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Brian Fulton (BA '85)
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President's Message



I am honored to have the privilege to serve in the capacity of *Alumni President*, and I commit to you that I will fulfill this role with pride and determination

that reflect the values of this University. We begin this year in the midst of an ongoing journey, always striving to become better. The Alumni Association and its Executive plays a critical role in helping the University sustain its pillars of Positive Profile within our Worldwide Community, Assistance to Students, Fundraising and Recruitment of our future leaders. The Alumni Association and its Executive is the Relation Builder of the University.

There are students and alumni in over 100 countries that have benefited not only by the education which they paid for, but also the existential imprint of the Saint Mary's University culture on these individuals and the learning they actually accumulate. This is what prepares us for the future beyond what the pure teaching provides, and we don't pay for this. It is a legacy of the quality of our professors; the quality of our administrators; the Halifax environment, and especially our colleagues in class who we meet because they too are drawn to the University by something more than just the educational process. This is what differentiates a Saint Mary's University education.

By enhancing the strength and image of the Saint Mary's Alumni Association through alumni activism, we strengthen the University, and also the world's impression of us, as graduates and candidates for enhanced employment opportunities! I hope we will not only be active, but that we will encourage and expect our colleagues to be active in our Branches and Chapters as well. Please, open the conversation with us and pass it on. I encourage you to bring your skills and talents forward to make a difference.

Yours truly,

Stephen Kelly

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The Changing Face of your Alumni Executive

This past summer, the Saint Mary's Alumni Association elected its new officers for 2008-2009. President **Stephen Kelly (BSc '78)**, and Vice Presidents **Greg Poirier (MBA '03)** and **Jeff LeClair (MBA '96)** will each serve two-year terms in their respective positions.

Eight members of the Alumni Executive fulfilled their terms, and we thank **Adriana Dolnyckyj (MBA '02)**, **Dinah Grace (BComm '91)**, **Richard MacLean (BA '90)**, **Tammy Milbury (MBA '06)**, **Paul O'Hearn (BComm '82)**, **Dwayne Provo (BEd '95)**, **Christine Santimaw (BA '99)** and **John Wedderburn (BA '90)** for their service and dedication to the Alumni Association.

Outgoing Alumni Executive members **Adriana Dolnyckyj** and Past President **Bill MacAvoy (MBA '95)** have been appointed as Alumni representatives to the University's Board of Governors.

The Alumni Association is pleased to introduce seven new additions to the 2008-2009 Alumni Executive.

Sarah Chiasson (MBA '06)

Sarah Chiasson is an Equity Research Analyst focusing on the energy and food retailing sector at Beacon Securities Ltd. in Halifax. Sarah previously worked in Calgary for FirstEnergy Capital Corp., as a research associate in the energy sector. Sarah is originally from Sydney, Nova Scotia and earned a Bachelor of Science degree from Dalhousie University before pursuing her MBA at Saint Mary's.

"Being a student at Saint Mary's was a very positive experience for me. I wanted to remain involved with the University and contribute in any way possible."

Sarah Chiasson (MBA '06)

Shelley Hessian (BComm '84, MBA '07)

Shelley Hessian is a senior advisor at InNOVAcorp where she helps start-up companies commercialize their technologies and products. Shelley originally graduated from Saint Mary's with a Bachelor of Commerce (Marketing) degree

in 1984, and then earned her Master of Business Administration with a concentration in Information Technology in 2007. Shelley is also a certified project manager. Her eldest daughter is continuing the Saint Mary's tradition and is currently in her first year of studies at Saint Mary's.

Dean Jones (BComm '03)

Dean Jones, a former football Huskie, graduated from Saint Mary's with a Bachelor of Commerce degree in 2003. Dean is a digital support specialist with Konica Minolta Business Solutions. Dean is married to fellow Saint Mary's alumna Catherine Williams (BA '96), and together they have three wonderful children.

"I took a lot from the University during my time here. I really want to try and give something back to Saint Mary's."

Dean Jones (BComm '03)

Ally Read (BA/BComm '07)

After graduating from Saint Mary's in 2007 with a BA (English) and BComm, **Ally Read** obtained her BEd from the University of Western Ontario, and now teaches Grade 10 and 11 English at

Armbrae Academy in Halifax. A former captain of the women's varsity soccer team, coordinator of the Camp of Champions summer soccer camp, and President of the SMU Student Athlete Council and co-chair of the AUS Student Athlete Council, she was also a member of the Literati executive, President of her graduating class and Hooding Candidate for Convocation 2007.

Karen Ross (BComm '77)

Karen Ross graduated from Saint Mary's with her Bachelor of Commerce (Marketing) in 1977, and has since owned and operated a retail franchise, served as a regional manager for a marketing company based out of Toronto, and is now a successful real estate agent with Prudential Property Specialists in Halifax. An active community and charity volunteer, Karen is married to fellow alumnus Peter Ross (BComm '76, MBA '88), who works as Risk and Insurance Manager for HRM.

Andrew Watters (MBA '05)

Andrew Watters graduated from Saint Mary's with an MBA in 2005, specializing in the management of information technology and finance. After taking some time off to travel, he resumed his career as an electrical engineer, and is currently employed with Strum Engineering Associates Ltd in Dartmouth. His connection with Saint Mary's dates back to 1989, when he attended his first Huskies football game. Attending Huskies football games is now a family tradition.

Student Representative: Matthew Anderson (3rd Year BComm)

Matthew Anderson is majoring in accounting at Saint Mary's, and hopes to obtain a designation as a Certified Managerial Accountant. Last year, Matthew was elected to the Student Representative Council (SRC) as the commerce representative and was appointed to the Alumni Executive by the SRC. As a member of the Alumni Executive, Matthew wishes to establish a stronger relationship between the Alumni Association and the students on campus.



From Huskie to CEO

Fulton credits Saint Mary's as foundation for success

By Blake Patterson

From English graduate to CEO of a \$3-billion company – Brian's Fulton's career path can certainly be called unique.

"If somebody told me when I started here at Saint Mary's that I would be able to enjoy an international career with a financial services company with my English Lit and Poli Sci degree, I probably wouldn't have believed it," he said.

Fulton graduated from Saint Mary's with a Bachelor of Arts degree 23 years ago, and now is the President and Chief Executive Officer of Mercedes-Benz Financial in Canada. On September 20, he returned to Saint Mary's on Homecoming Weekend to be guest at an annual alumni fundraising dinner. He talked about how his experiences at Saint Mary's influenced and shaped his life and career.

"Saint Mary's and Halifax have a very special place in my heart," Fulton told the guests at the *Touching Lives 2008: Celebrating the Life of Dr. Elizabeth A. Chard* dinner. "It was the love of the city and this school that inspired me to work hard."

Fulton said he's amazed by how quickly time has flown, and just as surprised with the path his career has taken. He opened his comments by asking the audience what academic advice they'd give someone who wanted to have a career in the financial services industry.

He said some people might recommend getting a degree from the *Sobey School of Business*, but joked that given the state of the financial services industry, the best advice might be to choose another career path. In his case, majoring in English with a minor in Political Science proved to be the right choice – but he admits his career path was somewhat unusual. He started out by repossessing cars.

"Back in the day, the best way to learn the automotive finance business was from the ground up – working in collections," he said. "I learned the car business the old fashioned way."

He got his feet wet by cutting keys, skip tracing, finding cars, and repossessing them. He then called the police to let them know that the car had been retrieved.

The work had an element of danger, but Fulton said it provided an invaluable background for his career in the financial industry.

"Starting from the ground up gives you a unique perspective on how the business works," he said. "Soon I was visiting dealers and learning about what mattered to them, how their business operated and what they needed from a finance company."

He spent many late nights with spreadsheets all over the kitchen table pouring over the numbers and learning about the ins and outs of financial statement analysis. And just as it had been during his time at Saint Mary's, so it was during his early years in the automotive finance business – his desire to learn, his willingness to work hard, and the help of great teachers proved to be a powerful combination.



Alumni Association President, Stephen Kelly, thanks Brian Fulton for his contribution to the wonderful evening.

Today, with his days of repossessing cars behind him, Fulton leads a team of more than 100 employees who manage a portfolio exceeding \$3-billion. He was appointed President and CEO of Mercedes-Benz Financial in Canada this past June, and moved to Toronto from New Jersey to take up his new duties.

"For me it's a dream come true to come back to Canada and lead this organization," he said. "My education took me from Halifax, to Toronto, to Chicago, Detroit, New Jersey and several international locations in between – and I'm still learning today."

Hockey Huskie pride

Fulton credits much of his success in the business world to the lessons he learned as a member of the Huskies hockey team, particularly lessons about individual discipline, time management and accountability. "The skills, lessons and core values that I acquired in the dressing room have been as impactful as the insight and knowledge I have gained in the classroom," he said.

Twenty-three years after he played centre for the hockey Huskies, Fulton still fondly remembers how proud he was to represent Saint Mary's on the ice. "Being a part of the hockey Huskies and representing the University meant so much to me," said Fulton. "The pride you felt when you put on that sweater – the tradition – the reputation for excellence – it was a feeling and experience that will last a lifetime."

