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THE LARGE CROWD THAT HAD GATHERED OUTSIDE CONVOCATION Hall on an evening in late February was noisy and good-humoured. They, after all, had been lucky enough to secure the hottest ticket in town, a fact confirmed by the presence of scalpers, discreetly offering admission at several times face value. Not a rock concert or athletic event, the star attraction was former U.S. Vice-President Al Gore and his lecture circuit presentation on global warming.

Certainly nothing has come to public attention recently with anything near the force and focus of the issue of climate change, which has dominated political debate in Canada and elsewhere in recent months. Of course, supporters of decisive action on the issue note that warnings about global warming emerged as far back as the 1980s. In fact, the modern environmental movement has been around for more than four decades, initiated by the 1962 publication of Rachel Carson's *Silent Spring*, but its status at the centre of public discourse is very recent. The Best Documentary Oscar win for *An Inconvenient Truth* in late February raised the issue's public profile to new heights.

Reflecting on this sea-change of public concern, I wonder if all members of the St. Michael's community are aware of what might justifiably be considered one of our best-kept secrets: our unique and long-standing contribution to progress in environmental understanding and action. In 1991, under the direction of Professor Stephen Dunn, St. Michael's established the Elliott Allen Institute for Theology and Ecology. The Institute, part of the Faculty of Theology, where the late Father Allen had served as Dean, was founded to meet the demand among students for a theological response to environmental challenges, beyond the individual courses in the area which the Faculty already provided. It continues to meet this need for current students, but also increasingly serves to draw new students to St. Michael's from around the world who seek to deepen and expand the notion of our common stewardship for the planet we share.

In keeping with the program's interdisciplinary nature, the Institute has forged relationships with other parts of the University of Toronto, most notably the Transformative Learning Centre at the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education and the Centre for Environment. Among other things, this allows our graduate theological students to enrich their education with courses at OISE and the Centre for Environment. The interdisciplinary approach is also



expressed in the well-recognized work of Professor Dennis Patrick O'Hara, the Institute's current director, on a number of projects for Health Canada and the World Health Organization.

Other universities have more recently followed our example, but St. Michael's will retain the distinction of having been the first to enable doctoral students to specialize in theology and ecology. More important, through the Institute we are helping develop a unique Catholic perspective to the wider academic and public discourse on environmental problems and on society's responsibility to find global solutions.

Clark Kerr, the former president of the University of California system, wrote of the "three pillars" of a modern university's function: teaching, research, and service to the community and broader society. Kerr's formulation has since become the universally observed standard when North American public universities think and speak of their various roles.

In the Elliott Allen Institute, St. Michael's provides a quiet, effective, and noteworthy example of all three of these "pillars." Along with the Canadian Catholic Bioethics Institute, founded here in 2002, it is one of the signs of our continuing commitment to reach out to the wider University and the society as a whole, to engage with others on the pressing issues of our day, and to contribute a scholarly Catholic voice to that dialogue. In this, I think it is also one of the many signs of the continued vitality of St. Michael's – something to note and celebrate!

RICHARD ALWAY 6T2
PRESIDENT, UNIVERSITY OF ST. MICHAEL'S COLLEGE

Board Revitalized

BY STEVEN WILLIAMS 9T4, PRESIDENT, EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE,
USMC ALUMNI ASSOCIATION BOARD

AS THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2006/07 COMES TO AN END, the Board of the University of St. Michael's College (USMC) Alumni Association is completing its most aggressive outreach campaign to date. We have attended many key events to raise our profile and recruit talented, capable and enthusiastic new members.

My own favourites were the autumn Convocation ceremony and the College scholarship awards. As president, I had the honour of presenting our newest alumni with special gift packages at Convocation. I also spoke on the importance of being alumni to those who had won admissions awards and academic scholarships from the College, our association's best and brightest future members.

The Board's mission is to build and sustain relationships between alumni and the College that build on the spirit and traditions of USMC. Anyone who completed at least one year of study at USMC and is currently not an undergraduate student, or anyone approved by our board to be "honorary", is a member.

The Board has had some turnover recently, but we have begun to rebuild our ranks and focus on our key mandate. You can help! Are you interested in keeping the spirit of USMC alive? Can you spare about five hours a month?

There are many ways for you to participate and make a difference. Mother Theresa once said, "Love cannot remain by itself — it has no meaning. Love has to be put into action, and that action is service."

Help us build a bridge to your classmates and become a year representative on the **Year Rep Committee**, or raise the vital funds that



keep our College operating by serving on the **Chancellor's Club (Fundraising) Committee**, or celebrate the greatness of the College by developing and creating unique and enjoyable festivities on the **Events Committee**, or fuel the torch that's passed to the next generation by recruiting new volunteers on our **Membership Committee**.

Join us today and put your love of our College into bold action! For more information, contact Kathleen Ancker, Director of Alumni Affairs, at 416-926-7259, or toll-free at 1-866-238-3339, or email kathleen.ancker@utoronto.ca.

My special thanks to our committee chairs Jane Wilson (Year Rep), Karen Tuckey-Abbott and Katie Di Tomasso (Events), Rod McEwan (Chancellor's Club) and Chris Driscoll (Membership), the alumni affairs staff and the rest of my executive committee team for their outstanding service this year.

CAMPUS NOTES

BOOKS ONLINE

Thousands of books owned by the Kelly Library are now accessible online through Microsoft's Windows Live search site at www.live.com (enter 'books' in Spotlight) and the Internet Archive at www.archive.org (go to *Texts*). The volumes are full-text searchable and can be downloaded. Primarily published prior to 1923, the books cover subjects of religion and theology, philosophy, English literature and Canadian and local history. Soon the digitized files will also be accessible through UofT's SIRSI library catalogue.

NEW ARRIVAL

On September 25, 2006, Jacqueline Ann joined the Rendle family. Weighing a healthy eight pounds, four



ounces at birth, she has quickly conquered the hearts of her parents, Nancy and Duane Rendle, the latter SMC's Dean of Students, and her 3-year-old brother Matthew. With those eyes, no wonder!



Hunting for treasures at the 3rd annual St. Michael's College Book Sale.

LAUNCHED WITH A SPLASH

The third annual St. Michael's College Book Sale took place October 25 to 28, 2006, at the John M. Kelly reading room. Screened at the opening night reception and preview, the first program of the Omni television series on Fr. Dan Donovan's art collection set the stage for Fr. Donovan to answer questions and receive the applause of the capacity audience.

The Book Sale this year made a profit of \$26,000, providing extra funds for additions to the Kelly Library collections and new furniture or other amenities for library users, as well as supplementary funding for the Books and Media course, SMC's archives and for professional development.

Joining the other, longer-established book sales on the UofT campus, SMC's Book Sale now coincides with those at Woodsworth and University, Trinity and Victoria Colleges. New College also tied in for the first time. Coordinating dates and advertising materials for the book sales makes for easier promotion to the university as well as to booksellers with a special interest in academic publications.

Caroline DiGiovanni 7T0

THE FIGHTING IRISH OF BAY STREET ARE BACK!

On a wintry evening in early December, the SMC Men's Hockey team electrified Varsity Arena on its way to winning UofT's Div I Intra-mural league. When the final

buzzer sounded, all SMC fans were on their feet cheering deliriously for the newly minted champions. With a narrow 5-4 victory over the Faculty of Physical Education, the double blue boys avenged their bitter loss to the same opponents in last year's semi-finals – a victory made even sweeter by the fact that Phys Ed had subsequently become the defending champions.

After a surprisingly early exit from last year's playoffs, St. Mike's knew they had to make some changes to bolster their defenses. The team recruited stalwart goaltender Paolo Sacchetti and two gritty defensemen, Aaron Martin and Tyler Runnings. SMC also changed coaches, with Marc Hardiejowski and Greg Di Tomaso taking the reins from outgoing player/coach Adrian 'Runaround' Rasekh. Fortunately, most of last year's players returned for another season, providing the team with much needed stability and a wealth of experience to mentor the rookies. The new additions ended up paying high dividends and not only resulted in the championship trophy, but an undefeated season as well (Record: 4-0-1).

With this victory, St. Mike's captured its second league championship in the last three



Above: USMC Alumni vs. current students, scoring 5-2 in the 2006 Boozer Brown Classic Below: The Quinn sisters and Jadyn Yu at Family Day 2006

years and has earned bragging rights until December 2007. Central to the win was goal-tender Sacchetti, who stopped several point-blank shots late in the game to preserve SMC's tenuous lead. Honourable mention goes to this season's top-scoring forward Kevin Fawcett, who set up two of the evening's goals with textbook assists. Finally, the relentless pressure of forwards Will Harris and Ryan Hamilton, combined with the gritty determination of defensemen Phil Turi, Anthony De Nino, Tyler

Runnings, and Aaron Martin, provided SMC with the balanced attack needed to topple their formidable opponents. Congratulations gentlemen!

Duane Rendle, Dean of Students

3RD ANNUAL FAMILY DAY AND BOOZER BROWN FOOTBALL GAME 2006

On Saturday, October 14, 2006, more than 125 alumni and their families came to St. Michael's third annual Family Day and Boozer Brown Football Game. While the children had their faces



painted, decorated pumpkins, made crafts and played games inside Charbonnel Lounge, the stalwart alumni defended

their honour in the 2006 Boozer Brown football match. After the 2005 tie, they pulled off a 5-2 victory over the student team. At lunch afterwards, the players plotted their strategy for winning next time too. It promises to be a

fun day again this year. Plan to bring your families.

Mark it in your calendars for October 13, 2007.

HELP WANTED

The Friends of the John M. Kelly Library invite all St. Michael's College graduates to pitch in and make the annual Book Sale grow to \$100,000 and more per year. **WE NEED:** • Book donations; we take most books in good condition, but not textbooks or magazines • Drivers for book pick-ups in the GTA • Webmaster for website updates • Book sorters • To learn more about the Friends of the John M. Kelly Library, to volunteer your time, donate books or make a cash contribution, email usmc.booksale@utoronto.ca or call 416-926-1300 x3323

2007 SPRING EVENTS

Wednesday, April 18 at 7:30 p.m.
Christianity & the Arts Lecture
"Postmodernism, the Visual Arts and Inter-religious Dialogue."
Ted Rettig artist
Room 400, Alumni Hall,
121 St. Joseph St.

Friday, June 1 at 7 p.m.
Alumni Association AGM
The COOP,
Brennan Hall

2007 SPRING REUNION *Honoured Years ending in '2' and '7'*

Friday, June 1 at 8:00 p.m.
All Alumni Reception
Odette Student Lounge,
Brennan Hall

Saturday, June 2 at 6:30 p.m.
Honoured Years' Reception
Odette Student Lounge,
Brennan Hall

Saturday, June 2 at 7:30 p.m.
Honoured Years' Dinner
Sam Sorbara Auditorium,
Brennan Hall

Sunday, June 3 at 11:00 a.m.
All Alumni Mass
College Chapel
Complimentary Brunch to follow in Sam Sorbara Auditorium, Brennan Hall

For information, please call Eva at 416-926-7260 or visit our website at www.utoronto.ca/stmikes



WORLD YOUTH DAY 'DOWN UNDER'

In July 2008, thousands of young pilgrims from every corner of the globe will demonstrate the true catholicity of Catholicism and express their love for Christ at World Youth Day in Sydney, Australia. Eleven students from the St. Michael's College World Youth Day Group will make the pilgrimage next summer with the hope of "experiencing the togetherness that is a fundamental aspect of being a Catholic," says Joseph Urnowski, a second-year History and English major.

"I was deeply touched when I attended World Youth Day here in Toronto a few years back... Pope John Paul's efforts to unite Catholic youth and inspire and encourage them to carry the cross really motivated me to be involved as much as possible," says

Christiane Orsini, a first-year Life Sciences student and fellow WYD Group member.

Under the direction of Marilyn Elphick, Director of Chaplaincy Services, the WYD Group has begun a program of spiritual formation centred on the theme for WYD 2008 from the Acts of the Apostles: "You will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses." (Acts 1:8). In addition, the students have made an effort to be Christ's witnesses in the St. Michael's College community, volunteering as guides for Parent Orientation Day, carrying boxes up and down stairs for the Friends of the Kelly Library Book Sale, helping children with crafts at the St. Michael's Santa Claus Parade Party, and working the coat check at the Society of Sharing Gala dinner.

