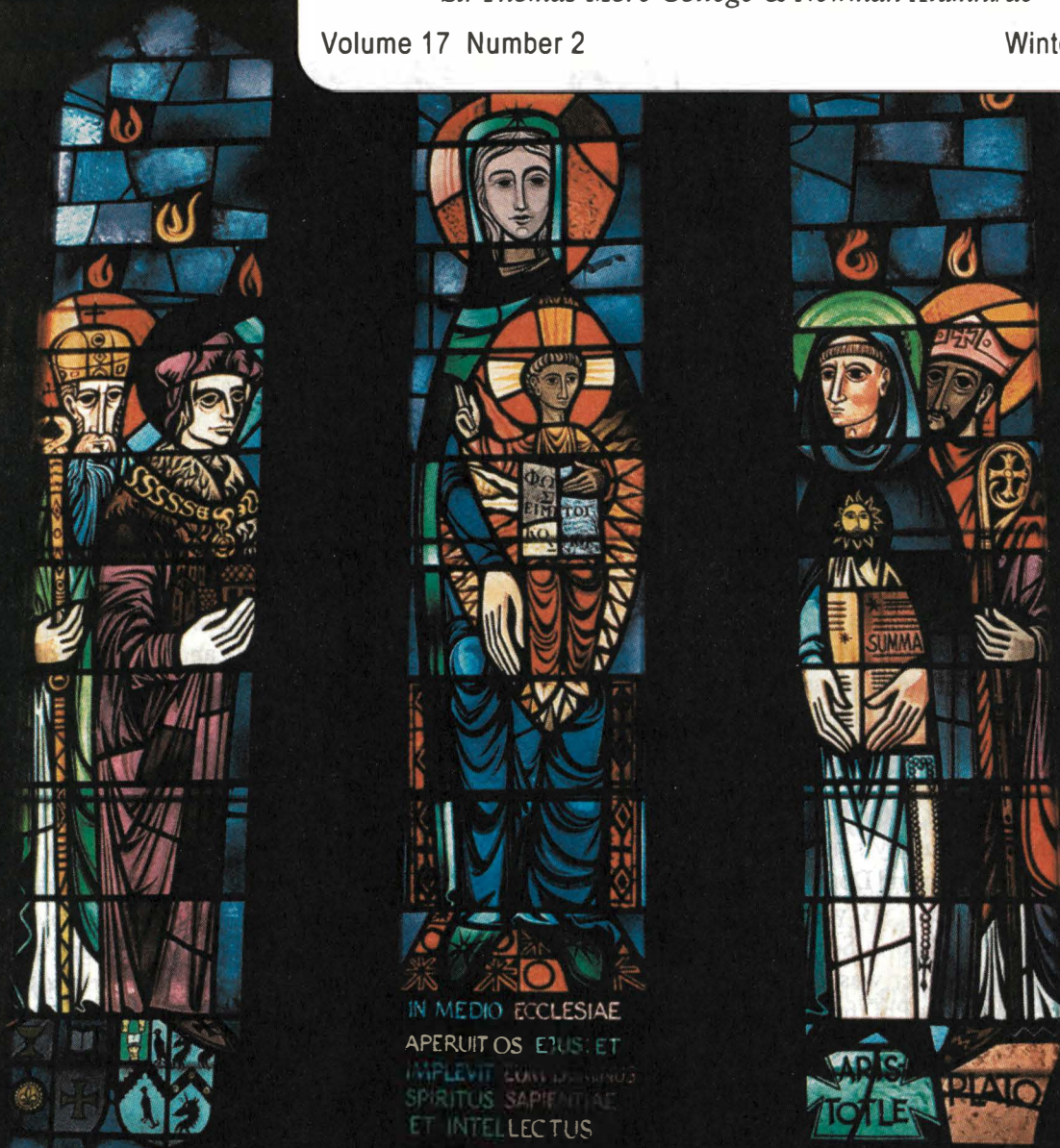


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President John Thompson

I write these words after the funeral of Kevin and Dorothy Murphy. On Monday afternoon, 12 January, sometime around 5:30 pm, Kevin and Dorothy died of smoke inhalation in their Calgary home. Their tragic death brought sorrow to all of us who knew them, and we extend the expression of our prayers and deepest condolences to their twelve children. The Thursday evening prayer service and Friday morning funeral Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral was attended by relatives and hundreds of friends. Father Pat Murphy, Kevin's brother and a priest in the Regina Archdiocese, led the prayer service and was principal celebrant and homilist at the Mass. Our Spring issue will include Father Pat Murphy's homily at the funeral Mass. May the souls of Kevin and Dorothy Murphy rest in peace.

Father Robert Miller CSB, who was appointed to STM from 1943 to 1948, died in Scarborough, Ontario on 21 December. Father Miller was 85 years of age. In 1938, Robert Miller received a PhD from the Institute of Medieval Studies under the direction of Etienne Gilson. That same year he entered the Basilian Novitiate and was ordained to the priesthood in 1943. His first assignment was to STM as professor of Philosophy. During his years in Saskatoon, he was appointed the director of Catholic Action and was the founding editor of the Catholic Action Priests' magazine. May Father Miller's soul rest in peace.

The time since our last *Newsletter* has been very busy. We have continued to renovate our facilities. Ethernet has now been installed into all the offices and classrooms within the College building so that faculty and staff have Internet access to library holdings, e-mail, and resources on the Web. We have replaced carpeting in several hallways and many offices. We have installed acoustic boards into the fourth-floor classroom. Over the summer, STM reached an agreement with the Diocese of Saskatoon to purchase Pius

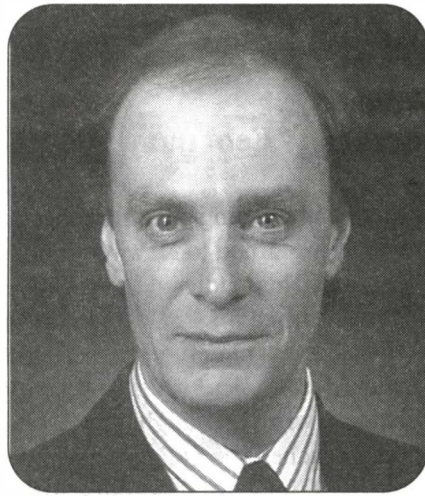
X seminary building as a residence for Catholic students, and added 15 more rooms. "Stax's at STM" is now providing food services both for the STM residence and our College cafeteria.

In this issue we profile five new members of our College. Father Don McLeod CSB joins us as a Basilian priest in campus ministry and as a teacher for two new half-courses, Catholic Studies for Teachers 1 and 2. Father William Marceau CSB has joined us for this year as a visiting professor (from St. John Fisher, Rochester NY). Eugenia Valenzuela is a new full-time faculty member in Sociology. Tim Lilburn joins STM to teach Creative Writing in Poetry and Tracy Carr to teach Social Psychology.

Along with the University of Saskatchewan and the University of Regina, the four federated Colleges — Campion, Luther, Saskatchewan Indian Federated College and STM — are going through a review of the basis for our Provincial government funding.

Twice each year the presidents of the Catholic Colleges and Universities in Canada meet to discuss issues of common concern. Nearly three years ago the presidents began discussing a dream proposed by Dr. Doug Letson, President of St. Jerome's College at the University of Waterloo, for a Catholic University of Canada in which each of the existing Catholic Colleges and Universities would participate while still retaining their present federation agreements. This probably sounds like a far-off, if not far-out, dream. It is clear, however, that we need some sense of a national presence for Canadian Catholic higher education. It is clear that we need more collaboration among our Catholic Colleges and Universities, among our faculty and campus ministers and between our institutions and the CCCB. It is also clear that our students and our

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Dean Kevin Corrigan

From the Dean's Desk

Greetings to all alumnae and friends of the College. Despite the funding cuts all educational institutions have experienced in recent years, the College continues to do well. In the 1997-98 academic year 1379 students registered through STM up 75 over 1996-97 and an increase of nearly 400 students in the past 6 years. On the teaching side of the equation (i.e., numbers of students actually in STM classes) 7412 students enrolled in STM classes (a small decline from 1996-97, but still over 500 above the baseline we had budgeted for.

Our students have again been conspicuously successful. At Fall Convocation thirty-eight STM students graduated. The three-year degree medal was won by Alex Hnatov (his brother, Andrei, won the President's Medal as the best student in the University two years ago), and the J. Victoria Miner's Prize for the best student in the College of Education was won by a former STM student, Graham McDonough. At Fall Convocation, the STM Dean and the acting Dean of Arts and Science together presented the Arts and Science students (of which STM students constitute a significant part) to the Chancellor. Cooperation between the two Colleges on many different levels has been steadily growing over the years, as befits our federated relationship with the University. Our joint Orientation in early September is a conspicuous example of this, and the numbers have been growing so rapidly each year that we have had to move the Student Orientation to the Education Gymnasium this year. Parents' Orientation on September 1 drew between 250 and 300 enthusiastic parents. Students' Orientation on September 2 drew some 650 even more enthusiastic students. We also, of course, held an STM barbeque on the Friday of the first week of term and despite the awful weather this year (at the time we had no idea of the wonderful weather in store right up to, and

beyond, Christmas!), over 200 students turned up for a pleasant and memorable meal.

Several new or not so new initiatives with immediate impact on College life are worth bringing to your attention. First our new Faculty Council (representing the Academic side of the College) is up and running very well. The work of this Council ensures that much of the academic life of the College, hitherto hidden in various committees, is now clear to all the faculty who can "own" the major issues and concerns of the academic programme not simply in terms of departments, but as a well-informed College community. Here financial and academic concerns can be discussed together.

Second, we have a new department of Languages, Linguistics, and Cultural Studies (to replace and augment our previous French department). This is composed of 3 French Faculty and 8 other associate members from English, Political Studies, Religious Studies, and Sociology. Language expertise represented in this new department ranges from French, Spanish, and German to Russian, Ukrainian and Polish.