Fulton also learned some valuable lessons about what it really means to be a part of a team. "No single player can beat another team alone. It has to be a team effort," he said. "People need to build on their strengths, know their weaknesses and be able to rely on one another."

He said the chemistry and mix needed to build a successful hockey team is the same chemistry and mix needed to build a successful team in business. "It's a recipe I keep on the counter everywhere I go."

Remembering Dr. Chard

In keeping with the theme of the charity dinner, Fulton took time to reflect on his memories of Dr. Elizabeth A. Chard. He called her a *"tall in stature and large in personality woman"* who embodied the spirit of Saint Mary's for so many years and whose influence still lives on at the University.

Personally, he credits his success to having the honour of meeting and getting to know Dr. Chard, who served as Registrar of the University during Fulton's time as a student.

He said she was a person who lived with the highest of standards, a person whose mentality was always, *"give your absolute best,"* and who just seemed to have an unbelievable amount of energy.

"Her accomplishments are a testament to her mantra of giving it your all, all the time," said Fulton.

In 1961, Dr. Chard became the first full-time female faculty member at Saint Mary's. Several years later, she became the University's Registrar and served as Saint Mary's first-ever Protocol Officer. And she dedicated her time outside of the school to serve on the boards of the 1982 *Pan Am Wheelchair Games*; the *Nova Scotia Special Olympic Summer Games* and to chair the *Canadian Special Olympics* held in Halifax in 1994. She also served as the President of the *CIAU* (Canadian Interuniversity Athletic Union).

Fulton said her love of academics and sports was evident, and in his words, it was this dual focus that led to *"a woman of such accomplishments meeting up with a struggling high school graduate who had the good fortune to be recruited – not on academics – to Saint Mary's."*

As Registrar and a dedicated Huskies sports fan, Dr. Chard took an interest in the athletes recruited by the University.

"In both academics and hockey, I had to work harder than most. That's where Dr. Chard came in," said Fulton. *"She instilled in me that you have to believe in yourself, and if you do, you can achieve anything."*

Having such a strong relationship with her was both motivating and intimidating for Fulton. She knew his grades off the ice as well as his point totals on the ice. *"She would cheer for you both on and off the ice, and if you ever got a bad grade, you knew she would be the first to know – and you dreaded having to face her,"* he said.

Fulton said his time at Saint Mary's was brief but intense, and the relationships he formed with people like Dr. Chard left lasting impressions.

"Every kid needs somebody who believes in them and gives them the confidence to do great things," he said.

"Although she isn't with us today, I wish that I could stop by Elizabeth's office once again and tell her about what I'm doing and how instrumental she was in my life and my career," said Fulton, noting he never really had the chance to thank Dr. Chard, who died in May 2007 after a short battle with cancer.

"Tonight is my opportunity to say thank you to a wonderful lady, a strong leader and somebody who I'm sure has not just touched my life in this way but many others as well," he said. *"If it is true that a person's life continues through the stories we share, then I am confident that Elizabeth will live on and that all who attend Saint Mary's will be touched by her in some way."*



homecoming

Homecoming 2008 brings back Wonderful



Alumni were welcomed back to campus to take part in *Homecoming 2008* festivities held September 19-21, 2008. The traditional *Golden Grad Luncheon* kicked off the events and celebrated the Class of 1958, who were marking their 50th reunion, with six of the graduating class in attendance. They were joined by 33 other *Golden Grads* as well as numerous guests, faculty and staff. They are true Santamarians and an inspiration for all.

Later in the afternoon, the *Pre-Game Concert* took place at the Gorsebrook patio. The Cheerleaders and Dance Team added to the spirit as Jimmy Ralph entertained the large crowd gathering for the game. Our Huskies took on the Mount Allison Mounties, and although the game started off a bit rocky, the Huskies stepped up in the second half and sent a strong message with a 50-20 victory. After the game, alumni and friends congratulated our team at the *Post-Game Pub*.



Saturday morning brought the *14th Annual Sport Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony* held at the Tower Courtside Lounge. This year's inductees included The 1956 Saint Mary's University football team, Paul Puma and Andrew Conrad – see the full story on this year's *Sport Hall of Fame* inductees on *page 11*. The afternoon was spent enjoying the sunshine during our *Alumni Harbour Cruise*. It was a relaxing cruise with music, laughter and even dancing (thanks, Frank Gervais, *DIPEGN '58*).

To end the full day of activities Alumni and friends of Saint Mary's attended the *2nd Annual Touching Lives: Celebrating the Life of Dr. Elizabeth A.*





homecoming

Memories



Chard dinner held in the Loyola Conference Hall. Those remembering Dr. Chard were inspired by guest speaker Brian D. Fulton's (BA '85) story and recollections of Dr. Chard. See page 6 for the story.

The weekend Homecoming events concluded with an *Alumni & Community Family BBQ* held on the lawns of the historic Oaks. Children had a great time in the inflatable fun house and kids of all ages took part in the games.

Several small group reunions were also held at Homecoming including the '02-'07 Soccer Teams and the MBA Grads. If you would like to host a small group reunion next year, contact the Alumni Office and we will be happy to help you set it up.

The Alumni Association extends a huge thank you to all alumni and friends who helped make Homecoming 2008 such a great success. Thanks as well to the many Saint Mary's staff who provided assistance and expertise.

Mark your calendars for next year's Homecoming to be held September 25-27, 2009. Class of '69, mark the date!

- A Huskies Cheerleaders get ready for the game.
- B Homecoming crowds cheer on the Huskies.
- C Sarah Chiasson (MBA '06) helps out at the children's activities.
- D Dr. J. Colin Dodds and student sports reps presented Erik Glavic with his game jersey from the Uteck Bowl for winning the *Hec Crighton Award*. L-R: Matt Gibbons, Erik Glavic, Dr. Dodds, Patrick Cameron.
- E Alumni BBQ held on the lawn of The Oaks.
- F Alumni enjoy a Harbour cruise.

Golden Grads return to Saint Mary's for Homecoming Weekend 2008



One of the first events of the 2008 Saint Mary's University Homecoming Weekend was the *Golden Grad Luncheon* held September 19 in the McNally Theatre Auditorium.

(Left to right): Robin Falconer (BA '58), Roderick Jessome (BA '58), Rev. Basil Carew (BA '58), Joe Power (BA '58), Frank Gervais (DIPEGN '58), Bob Hoganson (BA '58) and Stephen Kelly (BSc '78)

This year, in addition to honouring all alumni who graduated more than 50 years ago, the luncheon paid special tribute to the Class of 1958.

Speakers at the event included **Pat Crowley**, Director of Alumni (BA '72), **Dr. J. Colin Dodds**, President of Saint Mary's, **Frank Gervais** (DIPEGN '58), **Fr. George P. Leach** (HS '54), and **Stephen Kelly** (BSc '78), President of the University's Alumni Association and Chair of Homecoming 2008.

Frank Gervais, in making a toast to the University, said the luncheon and the Homecoming Weekend was a wonderful opportunity to reflect on lessons learned in the classroom as well as on the sportsfield.

"It's a chance to remember the great times and the great impact Saint Mary's had on our lives," said Gervais, who was a member of the Saint Mary's football team and graduated in 1958.

Dr. Dodds thanked the *Golden Grads* and provided an update on some of the changes around campus like the construction of the Atrium and Global Learning Commons. Dr. Dodds also noted how enrollment at the University has increased over the years from less than 1,000 in 1958 to more than 7,000 in 2008.

However, despite all the changes, Dr. Dodds remarked, "One thing that has not changed is the sense, the heart of the university. Universities are about people."

He said the students, faculty, staff and alumni of Saint Mary's will always be key to the University's ongoing success, and he thanked the alumni, particularly the *Golden Grads*, for all their support over the years.

"You are the foundation on which the modern Saint Mary's is built," said Dr. Dodds.



Alumni Awards presented at Elizabeth A. Chard Dinner



A featured event at this year's Homecoming celebrations was *Touching Lives 2008: Celebrating the Life of Dr. Elizabeth A. Chard.*

The fundraising dinner was held for the first time in 2007 as a tribute to Dr. Chard, who joined Saint Mary's in 1961 as the first full-time female faculty member. Several years later, she became the University's Registrar and served as Saint Mary's first-ever Protocol Officer. Dr. Chard died of cancer in May 2007 and will be remembered as a true Santamarian. Her academic integrity, pursuit of knowledge, compassion and responsiveness to the needs of others – especially students – are ingrained in the history of Saint Mary's.

About 140 people attended this year's event. Proceeds of the annual dinner go to the Hutton-Chard Fund which supports the Saint Mary's University Sport Hall of Fame, as well as the Belles of Saint Mary's and the Quarter Century Club. To date, the event has raised nearly \$30,000.

The 2008 Alumni Awards were presented at the Dr. Elizabeth A. Chard Dinner to four outstanding individuals.

Father William A. Stewart - Medal for Excellence in Teaching:

Dr. Shelagh Crooks (BA '76), Department of Philosophy, was selected as recipient of the *Father William A. Stewart - Medal for Excellence in Teaching*. Established in 1983 to

honour Father Stewart, this award is presented to a faculty member who exhibits outstanding teaching ability, classroom performance, interaction with students, and makes extra-curricular contributions to the life of the University.

