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From the Editor

In our tiny corner of the world, I am surrounded by the reality of a pilgrimage. The humid blistering heat has not discouraged the young crowds who have traveled to this sacred place (at least for this week), Toronto. St. Michael's, as the host of the University Café, meets and greets many of our visitors for this celebration – World Youth Day 2002.

Celebrations! The 150th Anniversary of St. Michael's College is well under way. Our third anniversary issue of *DoubleBlue* has two objectives. It includes the reporting visually of such events as Spring Reunion 2002; the memorable moments of the honoured years are reflected vibrantly. Convocation 2002 adds some 600 graduates to our alumni. In addition to these festivities, Evelyn Collins, the Archivist at the John M. Kelly Library, has compiled a collection of pictures dating back to the

beginnings of the college in 1852. The Anniversary's theme, "Celebrating our heritage, building our future", is further explored with stories from the four divisions at USMC. This is capped by an interview with the newly appointed Principal of St. Michael's College, Professor Mark McGowan.

This issue includes another invitation to all to join us at the 150th Anniversary Gala on 28 September, 2002. It promises to be a real St. Mike's party. Also on 13 October, 2002, join us in person or in prayer for the special Liturgy to be celebrated at St. Basil's Church.

Continue to celebrate the College's past and look forward to the next 150 years. I hope that this issue contributes in some way to your nostalgic reminiscences of our beloved college and your continued interest in its future.

Mary Ellen Burns '70

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SMC President's Column

I was at a meeting in Simcoe Hall the other day where a senior official of the University of Toronto congratulated me on the splendid appearance of the St. Michael's campus this summer. Later, as I walked beside the Brennan Hall rock garden with its display of different shapes and, and glanced toward the main quadrangle with Michael at its centre surrounded by a carpet of shaded greens, it was easy to appreciate the reasons for my friend's comment. Our campus, itself, is one of St. Michael's greatest assets.

However, this past July in the middle of our sesquicentennial anniversary, the College, far from being a quiet oasis, became a focus for many special activities associated with World Youth Day 2002 and the visit to Toronto of Pope John Paul II. The Coop played host to the Youth Day University Café with live themed entertainment from each of the six continents. Catechesis for pilgrims from Italy took place in St. Basil's Church. Portable toilets had to be installed in Elmsley Place and on Orientation Field. St. Michael's professors were heavily featured as the media reported and analyzed the largest public event ever held in Canada.

St. Michael's was an integral part of this impressive witnessing to our faith as it has been for every significant development in the ongoing life of the Church for a century and a half. And this, I think, helps point the way to an increasingly important public role the College will play in the early years of the new millennium.

The motto for our sesquicentennial is "Celebrating our Heritage, Building our Future." Having commented on the College's past and present in the last two issues of the Double Blue it is the second part of the motto that gives rise to the following thoughts.

It is clear that through its federation with the University of Toronto, St. Michael's will continue to provide and improve an already unequalled undergraduate educational experience for its students. Our other divisions – the Faculty of Theology, the Pontifical Institute of Mediaeval Studies and the Division of Continuing Education – will maintain and build on their outstanding records in advanced theological education, high scholarship and research and service to the broader community.

Our institutional mandate can also be expected to address new needs in our society as they develop. The United Nations has identified Toronto as the

most multi-cultural city in a world of increasing interdependence. Following the tragedy of 9/11, last year's inaugural Furlong lecture and symposium on "Recent Changes in Relations between Catholics and Jews" will be followed by this October's symposium, partially sponsored by the Canadian Government on "Understanding Islam". Your College intends to lead the way in promoting understanding between major faith groups in our community.

In a post WorldCom and Enron age, St. Michael's, in partnership with the Conference Board in Canada, will continue to develop and expand its groundbreaking diploma programme in corporate social responsibility. Our sponsorship of the Canadian Catholic Bioethics Institute will place us at the centre of the public consideration and debate of the scientific and ethical questions that will increasingly come to identify our era.

These are just three examples of the many new ways in which St. Michael's seeks to serve the broader community in which we all live and act. Combined with our primary focus on teaching and scholarship I believe they are testimony to an institution facing the future with confidence and a renewed sense of purpose. In our anniversary year, as we honour our past, I also invite each of you to an active participation in shaping the St. Michael's future.