Third, thanks to the initiative of Cheryl Soulodre, STM has entered into a new partnership with Language Training Canada, a department of Human Resources, Canada, operating out of Winnipeg, to offer "Communicative French for the Workplace" (i.e., specially designed courses for federal government employees, business people and the public). Several classes are currently in progress and discussions are taking place to set up STM as a Centre of Excellence working in a tri-partite cooperative system with the University of Regina, Language Institute, and College St. Boniface in Winnipeg. We are also interested in university credit for these classes in the not so distant future.

Remembering our Early Years Profile:

Father Paul Mallon CSB, April 28, 1900 - February 10, 1974

For one first entering the awesome registration hall as a young frightened seventeen-year-old, the sight of Fr. Paul Mallon, Registrar for St. Thomas More College, had a calming effect. He made me feel welcomed. He spoke quietly, yet firmly as he set out the program for my first year at university. During my three years as a student, his presence was always quiet and welcoming. We did not get to know him really, but he was always there for us. Even to teaching me Italian individually, as a special favour. He was our best friend when we needed him.

Fr. Paul Mallon, born April 28, 1900, was the eldest of a family of four Basilian priests and three other siblings. The Mallon family was well-known and respected in Toronto. Fr. Paul was ordained a Basilian priest in December, 1926.

He was a pioneer in several ventures. From September 1927 until 1932, he was one of five Basilians who went to Rochester, N.Y. for the first time, to join the Franciscans teaching in the only Catholic boys' school in the city. In 1935, he established the first Basilian foundation in western Canada and became Principal of St. Mary's Boys School in Calgary, Alberta. In 1937 the Basilians assumed direction of the Aquinas Institute in Rochester, NY and Fr. Paul returned from the west to teach there a second time.

Fr. Paul had already graduated from St. Michael's College in the University of Toronto in Honours Modern Languages in 1921. In 1939, he left for Europe to pursue further studies. He was at the University of Perugia in Italy

when the impending war forced him to seek refuge in France. He returned to New York on November 10, 1939. He continued his studies at Laval University in Quebec City where we earned his PhD degree in French in 1942.

For the next twenty-eight years he was stationed at St. Thomas More College at the University of Saskatchewan in Saskatoon, where he taught French and was the Registrar. He also coached the college intramural hockey team. He retired in 1970 and went to France to devote himself to work on the Basilian archives at the College du Sacre-Coeur in Annonay in the Ardeche. In September 1973 he returned to St. Basil's College in Toronto where he died suddenly of a heart attack on February 10, 1974.

No student at STM would have thought of him as Doctor Paul Mallon. He was the essence of simplicity and modesty. In his quiet way, he won the hearts of his students. He was always at our service. Only once did we see his temper flare, and the student who caused that, by coming late to French class once too often, still remembers the incident vividly!

At the funeral Mass for Fr. Paul, the Superior General of the Basilians, Fr. James Hanrahan, said in his homily that Fr. Mallon's work was summed up in the words of the prophet Daniel: "The learned will shine as brightly as the vault of heaven, as bright as the stars of all eternity".

Those of us who knew him, even if only a little, can only concur!

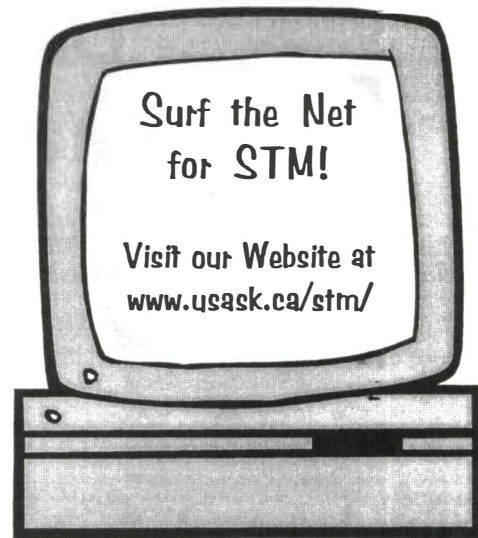
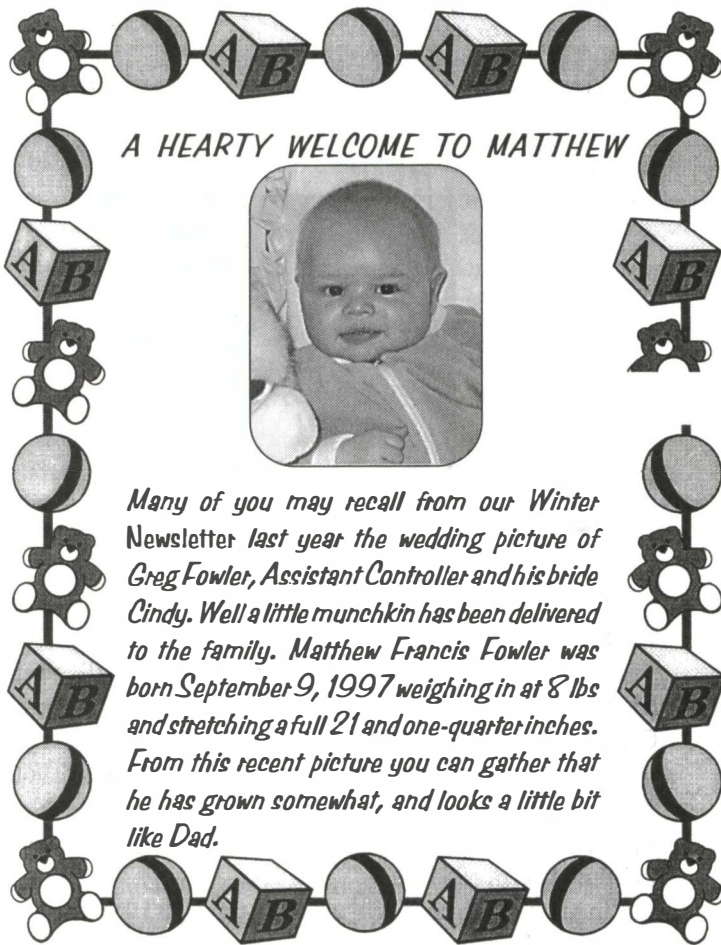
Mae Daly

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faculty could benefit from exchange programs. The first part of this dream has been to establish a website. When we think of the 19 Canadian Catholic Colleges and Universities collectively—rather than individually—we find out some things. We enrol 12,800 students. We have more than 650 faculty. Our libraries contain 2.8 million volumes. You will find this information and much more on the CCCU home page at <http://usjc.uwaterloo.ca/cccu>. In this issue you will find President Doug Letson's "Message from the President" column from St. Jerome's alumni/ae newsletter *Update* on the dream of a Catholic University of Canada and the CCCU website.

I thank you for your continuing support for STM. Our hope is that our *STM Newsletter* allows you as alumnae and alumni to know what we at STM are doing, to take pride in your College struggling to walk with students in a rapidly changing world, and to support us with your prayers. I wish all of you a blessed New Year.

John Thompson



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Fourth, the “Catholic Studies for Teachers” courses (to College of Education Students) are very successful and are being taught as we anticipated, by Fr. Don McLeod, CSB Fr. McLeod, Fr. Marceau (in Religious Studies, French and Philosophy) and Tim Lilburn who teaches one creative writing class (Guy Vanderhaeghe teaches the other) have made major contributions in coming to STM this year. In addition, the Foundation Program — with all the options it offers to students (from mentoring, tutoring, to essay writing and interdisciplinary ventures) — continues to do well, and the team-taught English-Philosophy course (which I am teaching with Elena Glazov-Corrigan as an experiment in the Foundation Program) is not only a wonderful learning

experience for me but a lot of fun too!

The deaths of our dear friends, Dorothy and Kevin Murphy, have shocked and saddened us all. Sarah Murphy is our High School Liaison Officer and Michael, youngest of the 12 Murphy children, has just come to Saskatoon to study with us. Our deepest sympathies are with them and with their brothers and sisters at this time. I am proud to say that over 20 faculty, staff and students from STM travelled to Calgary for the prayers and funeral. We give thanks for their lives and for all they meant to us.

Please continue to support us with your prayers, kind thoughts and wherever possible, donations. Best wishes for a happy and prosperous 1998!

Distinguished Alumna and Alumnus 1997

Both Margaret and Herman are worthy recipients of our Distinguished Alumna and Alumnus Awards as will become evident when you read of their accomplishments and service since graduation from STM.

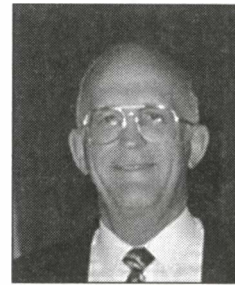


Margaret Louise Mahoney, STM '43

Margaret was born and raised in Saskatoon, first attending St. Paul's elementary School and then the Convent of SION for her secondary education. She completed her BA through STM at the University of Saskatchewan in 1943, concluded her Bachelor of Social Work in 1949 at the University of Toronto and later in 1961 earned her Masters of Social Service at Columbia University in New York.

In all of her careers she has been in the business of helping people. From 1943-48 she was employed by the National Employment Service of the Federal Government in Saskatoon, before moving over to Family Services for three years. In 1951 she moved to the coast where she began work with the Catholic Children's Aid Society first as a caseworker and later as Supervisor in Vancouver. From 1972 through 1987 she held the post of Executive Director of Catholic Charities in Vancouver.

In addition to her considerable work responsibilities Margaret found time to be involved in countless organizations and volunteer activities. This pattern was established early in her life. While at STM she was actively involved in our community as a member of Newman Club, serving as Vice-President in her graduating year, as the representative of women in Arts and Sciences on the Greystone Yearbook staff, and as a member and later captain of STM's Girls Basketball Team. Her service to community in BC is phenomenal. She worked for the BC Foster Parents Association for over 10 years first as a founding member and later as a Member of the Board. She was also a



Herman Harold Rolfes, STM '60

Like Margaret, Herman has served his community in a variety of fields all of his life.

Graduating from grade 12 at St. Peter's College in Muenster, Herman attended the Saskatoon Teachers' College in Saskatoon and acquired his teaching certificate in 1956. He earned his Bachelor of Arts Degree in 1960 from STM at the University of Saskatchewan, his Bachelor of Education Degree from U. of S. in 1964 and his Masters in Education in 1971.