With Sydney quite literally on the other side of the planet, finances are a major concern. The group hopes to raise \$50,000 (approx. \$4,500 per person) by May 2008. Are you interested in helping the WYD pilgrims? Contact Marilyn Elphick at Chaplaincy Services at 416-926-7278 or marilyn.elphick@utoronto.ca

The last word goes to Nelda Plancarte, a first-year English and Media Studies major: "Any donations will be greatly appreciated, and we will be sure to remember all donors in our prayers when we represent this great university in the company of Catholics from across the globe in Sydney."

Gregory Rupik

REUNION REVISITED

The St. Michael's College Reunions I had attended in the past had always lacked a certain spark for me. I wanted to change that. Many of my most intense college friendships were in fact with the guys with whom I lived in residence, not necessarily with those who were in my graduating class. A Residence Reunion seemed a



John Bajc 8T2, Brad Badeau 8T0 and Gerry Rocchi 7T9 at the More House Reunion

that span, a celebration seemed appropriate. On October 14, 2006, 18 former residents came to dinner in Charbonnel Lounge at St. Michael's College, anxious to see what and how all of us have been doing, and just have some fun recalling the old days.

There were some great times at More House. Who could forget the infamous More 500 days and filling the archway with snow? Our laughs lasted long into the night!

I strongly encourage others to organize similar reunions. St. Michael's Alumni Affairs department helped us pull it together so quickly, supplying us with a list of residents from those years and sending out dinner invitations. However, planning six months ahead would be much smarter, allowing time to update mailing and email addresses to reach as many people as possible. *Gerry Rocchi*

better idea. I was lucky to find a group of fellow residents who felt the same way.

In September 2006, Brad Badeau 8T0, Victor Figueiredo 7T9, Ed Hyer 7T9, Sean Keenan 8T1, and John Nicol 8T0 joined me in a committee to organize a dinner for residents of More House from the academic years of 1975 to 1978. They did some amazing detective work to help make the More House Reunion a success!

We concentrated on those years because they span the residence lives of the six of us on the committee. Thirty years from the mid-point of



MULOCK CUP BANNER

In recognition of SMC's twelve Mullock Cup victories in Football & Rugby, the College has commissioned a special felt banner to commemorate each of the winning seasons. The banners measure 17.5" x 33" and are for sale for \$20, including taxes; shipping costs are extra. Anyone interested in buying a banner, please contact Duane Rendle, Dean of Students at smc.dean@utoronto.ca or 416-926-2264.

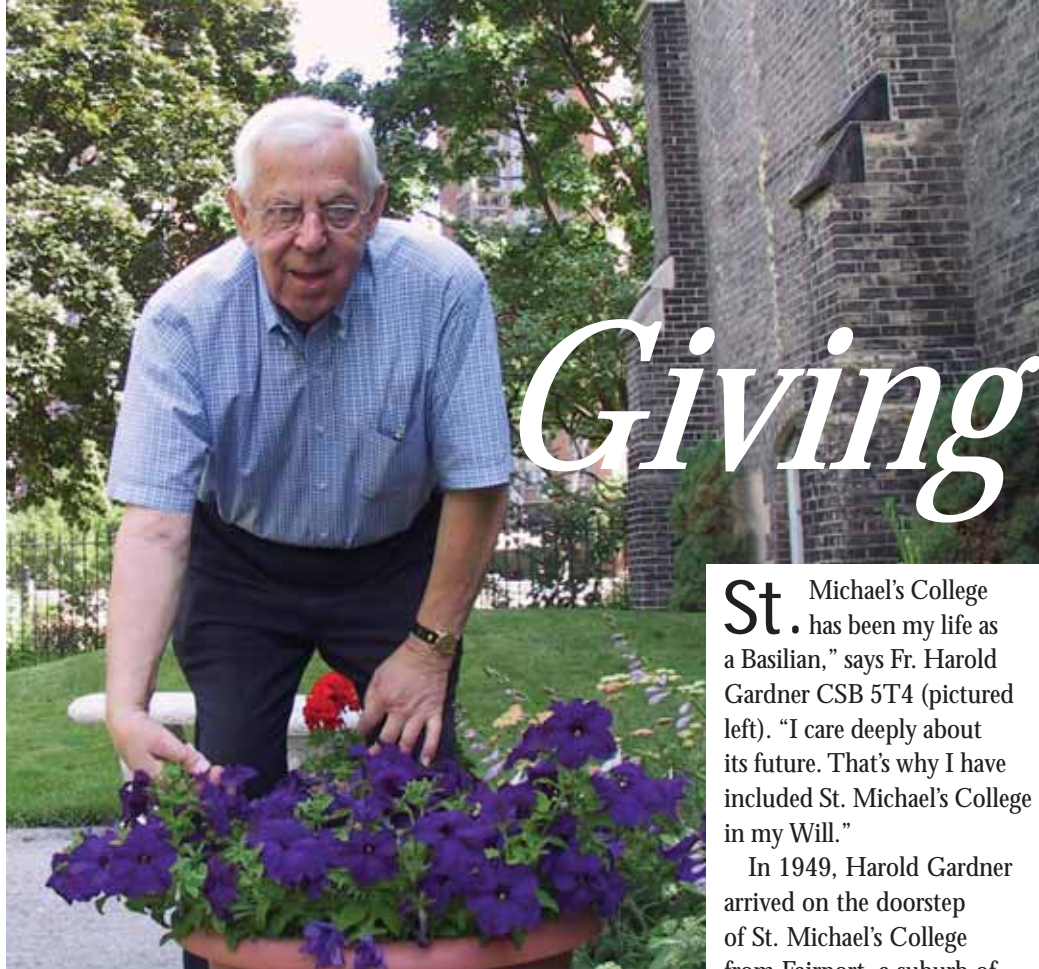
“MARY’S JOURNEY OF LOVE”

Marilyn-Ann Elphick OT2, MDiv, Director of Chaplaincy Services and Campus Ministry, contributed a chapter entitled “Mary’s Journey of Love” to *The Nativity Story: Contemplating Mary’s Journey of Faith*, a collection of 12 essays published by Pauline Books and Media, Boston 2006, U.S. \$16.95.

Produced as a study guide for *The Nativity Story*, the recently released film by New Lines Production, the 150-page book was edited by Sister Rose Pacatte FSP, who writes in her introduction, “Mary was an ordinary person who did the most extraordinary thing possible: she became the mother of God—without losing any of her authenticity as a human being. . . In this wonderfully diverse volume, women of different ages, ethnic backgrounds, cultures and experiences reflect on their own journeys of faith.”



Marilyn Elphick (above) shares her journey of love with the reader, relating how God’s love carried her through crisis and brought understanding, as she says in her essay, of “what Mary might have felt in accepting God’s challenging gift.”



St. Michael’s College has been my life as a Basilian,” says Fr. Harold Gardner CSB 5T4 (pictured left). “I care deeply about its future. That’s why I have included St. Michael’s College in my Will.”

In 1949, Harold Gardner arrived on the doorstep of St. Michael’s College from Fairport, a suburb of Rochester, New York. “In the 1940s, St. Michael’s was known for its strict student regime,” he said. “It was almost as strict as being in the seminary, but to me it was a wonderful experience. I attribute my vocation as a Basilian to being a student here at St. Michael’s.”

Today, St. Michael’s College continues to provide an atmosphere for students in which they can develop and flourish in their Catholic faith. “As Pope John Paul II said, they are the salt of the earth, the light of the world, the hope and future of our Church. We have to be here for them as a College.” Fr. Gardner’s decision to make a gift through his estate will help ensure the future of the University of St. Michael’s College.

If you would like to leave a legacy for the future through your estate plans, it’s easy to do.

Just include the following in your Will:

*To pay to the University of St. Michael’s College
(University of Toronto, Ontario):*

*the sum of \$ _____ (include a specific amount) or
the property of _____*

(include a description of personal property) or

*the share of _____ % of the residue of my estate
(include a specific percentage)*

“It is my wish that the funds be used specifically for unrestricted expendable use by the University of St. Michael’s College, for the purposes and designs deemed appropriate by the President of the University of St. Michael’s College.”

If you wish to designate your gift to support a cause close to your heart, such as student scholarships or a particular program or faculty, please call our charitable gift planning office to ensure the correct wording of the clause at 416-926-2077 or call toll-free at 1-866-238-3339.

Experience the deep personal satisfaction your gift will bring, but also the tax benefits your estate will receive — up to 100 per cent of income on your final return!

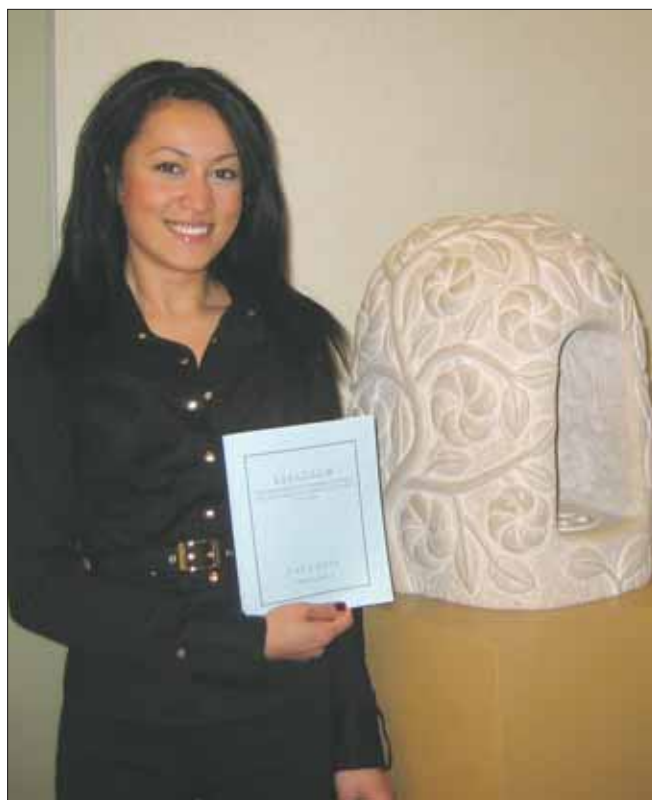
IN PRINT

Hold That Thought

Christianity and Culture undergrads create online journal
BY LEILA WONG-KO-NANG, EDITOR-IN-CHIEF, SAECULUM JOURNAL

One of the most fascinating aspects of the Christianity and Culture program at St. Michael's College is the variety of interdisciplinary perspectives it presents to be studied, each yielding a multitude of remarkable insights and discoveries. This is where great ideas are born and powerful minds flourish.

Our fellow undergraduates put tremendous effort into their work, and we refuse to let these efforts go unnoticed. That's why, in summer 2005, Annamaria Enenajor and a group of like-minded undergraduates created *Saeculum*, an online undergraduate academic journal. Its purpose is to create a forum for ideas that examine the interaction between Christianity and culture. We want to recognize undergraduate academic achievement and at the same time promote dialogue about the developmental



thought that circulates within the program. *Saeculum* publishes A-level undergraduate essays, for example, that reflect both the versatility and diversity of the program's four streams — Christianity and the Intellectual Tradition; Christianity, Arts and Letters; Christianity and Society, and Christianity and Science. *Saeculum* also publishes undergraduate artwork online, as we firmly believe that art is very much part of academic insight.

Saeculum's inaugural issue was published in March 2006 and is still accessible online as a wing of the Rabanus Project site. In the current issue, December 2006, we invite our readers to reflect on presentations of the Pieta; follow a nuanced Trinitarian reading of the Old-English poem "The Dream and the Rood;" contemplate the need for unity between Liberation Theology and

Eco-Cosmology, and finally, to explore the challenge that new religious movements pose to an open theology of religion.

We appreciate the tremendous faculty support we have received, especially from professors Jennifer Harris and Reid Locklin, who serve on our Editorial Board. *Saeculum is published online twice a year, with hard copies for sale on request. Visit www.utoronto.ca/stmikes/saeculum or email saeculum.journal@utoronto.ca.*



Women's Rugby on the Rise

SMC's women dig into the dirt

BY AADILA DOSANI

Its inaugural season under its belt, the St. Michael's College Women's Rugby team has conquered its fears, settled its nerves and built a foundation for a program that is bound to grow in coming years.

Until recently rugby was generally regarded as a male sport. In the past few years though, it has gained popularity among women and has become a well-recognized female sport. Two years ago, when

I learned that St. Michael's College did not have a Women's Rugby team, I was disappointed. I did not want to give up a sport I was passionate about. Since the season had already begun, I contacted the coach of the men's team at the time and asked if I could come practice with them. I was scared, apprehensive that I wouldn't be treated as an equal. I was also in my first year and I did not want to start off by stepping on anyone's toes. I went to practice anyhow and was sur-

prised by how welcoming and supportive the team turned out to be. In my two years on their team, those young men pushed me and gave me the encouragement I needed to become a better player, and in many ways have helped to shape the person I am today.