Richard Alway '62

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Richard Alway". The signature is written in a cursive style.

President
St. Michael's College



Letter from Jim Milway

President, Alumni Board Association

I want to thank the Alumni Association Board of Directors for the confidence they have placed in me by electing me

as President. As I begin my term, I am reminded that I have been blessed by the opportunity to be educated at St Michael's College. So, I am honoured to have the opportunity to repay the College even in a small way. I look forward to working with the new Executive and Board of the Association and with the staff in the Office of Alumni Affairs & Development.

I want to take the opportunity on behalf of all alumni to thank departing Board members. I hope that they will continue to be involved with the Association and its activities. Special thanks are due to Patrick Carroll for his contribution as President of the Association during the past two years, and for his extensive service to the College over the past seven years. Patrick always inspired us with his energy, optimism, and hard work. All of us – alumni, parents, students, and staff - owe him our gratitude.

As everyone has heard by now, the Alumni Association's most exciting and pressing priority is the 150th Anniversary Gala to take place at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre on Sept. 28. Ticket sales are proceeding well, and it is shaping up to be a very exciting evening. We all hope to see you there.

The College's annual Faith, Hope & Charity Campaign has just been launched. The success of this campaign is of critical importance to the College and is another high priority for the Association and the Board. Over the past three years, we have seen significant growth in donations to the campaign. That being said, let me stress that it is not the size of your gift that matters. Rather, it is your participation with a gift of whatever your circumstances will allow. You will be hearing more about the Faith, Hope & Charity campaign in the very near future from this year's chair, Bill Henry '88. Please join us in making this year's campaign an unprecedented success.

In this sesquicentennial of St Michael's College we can all point with pride to what this school has contributed in the past to its students, the city, province, country, and the Church. As alumni we have an opportunity and an obligation not only to join in "celebrating our heritage" but also to continue "building our future".

The 150th Anniversary Prayer Garden

As we are all aware, 2002 marks the 150th Anniversary of the University of St. Michael's College. There are many activities and celebrations happening on our campus to recognize this auspicious occasion. The staff and faculty are participating with a visual expression of their donation to the College, that being a landscape project that could be enjoyed for many years to come.

When the World Youth Day Cross came to the St. Michael's campus this June, the ceremony welcoming the cross was held at the future site of the Anniversary Prayer Garden. Construction of this project is expected to start in early August, with a dedication ceremony scheduled for the fall.

We thank all the people who have helped with their generous donations towards this gift. We know that this garden will prove to be a beautiful and enduring legacy of the dedication of the staff and faculty to St. Mike's and what it represents.

The fund raising effort is still under way; it is our hope to give everyone the opportunity to participate. We can be reached as follows: Ken Schnell (ken.schnell@utoronto.ca) or Dave Johnson (david.johnson@utoronto.ca).

by David Johnson



Say Happy Birthday to St. Mike's on September 28th

By Lynne Sullivan

How often do you get to go to a 150th birthday party? Well you'll have that rare opportunity this September 28th – and for a very special institution, your Alma Mater, St. Mike's.

For six months or more members of the Alumni Board and other volunteers have been working on everything from décor to food and flowers, entertainment, ticket sales and special auction and raffle gifts to make this

birthday gala truly memorable. We'll be gathering at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre to celebrate St. Mike's while being entertained by one of Canada's top musicians, Guido Basso. Our Emcee will be our own grad, Kevin Sylvester, the resident renaissance man of the CBC sports broadcast team.

Tickets for the event are being snapped up so don't be disappointed. Buy individual tickets or organize a table of your roommates, team mates, best friends or old flames. Look forward to renewing acquaintances with your favourite professors and remembering the great and stimulating times you had at our College. Proceeds from this event will go to The President's Fund for Excellence in Research and Scholarship to help others have the same opportunity as you to benefit from all that St. Mike's has to offer.