In his first job he taught grades 1 through 10 at Harvest School in Humboldt. Between 1960 and 1968 he was Principal of St. Paul's School North, St. Charles School, Bishop Murray School and St. Philip School in Saskatoon. While working on his Master's degree he concurrently was Guidance Counsellor first at Sion School in the Work Experience Program for a year before moving to Holy Cross High School as Guidance Counsellor.

In 1971, Herman was elected to the Provincial Legislature and over the four years he was Secretary of Caucus, Chairman of the Crown Corporations Committee and a member of the Welfare Committee. Between 1979 and 1982 he was a member of the Provincial Cabinet serving as Minister of Social Services and Corrections, Minister Responsible for the Archives, Minister of Continuing Education, Minister of Health and Member of Treasury Board. During a political hiatus lasting from 1982 through 1986 Herman returned to the education profession first as a Guidance Counsellor at E.D. Feehan High School and

Margaret Louise Mahoney, STM '43 (cont')

Founding Member of the BC Council for the Family and Archdiocesan Representative on their Board, again serving for over a decade. She was a Founding Member of "Faith and Light" an organization for mentally challenged persons, their families and friends, and in 1991 accompanied a mentally challenged young man on a Pilgrimage to Lourdes in celebration of the 20th Anniversary of International Faith and Light. She served the Catholic Health Association of Canada as a Board Member, as well as the Catholic Health Association of BC as Board Member for 12 years holding the executive positions of Chair and Secretary; she was also Chair of their Public Relations Committee which produced a booklet in celebration of their 50th Anniversary. She has continued her Newman Association at UBC and held several executive positions. She contributed significantly to St. Mark's College at UBC for 30 years as Member of their Board of Management and for 10 years as Chair of their Board. In 1986 she volunteered help to the Catholic Charities Correction Services, which is an agency under contract with the Federal Department of Corrections for prison visitation and community supervision.

In recognition of her outstanding service Margaret was honoured with the award of the Papal Medal, *Pro Ecclesia Et Pontifice*.

Now that she is retired, if I dare use that term, she still contributes mightily, serving as a Eucharistic Minister for homebound frail and elderly people in her parish of St. Augustine and as a Board Member of St. Michael's Centre, a multi-level care home for seniors. She also continues membership in the Catholic Health Association of BC, the Catholic Women's League, the Newman Association and Catholic Family Services in Vancouver. She is also involved with Our Lady of Good Counsel Society, an organization that provides safe homes for battered women, and the Social Planning and Research Council of BC.

As STM's Distinguished Alumna 1997, we honour you Margaret for your lifelong work and dedication to the service of others.

Herman Harold Rolfes '60 (cont')

then Work Education Coordinator at Bishop James Mahoney High School. In 1986 he was re-elected to the legislature in Regina and served as a Member of the Opposition. Following the 1991 election Herman was honoured by his political colleagues with the post of Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, and served as a most effective referee on a number of occasions.

Besides his heavy involvement in education and politics, Herman has also served his various communities in a number of capacities. He is past President of the Saskatoon Elementary Teachers' Association; he was Vice-Chairman of the negotiating team for the Saskatoon Separate School Teachers' Association; he served as a Member of the Board of Governors of St. Thomas More College; he has actively served his parish of St. Philip Néri for many years. For fun he claims interest in tennis, golf, curling and skiing; however, we hope that now in his retirement he finds time to indulge his interests. Presently he serves the University of Saskatchewan as a member of its Board of Governors and his heavy involvement in committee work doesn't allow for too much leisure time.

Herman is married to Myrna and the dust doesn't settle on her either. For years she has been very active in her parish and currently she is serving as a member of STM's Board of Governors. (See p.15 of this issue.)

Here at STM we like to think that in their formative years we played a role that influenced their inclination to service in their community for it is this extraordinary feature of their lives that mark Margaret and Herman as distinguished Christians whose substantial contributions are valued and celebrated. If our College continues to encourage students to use their talents to contribute to the well-being of others throughout their lives, not only will their lives be beneficial and rewarding, but we will be doing our job. We take vicarious pleasure in having been associated early on with their sense of commitment and community. Congratulations to you both and thank you.



GRAD LUNCHEON — SPRING 1997 — TOP STM STUDENTS AWARD RECIPIENTS

PATRICK C. LEVESQUE, *Anatomy*

KRISTIN M. KAVANAGH, *Anthropology*

JEFFREY M. NORRIS, *Art*

LONNY H. VIDEN, *Biochemistry*

KRISTIN C. HARMEL, *Biology*

KIMBERLY D. DELAET, *Chemistry*

LUKE R. WADEL, *Classics*

VINCENT M. DIETRICH, *Computer Science*

JANET N. BROWNLEE, *Drama*

KATHERINE M. SLOGOCKI, *Economics*

LEONARD L. EPP, *English*

AARON R. DUMONCEAU, *Geography*

LISA M. LYSYK, *Geology*

ONDREA R. FEHR, *History*

JEFFREY D. SOLHEIM, *Math*

JACK JR. A. JANVIER, *Microbiology*

JENNIFER J. PROCYSHYN, *Native Studies*

JOHN R. SANCHE, *Philosophy*

LAURICE T. DELAET, *Physiology*

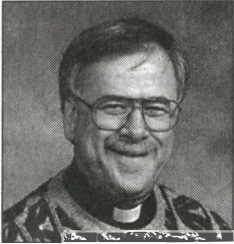
HEATHER L. THORNE, *Political Studies*

WENDY L. KANE, *Psychology*

KIMBERLY M. EINARSON, *Sociology*

NUALA F. LAWLOR, *Spanish*

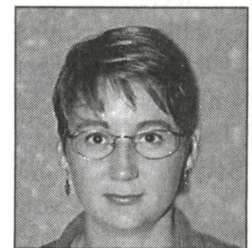
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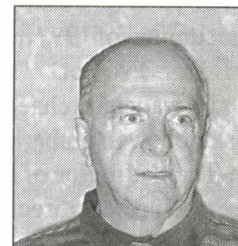
Fr. Don McLeod, CSB was born and grew up in Ottawa, although he spent some of his high school years in Calgary. He entered the novitiate in 1961 and spent 1962-66 at St. Michael's in Toronto doing an Honours BA in Philosophy and English. In 1967 he completed his Masters degree in Philosophy at U. of T. He then began his teaching career at Assumption High School in Windsor teaching English, mass media and communications. Following a leave of absence he taught a further year in London before returning to Assumption HS at Windsor. Between 1974 and 1977 he studied Theology, earning an M. Div. in 1977 the same year that he was ordained a deacon. For one year he was a Deacon intern at St. Pius X parish in Calgary returning to Toronto in 1978 for ordination.

The following year he spent teaching English and Religion at Lethbridge and then moved to St. Joseph's College in Edmonton to teach Theology to religious educators for two years. Returning to Toronto he entered the Doctoral Program in Theology and Philosophy, but in 1982 his studies were interrupted by an administrative position as Principal of Assumption High School for four years. In 1989 he served the Metro Toronto Separate School Board as Superintendent of Religious Education where he worked with a wonderful and creative team of educators. In 1992 he was awarded his doctorate and then went to Newman Theological College and a few years later he took on the responsibility of implementing a total reorganization of the administration as Vice President. In 1995 he went to St. Anne's Parish in Detroit and was asked to assume the role of Associate Superintendent for the Education Department of the Archdiocese of Detroit, and later in 1996-97 he became the first Coordinator of Parish Support Services for the Archdiocese. The opportunity to teach lured him to STM this year where he is teaching two new courses for Catholic Educators and serves on the Chaplaincy team of the College. Fr. Don is a wonderful addition to the College and has been warmly welcomed by students and colleagues.

Tracy Carr grew up in Admiral, Regina, and Simpson and received her Honours BA in Psychology from U. of S. She is a very recent graduate in the Masters' Program in Experimental Social Psychology from our University. Her thesis for Gerry Farthing of our College was entitled "Cardiac Surgery Patients' Coping Reactions and Perceived Health." Tracy taught Psychology 321 on Advanced Personality and Social Psychology as a graduate student. This year she is teaching Social Psychology 221.6 and encouraging her students to engage in the subject. As well, Tracy works at University Hospital for Dr. David Johnson, a specialist in intensive care medicine. She is doing research in critical care medicine. In terms of future plans, she indicated that if she continues her education at the doctoral level, her interest in psycho-social aspects of health care would lead her to pursue studies in epidemiology. However, she is married and her husband Craig works at Yarrow Youth Farm, an open-custody youth home. For the moment she enjoys the balance and variety of teaching and research. She would like to continue teaching as a sessional because she enjoys the contact with young, exuberant people who have a zest for living and finds that the interaction with interesting people is always exhilarating. For ten years Tracy has been a Big Sister to the same little sister who has grown to be a woman and is doing well in Calgary. Tracy anticipates that their deep friendship will be life-long. Tracy has a strong interest and commitment to the mental health community and serves on the Mental Health Advisory Committee to the Saskatoon District Health Board and is also on the Saskatoon Board of Directors of the Canadian Mental Health Association. She has a passion for golf, hates fishing and curls in winter for fun. Welcome to STM, Tracy.