Knowing we had their support, a few students from Engineering and I — and some from the other colleges — decided it was time to start a Women's Intramural Rugby League. St. Michael's College is known for



Opposite: Expert support from the SMC men's rugby team **Above:** Practice makes perfect – almost. The women made it into the championship, falling short only in the final game. Well done, especially for the first time out. **Below:** Dirty but happy, and a great show of heart and character!

its athleticism in men's, women's and co-ed leagues. Our women have been very successful, attracting crowds of passionate, dedicated athletes whose numbers increase each year. As I waited in anticipation of our first official practice, I noticed a huge group from Loretto College walking down the stairs in what appeared to be brand-new rugby gear. Then I saw another huge group coming onto the field, from St. Michael's residences, and more from Victoria College who also wanted to play, commuters and other new faces. As we introduced ourselves, I noticed that approximately 80 percent of these women had never played rugby before. How courageous of them! It said a lot about their character, and I felt privi-



leged to be surrounded by such bravery.

A few of the more experienced players took on leadership roles, showing immense dedication to the team. Through rain or shine, our women were on the field, eager to learn and develop their skills. William Harris and Gregory Di Tomaso, two very talented players from the men's team assisted in coaching, running drills, setting plays and offering clarification and instruction. Their hard work, dedication and their passion that

we succeed kept our women encouraged through many rough patches. The men's team coach, Erik Dobrovolsky, and rugby veteran Emily Gauthier were great influences, too, Erik helping our kicker and Emily organizing us on the field.

Although we made it into the championship, we fell short in the final game and many hearts were broken. What the team did win were lasting friendships and the knowledge that they brought about change — change that future groups of courageous women can build on. Our women showed a lot of heart and character — a real testament to the strong foundation of female sports at St. Michael's College, that they are alive, well and growing.



AN AFRICAN Investment

Finding inspiration in a fishing village business school on the coast of Ghana

BY ALEXANDRA ZHANG OT6

GOING TO AFRICA TERRIFIED ME ALMOST AS much as my excitement kept me up at night. As a Commerce and Finance graduate I had a job lined up in the fall, but my thirst to experience the real world meant more than battling the vanity and greed that often plagues my industry. The need to find that one thing which could keep me grounded through the years precluded any fears I had of leaving my comfort zone and plunging into whatever awaited me in Ghana, West Africa.

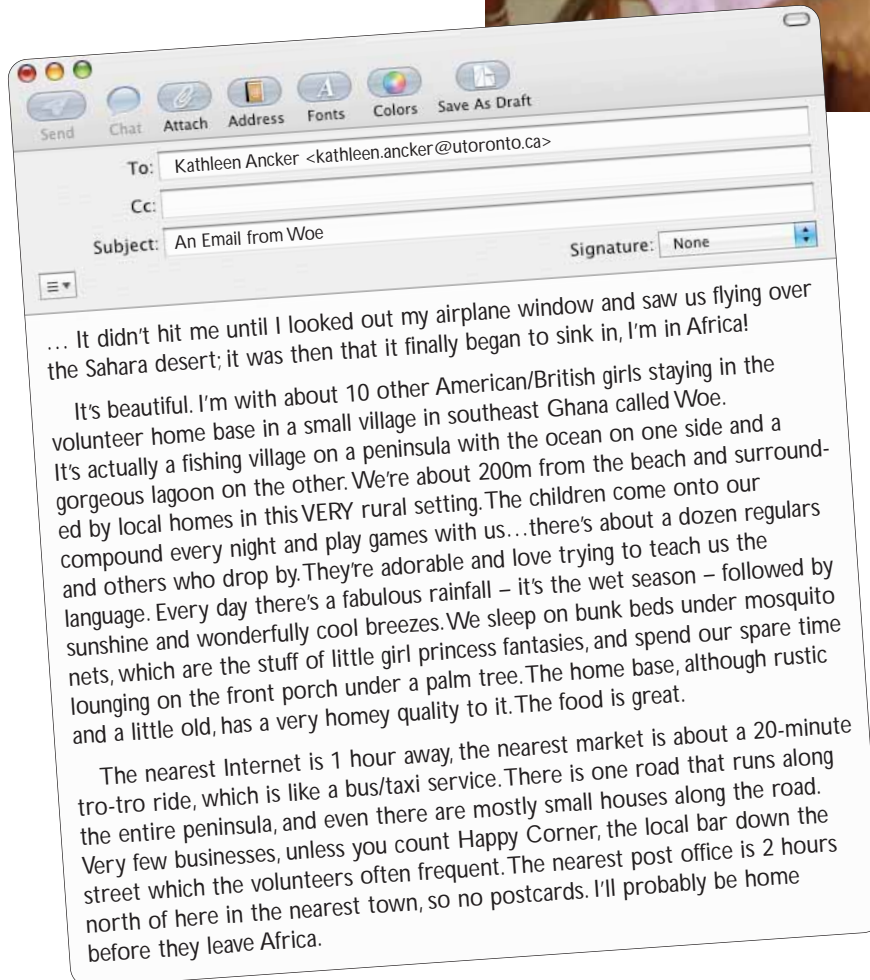
I travelled with an American volunteer organization called Cross-Cultural Solutions. Through them I was able to get a placement teaching at the Keta Business Secondary School in a rural fishing village called Woe (pronounced Wey). At this volunteer base I met others from around the world with astonishingly rich and diverse backgrounds, ranging from NGO's to Harvard MBAs, with interests from healthcare to microfinance. To this day, the network of people I met has been one of the greatest

assets I brought back from my trip.

The Keta Business School opened my eyes to many harsh realities of Third World countries. Underfunded and overcrowded, this school for students age 17 to 21 was nonetheless home to some of the most dedicated and talented young people I had ever met. I was given three accounting classes to begin teaching Partnership Theory. However, students soon began coming to me at the volunteer base and even organized themselves into after-school classes to learn

more about topics I had mentioned in class but that were not covered in their curriculum. Their thirst for knowledge and academic excellence was truly an inspiration against the backdrop of poverty from which they came.

The culmination of my teaching experience happened on the last day, when a few teachers planned a school-wide assembly at which I was to lecture on one topic that has always been of particular interest to me. I told the story of the Grameen Bank for the Poor in Bangladesh, one of the first and most successful microfinance banks in the world today and headed by 2006 Nobel Peace Prize winner Muhammad Yunus. My goal was to motivate these young minds to believe in their own ability as entrepreneurs and business leaders, to understand the potential of human capital and to become more aware of how to use what they learned in school to build a stronger community. Their intelligence and comprehension



Opposite: At the Keta Business School **Above:** The students' thirst for knowledge and academic excellence inspired the author (right), here with 3rd year economics student Celestine Quashie

astounded me, the curiosity and energy of my audience as I spoke about the success stories of those in similar circumstances who had broken from the cycle of poverty, inspiring others to do the same.

I was once told that it is better by far to invest in people, not things, because a passionate soul will yield far greater returns than any stock or object. My belief in this logic is reinforced even more, as my teaching stint in Africa taught me the importance of education and the power of knowledge. It is what sets apart those who are helplessly complacent and those who are determined to strive for something better in this world. Overall, my experience in Ghana challenged my economic understanding of a world neglected by many. Africa taught me the greatest lesson on the incredible potential of all human beings, even when you least expect it.

URBANE RENEWAL

The Elmsley Place residences add a new chapter to a rich history

BY CHARLES OBERDORF



IN a 1972 book of architectural walking tours of Toronto, a young architect named George Baird—who is now the UofT’s Dean of Architecture, Landscape and Design—described Elmsley Place as “the most touching of all the relics of the former residential neighbourhood. It comprises still almost an entire street, and serves as a domestic front gate to the whole St. Michael’s precinct.”

As the density of the neighbourhood has increased dramatically, Baird’s characterization seems even truer today than it was 35 years ago. And happily, that’s not about to change. The four Victorian-era houses on the west side of Elmsley Place—in recent years known as Gilson House (No. 8), Maritain House (No. 6), McCorkell House (No. 2), and Sullivan House (96 St. Joseph St.)—are about to get a renovation and restoration that is expected to take at least a full academic year, possibly a full calendar year, and cost about \$4 million.





Above: Built in 1892, 2 Elmsley Place, or McCorkell House, was one of the first of the four Victorian-era homes on the west side of the street. It became a student residence in 1945.
Left: Portrait of Captain John Elmsley, donor of the original USMC campus grounds

“You can never reproduce the camaraderie or the
... okay, hell-raising... that comes with living in a smaller house,
especially when you live with engineers.”

President Richard Alway will be watching every step. His office is just across Elmsley Place, in a handsome old house restored about 10 years ago. The four residences desperately need attention, he says. “I’ve even got jacks in the basement of one, holding up a wall.” All of them have wood rot around windows and doors and on their porches. Leaks plague pipes, basements and roofs. Student rooms need Internet hook-ups and air conditioning.

Plans call for both restoration and renovation, says the president. Each of the houses has one or two

principal rooms worthy of restoration, plus handsome woodwork and often a great staircase, as well as their classic Victorian-era exteriors. Residents and visitors will still sense history and tradition. Renovations to the residents’ rooms, however, will likely reconfigure them completely, for space and convenience. The architect is Philip Goldsmith of Goldsmith Borgal and Co., a specialist in the adaptive reuse of historic buildings. Among his past projects are the Summerhill LCBO, in the old North Toronto CPR Station, and the master plan for the award-winning National Ballet School.



The view from Sullivan House, 96 St. Joseph Street

ers his voice: “The engineers had been banished from Elmsley Hall for some reason, and they were in House Two. Second, there was an attempt to impose a curfew at Elmsley, but they didn’t try that with House Two. Finally, the Don was Father Belyea, and if I was to name the priests who have influenced my life, he was sure near the top.

“I was probably not the most assiduous student in terms of attendance. Well, I was assiduous about going to classes, but not always where I was assigned. I discovered that Marshall McLuhan was teaching at the back of House Two, and

he was a lot more interesting than what was going on across Queen’s Park. I attended a lot of his seminars, though I never had to take an exam, thank heaven.

“One other thing: Father McCorkell, for whom the house is named now, was one of my father’s closest friends when he went to St. Mike’s in the Twenties. In fact, Father McCorkell married my parents. So that’s another bond.”

BAR ASSOCIATIONS

The two former prime ministers hope to raise \$750,000 of the needed funds in what is called The Bench and Bar Campaign. At least some will come from the estate of the late Ian G. Scott 5T5, Attorney General of Ontario in the Peterson government, who arrived at the college from Ottawa at age 16. St. Michael’s is one of his residual beneficiaries.

In fact, Elmsley Place has many links with the Ontario bar, thus the Bench and Bar Campaign focus on St. Michael’s alumni in the legal profession. McCorkell House, on the corner, was built for a successful attorney of the time named Alexander Cecil Gibson, who also built the adjoining house, now Sullivan House, for his mother. Another prominent lawyer lived in Maritain House (No. 6) from 1912 to about 1924, and before him the house was home to the Hon. F.J. Latchford, Ontario’s Attorney General and later Justice of the province’s High Court.

As well, Ontario’s first John Elmsley, father of one whose gift of land brought the College to its location and grandfather of the creator of



Paul Martin



John Turner

FRIENDS IN HIGH PLACES

Two former Prime Ministers, John Turner and Paul Martin 6T1, are leading the fundraising for the four houses. Martin feels especially right for the job.

“I was a freshman a couple of years after Elmsley Hall was built,” he recalls. “All freshmen were supposed to live there, but I was a late admission, so they put me into House Two, as McCorkell House was called then.

“There were three good things about that,” Martin continues. “I mean besides the house itself. For one, you can never reproduce the camaraderie or the...okay, hell-raising... that comes with living in a smaller house, especially when you live with engineers.” He low-

Most student residents in the Elmsley Place houses have known they had a special address. In 2006, the Student Levy fund paid for many improvements to the street itself.

Elmsley Place, was a puisne judge, then the second Chief Justice of Upper Canada (1796-1802) and Chief Justice of Lower Canada (1802-5). In 1813, his Elmsley House, built in 1798 as a “suburban villa” at King and Simcoe Streets—now the site of Roy Thomson Hall—became Upper Canada’s official Government House.