Associate Alumni Membership:

Kathy Naulls and **Dave Randall** were selected as the 2008 recipients for *Associate Alumni Membership*. The Associate Alumni Membership is a special designation presented each year to outstanding individuals who are not alumni of the University but who have given significant service to Saint Mary's University.

Alumni Volunteer of the Year Award:

Zach Churchill (BA '07) was presented with the *Alumni Volunteer of the Year Award*. The award recognizes individuals who have provided outstanding service to the Saint Mary's University Alumni Association on a voluntary basis. Unfortunately, Zach was not able to attend the ceremony.

Distinguished Community Service Award:

Paul J. Dyer, (BComm '68), past Chair of the Saint Mary's University Board of Governors, was presented with the *Distinguished Community Service Award*. This award is presented to a member of the Saint Mary's University Alumni Association who has made an outstanding achievement or contribution in his or her own community, discipline or to Saint Mary's University.

- A Alumni award recipients gather at the Chard Dinner. From L-R: Dave Randall, Dr. Shelagh Crooks, Stephen Kelly, President of the Alumni Association, Kathy Naulls, and Dr. Paul Dyer. Missing from the photo is Zach Churchill.
- B Brian Fulton addresses the crowd at the Dr. Elizabeth A. Chard Dinner.
- C Dr. J. Colin Dodds and his wife Carol join guest speaker, Brian Fulton (BA'85) and his wife Tanya at the Chard Dinner.
- D The flags decorating the room represent the homelands of many of Saint Mary's alumni.



Saint Mary's salutes its sports heroes

More than 150 people turned out September 21 during Homecoming Weekend for the 14th Annual Sport Hall of Fame and Heritage Centre Induction Ceremony held at the Tower Courtside Lounge.

The Saint Mary's University Sport Hall of Fame and Heritage Centre recognizes individuals who made a significant contribution to the athletic programs at Saint Mary's, and enhanced the image and reputation of the University.

The honoured inductees this year included track star **Andrew Conrad**, All Canadian fullback **Paul Puma**, and the **1956 Saint Mary's University Football Team**, the first all-student football team in the University's history.

Andrew Conrad



Andrew Conrad clears the hurdle during one of his many competitions.

Andrew Conrad was a track and field star who competed as a sprinter and hurdler for Saint Mary's in the early 1990s. From 1991 to 1993 he was the Nova Scotia and Atlantic Canadian indoor champion in the 50-metre hurdles and outdoor champion in the 110-metre hurdles. He was a two-time AUAA All Star and won three AUAA championships. In 1992 he represented Saint Mary's at the CIAU championships in Winnipeg in the 60-metre hurdles, and as a

member of the 4x200-metre relay team.

Andrew was named the University's most valuable player in 1992 and 1993, served as the captain of the track and field team both years, and was twice nominated for the James Butler Trophy as Saint Mary's male athlete of the year. After graduation, he competed for a time with the Canadian national bobsleigh program, and returned to Saint Mary's in 1998 as strength and conditioning coach for the Huskies football team. In 2000, he entered training as a police officer and is now a constable with the Halifax Regional Police.

Paul Puma



Paul Puma (left) was presented with his portrait and induction certificate by Dr. J. Colin Dodds, President of Saint Mary's University. Bill Mullane, representing the Hall of Fame (right) presented each inductee with their Hall of Fame pin.

Paul Puma was a four-time first team AUFC All Star fullback and a first team All Canadian. He led Saint Mary's to victory at the Atlantic Bowl in 1964, and was renowned for his determination, mental toughness and physical presence on the field. He arrived at Saint Mary's in 1963 and as a freshman made an immediate impact on the success of the football program. His years at Saint Mary's were filled with success on and off the football field. He graduated with a Bachelor of Commerce in 1967 followed by a Bachelor of Education in 1968.

After graduation, Paul applied his skills and education to a 30-year career as a teacher and coach of young Nova Scotians. A long-time teacher at J.L. Ilsley High School, Paul coached the school's softball team for 27 years, served as vice-principal and retired as principal. He was instrumental in developing the zero-tolerance program now followed throughout the Nova Scotia educational system. He also played hockey and softball for local teams and coached the Halifax Buccaneers senior football team in 1967 and 1968. In addition, Paul coached ringette for 30 years at all levels, winning numerous provincial titles and medalling at the national championships three times.

The 1956 Saint Mary's University Football Team



The 1956 Saint Mary's University Football Team

The **1956 Football Team** was the first Saint Mary's University football team comprised of only Saint Mary's University students. In former years, non-Saint Mary's players could be members of the team. The 1956 team is noted for its character because it succeeded despite only being able to draw its players from a university with a total enrolment of about 300 students. The team overcame this drawback to outscore their opposition 160-61, go undefeated in provincial league play, and win the Maritime Junior Football Championship as well as the Nova Scotia Championship. Dr. Greg McClare, a member of the 1956 team, was inducted into the Hall in 2003, and Elmer MacGillivay, an outstanding athlete and coach of the 1956 football team was inducted into the Hall in 2001.

Huskies remember Coach Al Keith

By Blake Patterson

A memorial service and tribute for **Coach Al Keith** was held in the Saint Mary's University Art Gallery on September 19 during Homecoming Weekend.

Coach Keith passed away unexpectedly but peacefully at the Halifax Infirmary on July 27. He was 64. He leaves behind Mary Lou, his wife and partner of 31 years.

The event was attended by many of Coach Keith's friends, former players and family, including Mary Lou. Guest speakers at the memorial included Dr. J. Colin Dodds, President of Saint Mary's University, former Huskies players Bill Robinson and Bob Warner, and Doug Wright, who assisted Coach Keith as well as Dr. Mike Larsen, and Father George P. Leach, S.J. The master of ceremonies for the event was Keith Hotchkiss, the current Director of Student Services at Saint Mary's and one of Coach Keith's former players.

In a message of condolence at the beginning of the ceremony, Dr. Dodds noted that Al Keith had played an important role in helping build the tradition of success at Saint Mary's.

Noting Coach Keith's induction into the Saint Mary's University Sport Hall of Fame and Heritage Centre in 2003, Dr. Dodds said it's appropriate that Al Keith's name will forever be associated with the proud heritage of Saint Mary's.

"Heritage is critical to the legacy Al has left us," he said. *"Where we are today is due to the foundation laid by people like Al."*

Keith, a native of Montreal, graduated from Saint Mary's in 1965 with a BA in Philosophy. He starred on the Huskies football and hockey teams as a student, and returned to the university in 1969 as an assistant football coach under legendary coach Bob Hayes, who is now Athletic Director Emeritus for Saint Mary's.

He took over as head coach and recruiter for the football program in 1970, and one of the first things he did was focus on convincing Toronto high school football star, Bill Robinson, to join the Huskies.

Robinson remembers meeting Coach Keith at a game in Ontario in June 1970. He said Coach Keith was more *"adamant"* and *"relentless"*



Coach Al Keith, c. 1973

than many recruiters, but more importantly, he had a brilliant football mind.

"Al had great ideas, he really was a brilliant man," said Robinson. *"He wanted to make a difference."*

Rather than using the ground-based strategies used by many teams at the time, Coach Keith advocated using a team concept that would allow the talented young Robinson to throw the ball more often.

It was a good plan. Robinson joined the Huskies, and with Coach Keith at the helm, the team had undefeated AUAA seasons in 1971 and 1972, won a national championship in 1973, and captured four league titles. Keith coached the football Huskies from 1970 to 1975 and again from 1979 until 1982.

"He really was a visionary in football," said Robinson, who later played in the Canadian Football League and is now the director of the Nova Scotia Sport Heritage Centre.

Bob Warner, a hockey player at Saint Mary's in the 1970s who later played for the Toronto Maple Leafs, remembered Al Keith as one of the great coaches and leaders at Saint Mary's. He said he specifically remembered Keith's easy friendly manner – his smile and his chuckle – that made all his players want to give their best for the benefit of the entire team.

"He was a friend before you even knew you had a friend," said Warner.

Keith was named Atlantic Conference Coach of the Year in 1971 and 1974, served as Saint Mary's acting athletic director in 1980-81, and was inducted into the *Saint Mary's Sport Hall of Fame and Heritage Centre* in 2003.

Dr. Mike Larsen, now an English professor at Saint Mary's, was a fellow student with Al Keith at Saint Mary's in the early 1960s. He remembered Al's passion for sports and his willingness to throw himself into games with abandon – so much so that during football and hockey seasons, Al was nicknamed Patches because he was often covered with stitches and bandages from injuries received during games. And throughout all the bumps and bruises, Al's bright, mischievous smile never dimmed.

"His smile conveyed that you were with a good friend, and good times were going to be had," said Dr. Larsen.

Dr. Larsen also reflected that the crowded gathering at the memorial service was a testament to the quality of Coach Keith's life and the influence he had on others. Dr. Larsen said the obituary in the newspaper may have marked Al Keith's death, but it really served as a testament to the enviable and accomplished life that Coach Keith lived – one filled with family, friends, and love and a willingness to engage life.