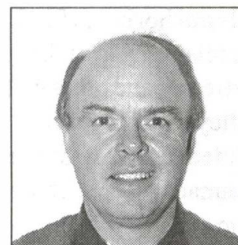


Fr. Bill Marceau, CSB was born and raised in Rochester, NY. He attended Sacred Heart School and the Basilian Aquinas Institute. He went into the Navy in 1943 and became a Radioman 3rd Class. After his stint in the military he returned to Aquinas Institute primarily for football where he played right end on the team before entering the novitiate. He earned his BA in French and English at Assumption College and taught at Aquinas Institute. He took his first year in Theology at Grande Séminaire de Quebec where he learned to speak French. Being very fluent he was being prepared to teach in France. In 1957 in Toronto he was ordained and then taught at Aquinas for four years. In 1964 he started a Masters' Degree in French at Laval and later earned his PhD in 1968. In 1975 he was awarded his MA in Philosophy from Laval and later an MA in Theology, also from Laval. He is currently doing a second doctorate, this time in Theology for Angelicum University in Rome having completed his course work in 1996-97. His thesis will examine Neo-Platonism in French spiritual literature of the 17th century. Fr. Bill is a prolific scholar having published 9 books (6 on 17th century French Literature), 46 articles, over 50 book reviews, and has presented over 80 conference papers. He is retired from St. John Fisher College in Rochester, but is enjoying again the contact with young people whom he finds to be candid and interesting. Fr. Bill is teaching a full load of courses including French 210.6 a literature survey, a course on the Philosophy of Henri Bergson and William James as well as a course in Spirituality. We are delighted to have Fr. Marceau with us this year and will miss him when he returns to Paris next year to complete his latest doctoral dissertation.



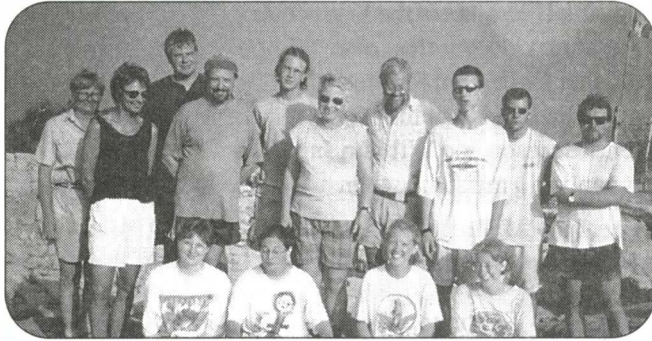
Eugenia Valenzuela was born and brought up in Santiago, Chile. Following elementary and secondary school she attended the Catholic University of Chile earning a Licenciature in Sociology. Following graduation she worked for a while teaching and doing research at the University. She left Chile in 1975 because of the political situation. She spent ten years in Toronto working at a Training Centre for immigrant women. Between 1985 and 1995 she taught as a sessional in Regina. She started her PhD at the University of Regina in 1993. Research funding and scholarships from SSHRC, the Government of Mexico, the University of Regina and the Organization of American States have supported her work. Her dissertation entitled "Loosening the Hand: A Critical Analysis of the Pentecostal Movement in Mexico" uses a different theoretical approach to the study of Pentecostalism and in it she proposes a new theoretical analysis to encompass the Catholic response to new religious movements emerging in Latin America. Her thesis is in the final stages of preparation for defense. Eugenia is beginning a two-year term contract at the College and is teaching Introductory Sociology, the Sociology of Education and a course on Contemporary Religious Movements. She enjoys the teaching, but at the moment is a bit overwhelmed by the marking. Eugenia has two grown sons, Felipe and Tomas who are at school in Montreal. Welcome to the College Eugenia. We hope that your experience with us will be enjoyable for you.

Tim Lilburn was born, and grew up in Regina. In 1974 he earned his BA from the U. of R. and in 1982 his Masters in Philosophy from Gonzaga University in Spokane, Washington. His thesis topic was "Karl Marx/Bernard Lonergan on Human Development." Tim began writing poetry seriously in the 1980's and has published a number of books, including: *Names of God; From the Great Above She opened her ear to the Great Below; Tourist to Ecstasy; Moosewood Sandhills; To the River*. Currently he is editing a book of essays that touch on "desire, ecology, poetry and some philosophy which will be entitled *Poetry and Knowing*. Besides teaching English 267, a Creative Writing Class in Poetry, Tim also teaches Introductory and environmental Philosophy and an introductory creative writing class at St. Peter's College in Muenster. He has thoroughly enjoyed his creative writing class at STM. He claims that they are an excellent group of students. A wonderful milieu with great chemistry has developed within the group as they have come to know each other through a workshop process in which they talk about their work and edit as a group. They are completely unself-conscious which is wonderful for they were initially shy, and writers always tend to regard their work in progress as very private. The "conversation" has developed and this has been not only productive for the students, but exciting for Tim. (Please see excerpts of some of his students' writing in this issue on pp 17-21. For fun, Tim plays recreational hockey, reads, and enjoys movies and music.



The Wadi ath-Thamad Project

The summer of 1997 marked the conclusion of the Canadian Tel Dor Project. This coming summer (1998) the Mediterranean archaeological program of the University of Saskatchewan embarks upon a new endeavor in the Wadi ath-Thamad region of Jordan. This venture is a collaborative research project directed by Professor Michele P. Daviau, Dept. of Religious Studies, Wilfrid Laurier University, and STM Professor C.M. Foley, Dept. of Anthropology and Archaeology, University of Saskatchewan.



Wadi ath-Thamad is an archaeologically diverse area, located south of Amman and east of Madaba. The area contains a number of ancient sites dating from the Chalcolithic/Early Bronze Age to the Roman period. The Wadi ath-Thamad archaeological project combines the excavation of a large tell site with a regional survey of the surrounding valley system. Excavation of the tell, Khirbat al-Mudayna, began in 1996 and has yielded remains from the Iron Age through the Nabatean and Roman periods. The surrounding area contains various sites such as a Nabatean temple, outlying settlements, fortresses or watch towers, farmsteads and agricultural installations, cisterns, etc. The research has a number of related objectives. It is anticipated that the excavation of Khirbat al-Mudayna will reveal sufficient architectural units and artifacts as to provide a sequence of cultural horizons for the area. This sequence should clarify the relationship of the central site to the outlying settlements, fortresses and other installations in the surrounding hills and valleys. Finally, it is expected that the definition of the related cultural phases at Mudayna and the Wadi ath-Thamad will contribute to our understanding of the transition from the city-state socio-economic system to territorial state organization. Moving beyond the tell, it is anticipated that the mapping and sampling of outlying sites will provide evidence for the development and functioning of regional socio-economic systems, including settlement patterns and the utilization of land and water resources, road networks, patterns of distribution among sites in the region and trade with centers beyond the Wadi ath-Thamad basin.

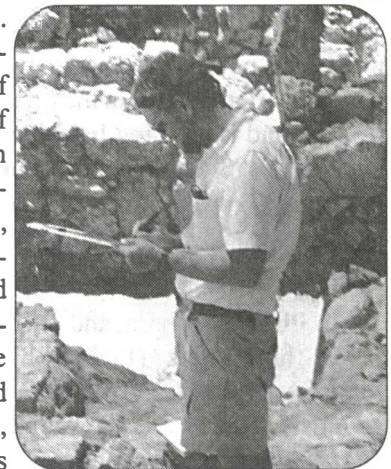
The Wadi ath-Thamad Project promises a rewarding educational experience for students and volunteers alike.

Participants will stay at the American Center of Oriental Research in Amman. The building is well equipped with standard modern conveniences, a good library, labs, etc. The working language is English, though speakers of other languages such as French can be accommodated.

The Wadi ath-Thamad Project includes an archaeological field school. The objectives of the field school course are: a) to train students in the current principles and methods of field excavation as employed in eastern Mediterranean archaeology; and b) to provide field experience so that the students can mature as responsible field archaeologists. Students should develop not only excavation skills, but also develop a facility for the critical analysis of archaeological data in the field and in the specialized literature. Participants will be instructed and engage in all aspects of the archaeological field work, from excavation to recording and the primary registering and processing of archaeological material. Lectures and workshops will be given by the directors and/or other staff members of the Wadi ath-Thamad Project on particular aspects of excavation, on the nature and significance of the site, and on the history and culture of the region. Opportunities to visit other excavations, major sites, and museums will be available.

The basic University of Saskatchewan archaeological field school course, Classics 360.6, is offered every year. Other courses are subject to departmental approval and sufficient enrolment.

These courses are offered through the Dept. of Classics, University of Saskatchewan, and can be applied for credit towards a major in Classics, Anthropology and Archaeology, or Classical and Near Eastern Archaeology. Apart from the academic work and archaeological training, the field school provides



an opportunity for students and others to live and work in another country and experience cultures which are quite different from those experienced in North America. Participation in the project allows students to interact in a "team" context with people from different cultures and backgrounds, to work independently and responsibly, occasionally under difficult conditions, and to develop practical leadership skills.

For further information, students and others interested should contact Prof. C.M. Foley through St. Thomas More College. Prof. Foley's e-mail address is lcmfoley@sk.sympatica.ca.

Requiescat in pace



It was with shock and sorrow that members of the STM community learned on January 12 of the tragic deaths of Dorothy and Kevin Murphy of Calgary. It appears that a stack of newspapers near a wood stove in the kitchen area ignited, setting ablaze their home, a historic Mount Royal mansion, built in 1904. The couple were found inside, close to the front door when fire fighters arrived. Despite heroic efforts to resuscitate them, both at the scene and at Foothills Hospital, they succumbed to smoke inhalation.

Kevin and Dorothy, parents of our own High School Liaison Officer, Sarah, met at STM, graduated from our college, had been married forty-two years and raised twelve children: Vincent, Kathleen, Eileen, James, Mary, Sheila, Patrick, Marguerite, Madeline, Sarah, Ted and Michael.

Tributes from Bishop Paul O'Byrne, Shirley Valentine, a Catholic School Trustee, Maureen O'Connor of Calgary Regional Health, and Ted Sullivan, Chairman of the Calgary Catholic School Board, attested to the significant and sustained volunteer contributions over many years made by Kevin Murphy. At the same time, friends, relatives, acquaintances and their postman remarked on the generosity of spirit, sense of hospitality and light-hearted nature of Dorothy, who was a true "matriarch" in her family.

I had never met Kevin, a prominent lawyer in Calgary who served our College over many years as a member of Corporation, but I remember when Sarah introduced me to her Mum when she was visiting our chapel one Sunday. She was a handsome woman with a warm and gracious manner and a twinkling eye. A lot like Sarah. On one weekend this past September, the women of the family gathered in Saskatoon to celebrate Kathleen's fortieth birthday. This occasion and the family gathering in Saskatoon on Thanksgiving weekend to celebrate Sarah's wedding we hope will provide warm memories that will sustain and comfort the family in their bereavement. We of the STM community extend to each of the family our heartfelt sorrow for their loss.