The Elmsley Place houses were once suburban villas, too. This was one of a number of enclaves for professional and managerial families that began springing up in Toronto in the 1890s. It was also one of the city’s earliest subdivisions, laid out by Remigius Elmsley as an exclusive residential precinct. And so it remained until about 1920, when the city decided to extend Bay Street north to Davenport Road and issued by-laws effectively expropriating about one-third of the College’s land. St. Michael’s fought this on several fronts, finally winning at the Supreme Court of Canada, with the following outcome in 1926: the College would remain exempt from expropriation (as it argued it had always been); the city would pay compensation for the land taken, plus the loss in value of the remaining property, plus losses incurred in the demolition and replacement of buildings that had stood on the lost land, plus five-years’ accrued interest on all of that.

That compensation allowed St. Michael’s to purchase title to the land on Elmsley Place, which had originally been conveyed by leasehold. The campus would from then on extend from Bay Street to Queen’s Park. (At about the same time, it purchased properties on the south side of St. Joseph Street. As well, St. Joseph’s College had bought the mansion built in 1882 for William Christie, who made good cookies, at the corner of Wellesley and Queen’s Park Crescent.)

But while the College had possession of Elmsley Place land from 1926, the houses remained in private hands until after World War II, with some notable residents living in them. (See *Who Lived Where*)

LANDMARK LINKS

They also have interesting architectural connections. Maritain House and Gilson House—one structure, two addresses—were built later than most of their neighbours, in 1904. The architect was



Showing signs of wear and years of water damage

A. Frank Wickson, also responsible for the Berkeley Street Firehall, now home to the Alumnae Theatre. The 1892 tax roll credits the design of the corner house—Number 2 Elmsley Place/96 St. Joseph Street—to “Aylesworth, architect,” likely either Edward Aylesworth or Marshall B. Aylesworth, in either case probably a builder, not an architect. However, four years later, the house was dramatically altered with the addition of the protruding bay with its cut stonework and the extended wing and second-storey oriel. The architect for those

was one of the city’s foremost, Edmund Burke.

Earlier, Burke and a partner had designed the acoustical treasure on Bloor Street now called Trinity-St. Paul’s United Church. In 1894, Burke became president of the Ontario Association of Architects, that year also forming a partnership with J.C.B Horwood. In 1895, Burke & Horwood designed what is now The Bay, at Queen and Yonge Streets, one of Toronto’s first steel frame buildings, and in 1913 they did the spectacular Wesley Building for the Methodist Book and Publishing House, now the Queen Street West home to Citytv.

Most student residents in the Elmsley Place houses have known they had a special address. In 2006, the Student Levy fund paid for many improvements to the street itself, including an interlocking brick road surface that beautifully complements the old houses.

Currently, the four houses accommodate 43 students and four dons, though with many double rooms, especially in McCorkell house. That will change. Students today expect singles. According to St. Michael’s Dean of Students, Duane Rendle, most universities now guarantee single rooms after First Year. Former Elmsley Placers will also envy some other changes coming: each room now getting a high-speed hard-wire connection to the university’s digital “backbone,” a cable-TV hook-up, and a phone linked to the St. Michael’s switchboard.

None of that will be apparent to passers-by, though, for whom Elmsley Place will still seem a quiet, throwback to another era—bosky, human-scale, its eccentric old houses making it a more treasured “front gate to the St. Michael’s precinct” than ever.

Who Lived Where ... When

96 St. Joseph Street



1892-1901: Alexander Cecil Gibson, a successful Toronto attorney

1901-1913*: Initially, Miss Mamie Gillespie, sister of Helen Grace Gillespie (see Number 2 Elmsley Place)

1913-1940: Helen Grace Gillespie and her husband, A.L. Fleming, occupy both houses.

1940-2007: As at 2 Elmsley Place
(* approximate date)

2 Elmsley Place



1892-1896: Mrs. Maron T. Gibson, for whom it was built by her son, Alexander Cecil Gibson (see below)

1896-1940: Initially, Miss Julia Greenshield, with her cousin, Helen Grace Gillespie Miss Greenshield commissioned the protruding bay addition with its cut stone cornice and quoins and the extended wing with the second storey oriel.

In 1913, Helen Grace Gillespie married Anglican archdeacon Archibald Laing Fleming, who made Elmsley Place his base of operations through many years as a flying missionary in the Arctic and after 1933, as Bishop of the Arctic.

1940-1945*: Mrs. Mary Williams, who ran this and the adjoining house at 96 St. Joseph Street as a boarding house

1945-2007: St. Michael's acquires both houses and converts them to men's residences.

(* approximate date)



6 Elmsley Place



1904-1907*: Alphonse Jones, partner in Midland, Jones & Co. (insurance)

1907-1912*: Hon. F.J. Latchford, lawyer (Irish-born, from Ottawa); Attorney General of Ontario in the Ross government (1899-1905); Justice of the High Court of Ontario in 1908

1912-1924*: Frank M. Gray, lawyer, partner in Sir William Mortimer Clark's firm

1924-1929: James W. Ritch, manager of the Dominion Bank

1929-1938*: Brigadier General James Harold Elmsley, one of Remigius Elmsley's sons, wounded and much decorated in the South

African war, became Brigadier General in World War I. (A brother was a fighter pilot in that war; their grandfather, who gave the college its first land, was commissioned in the Navy and a marine commander in early York; a great uncle Remy had been an admiral of the blue in the Napoleonic War.)

1938-1947*: Mrs. M.A. McKenna, then Mrs. A.M. Weir, both St. Basil's parishioners

1947-2007: College residence, first for renowned Thomist scholar and editor Anton Pegis and his family, later for men students (* approximate date)

8 Elmsley Place



1904-1907: A. Foster Chaffee, executive, Richelieu & Ontario Navigation Co.

1907-1934: William B. Houston, publisher, Bank Directory of Canada, Annual Financial Review and others; son of the Anglican deacon of Niagara, Houston converted and married Katherine Mulcahy of Orillia.

Katherine Houston was one of the first diabetics saved by Frederick Banting's discovery of insulin.

1935 -1940*: Agnes and Miriam Elmsley, daughters of Remy Elmsley, or at least of his wife, Nina, who, before her death in 1935, lived across the street at Number 1.

1940-1947*: Mrs. Loretto Carpenter, who ran the house as a boarding house.

1947-1951: The building is converted to College purposes.

1951-1958: Etienne Gilson, with is wife and family. Historian of philosophy and member of the French Academy, Gilson, in 1929, helped inspire the founding of the Institute of Mediaeval Studies.

1958- 2007: Briefly, offices of St. Michael's Classics, German and related faculties, then a men's residence (* approximate date)

AFGHAN

His new job as Ottawa's point man for Afghanistan brings back honeymoon memories for David Mulrone 7T8

BY GRAHAM F. SCOTT

ON THEIR HONEYMOON TRIP across Asia, David Mulrone and his wife Janet stood at the foot of the ancient stone Buddhas at Bamiyan, Afghanistan. It was during the last years of stability in the country, which would shortly crumble under an invasion by the Soviet Union, prolonged civil war, and the rise of the despotic Taliban government, who in 2001 demolished those 1,700-year-old statues. Now, David Mulrone has been charged with coordinating Canada's efforts to end the Afghan conflict and redevelop the ravaged country's fragile civil society. It's going to be a big job, but he's happy to do it.

"I'm very excited to be taking on this responsibility, and to be returning to foreign affairs, which has been my home department for 25 years," Mulrone says. On January 26, the St. Michael's College graduate 7T8 and career diplomat was appointed Associate Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs and, in late February, the Prime Minister's personal representative for this year's G8 summit in Germany. Mainly though, he



David Mulrone briefing Foreign Minister Peter MacKay and UN Ambassador John McNee at the UN

will be responsible for coordinating the different Canadian government departments which are working in Afghanistan.

"While we have yet to work out all of my specific duties," Mulrone says, "my priority will be working with partner departments like National Defence and the Canadian International Development Agency, and agencies like the RCMP, to ensure that Canada continues to play a key role in rebuilding Afghanistan."

Mulrone, now a youthful 52 and a seasoned international globetrotter, first discovered his interest in international affairs on an around-the-world trip he took during his university days. A fan of the writing of Joseph Conrad, he found it thrilling to be following the novelist's footsteps in Asia.

"Being in Conrad's Eastern world was

a lot of fun," Mulrone says. He spent months travelling through the islands of the South Pacific, mainland Asia, India, and eventually overland west through Afghanistan and Iran to Europe. It cemented his ambition to one day write the foreign service exam.

"I also have a great aunt named Viola Smith who worked in External Affairs, as it was then called, and served in places like Japan and Italy," Mulrone says. "She was a bit of a hero of mine and had encouraged me to write the foreign service exam. She was a great influence on me."

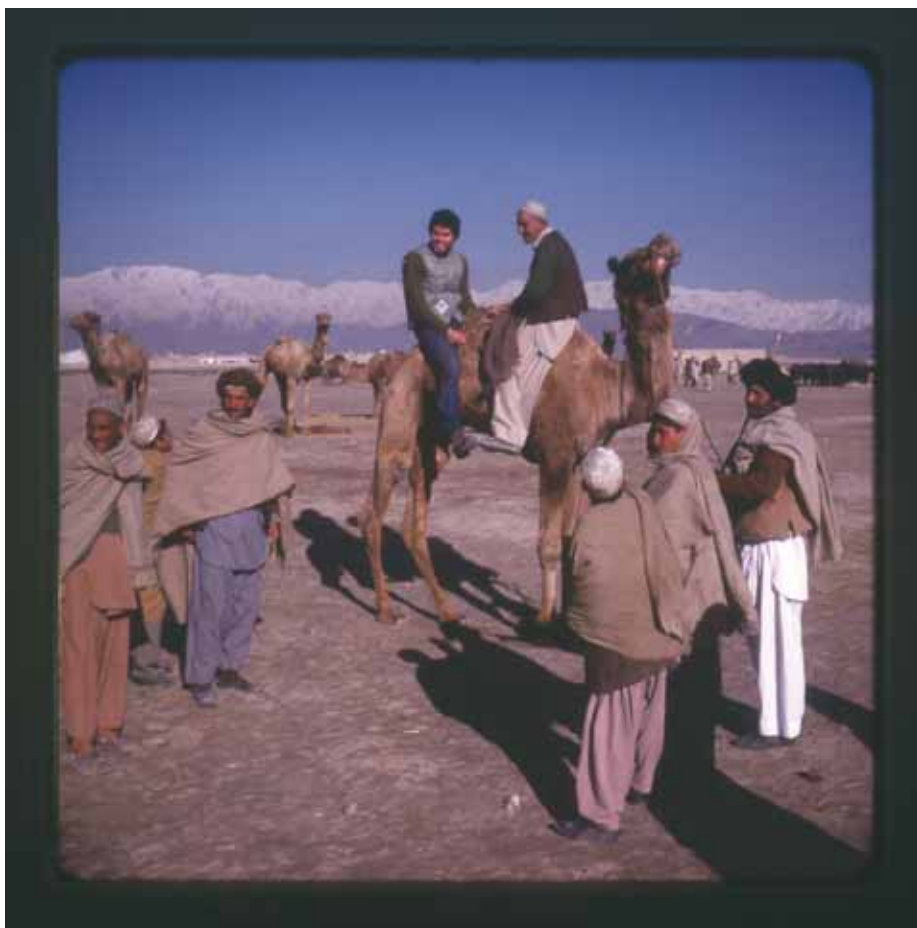
Mulrone studied English and philosophy at St. Michael's, subjects which he says continue to inform his career in the foreign service. His English degree taught him to write clearly and quickly, he says, a crucial skill for diplomats working overseas. "I'm very much a believer in the discipline of learning how to write," he says. "When you're assigned abroad, you have to describe for headquarters and other Canadians what's happening in that country, and you have to do it quickly and accurately. It's not

MISSION



PHOTO: COURTESY D. MULRONEY

Taking a break between second and third year at SMC, David Mulroney in Afghanistan's Bamiyan Valley in 1976



Above: Learning to ride a camel in Kabul on his honeymoon in 1978 Below: D. Mulroney, 2007

something that everybody finds easy to do.”

While Mulroney says that reading remains his favourite pastime, he actually honed his practical writing skills in the somewhat less literary pages of TV Guide magazine, where he worked as an assistant editor for several years after graduation. His job was to weave Canadian content into stories that came from the magazine’s Pennsylvania headquarters.

