School Board, he accepted a position as special assistant to the Mayor of the Halifax Regional Municipality in 1996. A well-known and highly respected political strategist for many decades, Dick held this position until 2000 while continuing his volunteer efforts on behalf of numerous charitable and community initiatives. In semi-retirement, he took on a new challenge in 2001, traveling for extended periods to Campeche, Mexico where he and his wife Carol taught English as a Second Language.

Dick demonstrated an unparalleled commitment to community service, as evidenced by his involvement in a diverse cross-section of organizations. He served as Chair of the Halifax-Mexico Community Alliance, the Nova Scotia Boxing Authority, the Halifax Housing Authority, the Halifax City Recreation Committee, the International Youth Gaelic Boxing Group, Nova Scotia Wheelchair Sports, and as Co-Chair of the Halifax Residential Tenancies Board. At the national level, he was President of the Canadian Amateur Boxing Association, Vice-President of the Canadian Professional Boxing Association, and a member of the Federal Royal Commission Task Force on Boxing. Dick also served as representative of the Commonwealth Games Boxing organization, as Canada's Olympic Boxing representative in 1980 and 1984 and, in the United States, as Consultant to the White House Presidential Advisory Board, Olympic Boycott, in 1980. In light of his extensive contributions to the sport, Dick was inducted into the Canadian Boxing Hall of Fame in 2000.

Born in Cheticamp, N.S., Dick held a Bachelor of Arts degree and Bachelor of Education degree from Dalhousie University. He earned a Master of Arts degree from Saint Mary's University where he became one of the institution's most active alumni. Dick served as a passionate ambassador for Saint Mary's, working on behalf of the Alumni Association, Athletics and Recreation, and in 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.

In recognition of his many philanthropic and community efforts, Dick has been a recipient of the Nova Scotia Community Volunteer award, the City of Halifax Award for Outstanding Service, and the Canadian Parks and Recreation Association Award of Merit.

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"A Tribute to My Father"

by Sherida Sherry Hassanali, M.Ed ('95), M.A ('94)

Some of my earliest and fondest childhood memories are of my Dad working well into the wee, dark hours of the morning; the dining room table would be laden and heavy with books, papers strewn from end to end. Dad would be studying and writing papers for some evening course he was taking – this after a full day of teaching elementary school. During those early mornings, I would venture out of my bed with my blanket in tow and I would watch him for a while. Then I would climb on his lap, curl up under his chin and sleepily ask him what he was doing up so late. He would always reply that he was studying. The happiness in his voice, despite the lateness of the hour, could not be hidden. After getting me a midnight snack he would let me stay up for a bit, while he studied some more. After tucking me back into bed, he would lovingly pat my hair, and say he was going to study a just a little more. My Father's strong work ethic, and the importance of getting an education were evident in those quiet moments. This resonated with me. A lesson learned. A gift received.

Those many, many late hours added up to my Father earning three degrees from Saint Mary's University. I remember each of his graduations; I remember how handsome he looked in his gown and mortar board; I remember how proud my mother was of him; how proud his four children were of him. I remember cheering loudly as the Chancellor called his name; I remembered how annoyed I would be when his name was mispronounced. I remember oh-so-fondly, the colourful parties celebrating the long road to his well-earned successes. In recent years, I remember how proud Dad was of me, when I graduated with two Master's degree from Saint Mary's University, his Alma Mater. I remember the look on his face of sheer joy and the tears that said the same. I remember the pump of the clenched fist and the jubilant "Yeah, Babes!" and the tone of pride in his voice as he yelled as I marched past in the processional. As I near completion of a Ph.D., this convocation will be bitter-sweet. The joy, love and pride on my Father's face will not be there, front and center. I will have to take comfort in the fact that, instead, he will be by my side as I become "Dr". My Father had a tenacious spirit. He gave this to me. A lesson learned. A gift received.

My Father dedicated his entire professional life to teaching, both here in Nova Scotia and in his place of birth, Trinidad & Tobago. Not only was he considered to be a favorite teacher amongst his students, but he was admired and loved by his fellow colleagues and parents alike. The family took Dad home to his beloved Trinidad & Tobago, West Indies. He is resting peacefully in the village of his birth with his parents and siblings. Dad knew how to connect with people. He was pure kindness and love. He gave these gifts to all who knew him. A lesson learned. A gift received.