Togetherness



Death is nothing at all. I have only slipped away into the next room. Whatever we were to each other, we still are. Call me by my old familiar name. Speak to me in the same easy way you always have. Laugh as we always laughed at the little jokes we enjoyed together. Play, smile, think of me, pray for me.

Life means all that it ever meant. It is the same as it always was. There is absolute unbroken continuity. Why should I be out of your mind because I am out of your sight? I am but waiting for you, for an interval, somewhere very near, just around the corner.

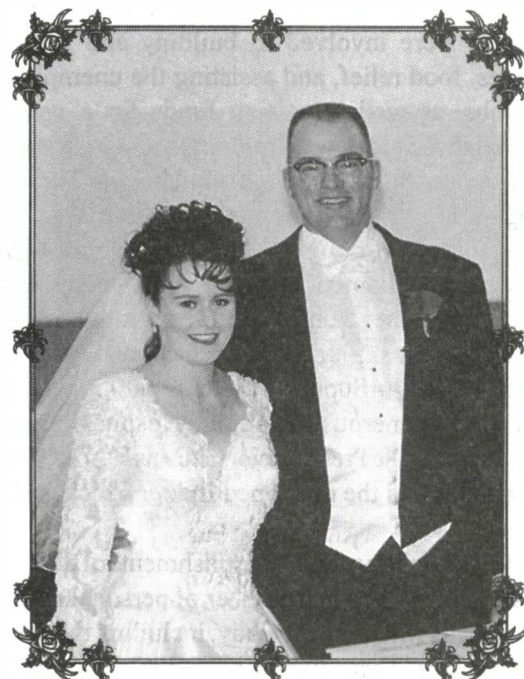
All is well. Nothing is past. Nothing has been lost. One brief moment and all will be as it was before — only better. Infinitely happier. We will be one, together forever.

When you are joyous, look deep into your heart and you shall find it is only that which has given you sorrow that is giving you joy.

When you are sorrowful look again in your heart, and you shall see that in truth you are weeping for that which has been your delight.
The Prophet by Kahlil Gibran

Joy and sorrow are often companions, for one cannot know the one without the other. This paradox of life is movingly expressed above by the lines of the mystic.

At the same time that we mourn, we also celebrate the marriage of Sarah to Jason Hall, and to them, we extend our warmest wishes for a long and happy life together.



SASKATCHEWAN KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS HONOURED

On November 1, 1997 the Knights of Columbus of Saskatchewan were honoured at the President's Dinner, held this year at the Sheraton Cavalier Hotel, to celebrate their 100th Anniversary of working in Canada, and their 90th Anniversary of service in Saskatchewan.

Among the many guests were friends and family of Knights. The presence of Bishop James Weisgerber of the Diocese of Saskatoon, Bishop Cornelius J. Pasichny of the Eparchy of Saskatoon, and Abbot Peter Novecosky, of the Diocese of Muenster was most welcome and indicates that the contribution of the Knights of Columbus in our province is held in very high regard. Following a sumptuous banquet, Mr. Claude Lang of our College gave the Keynote Address.

Claude recalled the history of the growth in membership and in phenomenal activity of the Knights. "At present the Knights celebrate 1739 Councils in Canada, (151 Councils in Saskatchewan) and a membership of over 224,000. But primarily, Claude concentrated on the work of the Knights and its impact on our society. As a fraternal order, the Knights are dedicated to working for the less fortunate, fulfilling the four pillars of the order: charity, fraternity, unity and patriotism.

During the first World War the Catholic Army Huts established by the Knights provided hospitality, comforts and amenities to countless soldiers, and following the war, helped the wounded and disabled in their return to civilian life.

During the Depression and drought of the 'dirty thirties' the Knights were involved in building and supporting orphanages, food relief, and assisting the unemployed in finding jobs, as well as raising funds for a variety of educational institutions and providing valued assistance to seminarians and students through scholarships. The work of the Knights in our province encompasses a variety of programs for youth, ranging from the Regina Separate School Junior Parliament (forerunner of today's Youth Parliament), summer youth camps (starting with Camp Monahan), hockey skills programs, and Special Olympics. In addition to their "In Support of Life" program, the Knights have been most generous to Catholic Hospitals, Canadian Missions, the Catholic Press, Senior Citizens Homes, Catholic Social Services and the renowned Indoor Track and Field Games.

While highlighting the accomplishments of the Knights Claude was able to slip in a number of personal memories of K of C events when he was a boy, including the occasion when he was caught brandishing his father's Fourth Degree

Sword — without serious incident, I must add.

Anniversaries provide those occasions that allow us to look back on past achievements, to take stock of present activities, and to consider a vision for the future. The evening provided the opportunity to do just that as friends shared stories and good fellowship.

St. Thomas More College wishes to thank the Knights of Columbus of Saskatchewan for their significant work in our community. They have contributed generously to enhance the lives of thousands of people in our province.

Cover Story

The stained glass windows on the cover of this issue are located on the south wall, above the entrance of our Chapel at STM. They were designed by Robert Rambusch of New York and donated to the College by the Knights of Columbus of Saskatchewan in 1956.

The central panel depicts the Holy Spirit descending upon Mary with her infant son Jesus. On the left is St. Basil, patron of the Basilian Fathers who founded and remain integral to the operation of the College, and St. Thomas More, for whom the College is named. On the right are St. Thomas Aquinas in the guise of Aristotle and St. Augustine as Plato. The latin text of the central panel reads "In the midst of the church, He opened His mouth, and the Lord filled him with the Spirit of Wisdom."

The College expresses its appreciation for the generosity of a number of sponsors for this occasion, including:

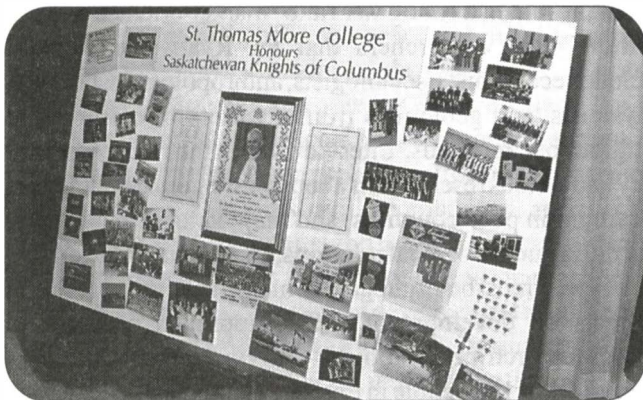
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Sinfonia Travel and **Harden & Hulse** for chocolates,
Sheraton Cavalier Hotel for hors d'oeuvres.



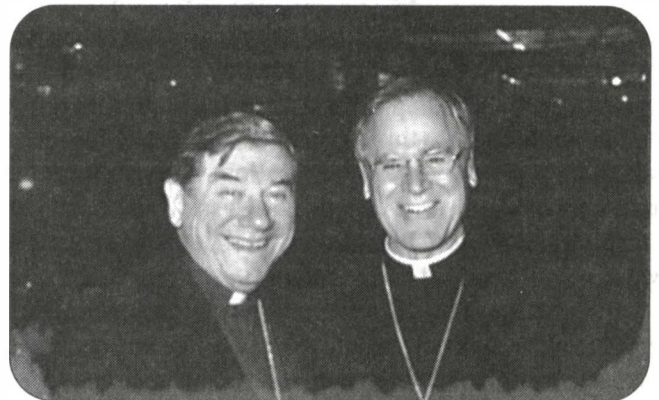
Claude Lang — Keynote Speaker



Mr. Lorne W.F. Harasen, State Deputy of the Saskatchewan Knights of Columbus receives the Thomas More Medal from President John Thompson



Historical Nostalgia Board illustrating the contributions of the Knights in Saskatchewan



Bishop Cornelius J. Pasichny, Eparchy of Saskatoon and Bishop James Weisgerber, Diocese of Saskatoon



University President George Ivany in conversation with Professor Elena Glazov-Corrigan



Oh, what a party!

11TH KEENAN MEMORIAL LECTURE

“Culture, Spirituality and Economic Development: Opening a Dialogue”

“On Sunday evening, October 26, a packed auditorium at STM welcomed Fr. William F. Ryan, SJ, whose “training, experience and concern has been Catholic social teaching and international economics.”

In our complex world, we compartmentalize as a coping strategy. We tend to separate home and school, work and play, religion and politics. Schools and universities divide knowledge into rigid subject disciplines that have manageable parameters. Health care involves general practitioners and specialists; we consult different people to deal with our physical, emotional, psychological or spiritual health. Our friendships associated with work, neighbourhood, religious affiliation, or recreational preferences often remain distinct, rather than overlap. We also tend to pigeon-hole our thinking and perceptions of ecology, sociology, religion, history and communication. This tendency is really just an organizational tool that allows us to focus, but there are serious drawbacks to this approach in our lives. We lose a wholistic perspective that would allow us to consider the interplay of all these facets of our lives, for it is only in stepping back and viewing our experience at a distance that we gain much insight and wisdom.

For me, it was only in my third year of university studies that I became conscious of and excited by the integration of the subject disciplines in my own mind. Until then I had been seeing the trees, but missing the forest. In our world of bits and bytes that is easy to do, and we need to be reminded to broaden our perspective so as to deepen our understanding. Recent Keenan lecturers have pointed out the need to develop “global consciousness” (Dr. A. Ewert Cousins) and a “commitment to the common good” (Dr. Sharon Daloz Parkes). This year Father Ryan explored the signs that indicate a dialogue is beginning to link “culture, spirituality and economic development,” that holds “promise” for humankind in the 21st century.

Fr. Ryan spoke of the dialogue between scientists and religious teachers at a Chicago conference in 1993 to counterbalance the dehumanizing ideology of technocracy. He pointed out that the link between “spirituality and ecology” is now accepted. He acknowledged the debt to Max Weber for pointing out “the influence of religious belief in its power to shape mindsets and institutions” yet this tradition has been set aside as economists rely on “mathematical models”, and the “magic of the free marketplace” to explain not only the economy “but also the social and political issues that flow from it.” Certainly, the current debate on MAI (Multilateral Agreement on Investment) should trigger a warning that such a narrow

focus harbours great risk. Fr. Ryan goes on to suggest that high unemployment all over the world and the ever-widening gulf between rich and poor are raising doubts about the “iron law” of economics that a free market will solve these social ills.