“The magazine had a very strict style book and a very strict editor up from New York who said, ‘I want 500 words on this topic by 5 o’clock,’ and he meant it,” Mulroney recalls. “I still apply some of the discipline and rigor that I learned from that editing team.”

Mulroney spent almost his entire childhood around St. Michael’s, and his family’s connection with the college spans generations. His mother, Barbara Hood, and his uncle, the novelist Hugh Hood, both graduated from St. Michael’s, and the family were members of St. Basil’s parish, in the

heart of the college campus. Many of the priests who Mulroney served mass for at St. Basil’s as a child later became his professors, and as a teenager he attended St. Michael’s College School on Bathurst Street. Today,

“The college equips you to succeed in the world, but within that success, you have to stay true to some core values, and those are not negotiable. I think that’s a lifelong gift.”



Mulroney’s eldest daughter, Kate, is preparing to graduate from St. Michael’s.

“I’ve known the Basilians and St. Mike’s for all my life,” he says. “I grew up experiencing the university because there would be college masses, and I would see the

priests wearing their academic colours and gowns and hats and things like that. So the sense of the university community was very real for me from an early age. And I didn’t really make the distinction as a kid, I just sort of lived in that milieu.”

Mulroney and his family have maintained their connection to St. Basil’s parish and the college to this day, although being there in person has been difficult, considering the far-flung positions Mulroney has held around the world. His most recent job took him back to Ottawa as policy advisor to Prime Minister Stephen Harper on foreign and defence matters, but Mulroney has spent 25 years steadily working up the ranks of the foreign service, flying the Canadian banner in outposts like Malaysia, Taiwan, Korea, and other diplomatic offices throughout Asia.

Even after circling the globe several times over, Mulroney still maintains his lifelong connection to St. Basil’s parish and the St. Michael’s college community. He’s recently joined UofT’s President’s International Alumni Council, and will be on the committee that awards the Jon S. Dellandrea Scholarship for International Students, up to three awards for up to \$10,000 each for exceptional students from outside Canada.

In his Ottawa office, Mulroney keeps a small portrait of St. Thomas More, the 16th century Catholic philosopher, theologian, and lawyer, and the first figure he studied in his introduction to philosophy course at St.

Michael’s, more than 30 years ago. More’s fierce dedication to his core beliefs, even though those beliefs led to his execution under the reign of Henry VIII, made an indelible impression on the young Mulroney. The small portrait of More, he says, reminds him daily of the importance of his own values.

“If I could describe one thing I took away from St. Mike’s, it was the importance of that,” he says. “The college equips you to succeed in the world, but within that success, you have to stay true to some core values, and those are not negotiable. I think that’s a lifelong gift.”

The Good, the Bad and the Published

BY MIMI MARROCCO 6T9, DIRECTOR, CONTINUING EDUCATION

CONGRATULATIONS TO POPULAR St. Michael's College adult educator Bruce Meyer on the publication of his most recent book, *Heroes: The Champions of our Literary Imagination*. Dr. Meyer's study examines a broad range of heroes from Western literature — the good, the bad, the epic and the familiar, the satanic and the saintly. Available in August 2007 from Harper Collins, *Heroes* is eagerly awaited by dozens of continuing education students currently enrolled in Dr. Meyer's classes.



Dr. Bruce Meyer tells all about literature's heroes

In addition to his course on "Heroes of Western Literature," Dr. Meyer is teaching a series on "The Literature of Seeing," tracing our perception of culture through the major works of Western literature from the classical era to modern times.

"Setting the World in a Frame: The Literature of Seeing" is being offered in honour of Blandina (Lena) Hitchen, CSJ (1906-1997), Professor of Classics, mentor and friend to students at St. Joseph's College and St. Michael's from 1942 to 1975.

PHOTO: MARK TEARLE

A Pilgrimage to Santiago De Compostela

The splendid Baroque cathedral of Santiago de Compostela houses the ancient shrine believed to contain the relics of St. James the Great. Ever since the first millennium, many thousands of pilgrims each year have made this Galician city in northern Spain their destination.

In partnership with St. Jerome's University, Continuing Education invites alumni and friends to consider a unique travel opportunity to enrich the mind and nourish the spirit. Organized by the University of Waterloo's long-time travel associates at Pauwels Travel Agency, of Brantford, Ontario, the special tour is scheduled for April 2008, with itinerary, costs and other details to be finalized this summer. Interested? Call Continuing Education at 416-926-7254 or email: continuinged.stmikes@utoronto.ca

ANNOUNCEMENT

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MARGARET WHEATLEY *Leadership For an Uncertain Time*

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Only by understanding the spirit in us, which always seeks to express itself, can we create the lives and organizations we desire in uncertain times, says Margaret Wheatley. An eloquent writer and teacher, Dr. Wheatley has been hailed as a "living legend" by the American Society for Training and Development. Tickets available through Continuing Education, call 416-926-7254

Little Miracles

A conversation with Sr. Anne Schenck CSJ 5T2,
founder of Toronto's Furniture Bank

*f*rom the parking lot of 200 Madison Avenue, Sister Anne Schenck looks up north with a big smile, up the carefully landscaped hill of what once was the shoreline of Lake Iroquois. She points to the impressive home that overlooks the city from the top: Casa Loma, one of the grandest addresses of its time in Toronto, built for a woman who passed away before it was finished. Now one of the city's major tourist attractions, Casa Loma sits at the southern limits of Forest Hill, still one of the poshest addresses in town. And at its foot, just north of the railway track that slices through midtown, Sister Anne's Furniture Bank. A former warehouse, the Furniture Bank today is a busy place, with lots of people milling about, picking out restored furniture, pictures, refurbished pillows, mattresses, china, even discarded and reconditioned computers ready for use – everything donated to be given to people who, for one reason or another, are making a fresh start in life. St. Michael's went to see Sister Anne at the warehouse to find out what keeps her going at 75 years of age:



Sister Anne: “Not long ago, a woman came to see us. She had been sent to us by one of the referral agencies we work with. She hoped to find a single bed for her new apartment, but sadly, we couldn't help her. We had none. As she was looking around to see if she could find anything else to make her place more livable, the door opened and a young man came in to return some furniture he'd received from us the year before, when he had newly arrived in Canada as a refugee and had nothing. Now he had found a job and had a regular income, so he wanted to pass on the goodness and hoped that someone else might benefit. We went

to his van, and there it was — a single bed. Little miracles do happen!

St. Michael's: *What inspired you to do this?*

Sister Anne: The Daily Bread Food Bank was the model. I had run a refugee centre for five years and knew what people need to start a new life with no money. I had already started a small collection of donated furniture there, but then the centre closed. And it was actually at the 1997 St. Michael's College reunion that I ran into Paul Forestell 5T2, now a retired justice in Welland, who asked me what I was up to now that my centre was closed. I told him, I wanted to start a furniture bank. He thought that was

a great idea and two days later got me in touch with Hugh Morris Q.C., who helped us incorporate and get our charitable status. He is still on the Board, one of the three founding directors. By the way, the other one — besides me — who is also still with us, is Ann Manuel, like myself a former high school principal with the Catholic School Board — and also a St. Michael's grad (5T5). But we didn't know each other then. She had just returned from Africa, where she'd run a refugee camp, when we met, also in 1997. When she heard what I wanted to do, she said right away, “I can give you two days a week.” And here we still are.

St. Michael's: *How many homes have you furnished since you opened the Furniture Bank?*

Sister Anne: It's been nearly nine years since we opened here, and we have helped out more than 8,000 times. In a big city like Toronto, there are so many people that need our support, new immigrants or young people who have been in trouble and want to get a new start in life. But sometimes it's people you wouldn't think needed the help when they come to see us. For example, there was one beautifully dressed woman in her fifties. I thought she was a social worker asking for information. But when she walked down the hall to the reception window, she burst into tears, "I was always the one who helped other people; I've never had to ask for help for

tering, St. Michael's Halfway Homes, Street Haven, the YWCA. And more. We also look after refugees with proper documentation.

Our Furniture Bank is the only service of its kind in Toronto, and over the years we have seen the need grow steadily. In 2005 alone, we looked after 1,698 adults and 931 children in 1084 households — with one and a half salaried staff and about 80 dedicated volunteers! These days, our customer service rep answers 60 calls a day, and our volunteers — many of them former clients — look after as many as 40 clients a week. In most cases that includes delivering the furniture to them with our van.

St. Michael's: *How do you keep it all going?*

Sister Anne: We are a federally incorporated

It's a wonderfully rewarding mission that goes way beyond delivering the furniture. Can you imagine the emotional and psychological support it is for the families who now have a table for meals and beds for sleeping? Young people are not embarrassed when friends visit them now that they have furniture in the living room. One mother, who was delighted with a small Ikea bookshelf, explained, "It's really difficult to encourage your children to read when all the books are stored in boxes."

But our furniture donors also get something out of this. Once, a woman who had not long before lost her mother said to me, "My mother would be so happy to know that her furniture will be appreciated, that it

"Furniture Bank provides our multicultural clientele with the means to move out of shelters or spares them from relying on others to provide them with a space of their own."

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myself." I explained that everything we had was donated to help people who need furniture and can't afford to buy any and invited her to select whatever she needed. Because we receive furniture from estate sales, we have some very fine pieces. This woman, who had recently left an abusive husband, was very happy with what we could give her.

St. Michael's: *How do your clients find out about you?*

Sister Anne: We work with registered agencies, which refer people in need to us. We cooperate with close to 130 organizations in the city, the Centre for Addiction and Mental Health, for example, Covenant House, the Emily Stowe Shelter for Women, Ernestine's Women's Shelter, the Fred Victor Centre, the Good Shepherd Ministries, the John Howard Society, Mary's Home, Red Door Shelters, Romero Houses, Rosalie Hall, the Scott Mission, St. Joseph's Women's Health Centre, Sis-

charitable organization, which according to its charter "collects and distributes donated furniture and household furnishings to clients referred by registered agencies". We depend on donations from individuals and foundations (though they respond only in alternate years). In 2003 and 2004 each, we received \$75,000 from the Trillium Foundation. But they have not continued their support because they expect us to become self-sustaining. That's a tall order at this point, with neither "core" funding nor corporate sponsors. We'd love to change that.

So far, we've managed, but we must find new financial support. And we must find a new home. Within a year! The premises here belong to the city and are slated for affordable housing. But it's so critical for the Furniture Bank to continue and help families to live with dignity after often very traumatic experiences.

will give hope to those most in need." Another mother had handed her daughter an article she had read about us with the words "When I no longer need my furniture, I want it sent to this organization."

St. Michael's: *That must be very gratifying.*

Sister Anne: It sure is. I must admit, though, in the beginning I found myself asking, "God, why did you put me into a warehouse?" But I've come to see that it's really not about the furniture. It's about relieving poverty — and in the true spirit of the Sisters of St. Joseph, about building community.

Publisher's Note: In a recent conversation, Sr. Anne expressed her appreciation for furniture donations, but stressed that her greatest need is for financial assistance. If you would like to contribute, please contact the USMC Alumni office at 416-926-7259. For more information, email furniturebank@bellnet.ca or visit www.furniturebank.org.

Celebrating 30 Years

BY DAVID WILSON

SINCE THE CELTIC STUDIES PROGRAM was founded thirty years ago, some 7,500 students have passed through its corridors. Here, they have taken courses on medieval Celtic language, literature and history with Ann Dooley, on the Irish language and Irish literature with Máirín Nic Dhiarmada, and on modern Irish history and Celtic folklore and music with David Wilson. They have learned about Celtic Art and Archaeology from Visiting Professors such as Conor Newman and Michael Ryan, as well as other leading experts in the field. They have benefited from the knowledge, dedication and enthusiasm of instructors such as David Livingston-Lowe, Annette Evans and Natalie Harrower, who have taught courses on Scottish Gaelic, the Welsh language, and Celtic cinema and drama. They have studied Scottish-Canadian and Irish-Canadian history with Mark McGowan.

And they have loved it.

The Celtic Studies Program has consistently had the best teaching evaluations of any program or indeed any department in the Faculty of Arts and Science at the University of Toronto. Two of the Professors, David Wilson and Mark McGowan, have won the Faculty of Arts and Science Outstanding Teaching Award. And many of the students have gone on to be outstanding teachers and researchers themselves – Kyla Madden, for example, who teaches Irish History at Queen's Kingston, and who recently won the American Conference for Irish Studies prestigious first-book award. Or Andrew Carnie at Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Kristjan Ahronson at Oxford University, Diana Luft at Cardiff University, and Anne Connon at the National University of Ireland in Galway, who will be rejoining the Celtic Studies Program as the Visiting Professor next year.