The evening service was a fitting tribute to a man whose name will always stand with the great names associated with Huskies football, on the field and off – names such as Larry Uteck, Father John J. Hennessey, and Elizabeth A. Chard, to name just a few.

Doug Wright, who played football against Al Keith and later served as one of his assistant coaches, evoked these names and others as he told several funny stories about Coach Keith. And he said Al and the others were no doubt looking forward to the football game that evening to be played at Huskies Stadium against the Mount Allison Mounties.

"It's game night in Heaven," said Wright, *"and they're getting ready to watch."*

Alumni Events at Home and Away



Pictures (Clockwise from top left):

Hanoi, Vietnam Alumni Dinner

Maureen Woodhouse, A/Director International Activities (right) met with Alumni Tran Anh Duc (BComm '07) (left) and Tran Tuan Dung (DIPEGN '98) at an Alumni event in Hanoi this past June.

Ottawa Alumni Events

Alumni enjoy the Annual Ottawa Chapter Dinner on June 7, 2008 at Fresco Cielo Restaurant. Seated L-R: Natasha Hawley (BA'07) and Heather Quattrocchi (BSc'07); standing L-R: Jeff Lohnes (BSc'08), and Paul Lynch (BComm'76).

The 21st Annual "Husky Howl" Golf Tournament was held in September at the Emerald Links Golf & Country Club. Attendees included (front row L-R): Michael and Sean Dennehy (BSc '64), Jeff and Terry Hoganson; (middle row): Brian Dennehy, Aaron Menchions and Bob Hoganson (BA '58); (back row): Paul Lynch (BComm '76), Patrick Dennehy, Zach Churchill (BA '07), Ted Hoganson (BComm '62) and Chris Orr.

New York Reception

Pat Crowley, Director of Alumni, and Chuck Bridges, Vice President, (Assoc.), External Affairs, hosted New York Alumni at a reception held at The Roosevelt Hotel on June 11, 2008. From L-R: Chuck Bridges (MBA '92), Austin O'Reilly (BComm '03), Mike Chambers (BA '72), Heather Fitzpatrick, Director of Development, Elizabeth Koraca-Magee (BA '00), Pat Crowley (BA '72), Buz Donovan (BEd '68), Don (Butch) Chambers (BA '73).

Pumpkin Palooza

2nd Annual Pumpkin Palooza pumpkin carving contest took place on October 29, 2008. The top three winners were:

1st Place - Linguistics Society - "Jack-O'Burger & McFreaky Fries" (photo)

2nd Place - Student Services - "Scary Services" (Defending Champs)

3rd Place - Registrar's Office - "Haunted Graduate of 1802"

Girls' Martini Night

Stephanie Babcock (Assoc '01), Executive Assistant to the President, Kathy Naulls (Assoc '08), Marie DeYoung, University Librarian, and Margot Schenk socialize with bartenders Lorne Caborn and Joey Doherty during the Girls' Martini Night on October 7, 2008 at the Gorsebrook Lounge at Saint Mary's.

Vancouver Alumni Gathering

Alumni gather at a reception at the Delta Vancouver in June this year.

London Ontario Reception

Zach Churchill (BA '07) (left) and Mitch Gillingwater (BComm '08) attend the Alumni pre-game reception at the Mitchell Bowl in London Ontario.



Sammy Ho – Gives back to Saint Mary's



By Jon Bruhm (BA '03)

dedication and vision that makes Nova prosper. When we started the business, he set up the factory, managed the workers and the production line. I was luckier, and worked in Hong Kong finding customers for our products. Without him, Nova and I would not be what we are today."

'Gratitude' is a key word to Sammy Ho, and he does what he can to repay those who have helped him along the way. Earlier this year, when he learned that his nephew would be graduating from the University of Waterloo, he wanted to honour his brother and nephew by joining them at the ceremony. While in Canada, Sammy planned a side-trip to Halifax, so he could show his family around the city and bring them to the Saint Mary's campus where he received his Bachelor of Commerce in 1984.

"My brother paid most of my tuition fees and living expenses during my studies at Saint Mary's," said Sammy. "His help was so invaluable that I don't know how to express my gratitude in words or in deeds. I was so excited to show him the Saint Mary's campus and to visit my room on Vernon Street that I rented when I studied in Halifax. We met the new owner of the house and he invited us to come and have a look. It was a very emotional moment for me to see my room again that I stayed in 26 years ago."

Before arriving in Halifax, Sammy contacted Dr. Dodds in order to arrange a meeting. Sammy wanted to donate \$50,000 to the University in appreciation for the education he received at Saint Mary's. To commend Sammy's generosity, the University named Classroom 271 in the Loyola Academic Complex after Sammy and Jeffrey Wong during Sammy's visit to Halifax.

"My business grew nicely from 1996 and I accumulated some wealth," said Sammy. "I thought it was time to give back to society. Of course, Saint Mary's came to mind first. I know Saint Mary's will make the best use of the funds. It will help many students and the staff. That's my philosophy of donating."

"Sammy is a fine example of an alumnus giving back to his University," said Dr. Dodds.

Dr. J. Colin Dodds (left) meets with Sammy Ho outside the Loyola Classroom named after Sammy and his business partner, Jeffrey Wong.

In the spring of 2008, **Dr. J. Colin Dodds**, President of Saint Mary's University, received an unexpected e-mail from one of his former students who was coming back to Nova Scotia for a visit. It had been more than 25 years since Dr. Dodds had last seen **Yuen Ching (Sammy) Ho** (BComm '84), who took a course on Investments from Dr. Dodds in the early 1980s.

"Sammy was in one of the first classes that I taught at Saint Mary's," recalled Dr. Dodds. "Given my research interest in the stock markets of Asia, I was able to share some of my insights with the class."

Sammy, a native of Hong Kong, came from a poor family and never expected to study abroad, but due to the generosity of his older brother, Sammy was given the opportunity to study in Canada at Saint Mary's University.

"My family's finances improved a lot when my brother graduated and worked as a medical doctor, so my family had enough money for me to study overseas," Sammy recalled. "However, when I came to Canada I had to control my money tightly. I completed my degree in two years and four months in order to save money. Looking back on those hard times gives me great pleasure and encouragement."

After obtaining his degree in Accounting, Sammy returned to Hong Kong and worked as

a teacher before obtaining a Master of Business Administration from The Chinese University of Hong Kong in 1990. He then worked at a furniture company where he met Ya Ming (Jeffrey) Wong, and the duo went into business together in 1992, founding **Nova Furniture Ltd.** (www.novafum.com) – named after his love of Nova Scotia.

Today, sixteen years later, Nova Furniture is a thriving export company which manufactures contemporary-designed furniture that is exported to markets across Asia, Australia, the Middle East, North America and Western Europe.

While its head office is based in Hong Kong, its 400,000 square foot factory which employs more than 1,000 workers is based in Dongguan on mainland China, approximately 60 miles northwest of Hong Kong. More than 50,000 pieces of furniture are exported from the factory every month. Sammy serves as director of the company, and is primarily responsible for finance and export sales. He insists that his partner deserves most of the credit for the Nova Furniture's success.

"Jeffrey is the soul and muscle of our company," said Sammy. "It is his hard work,

Saint Mary's Entrepreneurs meet the Dragons

By Richard Woodbury (BA Hons '04)

It's a cool, dark, drizzly late October evening, but inside the gym of an old South-end Halifax church, a martial arts class is taking place.

"Yes Ma'am," says the class repeatedly as they receive instructions from the teacher, a petite first degree black belt in Choi Kwang Do, an offshoot of Tae Kwon Do.

The instructor is 24 year-old Saint Mary's grad **Alana Green** (BComm '07) and *Green Choi Kwang Do* is one of her companies. One of the students is **Dawson Wambolt**, a 24-year-old Saint Mary's psychology student set to graduate in May 2009.

Alana and Dawson also happen to be business partners in a venture called **Martial Art Boot Camp** (www.martialartbootcamp.com) which is slated to appear on CBC's *Dragons' Den* this season. Because of a confidentiality agreement, they will only be given two weeks notice before the show airs. That agreement also meant they couldn't say how things turned out.

"They enjoyed our presentation, but we can't say anything else," says Alana.

Dragons' Den is a show where entrepreneurs pitch their ideas to a panel of five business experts (the dragons) so they can secure investment funding for their prospective businesses. If the contestants are successful, they give the dragons a percentage stake in the company in exchange for the funding.

"They're looking for a big return on their money," says Alana of the dragons, "usually 10 times the amount within three to five years."

The two say it was an amazing experience and were well-prepared when they went to Toronto in early June. Prior to leaving, the two pitched their idea to a panel of local business people and professors to get feedback. This helped ground them before their trip.

"Dawson and I were pretty cool and collected by the time we got to Toronto," says Alana.

The CBC only provided \$500 for travel and accommodations for them. Thankfully, the *Saint Mary's Business Development Centre*, the *Sobey School of Business* and the President's Office picked up the remainder of their travel expenses.