IN MEMORIAM

Frederick J. Barton, HS '49
father of Dr. Bill Barton, BA'68
on September 18, 2005

Richard Hardy "Dick" Beis,
Professor of Philosophy
on September 21, 2005

Frances A. Burns, BA'57,
on April 22, 2005

Neal Douglas "Pat" Deegan, BA'73,
on November 8, 2005

Stephen M. Evans, DEgn'87,
on August 31, 2005

Donald W. Gibson, HS'46,
on September 1, 2005

J. William E. Mingo, Hon'81
on November 25, 2005

William G. Morris, BA'67
on November 17, 2005

Adam (Bo) O'Neil, attended SMU
on November 17, 2005

Eric Gordon Organ, BComm'93
on September 19, 2005

Gerard W. Richards, BComm'77
on November 20, 2005

Carleton Daniel Smith, attended '89
on November 16, 2005

Peter M. Smith, BA'76
on May 2, 2005

Gwenyth L. Sterns, MSc'87
on September 13, 2005

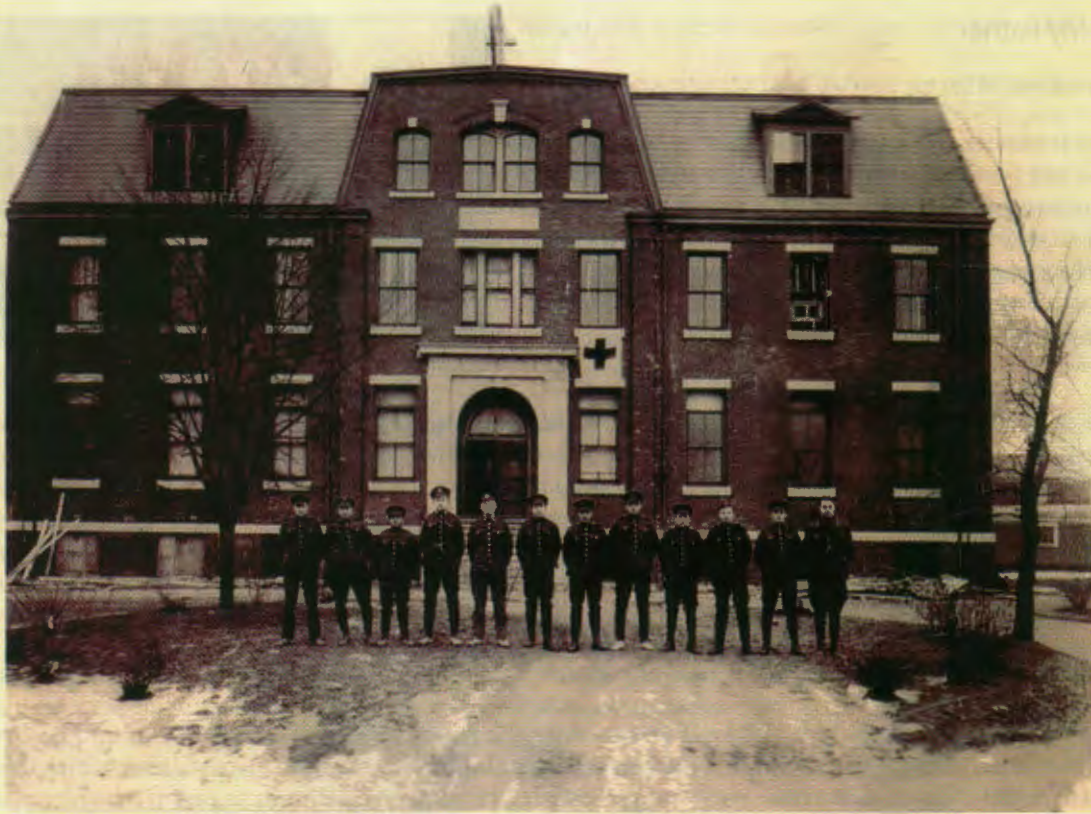


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1917

On December 5, 1917, Halifax was rocked by what was then the largest ever man-made explosion when the *Imo* and the *Mont Blanc* collided in the harbour. Archbishop McCarthy offered Saint Mary's College as an emergency hospital and the building was used until January 1918, first by a Boston medical team then by the Rhode Island Red Cross.

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