But even this only tells half the story. The Celtic Studies Program is at the cutting edge of research in the field. Ann Dooley's book, *Tales of the Elders of Ireland* (1999) was listed in the *Times Literary Supplement* as one of the hundred best books of the millennium; more



Clockwise from top left:
David Wilson, Máirín Nic Dhiarmada,
Jean Talman, Ann Dooley

recently, she has published the groundbreaking *Playing the Hero: Reading the Irish Saga Táin Bó Cuailnge* (2006). David Wilson's publications range from *Ireland, A Bicycle and A Tin Whistle* (1995) to *United Irishmen, United States* (1998); the first volume of his biography of Thomas D'Arcy McGee will be coming out next year.

One of the main aims of the Program has been to communicate current research on Celtic Studies to a broader audience. The Speakers Series, funded by the Irish Cultural Society of Toronto, has brought in people such as the former Taoiseach Garret FitzGerald, the writers John McGahern and Colm Tóibín, and the poet Michael Longley. Next year, thanks to community support, Celtic Studies is beginning an Artist-in-Residence program, featuring the acclaimed Belfast writer Bernard MacLaverty.

And then there are the annual conferences, on subjects ranging from Columcille to Celtic Culture in Cape Breton. Three of these conferences have resulted in books with leading academic presses in Ireland and Canada: *Ulster Presbyterians in the Atlantic World* (2006); *The Orange Order in Canada* (2007); and *Irish Nationalism in Canada* (2007).

Throughout all this, the College Programs administrator Jean Talman has played a pivotal role, arranging the Speakers Series, planning the conferences, helping the students, and acting as an invaluable conduit to the community – so much so, that her work was recognized with the Irish Cultural Society's Community Award.

The Celtic Studies Program has made a real difference to students' lives, has earned an international reputation for the quality of its teaching, research and writing, and has enjoyed tremendous community support, in the form of large turnouts for its events, and generous financial backing.

This is, without doubt, one of the great success stories of St. Michael's College and the University of Toronto – reason to celebrate, indeed.

Pressing Business

BY DOROTHY SPEIRS, COORDINATOR, BOOK AND MEDIA STUDIES

The Centre for 19th Century French Studies and the John M. Kelly Library have recently acquired three hand printing presses and a collection of printing artifacts (type cabinets, lead type, cutting equipment, etc.), with additional financial support being provided by the Friends of the John M. Kelly Library and an anonymous donor.

The huge cast-iron Reliance Press, which dates from the 1895-1911 period, was one of the best-selling iron hand presses of its day, as its hollow frame allowed for easier shipping from the Chicago manufacturers to their clients. The table-top Adana Press, manufactured from 1935 until the 1950's, was widely used for printing small jobs, such as handbills, invoices and invitations. The C.M.C. Jobber (1915) was also used for short runs — posters, cards, stationary, etc.; powered by a foot-action treadle, it allowed for quicker printing than hand presses like the Adana.

The three presses have already generated a good deal of interest and excitement at the library. In December 2006, a group of visiting high school students from the St. Michael's College Transitions Program had the opportunity to view a selection of artifacts and books from the Centre's and the library's rare books collections.

The students and their teachers also printed their own documents on the Reliance Press, which currently has pride of place in the foyer of the John M. Kelly Library.

As the collection continues to grow, the presses and artifacts will be further used to develop innovative and exciting pedagogical and research activities in the context of the Book and Media Studies Program, with an emphasis on demonstration and hands-on work by our students.



Top: The table-top Adana Press came in handy for fast printing jobs **Bottom left:** The Reliance, the best-selling hand press of its day **Bottom right:** The C.M.C. Jobber, a late platen press model used for short print runs



The View from SMCSU

BY DEAN PEÑAFIEL, SMCSU PRESIDENT



Far Left: SMCSU Party – ‘Ghetto Fabulous’

Middle: SMCSU President Dean Peñafiel & Vice President Andy Pignataro

Above: SMC Theatre’s Production of ‘Little Shop of Horrors’

“BUSY” WOULD BE AN UNDERSTATEMENT WHEN TALKING ABOUT the activities of the St. Michael’s College Student Union (SMCSU), but it has been a true pleasure for both Andy Pignataro and me to represent St. Mike’s undergrads and serve students and the community at large. Over the past months, we organized several events that catered to the undergraduate students’ needs, all of which were a huge success.

Highlights of our activities include the parties, a couple of which eclipsed past attendance records. Working with other UofT student unions, for example, we had over 1,000 people come to our *Winterfest*. Another achievement of the year was the successful run of our annual musical, *Little Shop of Horrors*, at the Hart House Theatre. Two of three shows nearly sold out, and we are very proud that next year Hart House is welcoming us back for a longer run. Also, our 2nd Annual Dodgeball Tournament brought out both residence and commuter students on a Saturday afternoon. Due to its great success, many students have called for its reprise in the second term.

During the 2006-2007 academic year, SMCSU also sponsored 17

clubs. These clubs represent the diversity of the College and its students. Thanks to their work, in conjunction with SMCSU’s support, St. Mike’s students are able to get involved in life outside the classroom and to reach out to other students and the community.

I feel particularly proud to have been involved in a couple of special projects that enhance the student experience at the College. The construction of *Kelly Café* is one. A coffee kiosk in the Reading Room of Kelly Library will help students taking breaks, particularly during the busy times towards the end of classes and final exams. The other one is the lighting upgrade in the Odette Student Lounge of Brennan Hall. It will make the room brighter and more inviting to students for recreation, meetings and for studying.

I am truly grateful to my colleagues on the SMCSU Council for their dedication amidst the many busy events that exceeded expectations, and to all who have supported and guided us throughout the year. As the new council is elected in March 2007, I look forward to the future. It will be a pleasure to see it build on the success that has blessed us this year.

HONOURS



Back Row (left to right):
Frank Morneau, Collegium Chair, The Hon. David Peterson, Chancellor of UoFT, Aloysius Cardinal Ambrozic, past Chancellor of USMC, Richard Alway, USMC President and Jonathan Bengston, Chief Librarian

Front Row (left to right):
Sr. Mechtilde O'Mara CSJ 5T6, Joseph Sorbara 6T3, Margret Visser, Donald R. Theall and Sr. Anne Anderson CSJ, Dean of the Faculty of Theology

Honoris Causa

On Saturday, November 4, 2006, the University of St. Michael's College celebrated the Faculty of Theology and Continuing Education Convocation with the graduation of 38 students, including eight receiving Ph.D.s in Theology. Also joining the procession in colourful new robes, lawyer and entrepreneur Joseph Sorbara 6T3, former USMC professor Dr. Donald R. Theall and Margret Visser, prominent writer, broadcaster and lecturer on the history, anthropology and mythology of everyday life, received USMC Doctorates of Sacred Letters, honoris causa. Following formal admission ceremonies, the newly minted Dr. Sorbara delivered the Convocation address.

Convocation 2006

"It is always better to give than to receive"

Sam Sorbara's Message to his Children

BY JOSEPH SORBARA 6T3,

EXCERPTED FROM HIS CONVOCATION ADDRESS

... Within that simple message lie the seeds of my own "extracurricular" life – "extracurricular" in the sense that as a lawyer in private practice, and later working in our family real estate business, work and financial results were the "majors" or so it would seem. Notwithstanding my professional and business commitments, I became involved in many community activities. Certainly there were often peripheral business benefits associated with these activities. However, it was the feeling of having given

something for which I expected no return that was the most gratifying. ... Opportunities are constantly available for all of us to make a difference. The right place is wherever you are and the right time is every day of your life.

... My years at St. Mike's had a profound influence upon my life, even if at the time I was not really aware of the full extent of my experience. Afternoon chats with Fr. Belyea trying to find out what his religion classes were really all about, English classes with Marshal McLuhan, almost incomprehensible at the time, philosophy classes that generated what at times seemed to be debate about matters that would never serve me in the future.

These years were preparing me for life's lessons, how to appreciate and communicate with my fellow human beings. There was nothing to help me read a balance sheet or to calculate an internal rate of return but, as I realized many years later, I was learning a skill that for me would be much more important.

Perhaps it was this education in the humanities that influenced my attitudes in business – not going for the jugular in business dealings, not trying to squeeze the last nickel out of every deal. Somehow, I knew that life and relationships, whether business or otherwise, were worth more than that; there must be something to go around for everyone.

Erratum: On page 29 of the Fall 2006 issue, a photograph of a group of Papal Honours recipients incorrectly identified one of them as Dr. Daniel Lang 6T5. The recipient shown is Daniel Lang. Our apologies to both Dr. Daniel Lang and Daniel Lang.

BULLETIN BOARD



“Bulletin Board” publishes pertinent information received about developments in the lives of St. Michael’s alumni. Thank you for the contributions you have made. Please keep the “newsbits” coming!

By FATHER ROBERT MADDEN CSB 5T2 robert.madden@utoronto.ca

“It’s the Principal(s) of the Place(s)” Two issues of the *University of Toronto Bulletin* have lately featured first, Woodsworth College and then, Innis College, praising the positive developments that have taken place at each college. Each issue has noted the special contributions of the respective Principals to these developments. The Principal of Woodsworth College is **Professor Mariel O’Neill-Karsh 6T2**; the Principal of Innis College is **Janet Kirschbaum Paterson 6T4**. Academically and administratively each has served St. Michael’s and the University admirably. Congratulations and thank you, Mariel and Janet!

Mary Holt Allen 6T1 and her husband Robert live in New York City, where she is Librarian at Columbia Grammar and Preparatory School. Mary’s novel, *Clairvoyant*, was published in ‘04. She and Robert have two children.

Peter Ashworth 8T7 is President of the Ashworth Associates Inc, Toronto, a public relations agency with such clients as Sherway Gardens and Erin Mill Town Centre.

Breech Report: David 7T1 was invested as the 2006 Citizen of the Year by the Toronto Beach area community 14 October ‘06. The honour recognized his over twenty years of volunteer service to such organizations as the Beach Interfaith Outreach Committee, St. John’s Catholic Church Parish Council, Kimberly School Council, and the Boys Scouts (St. Michael’s and UoF could be added to that list). Members of the Federal Parliament, the Ontario Legislature, the city and of the Catholic School Board all brought greetings from their respective bodies, lauding his many contributions to the Beach Community. Dave and his wife, **Joan Gregoire Breech 7T3**, Administrator of the Fontbonne Ministries of the Toronto St. Joseph Sisters, have three children, Patrick, Michael, and Caitlin, who themselves have caught the “volunteer bug” from their parents!

Theresa Quinn Biegel 9T2 (Nursing, UoF) writes, “I lived at St. Joseph’s College from 1988 to 1992 [and]...always felt like a St. Mike’s student as I played all my intramural sports for them...I married Keith Biegle in October

2002 in Niagara Falls, ON. We welcomed Charles Martin in October 2003 and then his brother, John Leo, in October 2005.” Theresa is a senior clinical research associate with Organon USA. The Biegels live in Oak Ridge, NJ.

John 9T0 and Melanie McTeague Boscariol 9T0 welcomed child number six, Sophia Susan, 26 October ‘06, a sister for Rebekah, 12, Jordan, 11, Deryn, 8, Ethan, 6, and Quintin, 3. The family lives in downtown Unionville, ON. John is a partner in the International Trade and Investment Law Group at McCarthy Tetrault in Toronto.

Barry Brodie 7T0 has accepted the position of Chair in Religion and the Arts, at Assumption University, Windsor, ON. The appointment will give scope to Barry’s background and training in academics and drama.

Tony Carella 6T7 lives in Woodbridge, ON; he was re-elected 13 November to a third term as a Municipal Councilor in the City of Vaughan, ON.

Fiona Caulfield-Yu 9T6 married Chris Yu 23 June ‘01 in St.

Matthew’s Church, Oakville, ON. They have two daughters: Jaydn Yu, born 11 September ‘03, and Isabella Yu, born 16 May ‘06. They live in Toronto’s The Beach area.

Kelly Opradek Coffey 8T9 teaches an ME (“Multiple Exceptionalities”) class at Nativity of Our Lord School in Etobicoke, ON and helps teach Grade Two students at her parish. Her husband Grant works with the City of Toronto as Manager, Desk Top Support and Communication. Their three boys, Matthew, Evan, and Richard are in primary school. Grant and Kelly also conduct a support group for people dealing with the rare disease Ectodermal Dysplasias.