The dialogue between science, religion, culture and economics will continue in the North, but Fr. Ryan discovered that a similar discussion is also beginning in the South. He became aware of this while doing a 28 country research study, jointly sponsored by the International Development Research Centre in Ottawa and the Jesuits in 1994. Leaders in Islamic countries expressed their concern about western cultural bias and religious assumptions, and their fear that globalization trends were having a “homogenizing effect on all cultures” transforming them into “market-oriented western culture.” The researchers that Fr. Ryan worked with included economists, sociologists, anthropologists, lawyers, physicists, and geologists from a variety of cultural and religious backgrounds. Interviews with them revealed that they had serious reservations about the western development paradigm in poor countries, and that “values, experience, and the influence of local religions, spiritualities and ethical paradigms” must be an integral element in designing research projects on development. This approach became Fr. Ryan’s research methodology — informal, untaped personal interviews of 188 people in East and South East Asia, Africa and Latin America. From these interviews emerged a “common insight” that the global free-market model is not viable ecologically, nor adequate to meet the basic needs of people for human development. All whom he interviewed were searching for “broader alternative approaches to development that would embrace cultural and spiritual values.”

Fr. Ryan’s research provided valuable insights and conclusions. In past development schemes the power of the west, with its focus purely on economics and a materialist goal resulted in imposing an alien model of development on people, with a view of profit for the west rather than improvement for the people it was to serve — the familiar dichotomy of money versus people. A most unique feature of his research however, was the approach he used — ask the people involved and affected. Examine the impact of changes on the people, their values, their lifestyles, and their communities. The conclusions appear to be simple and

obvious, yet are profound should they have the revolutionary impact of fundamentally changing the paradigm for growth in the developing world. "Listen and trust the local people. Local religious and ethical values must be integral in designing research projects. The ethics of human development should emerge from the beliefs and lived experience of local people," not imposed from the plans "deduced by western experts." In short, the 'we know best what's good for you attitude must go.

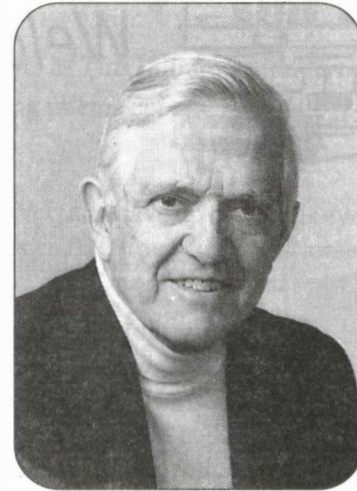
Any new approach must be multi-dimensional. One of his interviewees, Dr. El Sayed Yassin, director of the Centre for Political and Strategic Studies in Cairo, expressed the view that the old western assumptions of reason, rationality and linear progress are mere "rhetoric" designed to retain the western model in the developing world. This model continues to impose a neocolonialism and all that that term implies, upon the already marginalized.

If development strategies are viewed as a tool they must serve local people and strengthen their community. In addressing the "how to" or process for implementing a new model of development, Fr. Ryan and the people he interviewed, expressed the belief that NGOs (Non-governmental organizations) that are currently experiencing phenomenal growth, offer the best conduit for a "people-centred evolutionary model of development." Because they work closely with people, NGOs are able to tap the initiative and creativity of local people, through a consensual process, to solve their own problems. In this way "harmony and human relationships" will be enhanced, and it is this feature that will be most significant in assuring success. Such a vision puts people first with the economics and technology at their service. This paradigm of development being people-centred relies on a participatory process, assuring the work and commitment necessary for implementation.

For Fr. Ryan this is as it should be, for the underlying assumption of this strategy emerges from the religious belief in the value and dignity of every human being and incorporates an ethical ideal shared by all religions that "we must love one another."

From Fr. Ryan's research project many important issues were identified and insights gained. Now a follow-up, two-year project entitled "Science, Religion and Development" for IDRC is underway. "The objective... is to get a still better and clearer understanding of the conceptual and practical linkages between science, religion and development in order to benefit development practitioners, bilateral and multilateral policy makers, and academics, as well as religious leaders and institutions." We look forward to this report and the impact we anticipate it will have in our world in the new millennium.

Mary Miller



Rev. William F. Ryan, SJ

Fr. Ryan is an eminently qualified academic with much experience in the relationship between religion and economic development, and since 1970, in the relationship between transnational corporations and the poor of the world.

MA from St. Louis University in Labour Relations
Licentiate in Theology from College St. Albert, Louvain;

Doctorate in Economics from Harvard University;
Co-director of Canadian Bishops' Social Action Department, 1964-70;

Founding Director of Center of Concern, Washington DC 1970-78;

Elected delegate to Jesuit General Congregation 1974-75;

Jesuit Provincial in Canada 1978-84;

General Secretary, of Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops 1984-90;

Research Fellow at Canadian Institute for International Peace and Security 1990;

Special Advisor to International Development Research Centre, Ottawa 1993;

Member of the Scientific Committee of a new permanent Forum on Ethics, Society and Globalization, sponsored by the Jacques Maritain International Institute, Rome.



Welcome back Sabbaticants

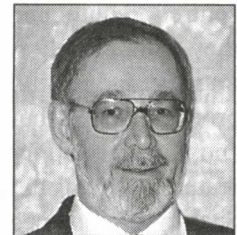


Darlene Kelly (English)

During the past academic year Darlene enjoyed a productive year. She completed a fifty page article on the Jewish-Canadian poet Abraham Klein entitled "A.M. Klein and the Fibbiest Fabricator of Them All," which was recently accepted for publication. Another article on Alice Munro entitled "Alice Munro's 'Day of the Butterfly': An American Source" is currently being considered for publication by a scholarly journal. Darlene wrote a review article on the definitive biography of Gabrielle Roy, written by McGill professor François Ricard which was published in the summer issue of *The Canadian Catholic Review* and continues her research on English translations and other aspects of Gabrielle Roy's work. Although Darlene found her year of research stimulating, she is happy to be back in the classroom.

Michael Pomedli (Philosophy)

Michael's research during the past year has been generously supported by a Rockefeller Visiting Humanities Fellowship to participate in the Native Philosophy Project at Lakehead University in Thunderbay and also a Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada Award. Continuing research, conference presentations, translation, and preparing material on Native Logic for an Honours Seminar kept Michael extremely busy, but he had a satisfying and productive year. As invited speaker for the 16th Annual William S. Morris Memorial Lecture at Lakehead University, he spoke on "Native and Christian Gift-giving: Why is it Better to Give than to Receive?" At the Second Biennial Aboriginal Peoples Conference at Lakehead University his keynote address explored "Hearing Native Voices in European Texts: Toward a Reinterpretation of the Jesuit Relations." At the University of Winnipeg at the Sacred Lands Conference of Indigenous Peoples he spoke on "Understanding the Ojibwa Mide Priests, Signatories to Treaty Three." From each of these presentations will come publications. As well, Michael translated and edited Sylvie Berbaum's dissertation entitled "Autour d'un powwow ojibwa: mythologies et analyse musicale," a text of over 300 pages with the addition of over 100 pages of transcriptions of 36 Ojibwa powwow songs, which is currently being considered for publication. In between Michael gave presentations in classes on Aboriginal thought at Lakehead, audited classes for himself on the history of Natives and the fur trade, Native linguistics, Native world views and methodology, and attended two powwows and one sacred fire ceremony. We hope that Michael enjoyed a brief respite prior to resuming a full teaching load this year.



STM Student Stats

1,350 Students enrolled
7,300 Students taking STM Classes

STM Faculty Stats

More than 25 full-time faculty
More than 20 part-time faculty
11 Departments

Creative Writing Class (Poetry) 1997



The following poems are reprinted with permission from the authors, students in Tim Lilburn's first term class. They published a booklet of poetry entitled *ōdin's wings* from which the following poems come.

A little bit about their title:

Odin was the chief god in the pantheon of Old Norse Religion. He was a wanderer, and gave up one of his eyes for a drink from the Fountain of Wisdom. An almost wizardly figure, Odin travelled between the Nine Worlds of Norse cosmology. These Nine Worlds were supported by the branches of Yggdrasil, the World Tree. One rite of passage in his quest for wisdom was to hang from the branches of this great ash tree; wounded by a spear, he swung from Yggdrasil's boughs for nine days and nights. He endured the pain by studying the strange markings cut into the stone at the roots of the World Tree. By the ninth night he had deciphered these markings, which were the runic alphabet, a secret magical language. By the power of the runes, he escaped his torment upon the tree, and learned to use runic magic to heal, make the dead speak, steal power from others' weapons, and calm storms. Can poetry like the runes, have such effects?

"Certainly a poet, like Odin, must walk about with one eye open (looking outward) and one eye shut (looking inward). The poet must struggle to decipher inner thoughts, sensations, and ideas into words. And probably all poets know a certain kind of struggle and torment which precedes the kind of work which you will find here."

Terminal observations

The poet's eyes grow heavy,
and his mind laughs hysterically
because of profound joy.
All of the fleeting faces,
never to be forgotten
begin to mystify
and tickle.
With a weary gait
he walks back home
to complete his journey;
wishing he was carried by the breeze,
or by a dragon's breath.
He opens the unlocked door
and enters the bedroom
and while sliding underneath the covers
his mind speaks, saying
"Good-bye,"
as the demon,
sitting on the night stand,
heckles,
"Tic toc! Tic toc!"

Curtis Eskra

Toothpick

*If your eye was propped open
with a toothpick
you wouldn't see
through the glaze of pain
as the toothpick pierced your eyelid.*

*I am the toothpick.
I am so close I can lick your eyeball,
breathe mist on your eyelashes,
punch holes in the ideas you hide behind.*

*I don't bend,
I break
when you snap your fingers.*

That is my hypocrisy.