You can buy tickets by calling (416) 651-0642, faxing (416) 593-1805, via email at smc150@andlogistix.com, or by visiting the St. Mike's website at: www.utoronto.ca/stmikes/alum-dev/events/gala.html

Alumni, Family, Friends

You are invited to the

150th ANNIVERSARY GALA

to Celebrate 150 Years of the University of St. Michael's College

Saturday, 28 September 2002 at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre

Entertainment, Dinner, Dancing, Live and Silent Auctions

Tickets \$150 per person



A Night to Celebrate:

*The Basilian Fathers who founded our great university,
The St. Joseph and Loretto Communities who joined them,
The Professors who gave us keys to new worlds of knowledge,
The friendships we made, the fun we had!
Come, raise your voice and toast St. Michael's.
Celebrate its heritage. Well-wish its future.*

Spring Re-union 2002

Friday Night Festivities



5. L to R: Nancy Spencer Keyes '82, John Mark Keyes '82, Sheila O'Brien, Pat Keyes '82, Hilary Cunningham '83, Stephen Scharper '82, Lorraine Miller '82



6. L to R: Lorraine (Maire) Green '62, Raffaella (De Pasquale) Di Cecco '67, Lorenzo Di Cecco '68, Mary Catherine (Ware) Birgeneau '62, Sheila (Kelly) Wickens '62



1. Gang from '67 dancing the night away
2. The Compleat Works, back row L to R: Vic Voytek, Jack O'Brien '66, Jim Heineman '70, Tim Elia '67 and Robin Rooke. Kelly's Corners Alumni, front row: Tom Kremer '89 and Steve Biason '87
3. L to R: Tom Sutherland '60 and Tim Elia '67 entertained at the All Alumni Friday Reception
4. Kenneth McDonald '57, Norman Frenette '57, Denise Frenette, Guy Drolet '57



Spring Re-union 2002 continued - Saturday Get Togethers



7: The Golden Ladies, Class of '52

8: L to R: Class of '72 representatives: Elaine Adam '72, Fred Stoneman, Kathleen (Donohue) Pinto '72, Tannis Critelli '71, Christopher Pinto '71, Brenda Vice '72

9: L to R: Young Alumni join in the celebrations, Mark Hodson '97, Andrea (DiGiovanni) Hodson '02, Fr. Madden, CSB, Kathleen Hunt '97, Adriano Basso

10: From far and near, our young at heart representatives from the class of '37: Donald McGivern (Ottawa) & Catherine Weiner-Marks (Michigan)

11: L to R: A terrific turnout - congrats to the Class of '82, Jennifer Gallivan '82, Scott McNally '82, Vickie (Rzadki) McNally '85, Frank Baldanza '82, Anne Snider '86, Chris Reihl, Vivian (Seber) Riehl '83, Donna (Westcott) Mehta '82, Roger Mehta '82.

12: L to R: Ronald Rudan '59, Mary Catherine (Ware) Birgeneau '62 and President Robert Birgeneau '63

13: L to R: The fabulous Zuber twin sisters from Waterloo: Mary (Zuber) Witzel '42 Gloria (Zuber) Dietrich '42

14: L to R: From the Class of '47: Vernon Mulhall '47, Maureen (Hickey) Mulhall '48, Fr. Raymond Hart '47

15: L to R: Luciana D'Arcangelo '77, Mary (Zuber) Witzel '42 & Janet Faulds '92

16: The Champs: The '57 SMC Interfaculty 'A' Men's hockey team with the Jennings Cup emblematic of their championship dominance!



(Photos: by Olivia de Souza and Eva Wong)

Spring Re-union 2002 continued - Sunday Finale



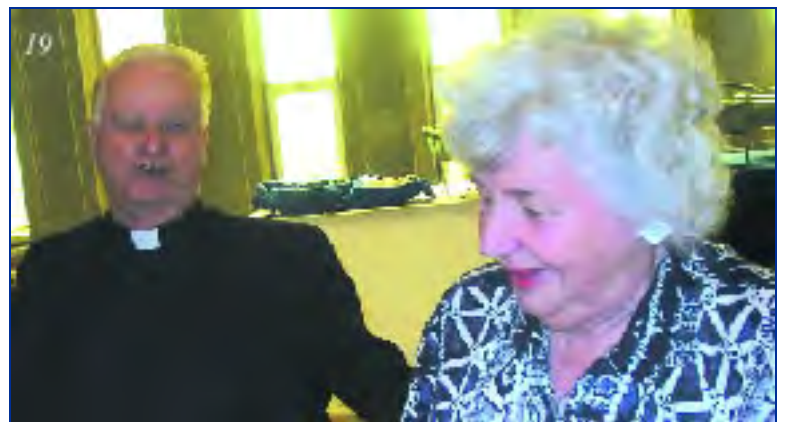
A Wonderful Weekend

Thank you for a wonderful weekend for our 50th reunion of our graduation from St. Mikes. Everything was outstanding, from the Mass at St. Joe's until the Mass and brunch on Sunday.