Dawson Wambolt (left) and Alana Green get ready to meet the Dragon's this fall on CBC's *Dragon's Den*.

When Alana was first developing the idea of a martial art boot camp, she sought out her friend Dawson because of his military background. "I'm strong in the martial art aspect, but the general fitness boot camp style training, I didn't have a clue," she says. Dawson spent five years in the Army Reserves as an Infantry Officer.

The two began developing the concept and the first boot camp was held in January 2008. "The whole idea of a boot camp is to push you past a certain level," says Alana.

People of all fitness levels can attend, from the chiselled athlete to those who may not have seen the inside of a gym in years. The camp is challenging for everybody because the exercises are adapted to fit people's needs. "There's always something you can do to make it more challenging," says Dawson of the boot camp activities.

At boot camp one can expect to do push-ups, sprints as well as martial arts drills, such as kicks and punches. But people won't just be doing exercises. Topics such as proper nutrition and sleep are discussed. "It's holistic," says Alana. "We focus on overall health, not just getting fit in the gym," she says.



Although the very term Martial Art Boot Camp may bring to mind images of a Drill Sergeant yelling at his soldiers, this boot camp isn't like that. "We're just there to give you some encouragement to push you further than you would on your own," says Alana.

Besides the boot camp, the two are working on an *E-book* that other martial artists and fitness instructors can use to run their own martial art boot camp. The two would also like to create videos to be sold on a web-based store.

Dawson and Alana first met two years ago when they both worked on the *Saint Mary's Safe Walk program*. She was co-ordinating it and he was a volunteer.

The two plan to watch their episode of *Dragon's Den* at a friend's place, but ideally, they would love to watch it at the Gorsebrook. However, without knowing the air date, that could make it tricky to organize.

Saint Mary's Alumni join the Faculty Ranks

Saint Mary's Alumni are well represented among the numbers of new faculty who have joined Saint Mary's. Coming back to their alma mater in a faculty position presents a unique perspective for alumni. Saint Mary's welcomes back **Jonathan Fowler, Darren Fowler, Shari-Mallory Shaw, Steve Foran, and Wynne Jordon** in their new capacities as faculty at Saint Mary's University.

Jonathan Fowler (BA '95)
Adjunct Professor, Anthropology



An historical archaeologist, **Jonathan Fowler** has wide-ranging interests. While his fieldwork experiences include excavations of Bronze Age and Roman sites in England, a Roman city in Hungary, and a Minoan settlement on the island of Crete, he has also found plenty of interesting archaeology closer to home. Most of Jonathan's work in Nova Scotia examines French colonial settlement, the historical relationship between the French and the Mi'kmaq and the ethnogenesis of the Acadian people. Since 2001, Jonathan has directed the Grand-Pré Archaeo-logical Field School Project, which is a joint initiative of Parks Canada, Saint Mary's University, and the Société Promotion Grand-Pré.

"I'm thrilled to be based at Saint Mary's for many reasons, not the least of which is the emphasis the university places on integrating teaching and research. I'm looking forward to helping students engage in a variety of hands-on projects in Nova Scotia and abroad, continuing our research in

Acadian archaeology, and launching a new multiyear research effort focusing on the archaeology of Halifax," said Jonathan.

Jonathan's interest in archaeology began at Saint Mary's where he graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in 1995. He continued his studies at Acadia University (BEd), and the University of Sheffield (MA). He is currently completing his doctoral thesis, *The Neutral French of Mi'kma'ki*, at the University of Oxford.

Darren Fowler (BA '05)
Part-Time Professor, Psychology



Darren Fowler obtained a BA in Psychology from Saint Mary's in 2007 and a MA in Counselling Psychology from McGill University in 2007. His undergraduate thesis examined the differences in expectations for counselling services between Asians and Caucasians. Darren is currently working in private practice at two locations, Hann Psychological Services and Whelan Psychological Services. He is also receiving post-graduate training in Intensive Short-Term Dynamic Psychotherapy (ISTDP), through the Department of Psychiatry at Dalhousie University. This specialized training will allow Darren to treat a wide range of concerns, from depression to lack of motivation. As a faculty member in the Department of Psychology at Saint Mary's, Darren is teaching Interpersonal Relationships, PSY4417.

"As a student, my experience at SMU was truly rewarding. I was challenged and supported by my professors and this increased my desire to learn. Hopefully, I can help my students learn in the same way. It is an honour to return to SMU as a member of faculty," said Darren.

Shari Mallory-Shaw (BA '92, BComm '94, MBA '07)
Part-Time Professor, Management



A Santamarian three times over, **Shari Mallory-Shaw** spent over 10 years in the financial industry in Ontario and Nova Scotia, but felt that it was time for a change in her career. *"I always had a passion for workplace training, mentoring and teaching, and spent the past four years volunteering with an adult learning group and saw first-hand how teaching and adult education can be extremely rewarding," said Shari.*

With a leap of faith and determination, Shari pursued a teaching career last year. Her university studies and experience as a student at Saint Mary's was extremely gratifying and she wanted to be able to provide the same experience to other students.

"I'm an avid SMU supporter and feel that teaching is a natural way to support the students and the university community at Saint Mary's," said Shari. "I also see great potential for expanding my research interests in the field of entrepreneurship and adult education."

Besides teaching at Saint Mary's, Shari teaches business communications at the Nova Scotia Community College and works for the Centre for Women in Business at Mount Saint Vincent University as a Program Developer and Business Advisor.



"Overall I love being with the student population. If I can teach one person to think differently and be curious about their chosen field of study, then I feel I am a successful educator," said Shari.

Steve Foran (DIPEGN '84, MBA '07)
Part-Time Professor, Management



In 1984, **Steve Foran** graduated from Saint Mary's with a Diploma in Engineering and went on to complete his BEng. (Electrical) at the former Technical University of Nova Scotia (now part of the Dalhousie University campus) in 1987. After many years of diverse business experience, Steve returned to Saint Mary's and graduated with a Master of Business Administration in 2007 receiving a Gold Medal. His graduate research, *"A New Model for Charitable Giving"* has served as a springboard for Giveraising Development Services, a company he founded to nurture wellness, charitable giving and stewardship through gratitude.

Steve Foran is a Halifax based writer and speaker. Between speaking engagements that take him across North America and writing newspaper columns that appear in the *Chronicle Herald* and other publications, Steve is also an active member of the Offshore Trades Association of Nova Scotia (OTANS) and the Halifax Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce.

Steve recently joined the Sobey School of Business as a part-time lecturer teaching Business Ethics. *"Exploring business ethics in the classroom with the next generation of leaders nicely compliments my work,"* said Steve.

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Michele Wood-Tweel Chairs the University's Board of Governors



Saint Mary's alumna Michele Wood-Tweel, FCA, CFP, TEP, (BComm '83) is the new Chair of the Saint Mary's University Board of Governors.

Michele is enthusiastic about her new role as Chair of the Board. With new facilities like the completely renovated *Science Building*, the *Atrium* and its *Global Learning Commons* under construction, and *The Homburg Centre for Health and Wellness* in the planning stages, the future of Saint Mary's looks very bright.

"The campus renewal is opening up the doors to a new generation of students that will see Saint Mary's in a different way," said Michele.

Michele's ties to Saint Mary's began in 1980 when she enrolled in the Bachelor of Commerce program. Anxious to graduate and get out in the working world, Michele finished her four year degree in only three years.

After graduation, Michele was hired by KPMG LLP where she practiced personal taxation and financial planning for over twenty-one years. While at KPMG, Michele got involved with recruitment and frequently came back to Saint Mary's to recruit future accountants. Then three years ago, she became CEO and Executive Director of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Nova Scotia (ICANS).

Michele recalls her days at Saint Mary's fondly. *"Being taught by phenomenal Profs with real*

world experience and having international students in my class greatly broadened my horizons," said Michele.

Just like many Santamarians, Michele kept in touch with her professors and former classmates and established many life long friendships with Alumni from far and near. These Saint Mary's connections have helped Michele throughout her career.

In her new role as Chair of the Board of Governors, Michele is anxious to see more Alumni get involved.

"I want to engage Saint Mary's Alumni more as financial contributors and supporters of the University. You always get back more than you put in," said Michele.

Michele was first appointed to the Board of Governors as an Alumni representative in 2002 and served on various Board committees including the Executive Committee. She also chaired the Audit and Finance Committees.

Michele brings considerable board and governance experience to her role as Chair of the Board of Governors. Before joining the Board, Michele served on many other boards and commissions including the Royal Nova Scotia International Tattoo Society, the Halifax-Dartmouth Bridge Commission, and the Halifax Chamber of Commerce.

Saint Mary's Grads Study in the Nation's

By Paul Lynch (BComm'76) Saint Mary's Alumni – Ottawa Chapter

As young women growing up in Halifax and Dartmouth, **Christeen Moore** and **Stephanie Lahey** had different dreams; dreams that would eventually lead them to move to Ottawa in 2008 to pursue graduate studies.

Both recent graduates from Saint Mary's are in Master's programs at Carleton University. Even though they attended Saint Mary's at the same time, they had never met until this opportunity to profile them for the *Maroon and White* arose.