Jodi Best

Meditation

This vast encampment,
 of slow moving time,
 where breath
 like compass turning
 directs the seed in soil.
 These subtle, subtle knots
 in every sinew, every pattern.
 Three women weaving,
 drew another thread,
 such a slow revolution.
 I must also pass,
 the long-run of
 nature's course.
 This slow evolution,
 my dirty footprints.

When the evening fire burnt low,
 and autumn leaves were falling,
 they were finished their work.
 And he who had rarely come to watch,
 admired their deliberation.
 And I on breath of wind, still free
 in autumn coolness,
 saw their garment,
 admired its colour, its texture,
 its smell of sadness.
 How many spent
 to weave the royal cloak.
 And as the empty night approached,
 that cloak, that grand veil
 fit its master well.

John Corrigan

Haibun

Vacationing in the shower, watching tiles weep and
 spent shampoo swirl like a galaxy down the drain
 with a belch. The shower head whispers: If no one
 moves, this house will age and shed itself, collapsing
 into a heap of detritus and memory. I love this house
 and as I scrub them I realize my toenails are too long;
 they will grow after I die. Rot and growth will
 wrestle for my toes underground, pretending they are
 not the same.

The shower head, silent, watches the house grow.

Jamie McCrory

Elegy: Mother Ocean Tear

the first women
 emerged from salty oceans
 carrying within
 fistfuls of it, hidden
 salty-womb drink
 to anoint husbands,
 baptize children, months-long
 to pass a sacred scrap into each daughter
 what is a tear
 except whispered
 memory, brine, carried from
 home?
 do the fishes weep? do they
 fill depths for
 us, mourning lost cousins?
 Do deep ones,
 freakish luminous things,
 nameless jellies, floating
 shadowed-tentacle monsters? Through
 the glass
 you shudder, snapping pictures;
 wonder, does it remember
 me?
 families have limits, boundaries
 barriers, photos that will never
 be kept in albums, names
 not made for genealogies
 you will never learn to swim.

Gordon A. Sellar

thirteen

It was my champagne birthday
 but i still had braces on my teeth
 i had to be content with strawberry pop
 my dad slipped and fell off the roof
 he couldn't walk for two months
 my mom got cancer
 she became a crying amazon woman
 my brother just wanted to leave
 a few months later
 i became a professional insomniac
 and had to sleep on my parents' floor
 so i could hear the lullaby of their breathing.

Alexis Kienlan

Dream #4 "violet"

Heat wraps its dusty blanket about my shoulders
 Thin cotton, minty colours, become heavy, black wool
 And my legs spin and pump down the gray stretch of highway
 Where yellow bursts of colour split the road in two
 A car slows down to my speed stops offers me a ride
 The trunk swallows my bike, spokes and all, and we resume our
 spinning down hill
 The car is wide and long, in need of a sail
 The man, middle aged and all brown rimmed glasses and mustache
 needs nothing, says nothing
 But I am safe, know him from somewhere
 And we speed, narrow in on the inevitable destination
 But when the car lunges toward the curve, the guardrail, it is
 launched over the edge
 There is silence, and no fear
 I watch the awkward flight of the car, the teeth of the rock and the
 blue-green calm of the water far below from where I stand
 Looking down
 Amongst the gravel of the road's shoulder, toes curling over the
 edge
 An Houdini of sorts, refusing to fly without navigation
 I do not see him, do not see him end
 He could be on the other side of the gorge watching the same
 lingering sight
 For all I know
 I leave the slowly-falling car and walk the opposite way, across the
 yellow stripes,
 down the slope of the thistle riddled-ditch and into the purple city
 The haze covers everything, a stain on the lens of bulbous eyes
 The deepest purple, the violet soul
 These are laboratories here, experiments
 In the rooms where I venture, there are hairy, hulking things,
 flapping buzzing things,
 Things that eat flesh, things that suck blood
 But I cannot see any red, no proof of carnage
 Only clotting, violent
 Violet.

Carla Atherton

Ignore me

I am the guts of a worm
 tasteless and green
 do not worship me
 I am no goddess
 not even in my dreams
 I am not worth a second glance
 speak to me quietly in the dark
 perhaps then I might enchant you,
 a quick word
 or slow tongue
 I am not standing beside you
 on a crowded street corner
 I do not cross your idle thoughts
 if you stand in awe of me
 it is mockery
 I am a simple woman
 with a soft glance
 ignore me.

C. Porat



untitled

my plush grandno,
 rock me to sleep, to snores,
 and let me steal
 all your dimes and two dollar bills and
 English mints;
 white peppermint foaming on my bitter tongue.
 I told you
 "I did not take because you never gave",
 I took because
 I could.
 transpare-blue looking into me
 and feeling
 regrets disappointment shame we
 share blood.
 I should not have thought these words.

Carmen Wagner



How was your day?

Don't even go there
 You think I care about your hard day
 hiding in your cushy office
 Being Mr. Thing?

Let me tell you about hard work
 about pushing out 3 babies. Do
 they give a damn about
 your worry your pain your nightscapes
 at the bay window?

You're so angry. Well
 my rage beats your anger.
 Rock smashes scissors
 Love covers rock.

Michele L. Rowe

I THINK

tongue rasp fuzzy peach
 ear wax and dill pickle

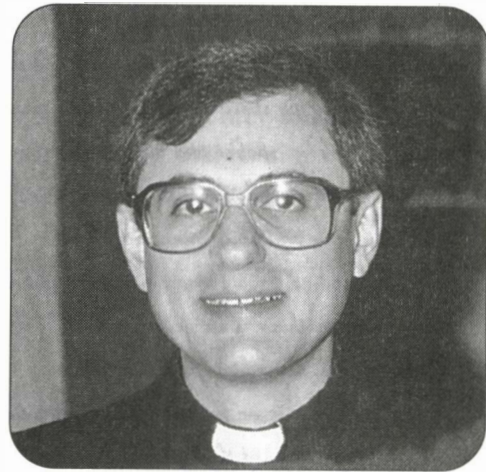
nail screech, hammer bang
 wooden thwock

sun ray kissing glass prism
 wisp of hair, my lovers ear

shell whorls talcum powder
 hot metal handle

goat pen, damp wool
 my best friends's bread maker

K.D.L. Smith



*Very Reverend Ronald Fabbro, CSB
 recently elected
 Basilian Superior General*

ADAM #4

*October 5th obituary,
 an early-cold autumn
 I'm wearing wool, and itchy with silent inside shaking
 the voices of an under-reality.
 Eyes blink, lids pause at the close
 to look for tears,
 none,
 none of nothing but numb.*

*I have been painting, smearing, pulling
 the time from my head onto paper: blue, green, orange
 red like your tongue after raspberry candy,
 wet yellow on my fingers turns your newspaper cheeks brown.
 Your left pinch-cheek smile
 and I have always smiled back
 until this headline of a lifetime*

*black ink smudge, pink skin thumb,
 your face in my hand ripped at the edges*

Kari Marken

As I was walk through my dream,
I come to a river where
a boat is waiting
to take me away.

When I get in, the man
in the back pushes
away from the edge.
We move downstream.

I try to talk,
to ask where we are going
but I choke on my voice,
cold steals my breath.

I am shaking less now,
I don't have to move,
but cold bites inside
me and gnaws at my soul.

Our boat embraces a cliff.
I look to the top to see small
stick men throwing ice-daggers.
In their attacks on each other,

Frozen-arrows fly
in all directions.
I duck to avoid
a misplaced weapon.

Their war of cold
persists as we pass by
and continue our
descent of the river

Above the other bank I notice
remnants of a bright sun
that no longer has
warmth to share.

In the distance I can see
night-forming. I am aware
of my trembling again
and try to calm myself,

But the twitch will not be
satisfied and the man and the boat
keep from me our destination.
-panic knocks me-
I fall to the floor
stunned by my self and situation.
I realize my position
and try to regain myself.

I watch my body grow from
a heap on the floor to
assume its original stature and
wonder how I became so separated.

The man of the boat appears not to
have noticed my fall-
perhaps it didn't occur.
I am too near thought and awake.

Tara Solheim



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 congratulations to all!*

New Members of Corporation

Dr. Karen Chad

Karen Chad received her Grade 12 education in Prince Albert. She attended the University of Saskatchewan and received her Bachelor of Science in Physical Education in 1980 and Bachelor of Education in 1981. She attended the University of Victoria and received her Masters with the School of Physical Education in 1985. She received her PhD in 1988 from the University of Queensland, Australia. She was employed as a Physical Education teacher with the Calgary Separate School Board from 1981-83, and in 1984 taught as a sessional lecturer with the School of Physical Education at the University of Victoria. In 1985-86 she was a lecturer with the College of Technical and Further Education in Brisbane, Australia. Also from 1985-87 Karen was a sessional lecturer and a Tutorial Fellow at the University of Queensland. From 1988-90 she taught as a lecturer at the University of Wollongong, Australia. She returned to the University of Saskatchewan in 1990-91 as an Assistant Professor with the College of Physical Education. In 1993 she became as Associate Professor. She was awarded the Teaching Excellence Award from the University of Saskatchewan Students' Union in 1995. She was also honoured this past year as a YWCA Woman of Distinction in the area of health and education. Among other committee involvement, Karen was a member of the Saskatoon Interagency Committee on Disordered Eating from 1995-97, the Employee Wellness Advisory Committee for the Saskatoon Board of Education in 1995-96, and Board of Directors for the YWCA in 1994-95. She is currently Chair of the Wellness Project Committee, and sits on the Social Action (Health) Committee for the Saskatoon branch of the YWCA, the Education Coordinating Committee and the Public Education Committee of the Heart and Stroke Foundation of Saskatchewan. Karen and her husband, Doug Hillis, have 3 children, Kit (7), Katie (4) and Mitchell (2). Karen and her family are currently enjoying a one year sabbatical leave in Australia.