We are telling everyone that it was one of the nicest weekends we ever spent. Not only did "us" graduates have a fine time but our spouses also became an integral part of the celebration.

The fellowship and love for each other and St. Michael's that Bob Madden talked about were evident throughout the weekend. I would never have thought that after fifty years our class would be so close.

Tom Flynn '52



- 17: Spring Reunion 2002 enjoy the 150th Anniversary Cake
- 18: L to R: Class of '57 Pauline King, Edward King '57, Denise McDonald, Ken McDonald '57, Dove (Bradshaw) Pierce '57, John Pierce '60, Anne (Van Valkenburg) Fletcher '87, Michael Meraw '57
- 19: Fr. Owen Lee '53 & Lorraine O'Donnell '53 entertained the crowd with tunes from South Pacific at Sunday brunch
- 20: Paul Carson '67 and his wife Dawn Munday with the Jennings Cup, which he arranged to bring to the weekend's celebration



21: The Golden Anniversary Year – Class of '52

California, There We Were!



Above L to R: Martha MacDonalD Biemann '84, Fr. Bob Madden, CSB '52, Helmut Biemann '82, Catherine (O'Grady) Killally '89 and Brad Killally reluctantly turn their backs on the beautiful blue Pacific.

At Right: USMC President Richard Alway outlines the developments, changes and challenges at present-day St. Michael's to an attentive patio audience.

The warm and generous hospitality of Tom and Marilyn Sutton, both SMC graduates of '65, made possible a joyful St. Michael's Southern California alumni reunion/reception/brunch on Sunday 28 April. The first such gathering in the history of the College, how fitting it should come during our 150th Anniversary celebrations! The Suttons hosted the event in their lovely home about 45 minutes from Los Angeles. The twenty-five attendees, who had come from an area extending from just north of Los Angeles down to San Diego, were treated first to a fine reception and then partook of a delicious brunch, entirely arranged for by our hosts, and served on their patio overlooking the Pacific Ocean. SMC grads who had not seen each other in many years were reunited, there was much reminiscing, and on more than one occasion one heard the words, "I did not know you were from St. Mike's!" as individuals and couples discovered that they had neighbours, co-workers, casual acquaintances, and even fellow "soccer or baseball parents" who had graduated from the College. Dr. Richard Alway, President of St. Michael's, Brian O'Malley, St. Michael's Executive Director, Alumni/Development, and Fr. Bob Madden, CSB were present for the occasion. Dr. Alway had the opportunity to speak to the group about the St. Michael's of today, the developments, the changes, and the challenges. Later in the afternoon, on behalf of the College and all present, he expressed gratitude to Tom and Marilyn and presented them with College double-blue scarves and a copy of Professor Martin Frieland's recently published history of the University of Toronto, tokens of appreciation for their gracious welcome to us all and for their continuing interest in

and loyal support of St. Michael's. It was indeed a splendid morning/afternoon in a positively gorgeous setting, and, most importantly, with wonderful people.

Dr. Alway had to return to Toronto the next morning, but Brian O'Malley and Fr. Madden remained, and over the next four days traveled from slightly north of Los Angeles as far south as San Diego, meeting with several St. Michael's graduates who had been unable to attend the Sunday reception.

The Southern California St. Michael's visit was indeed a first—the first such visit, but also, thanks to all involved and especially to Tom and Marilyn Sutton, a first-class experience for all who participated.

Right: Tom '65 and Marilyn (Buckley) Sutton '65, our welcoming host and hostess, sport their SMC double blue scarves, gifts of a very grateful St. Michael's.

Below L to R: Masayo Kimoto, John Brazil '73, President Alway, and Sr. Nadine McGuinness '93 enjoy the sumptuous buffet luncheon