Katherine Dembroski 5T6 continues her active family and volunteer life. Kathy, husband George, their three children, David, Suzanne and Steve, and their grandchildren are all well and busy. Kathy’s long and dedicated association with the Toronto Botanical Garden reached a high point when her “pet project” (George’s phrase), a new TBG building, fittingly called *The George and Kathy Dembroski*

Centre for Horticulture, opened 3 December '05.

Sr. Carmen Diston IBVM 8T1 has been elected to the General Leadership Group of the Loretto Sisters; she had been Province Leader in Canada. She will live in Rome, Italy. The IBVM, Loretto Branch, has more than 1,000 members over five continents, ministering in the areas of education, justice, and spirituality.

Michael Didonato 9T4 and Grace DeSantis (UoF UC 9T4) presented their second son, Nicholas Domenic, born 3 August '06 (Grace's birthday!), for baptism at St. Basil's 30 Dec. '06. Fr. Bob Madden CSB baptized Nicholas, whose older brother Anthony Michael, born 20 June '04, was also baptized at St. Basil's, where Michael and Grace were married 11 October '97. After receiving their PhDs from UoF in 1999, Grace and Michael moved to San Diego, CA to pursue post-doctoral studies. Grace is now a Principal Scientist with Diversa Corp., a biotechnology company, and Michael is a Principal Investigator at the Genomic Institute of the Novartis Foundation.

Fr. Daniel Donovan 5T8 remains active in "retirement", teaching in the St. Michael's Christianity and Culture College Program, saying one of the daily St. Michael's Cathedral TV Masses each week, assisting in Toronto parishes, and giving special talks and lectures. He has recently appeared on the Omni television six-part series, *Spirit of the Art*, devoted to the Donovan Collection he has donated to St. Michael's College. The series aired in February and March '07.

Michael Dugan 6T2, Alex Lee Professor of Business at Lenoir

Rhyne College in Hickory, North Carolina, has been named Chair of Lenoir Rhyne's Charles M. Snipes School of Business. Mike joined Lenoir Rhyne after retiring as Chair and CEO of Henredon Furniture Industries. Influenced by his undergraduate experience, he has often presented programs about the importance of the liberal arts, especially literature, in the development of leadership skills. He recently published a series of articles on this topic.

Marilyn Elphick OT2 M.Div, see Campus Notes, page 8.

Figueiredo Facts: Rui 7T6 and JoAnn Tierney Figueiredo 7T4 are now "empty nesting it" in the family home in Rochester NY. Here is why: **Sara OT1** is married to Michael Franca, living in Toronto and is Communications and Liaison Officer, Dept. of Computer Science, UoF; **Kate OT2** worked as an Environmental Consultant in Australia until January, when she moved to Vientiane, Lao PDR to continue work with the same company; **Joe OT4** is pursuing an MA in Diplomacy and International Relations at Seton Hall University in South Orange, NJ; **Emily OT5** is a Lab Manager/LabTech. in the Dept. of Neurobiology in the Medical School of Yale University; **Steve** is in third year at SMC/UoF majoring in Cinema Studies; **Mari** is in first year SMC/UoF, studying Political Science, Spanish, and Art History; she was elected first year rep on the College Student Union. And that explains the Figueiredo empty nest!

George Fowler 7T5 reports from his home in Woodinville, WA that he, his wife Cola and their two sons, Hillary and George came through the "big, dark cold", the result of fierce wind storms in latter December '06. Although he is

no longer involved in the banking industry, he remains very active, using the language skills he developed here and in his banking work and further studies in the Far East. He interprets from and into Indonesian in the US immigration courts, and is an occasional foreign language escort for the US State Department's International Visitor Program. He has recently completed and submitted for publication an English translation of the Indonesian classic novel, *Sitti Nurbaya: Kasih Tak Sampai (Sitti Nurbaya: A Love Unrealized)* written by Marah Rusli and published in 1922 in Batavia, then capital of the Dutch East Indies. The novel has never been out of print in Indonesian and even now is required reading in their middle schools. George plans to continue literary translations from the Indonesian and Chinese languages.

Tom Flynn, Maj. Gen. (ret.) 5T2 and his wife Alice welcomed their twelfth granddaughter, Hannah Alice, October '06. Tom's and Alice's son, Mark (Hannah's father) has returned from a tour of duty in Germany and has joined his father and brother in retirement from the US Army. Their oldest son is a Colonel in the US Army, stationed in Atlanta, Georgia. Tom and Alice, who continue to live in Ellicott City, MD, also have two daughters.

Lawrence Fox 7T6, after several years as a litigation lawyer, now works in the Governor of New Jersey's Office of Employee Relations, administering contracts between the State of NJ and several of the unions that represent State workers. Lawrence and his wife have three children and live in New Jersey.

Fr. Albert Gaelens CSB 5T5 was awarded the Meritorious Service



Philip Giroday 7T7, former volunteer defensive coach of SMC's many championship Mulock Cup League football teams (above) and avid outdoor sportsman, had a memorable experience while fishing in November '06 on the Fraser River in B.C., in sight of land farmed by his great grandparents. He caught a white Sturgeon measuring 9' 5" long, 47" in girth, and according to "Ministry Extrapolations", weighed 425 lbs. with a birth date of 1916—when his great grandfather was serving in World War One! After measurements and the attachment of a computer chip for future catch recordings, Phil released his trophy catch. He wrote, "that beautiful fish is now still swimming the Fraser" past the same land by which it swam when his great grandparents farmed over one hundred years ago!

Award by The Aquinas Institute in Rochester, NY 13 October '06 for his contribution to education and to the broader community through his teaching and work in educational administration at Aquinas and elsewhere. He is at present Director of Alumni Relations at St. Thomas High School in Houston, Texas, of which Fr. Gaelens was once Principal.

Laura Rock Gaughan 8T6, her husband Timothy and their children, Molly, Sarah, Madeleine and Joseph live in Lakefield, ON. Laura is a Financial Services Consultant and is also working on a book of collected stories and photos commemorating St. Joseph's College, its legacy and role in the life of SMC/UoFT. If you are interested in contributing stories, anecdotes, photos, etc to this project, or wish further information or instructions how to contribute, please contact her: St. Joe's Girls: Collected Memories 1953-2005, P.O. Box 684 Lakefield, ON K0L 2H0; email: lgaughan@aol.com; phone: 705-652-9355 or 9333.

Vincent (Vinnie) Greco 6T6 retired from the position of Principal of Sir James Dunn High School in Sault Ste. Marie, and his wife Sue are enjoying the increased time now available to devote to their gardening, for which they received the award for the best back yard in their ward. Vinnie also has bought new ski boots! Their sons, Michael and Mark, were home for Christmas: Michael from his media assessment work in Toronto, and Mark from his position with a management consulting firm. Sue and Vinnie are considering building a smaller "empty nest".

Kathleen Hogan Henderson 9T8 and her husband Rob welcomed their first child, Audrey Lucille, July '06. Kathleen is the sister of James 9T1 (see below), and the daughter of James Sr. 5T8

James 9T1 and Raylene Hogan welcomed their third child, Christian Thomas, June '06. Siblings Bennett and Clare, like the parents, are thrilled. James serves with the Toronto Police Service. James is brother of Kathleen 9T8 (see above) and son of James Sr. 5T8.

Will Holub 7T3 has been awarded a 2007 Fellowship by the Virginia Center for the Creative Arts (VCCA), located near Sweet Briar College in the foothills of the Blue Ridge Mts. The Fellowship provides 6 weeks of private accommodation, with a private studio, and flexible schedule which allows the Fellows (visual artists, writers, composers) to focus on their individual creative projects. The VCCA is one of the largest year-around artists' communities in the USA

Dr. Maria-Fotini Polidoulis Kapsalis 0T1 (PhD Theology) was the first Canadian Greek Orthodox woman to obtain a PhD in Theology. At present she is teaching in the Orthodox and Eastern Christian Studies program in the Divinity Dept. of the University of Trinity College (UoFT/TST).

Grace Ji-Sun Kim 0T1 (PhD Theology), Assistant Professor of Doctrinal Theology, Moravian Theological Seminary, Bethlehem, PA, published *The Grace of Sophia* (Cleveland, Pilgrim Press, 2002), and has received the 2006-07 Wabash Grant.

Joshua Kramer 9T9 lives in Guelph, ON, is married, has three children, and works for the Toronto Fire Department.

Irene Laskowski 9T0 and her husband Ron Bishop welcomed their second child, Andrew James, 21 September '06, a brother for "big sister" Olivia. Irene writes, "Andrew is a very happy addition to the family." The family lives in Nepean, ON.

Michael Markwick 9T0 accepted the position of Senior Advisor, Office of Justice, Peace and Missions, with the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops. His principal task, he writes, "is to develop ways to help Catholics embrace the Social Doctrine of the Church as a Eucharistic labour." He acknowledges his indebtedness to former SMC/UoFT Professors Gregory Baum and Harry McSorley, "who together inspired his life-long curiosity about the life of the Church and the necessity of its prophetic presence." Mark previously served on the Ontario Human Rights Commission and then as Director of the Catholic Civil Rights League. His new position involved a major move from Vancouver, BC to Ottawa, ON for him, his wife Mary and their children: Sebastian 14, Sophie 12, William 10, Beatrice 8, and Zoë 4. Mark will also continue work (long distance!) on his doctoral dissertation for Simon Fraser University in Burnaby, BC.

Stephen 8T4 and Michelle Landry Martin 8T6 relocated from Toronto to Hamilton, ON to find a larger home for their growing family: Sophie 2, Vincent 4, Julie 6, Danielle 7, David 10,

Grace 11, Luke 13, Margaret 15, Madeleine 17, and Patrick 17. Stephen, an elementary school teacher with the Halton Catholic District School Board, and Michelle celebrated their 20th wedding anniversary in '06 and, they report, "are looking forward to 50 more!" Congratulations!

Paul McCann 7T2 was honored at a reception hosted by UoFT's Dean of the Faculty of Arts and Science on the occasion of his retirement and "in recognition of his outstanding contribution to the Faculty of Arts and Science and to the University of Toronto." Most recently, Paul served as Assistant Dean and Director, Human Resources Faculty of Arts and Science. He plans to complete his Doctorate of Education at the Ontario Institute for the Study of Education/UoFT. Paul and his wife, **Maureen Gaffney McCann 7T5**, live in Toronto and have two daughters, Elizabeth and Maura.

Maureen McCue 6T9 reports that all is going well in her early retirement paradise in Malaga, Spain. Her ten months in Spain have been "mostly a good experience. The house has been well built but for the plumbing and electricity, which leave something to be desired. The culture clashes can be quite hilarious. You see peasants with cell phones on donkeys..." **Cynthia Tehan 7T0** was a visitor in the fall. Cynthia's son, Gregory, is a first-year student in computer engineering at UoFT.

Grace McSorley 9T5 and Michael McCarthy 9T5 were married 5 August '06 in St. Thomas Church, Newman Centre, UoFT. Taking part in the ceremony were, Grace's father, St. Michael's

Professor Emeritus Harry McSorley, her brother **Paul 9T8**, and classmates **Yvonne Mullen Schweinberger** and **Kathleen Martin** (Kathy's husband **Michael James 9T6** stayed home in Halifax to look after their two children, Aidan and Kate). Several other SMCers were present, including Yvonne's husband, **Michael 0T2**. **Fr. Bob Madden CSB 5T2** was also involved in the wedding ceremony.

Joe Mihevic 7T6 (MA 7T9, PhD 8T8) was re-elected Toronto City Councillor, representing Ward 21 St. Paul's West, which includes parts of old York and old Toronto. Joe and wife have three children, Krista, Justin, and Catherine.

Archbishop J. Michael Miller, CSB 6T9, MDiv 7T4, Secretary of the Congregation for Catholic Education, was Principal Celebrant at the Mass of Thanksgiving celebrating the 150th anniversary of St. Basil's Church 17 September '06. The preceding evening Archbishop Miller delivered a public lecture, "Globalization: Opportunity or Threat for Catholic Education" in Sam Sorbara Auditorium, University of St. Michael's College.

Sr. Sue Mosteller CSJ 6T8, International Coordinator of L'Arche for ten years, succeeding Jean Vanier, continues to live at Daybreak, the L'Arche community in Richmond Hill, ON, where she serves as mentor and spiritual guide for the community. In '06, through Double Day Image Books, she published *Life through the Crack: Life after Loss*, which deals with the possibility of human weakness or tragedy being sources of light and strength for ourselves and those near to us.