Christie Moore

MA Candidate at the Norman Paterson School of International Affairs, Carleton University

Christeen (Christie) Moore graduated from Halifax West High School before attending Saint Mary's University where she graduated in 2008 with a Bachelor of Arts (Hon. Political Science: cum laude). Her Honours thesis focused on intelligence failures, a subject kindled while she pursued her political science major, under the direction of Professor Ron Landes. It was Dr. Landes who encouraged and guided her to apply to Carleton University's Norman Paterson School of International Affairs (NPSIA) for graduate studies.

During her undergraduate years at Saint Mary's, Christie received several awards and scholarships including the *Nova Scotia Teacher's Union Scholarship*, the *William J. Dalton Memorial Scholarship* and an *Academic Achievement Award*. Upon acceptance into the MA program at Carleton, Christie was awarded the *Joubin-Selig Scholarship in International Affairs* and a *Dean of Graduate Studies Entrance Scholarship* for 2008-09. Christie was also given a teaching assistant position at Carleton. Christie is part of the Intelligence and National Security cluster at NPSIA, which has less than 20 students. This is something that attracted Christie to the program as it reflected her Saint Mary's experience.

Christie attributes her academic focus to the personal attention and interest given to her by the Political Science faculty at Saint Mary's. She enjoyed the mentorship of Dr. Ron Landes, and also gives special recognition to Dr. Edna Keeble, Saint Mary's Teaching Scholar of 2008-09 and Dr. Carlos Pessoa, winner of the 2008 SMUSA (Saint Mary's University Student's Association)

Faculty of Arts Teaching Excellence Award.

It was Professor Landes' inspiring lectures on terrorism, political violence and spying that helped Christie choose political science as her major during her third year at Saint Mary's.

"Christeen was one of the brightest students I have taught and she will go a long way in her focus of study," said Dr. Landes of his former student.

Christie attributed the secret to her academic success to her parents who ensured her upbringing was well rounded with a mix of learning and sports. Christie's parents are also Saint Mary's grads. Coincidentally, Dr. Landes taught both her parents, Syd Moore, BEd'76, MEd'79, and Kathleen (Donnelly) Moore, BA'76, BEd'77.

Christie is a hockey player, like her dad, Syd Moore of Huskies fame. She runs every day and outside her studies is involved as head of advertising and fund raising for NPSIA's upcoming annual social gala.

When asked what advice she would give students planning to attend university, Christie said, "*Stay focused and determined, and meet with your professors.*"

Christie first considered a future in law or ophthalmology, but her liberal education at Saint Mary's provided her with the opportunity to explore many areas of interest and when the right one clicked, she knew what direction her future would take. Christie admires Dr. Madeleine Albright, the former United States Secretary of State under President Bill Clinton. Like Dr. Albright, Christie hopes to eventually pursue a career in foreign affairs.

Stephanie Lahey

MA Candidate, Carleton University English Department

Stephanie Lahey grew up in Halifax and Dartmouth. She graduated from Prince Andrew High School in Dartmouth and planned to attend Dalhousie to study marine biology until she noticed an advertisement for a public lecture given by the late Dr. Cyril Byrne, Professor of English and Coordinator of Irish Studies at Saint

Mary's University. Being of Irish heritage, Stephanie was interested in learning more and attended the lecture. She was so inspired by Dr. Byrne's talk that she decided to enroll at Saint Mary's instead.

She graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in English with a minor in Irish Studies in 2001, but continued studying at Saint Mary's with the intention of enrolling in graduate school and graduated with Honours in English in 2006. While at Saint Mary's, she attended student conferences, and wrote papers and proposals that would strengthen her candidacy for a Master's program that would ultimately lead to a PhD.

One of the English courses that Stephanie took was 17th Century Poetry and Prose taught by Dr. Tatjana Takseva. As part of an assignment, Stephanie wrote a paper on 17th century poet, George Herbert whose work is used as lyrics for many hymns and musical compositions including that of Ralph Vaughan Williams. The paper showed such promise that Dr. Takseva encouraged her to refine it and submit it to an academic conference. Much to Stephanie's surprise, the proposal was accepted and Stephanie presented her paper at the National Association for Humanities Education (NAHE) International Interdisciplinary Humanities Conference in San Francisco in February 2007. Dr. Esther Enns, Dean of the Faculty of Arts, was instrumental in securing funding for Stephanie to attend the NAHE conference, for which Stephanie is exceedingly grateful.

Following the conference, Stephanie further revised her paper and submitted it to the journal, *Interdisciplinary Humanities*. The paper, "*Paratextual Drift? Text/Image Dialogue in George Herbert's 'Easter-Wings'*," was accepted and published in the Spring 2008 issue.

"When I learned that it would be published, it seemed... surreal. After all, I was an undergraduate student publishing a paper in a peer-reviewed journal," recalled Stephanie.

Stephanie applied for and received several scholarships and awards to pursue graduate studies at Carleton University in Ottawa. She is a recipient of a *Social Science Humanities*



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Research Council of Canada (SSHRC) Joseph Armand Bombardier MA Fellowship along with Carleton University's Vic Mallet Scholarship, a Graduate Scholarship, the Dean of Graduate Studies Academic Excellence Scholarship, a Domestic Tuition Scholarship and a Teaching Assistantship.

Stephanie is finding many similarities to Saint Mary's at Carleton. The English Department is small with many interesting professors who readily provide guidance and feedback.

Stephanie had learning challenges along the way and as such had to be a hard-working student. She feels that this has helped her become both a better student and now a teacher who can recognize and understand other students with learning difficulties. She indicated that going to any other school other than Saint Mary's would have meant she would most likely have fallen through the cracks. She will never forget the guidance and encouragement of the faculty who saw her potential when she did not.

Saint Mary's faculty who especially helped Stephanie along the way included Dr. Cyril Byrne and Dr. Terry Whalen (both now deceased) and Dr. Margaret Harry (retired), Dr. Elissa Asp (former chair of the Interuniversity Program in Linguistics) and especially Dr. Tatjana (Chorney) Takseva.

Stephanie Lahey and Christie Moore are now Saint Mary's University Alumnae. Their stories have many parallels; both were inspired by Saint Mary's faculty members, Dr. Cyril Byrne in Stephanie's case and Dr. Ron Landes in Christie's, to follow a particular academic path and career direction. And both grads highly recommend Saint Mary's to others who are looking for the "right educational fit" that balances top-notch faculty with academic support and encouragement at all levels, even when they pursue graduate studies at other universities. Stephanie's and Christie's Saint Mary's experience shows two different perspectives from two distinct disciplines. It also reflects the quality of students that Saint Mary's graduates into a "world of opportunity."



Top: Christie Moore (BA, Hons '08)
Below: Stephanie Lahey (BA, Hons '06)



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Work began last 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 a focal point of the *Hearts and Minds* capital campaign, includes funding from Alumni, faculty, staff, organizations, foundations and the Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency. To be completed in the fall of 2009, the Atrium will transform the open space between the Library, the Burke and Science buildings into a living laboratory and Global Learning Commons.

Maroon & White readers can follow the progress of the Atrium as it takes shape over the year by visiting www.smu.ca and following the link to the Atrium.

Saint Mary's Alumni Join the Faculty Ranks

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Wynne Jordan (BA '06)

Part-Time Professor, Religious Studies

When her daughter left home to go to university in 2002, **Wynne Jordan** decided it was time she went back to school too. She enrolled in an Honours Bachelor of Arts program at Saint Mary's and graduated four years later with a degree in Religious Studies. She then went on to get her Master of Arts in Religion and Modernity from Queen's University in 2007.

The focus of both her Honours thesis and Master's essay was the re-emergence of Western astrology in contemporary culture. Wynne has been a student of astrology since 1983 and is drawn to the archetypal nature of the astrological worldview as expressed through the languages of symbol, myth, image, and story-telling. She is interested in how modern astrology serves in the process of a "re-enchantment" of society, and how its re-emergence after several centuries of obscurity suggests that late modernity is moving toward integrating science with spirituality.

"As an undergraduate student at Saint Mary's I was impressed with how my professors truly cared about the students and their progress," said Wynne. "I value the friendly, supportive atmosphere and commitment to quality teaching, and I am delighted to now have the opportunity to teach here myself."

This year as Wynne returns to Saint Mary's as a faculty member, she is teaching two courses, "Love," and "Religion in Contemporary Culture."

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Hockey cheque presentation

Senior Golf Tournament members presented the Huskies Men's Hockey Team with the proceeds of their past golf tournaments.

Above: Dennis Gates (BSc '66) presents Huskies' Men's Hockey captain Marc Rancourt with a cheque at the game on October 18, 2008.



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Golf 2008

On behalf of the Saint Mary's University Alumni Association and the 18 bursary recipients, we would like to thank all of our golfers, sponsors, volunteers, Granite Springs, and everyone else who helped to make this year's tournament a success!

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Next year's golf tournament tentatively scheduled for August 20, 2009, Granite Springs Golf Club

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Alumni Golf Tournament Raises \$18,000 for Students

Alumni, faculty, staff, students and friends of the University gathered on a crystal clear day, August 21, for the 32nd Annual Saint Mary's University Alumni Golf Tournament.