David Mulrone 7T8, see pg 20.

INVESTED INTO THE ORDER OF CANADA



Honoured for her work with the homeless, Sr. Susan Moran OLM 9T6 with the Right Honourable Michaëlle Jean, Governor-General of Canada

AT a ceremony at Rideau Hall Oct. 6, **Sr. Susan Moran OLM 9T6**, became a Member of the Order of Canada for her work among the homeless and disenfranchised in the Toronto area.

"I'm here because of all the beautiful, suffering people who are now my sisters and brothers," she said in an interview following the ceremony. "It is through them that I've learned such love and compassion."

Out of the Cold started in 1988 when Moran was serving as a chaplain at St. Michael's College High School. Students there were looking after a homeless man who was sleeping on the grass on school property. Moran helped channel that interest into the first Out of the Cold program she co-founded with Anglican priest John Erb ... and Basilian Father John Murphy.

"It's not a compliment that Out of the Cold is growing so much," she said. "There have to be homes for these people. There has to be an economy that is sensitive to the poor and jobs available." Society needs to be more sensitive to the needs of the mentally ill, the mentally challenged, teenagers and the elderly, she said. She also recognized that some people will still choose to live on the grates rather than in an apartment. Those people still need care. She has gone out in the night to visit with them, bring them food, and chat with them to find out how they are doing.

Sr. Moran hopes the Out of the Cold movement will grow beyond Toronto and that more and more parishes will offer services for the poor, whether a hot meal, a place to sleep, or a place to live.

SMC students presently run an Out of the Cold program in the Parish Hall of St. Basil's Church, SMC Campus.

Text excerpt and photo by Deborah Gyapong, Canadian Catholic News

Dan Murphy 5T1 was feted by the Huron Bar Association for three achievements: on the fiftieth anniversary of his call to the Bar, for fifty years (and continuing!) as a practicing lawyer, and for his long service as a Bencher of the Law Society of Ontario.

Most Reverend John Gerrard Pettipaw, CSsR 7T6 (MDiv, Theology) has been appointed Archbishop of Grouard-McLennan, Alberta. Archbishop Pettipaw has been involved in many pastoral ministries across Canada, most recently as Pastor of St. Joseph's Parish in Grand Prairie, Alta.

Frank Plastina 8T5 became President and CEO of Tekelec Inc. in February '06; Tekelec is a developer of telecommunications products. Frank, his wife, **Connie Ardito Plastina 8T5**, and their children, Anna and Ross, live in Cary, NC.

Theresa O'Keefe 8T5 received a PhD in Theology and Education from Boston College in May '06, and accepted an appointment as full-time member of the faculty at the Institute of Religious Education and Pastoral Ministry, a graduate department at Boston College. She is serving as Adjunct Assistant Professor for Youth and Adult Faith, and also as Faculty Director for Contextual Education, the department's field education program. Theresa resides in Boston, but maintains her home back in Pittsfield, MA.

Orange Note: Michelle Orange 9T8 left TVO to pursue an MA degree in cinema studies at New York University. Michelle's mother, **Jacqueline (Jackie) Boyle Orange 6T6**, an Alumni Governor on the UofT's Governing Council, continues to Chair the Council's Business Board. Jackie resides in Toronto.

Jennifer Snyders O'Rourke 6T7 and her husband, Tom Warnke, live in Nanaimo, BC. Several years ago, Jennifer co-authored a book entitled *Namely Vancouver: the Hidden History of Vancouver's*

Place Names. Jennifer now works in open and distance learning, developing and tutoring courses for staff of international organizations.

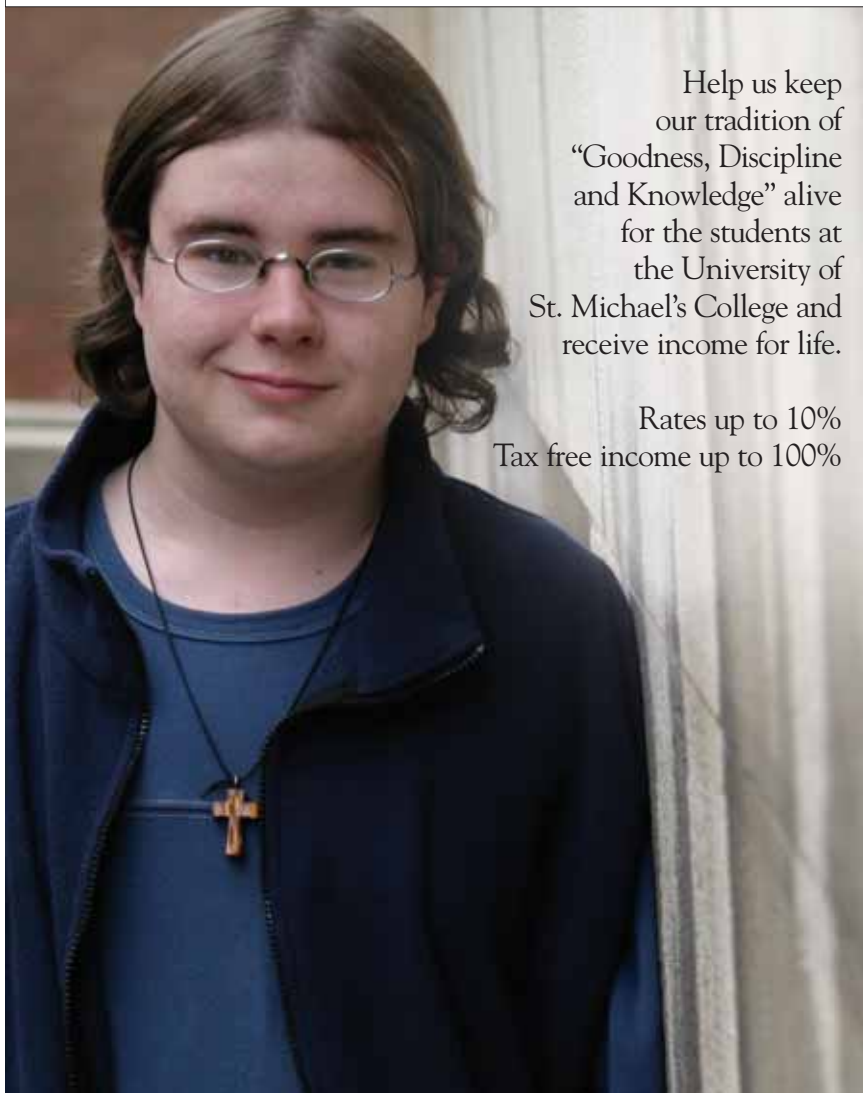
Brigid Quinlan 0T0 sent the fol-

lowing info-update: after graduating from SMC, Brigid received a Master's degree in Canadian History (Queen's University, '01) as well as civil law and common law degrees (McGill University, '05).

She then took a quick break and backpacked around Southeast Asia and Japan. In '06, she passed the Quebec Bar exams, and in November '06, having been called to the Quebec Bar, began her legal practice at the Montréal office of Borden Ladner Gervais LLP, where she had previously articulated. Brigid specializes in corporate financing. She would like to say hello to all her SMC friends and hopes they are doing well.

Robert Ringwood, (Brother Tomaso OCSO) **5T1** was professed in the monastery of the Trappist Order in Spencer, MA. In 1958 he, with several others of the monastery, moved to Azul, Argentina in response to an invitation to establish a Trappist monastery there. Brother Tomaso has been there ever since. In the spring of '06 **John 5T3 and Joan Garvey Macdonald-Regan 5T2** visited him on their '06 wedding trip and encouraged him to come to North America and visit them. That summer he received permission to attend a close relative's wedding ceremony in Rochester, NY. To celebrate his visit, John and Joan arranged receptions in Toronto and Rochester. **Bob 5T1 and Sara Mackin McLaughlin 6T1** hosted a 10 August Rochester gathering attended by **Mary Schenk Brennan 5T1, Fr. Leo Hetzler, CSB 5T2, George Johnson 5T1, Tom Popp 4T9 and his wife Martha, John Regan 5T3, and John Tracy 5T1**. The 15 August Toronto reception was hosted by **John 5T3 and Joan Garvey Macdonald-Regan 5T2**. Attending were **Harold 4T9 and Mary Agnes Garvey Murphy 5T1, Jack 5T1 and Vivian Mulhall McDonough 5T1, Carolyn Gratton 5T2, Anne**

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Berthone Clune 5T3, and Miriam Kelly 5T2. With renewed College friendships and memories, Brother Tomas, with many warm new memories, has returned to his monastery in Azul.

Noreen McDermott Santilli 8T9 and her husband David welcomed their first child, Marie Bridget in January '06. Noreen informs us, "Marie is already an avid reader, or at least an avid picture watcher and page turner!" Noreen, a self employed Sr. Writer, David, and Marie live in Toronto.



Denise Banks Savoiaro 9T4 and her husband Nino, after a difficult pregnancy and delivery for Denise, welcomed identical twin daughters 24 March '05, Christina Bianca (2000 g) and Sofia Claudia (1880 g) born in Mount Sinai Hospital, Toronto. Despite initial difficulty, Sofia and Christina came home 27 April and were baptized 7 May '06. Denise, who had worked with Bombardier and now is a full-time Mom, speaks of their experience as "an incredible story of faith and hope."

Catherine Schuler 6T8 and her husband Bruce MacPherson have moved from Toronto to Ancaster, ON, near Hamilton. Bruce is retired, but is involved in a joint industry-university project at nearby McMaster University; Cathy continues her financial consulting work. Cathy and Bruce have two

sons: Matt, a fourth-year student at UofT, and John, in third-year at Trent University, Peterborough, ON.

Janet Somerville 5T9, journalist, ecumenist, and former General Secretary of the Canadian Council of Churches was guest speaker invited to address the Parish Community of St. Kevin, Welland, ON 19 November '06.

Jim 6T9 and Anne Feeley Swaner 7T0 had an exciting 2006. Son Thomas and his wife Sarah presented them with a new granddaughter, Lucia Beatrice, born 28 January. Son Mark performs with *Second City*; Jim and Ann have been able to attend some of his performances. Jim is with the Jones College Library System in Miami Shores, Fl. (where they live), and Anne is Associate Prof. of Theology, Barry University in Miami. They also experienced days of power loss, result of hurricanes Katrina, Rita, and Wilma.

Shannon Timpson 9T2 moved back to her hometown of Ottawa in 2000. She is a Human Resources Manager for The Home Depot Canada.

Fr. Joseph Trovato, CSB 5T3 was honored by St. John Fisher College, Rochester, NY on 16 November '06 by the establishment of the *Reverend Joseph A. Trovato Peace and Justice Fund* to provide scholarship support to full-time undergraduate students in its Peace and Justice Studies program. The Fund recognizes not only his own dedicated work, but also his work with and influence on students in matters of justice and peace. From 1959-89 Fr. Trovato taught languages, lived in the student residence as Prefect, and was the founding chaplain of the St. John Fisher's Campus Ministry. For several years he was

a member of the General Council of the Basilian Fathers Congregation. For the first few years after ordination in 1956, he taught at St. Michael's College. At present he is Pastoral Vicar (Associate Pastor) at Christ the King, the Basilian parish in Rochester.

Paula Wheeler 9T1 lives in Marrintown, ON and continues in her position of Religious Education Consultant with the Catholic District School Board of Ontario. Along with the duties and all the travelling her position requires, she is pursuing graduate studies at St. Paul's University in Ottawa, working toward a Master of Religious Education. Paula reports that her sister **Tonya 9T3** and her family are well and living in Boston, MA, where her husband, Bryce McIver, is a Researcher at Beth Israel Hospital. Tonya is at home with their two boys, Cian 6, and Nolan 3. They are all awaiting the arrival of child number three.

Peggy Ryan Williams 6T8, President of Ithaca College, Ithaca, NY, continues to be, in the words of the Ithaca College Alumni Magazine, "Whirlwind Executive: Peggy on the Go." This year she was selected by the Harvard Graduate School of Education as the alumna to profile in their annual fund appeal. Her devotion to Ithaca College can be seen in her comment, "What a great opportunity to have Ithaca College and Harvard on the same page."

Catharine Andrews Wright 9T5 works in the chaplaincy program and teaches at St. Thomas Aquinas High School in Oakville, ON. Cathy, her husband Todd, and their young daughter Daven live in Ancaster, ON, near Hamilton.

Alexandra Zhang 0T6, see pg 12.

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