Held at Granite Springs Golf Club in Bayside overlooking the ocean near Peggy's Cove, this year's sold-out event generated \$18,000, which was presented as eighteen \$1,000 bursaries to deserving Saint Mary's students who were also there to help out at the tournament.

The Golf Committee would like to thank all of our bursary and prize sponsors, the companies who provided samples and entertainment at the holes, the tournament and student volunteers, the staff of Granite Springs and all the golfers who helped to make the tournament a success.

Great photos of all of the teams, award winners and bursary recipients can be found by following the link from our alumni website <http://www.smu.ca/alumni/golf.html>.

If you missed the tournament this year, plan to attend next year's tournament, tentatively scheduled for **Thursday August 20, 2009** – mark your calendars now and watch our website for further details!

Pictures

Top left - First-place Team: Jamie Welsh (BComm '98), Sean Walker (BComm '97), Vince Marsh (BA '75, MBA '95), Chris Baldwin (BSc '04), Dana Simonsen (BSc '99, BA '01)

Top right - Second-place Team: Bill Robinson (BComm '75), Larry Belliveau (BComm '83), Don Bryson (BComm '75), Bruce Hopkins (BComm '75, BEd '76), Dave Bryson

Middle left - Third-place Team: Todd Greenlaw (BA '89, BComm '95), Cal Bussey (BA '90), Tom MacIsaac, Glenn MacInnis, Mark Denholm

Middle right - Alex Bussey (BA '98), Paul Lynch (BComm '76), Pat Crowley (BA '72), Lauren Connors (BA '06), John Landry

Centre - Kathy Mullane (MBA '89), Sue Uteck (BA '86), Dana Clements, Annelie Vandenberg (BComm '85), Lorna Harris

Right - The real winners: The bursary recipients!

Far right - Dr. Dodds gives it the old college try





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2007

Peter Hickey, EMBA, has been appointed the President and CEO of Coemergence Inc., a company that designs and sells the world-leading decision making platform, ACIS. Initially developed for the mining industry, ACIS has become the platform of choice of many of the best run companies in the world such as Rio Tinto, Gold Fields and Agnico-Eagle Mines.

2005



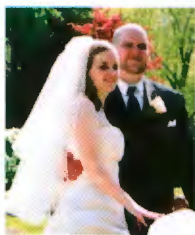
Daniel Luke and Jenna Black (both BA) welcomed a baby girl on December 22, 2007. Grace Adrian Luke weighed in at 7lbs, 14oz

Johnneice Blyden, BA, Graduated from Kent State University with a Master of Education in Special Education (Intervention Specialist) in August 2008. She is currently employed with the Ministry of Education in The Bahamas.

Jennifer Cutler, MA, moved to Hamilton, ON to pursue a PhD in Public Policy at McMaster University. Taking a leave of absence from McMaster after her first year, she moved to Napa, CA. Since then, Jennifer has traveled to Guatemala and Thailand to pursue her passion for international development. She most recently moved to Boston, MA where she has edited and published her first collection of non-fiction short stories, entitled *Back-Story: First Time Tales by the Stranger Next Door*. Her book can be found at www.lulu.com/content/3176712.

Erin McDonald, BA, recently began her Masters in Social Work at the University of Warwick in England.

2004



Adam Amirault and Erin Henderson (both BComm), were married on June 7, 2008 in Halifax, Nova Scotia. Members of the wedding party included several Saint Mary's Alumni: best

man DJ Brooks (BComm), maid of honour Amber Brooks (BSc, nee Cumming), bridesmaid Cat Henderson (BComm '05), reader Keely Hollis (BA), usher Kirby Ginson (BComm), and usher James Duncan (BA). Adam currently works as a Communications Analyst with Assante Wealth Management in Toronto, while Erin is a Business Administrator with the City of Hamilton. They reside in Beamsville, Ontario.



Darren Huxter, BA, spent one year at the University of Western Ontario pursuing his BEd, and now teaches High School History in Gaspé, Quebec. He and his wife Averill welcomed their son, Owen Samuel, on May 30, 2008,

weighing 9 lbs, 5 oz.

Tyler MacLeod, BA, has been promoted to Account Supervisor with Trampoline Creative Inc. – a Halifax-based firm that specializes in strategic branding, advertising and design.

2003

Andrew Godbout, BSc, has been named to Speed Skating Canada's Fall World Cup team, and will be headed to Moscow to race the 10,000 metre event.

2002



Jeffery A. Cormier, BComm, and his wife Jessica are pleased to introduce their son, Regan Jeffery, who was born on April 22, 2008, weighing 8 lbs, 4oz. The family resides in Summerside, PEI.

2001



Trevor Heisler, MBA, and his wife Kerry-Ann Sween are proud to announce the birth of their son. Xavier Reuben Reid Heisler was born on September 16, 2008, weighing 9 lbs.

Ross Argante, BA, is the Director of Sales for Atlantic Employment Services and Workforce. He oversees all of the company's national branches and is working to expand its brand across the country.

2000

Peter Johnston, MBA, is vice president of Lansdowne Technologies, a business management consulting firm located in Ottawa, ON. He leads the strategic business management line and has been spearheading security management for the Vancouver 2010 Olympics.

1998

Nicole Godbout, BComm, is Regulatory Counsel with Nova Scotia Power Inc, and continues to serve as an Executive Member of the Saint Mary's University Alumni Association.



Jack Keith, DComm, is the Chair of the Sobey School of Business Advisory Committee and Past Chair of the Board of Governors. In this photo, he is pictured with his granddaughters Aine (3) and Mairéad Doyle (1)

who are the daughters of Jennifer (BA '94) and Tony Doyle.

Sally Thomas, BA, married Byron Stuike in Lamont, Alberta on September 19, 2008. The couple lives in Victoria, BC, where Sally is a Public Affairs Officer with the Ministry of Education.

1997



Paul Flynn (BSc) and Alyson Bailey Flynn (BSc '98) welcomed their first baby, Callum Matthew Flynn, on July 11, 2008.

1996

Danièle (Talbot) Cruickshank, MEd, and her husband Shawn have moved on an exchange posting in Jacksonville, Florida for a three year period. Shawn is a pilot in the Canadian Air Forces and will now be working as an instructor and a flight safety officer for the Mayport, Florida Naval Base.

Danièle will continue her teaching career as a French Immersion teacher.

Allen Weiqi Ge, MBA, has recently been appointed the President of Otis Elevator (China) Investment Ltd. Fellow alumni can contact him at allenwge@sina.com.

1993



Dwane Brosseau, BComm, is working in Investor Relations with Currie Rose Resources Inc. in Vancouver, BC. He is the proud father of future SMU linebackers Hudson James, who was born on July 25, 2006, weighing 7 lbs, 8 oz, and Callum Michael, who was born on July 1, 2008, weighing 9 lbs, 1 oz.

Randi Jakobsen, BA, was promoted to Director, Payroll in July 2008 after eight years as a Manager in the Finance Department of Maple Leaf Sports & Entertainment (MLSE) in Toronto. MLSE is the parent company that owns the Toronto Maple Leafs Hockey Club (NHL) and the Air Canada Centre, and operates BMO Field and Ricoh Coliseum. Her department is responsible for all staff both on and off the court, ice and pitch. With over 15 years of experience in the payroll field, Randi has been instrumental in steering MLSE through the ever increasing complexity of player payrolls and cross border issues.

Tina Lane, BComm, was promoted to President and Chief Operating Officer of Marid Industries Limited and became one of the four new owners through a management buyout.

1992

Christine Greening, BComm, is putting her education to good use by finally taking the plunge and becoming an entrepreneur. In August 2007, she opened a specialty dog shop, Bark & Fitz, on Doyle Street in Halifax. Christine looks forward to seeing old friends and meeting new alumni (and their dogs) soon! You can also reach her through the website, www.barkandfitz.com.

Fraser Mooney, BA, is launching his first book this fall. *Jerome: Solving the Mystery of Nova Scotia's Silent Castaway* is published by Nimbus Publishing. Fraser is currently the Communications Director for the South West Nova District Health Authority and lives in Yarmouth with wife Melanie and girls Lydia and Madeline.



Sheryl-Ann Stephen, BComm, MBA '94, worked at the Organization of Eastern Caribbean States (OECS) after graduation from Saint Mary's in 1994. She subsequently pursued a PhD in Finance at the University of Texas at Arlington, and is now on the faculty in the Economics, Finance & Law Department of Butler University in Indianapolis, IN.

Ryan Van Horne, BA, recently switched careers after 15 years with The Daily News, which folded in February 2008. He is now working as a Communications Officer for the Nova Scotia Department of Health.

1991

Michael Uberoi, BComm, has been named the Chief Financial and Operating Officer of the Melford International Terminal Inc – the firm behind a \$300 million container terminal project at Melford on the Strait of Canso.

1990

Clayton Smiley (BSc) and Monique Melanson (BA) were married in April 2007 in Sydney, NS. They welcomed a fourth baby, Christina Grace Bailey, on August 1, 2007, joining Justin (11), Chantelle (8) and Victoria (6). They currently reside in Lloydminster, AB, where Clay teaches Physics and Calculus for the Buffalo Trail School Board and owns Prophet River Holdings Ltd. Monique is going to enjoy another year at home with Christina and will return to teaching in September 2009.

1988

Mark MacNeill, MBA, received a LLB from the University of Edinburgh School of Law in November 2007 and completed an LLM from the University of Miami in May 2008. He is also a December 2008 candidate to receive an LLM in Environmental & Natural Resources Law at the University of Denver. His 2007 paper entitled "*Gaining Command & Control of the Northwest Passage: Strait Talk on Sovereignty*" was a winner of an American Bar Association law student writing competition and has been published in the *Transportation Law Journal*. Since 2004, he has resided with his wife and two children in Inverness County. Mark is looking forward to hearing from fellow alumni and can be reached at macneillmark@hotmail.com.

1986

Stephanie A. Cleary, BSc, was appointed a Judge of the Provincial Court of Alberta on October 22, 2008. She will preside in Fort McMurray Provincial Court, hearing criminal, family, child welfare and civil cases. She had been serving as the Acting Chief Crown Prosecutor for the Judicial District of Medicine Hat since 2006, and was appointed Queen's Counsel in 2007. Stephanie is excited about the opportunities and challenges that come with her judicial appointment, and will be relocating to Fort McMurray with her husband, Dr. Pat McCombe (MD Dalhousie '95) and their two sons, James (9) and George (5).

Geoff Wilmshurst, BA, has been appointed Business Development Director, Canada for Study Group Canada Ltd. Based in Kamloops, BC, Study Group is a global leader in international education, providing the educational opportunities for students from over 120 countries through partnerships with leading universities and colleges. Geoff will be leading the organization in the development of Study Group's business objectives in Canada.

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Our Spring 2009 issue will have an **International theme** and will feature stories from alumni around the world. If you have an international story idea, please contact the Alumni Office before the end of January.

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1985

Ben Leung, BComm, is vice president & General Manager of Small & Medium Enterprises Division with China Construction Bank in Hong Kong. He is a proud Santamarian whose uncle (Kelvin Pak-Lok Leung, BComm'76), cousin (Eddie Wai Ming Lee, BComm'79) and nephew (Anthony King Tong Leung, BComm'08) all attended Saint Mary's University.

1984

Andrew MacDonald, BA, has been appointed Nova Scotia's Chief Crown Attorney of Special Prosecutions.

1981

John Fitzpatrick, BA, was appointed to the Queen's Council in April 2008. He is a Senior Partner with Boyne Clarke Barristers & Solicitors in Dartmouth, NS, and Vice Chair of the Saint Mary's University Board of Governors.

1979

Ian Colford, BSc, had his first book of fiction published by Ontario publisher Porcupine's Quill in April 2008. *Evidence* is a collection of twelve short stories, several of which appeared in literary journals prior to publication in book form. In March, Ian spent three weeks in residence at the Yaddo artists' community in Saratoga Springs, NY. Ian lives in Halifax and works at Dalhousie University.

David Slauenwhite, BComm, has been named the Chief Financial Officer of MedMira Inc in Halifax, NS. He was formerly based in Calgary, AB, where he held various senior financial and management roles in the manufacturing, industrial, and engineering sectors.

1974

Michael Caines, BComm, has been appointed President & CEO of FocalPoint Business Coaching of Marietta. FocalPoint Business Coaching assists small business owners grow their businesses through regular coaching and mentoring and offers strategic business solutions based on Mike's many years in a corporate setting. After a successful career with Maritime Tel & Tel in Halifax and Ottawa, Mike moved to Atlanta, GA in 1999 to be the North American Materials Manager for Orange Business Services, a subsidiary of France Telecom. He left Orange Business Services late in 2007 as the Director of Global Corporate Performance Management.

1968

Wendell Sanford, BA, BEd '70, has been appointed High Commissioner to Brunei Darussalam. He joined the Department of External Affairs in 1978, and has held many positions around the world throughout his career including deputy coordinator, Office of the Ambassador for Fisheries Conservation; sponsorship coordinator for the Halifax G8 Summit; senior analyst, International Economic Relations Division; senior analyst, New Zealand Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade; deputy director, Program Analysis; Political, Economic and Public Affairs Program Manager in Los Angeles; and most recently served as Director, Oceans and Environmental Law.

1963

Dave Cassivi, BA, served as a Windsor, ON, City Councilor for 24 consecutive years, and has been appointed to the Board of Directors of the Independent Electricity System Operator by the Government of Ontario. The Board is responsible for managing the wholesale bulk markets for the Ontario electricity grid.

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Daniel Kirk
DIPEGN '47, BSc '48
October 26, 2008

Colleen Meagher
BEd '61, MA '68
October 10, 2008

Eugene Hyslop
October 7, 2008

Carl Dujay
BComm '58
September 26, 2008

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July 1, 2008

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BA '75
June 27, 2008

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'37
June 22, 2008

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BA '48
June 18, 2008

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HS '45
June 10, 2008

William Fultz
BA '70
June 6, 2008

David Cole
BA '68
May 30, 2008

Diane MacLean
BA '78
May 29, 2008

Liam Pollock
BA '94
May 29, 2008

Cheryl Thomas
BA '78
February 23, 2008

Robert Knott
BA '74
February 1, 2008

Jacqueline Barr
BA '93
December 22, 2007

Dr. Lewis Perinbam
DCL '05
December 12, 2007

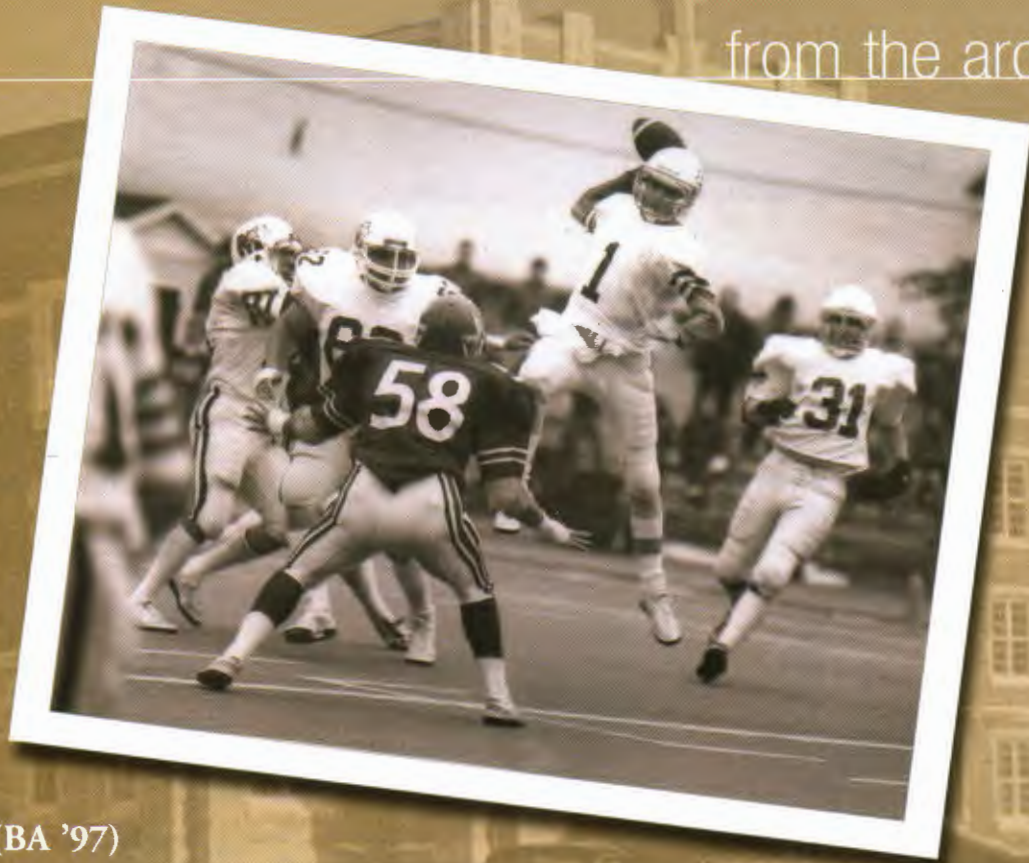
With Sympathy

Albert Gray
Maintenance Services
August 16, 2008

Edith Cook
Financial Services
June 21, 2008



from the archives



Background: Saint Mary's Campus, 1950s

Chris Flynn (BA '97)

The players on **Chris Flynn's** touch football team must have a tough time figuring out his next play. Legendary for his scrambles and uncanny ability to control the play, the former Huskies quarterback now works in sales and marketing, and lives in the Ottawa area with his daughter Chelsea, who is 16. And when he has time, he can be found on the fields of his hometown of Buckingham, Quebec, near Ottawa playing touch football.

It was twenty years ago this fall that Chris Flynn (#1) won the first of three *Hec Crighton Trophies* for his outstanding performance on the field. Chris is the only player in history to win the prestigious trophy three times.

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