Mr. Morris Smysnuik

Mr. Morris Smysnuik was born in Lestock, Saskatchewan and raised in Ituna. Following graduation from Ituna High School, he attended the Saskatchewan Technical Institute in Moose Jaw where he received an accounting diploma in 1969. He was employed by the accounting firm of Clarkson & Gordon in Regina for approximately one year, as well as by Revenue Canada. He moved to Saskatoon and began working for Teachers Credit Union as an accountant. He progressed through the ranks and in 1987 became Operations Manager, where he is today. He acted as Treasurer for 10 years with the Saskatoon Amateur Softball Association and continues to be involved on the organizing committee for national tournaments. He served as both President and Treasurer on the Parish Council of St. Peter and Paul's Ukrainian Catholic Church and continues to serve in a number of ministries within the church. He is a fourth degree member of Knights of Columbus and is on the St. Peter and Paul Council of the Knights of Columbus where he has been Treasurer since its inception in April 1996. He is a member of both the Board of Directors of St. Volodymir Villa Corporation and the Saskatoon Catholic Schools Foundation Board where he served as Chair for 3 years. He and his wife Rita have two children, Kim Morrall (25) and Kristin (14).

Mr. Kevin Pilon

Mr. Kevin Pilon was born in Prince Albert and raised in Saskatoon. He received his Grade 12 diploma from E.D. Feehan High School in 1979. He then attended the University of Saskatchewan and convocated in 1989 with a Bachelor of Education degree. He began his teaching career in 1988 at E.D. Feehan High School in Social Studies and Native Studies. He transferred to Joe Duquette High School in 1989 and was promoted to Principal in 1995, where he still is today. From 1994-96 he was involved in a parenting group which produced an aboriginal parenting manual entitled the Kisetotatowin Parenting Manual. He also was a member of the Saskatoon Pow-Wow Committee for approximately 4 years. He is currently the Vice-President of the Awasis Conference Committee. He and his wife Arlene have 4 children: Kelsi (8), Brittny (5), Jessie (4) and Stephan (13 months).

Chief Harry Lafond

Chief Harry Lafond was born in Muskeg Lake Cree Nation, Saskatchewan. He graduated from Grade 12 at St. Thomas College in North Battleford in 1968. He attended the University of Saskatchewan for one year and graduated in 1973 from Carleton University in Ottawa with a Bachelor of Arts. Following graduation, he was employed with the Saskatchewan Indian Cultural College as an Assistant Coordinator for the Art Department for 2 years. He went on to teach at Onion Lake and completed an after-degree program from the University of Saskatchewan College of Education in 1981. He received his Masters of Education degree from the College of Education in 1988. Since 1990, he has been Chief of the Muskeg Lake Cree Nation. He was a member of the Indian Métis Education Advisory Committee with the Department of Education for approximately 3 years, as well as the Awasis Special Subject Council for the Saskatchewan Teachers Federation for 2 years. For the past 15 years, he has been involved in the local Muskeg Lake Education Authority. He is also involved with the Federation of Saskatchewan Indian Nations (FSIN) Education Commission, and sits on the Education Advisory Board for the Saskatoon Tribal Council and the Chiefs' Committee for Education with the Assembly of First Nations. He is finishing his first term on the University of Saskatchewan Board of Governors and has been a member of the Board of the Saskatchewan Indian Federation College since 1990. He and his wife, Germaine have 5 children, Sarain (22), Jolon (18), Mika (16), Alanis (14) and Damien (18 months).


Mr. Bill Zerebesky

Mr. Bill Zerebesky was born in Wakaw, Saskatchewan and received his Grade 12 diploma at Wakaw High School. He then attended the University of Saskatchewan and took classes first in Arts & Science and later in Commerce. He began working at the New Community Credit Union in 1979 as a Loans Officer and was promoted to Manager in 1982 where he still is today. He has been involved in Folkfest and acted as the Treasurer of the Ukrainian Professional Business Club. He is presently a member of the Investment Committee for the Shevchenko Foundation which provides grants to various Ukrainian projects. He is very involved in bridge and was President of District #18 from 1987-91. He is also an avid golfer. He and his wife Verla have two children, Christine (18) and Margo (16).

New Member of the Board of Governors

Mrs. Myrna Rolfes

Mrs. Myrna Rolfes (née Hopfner) was born at Lake Lenore, Saskatchewan, on September 30, 1937. She received her Grade 12 education from Lake Lenore High School and was presented with the Governor General's Medal. She attended the University of Saskatchewan through STM from 1955-58 and graduated with a BA Magna Cum Laude, majoring in Philosophy and Psychology. While at STM, she was vice-president of the STM student council and was involved in the Sodality of Mary Immaculate. She worked in Saskatoon as a social worker from 1958-62. She married Herman Rolfes in 1961 and raised 2 children, Debora and Brian, who both attended STM. She served on the Board of the Family Service Bureau for approximately 3 years, and volunteered at the Catholic Centre for 5 years. As well, she was involved in the infant Baptism program at St. Philip Néri Church for 7 years, and is currently a member of its choir. She has belonged to a Rosary and Bible group for the last 15 years.



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4 Members of the Campus Ministry Team
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Nailed to the Church Doors: Conversations with Catholic Women

by Shirley Handley

As most of us will recall from high school history class, when Martin Luther nailed his 95 theses to the church door at Wittenburg his intention was to call attention to abuses and corruption that had developed within the Church so that reform from within could occur. His act was not intended to destroy the unity of Christendom although in the end, that is what happened. Shirley Handley, author of *Nailed to the Church Doors*, picked up on the symbolism of Luther's act and interviewed 95 women in the Diocese of Saskatoon about their experience of, and views on the Church. Like Luther they are calling for reform and revitalization within the Catholic Church. The same interview questions were used in each interview and the responses though wide-ranging and diverse, were strangely consensual.

Shirley's representative sample included rural and urban women; women ranging in age from 20 something to 70 something; women who were single, married, divorced and widowed; women who were nuns, daughters, wives, mothers, grandmothers; women who were homemakers, working moms, religious, professionals, academics, secretaries and cashiers. Most were cradle Catholics, nurtured in their faith by committed parents. All have been and most still are actively involved in parish life and volunteer service in the Church. The term "passive Catholic" could not be applied to this group. In fact, they are dynamic, thoughtful, questioning and prophetic women, yet all are troubled by the issues of leadership, celibacy, authority, liturgy and rigid structure, have felt alienation, and have experienced exclusion and a sense of devaluation by the patriarchy of the institutional Church.

The eight chapters have a parallel organization and each deals with a separate issue reflecting women's maturation in their faith and relationship with the institutional Church. Each part begins with a biblical quotation and a more current quotation from a woman. For example the chapter entitled "Called to be Woman" begins with the scriptural quotation from Luke describing the risen Christ instructing Mary to go and tell the disciples that she has seen the Lord. The resurrection, a central tenet of our faith, was proclaimed by a woman. It is followed by a quotation from Rebecca West: "People call me a feminist when I express sentiments that differentiate me from a doormat or a prostitute." Following these introductory quotations, the author explores an issue and in her discussion weaves in

extensive passages from the interviews, allowing the women themselves to express their particular perspective or personal experience of the issue. In fact some women are quoted separately and over a number of pages because they express most articulately the issue and its impact upon their lives. The conclusion for each chapter is a poem or a prayer. (Please see *"Be-Attitudes for Women"*) The organization is a bit eclectic, reflecting the nature of personal, one-on-one discourse, but as one reads one becomes engaged in a personal and intimate conversation with these women. For this reader, many of their thoughts, experiences and insights are reflected in my own.

The tone of this book, while conversational, controversial and candid, is nevertheless full of regret and sadness at the situation these women find themselves in. In the chapter on spirituality it is apparent that all share a deep personal spirituality which they nurture in a variety of ways, including private prayer, community ritual, music, reading, communing with nature and being open and receptive in all their relationships because they believe they can know and understand God better through their encounter with others.

In order to flavour a little of the book I will include some quotations that crystallize the thoughts and feelings of these women. One who sees herself as a Christian feminist believes she is "part of a prophetic movement that examines the status quo of misogyny, passes judgement, and calls for repentance while working for change." The same woman states "The male God has become an idol because it is idolatry to limit God to only one image and then use that to control others." Another woman firmly believes that "A Christian's salvation is not determined by male intervention but by God's intervention in human history." A younger woman expresses the same idea when she rejects the priest as "telephone operator of spirituality." Another sees the "...church as a tomb of tradition. A tradition that restricts dissent and silences dissenters owes more to power than to faith." In the chapter on exclusive language the conclusion drawn is that "When the language of our prayers does not reflect women's experience, it is just another way to keep women outside the main structure of the church. The refusal to reflect women within the prayers of the liturgy keeps women on the perimeters of the sanctuary." Comments on the gender dualism in our Church pop up time and again. "In Christianity, women have been identified

with the profane, while men have been identified with the sacred." "The Catholic Church has blessed women in the kitchen, damned them in bed, and restricted them at the altar." "Service and subservience are still commonly expected from women." The author recognizes that "Women who are calling for reforms in the Catholic Church often suffer from Cassandra's curse: they speak the truth, but are not believed."

These women, although disenchanted and disillusioned, care deeply and have concern about the Church to which they belong. As one stated "I have chosen to belong to this church, but I am not comfortable with it." None of these women is indifferent; their pain and frustration reflected through their very personal stories reveals an underlying commitment and concern. It would be foolish to ignore or dismiss their protests and call for reformation. They reject the marginalization of women in the Catholic Church. As one states "We have to name what is wrong. Our spiritual integrity demands it."

Some will wish to see this book as a rant that should be ignored or silenced, but it is definitely not that. These women are the volunteers, the catechists, the countless workers in parishes. All have been and many continue to be actively involved in their parish communities. They are alienated because the institutional church hierarchy does not reflect the teaching and example of Jesus. They experience church not as a sanctuary, but as "restriction, separation and exclusion." They yearn for inclusion and respect so that the energy and gifts of women can revitalize the institution. They are indeed critical, but their criticism is restrained. As one woman stated, "Only those who no longer care no longer challenge."

That there is widespread disenchantment among committed and active Catholic women in the Diocese of Saskatoon has now been documented. This book is a "must read" for all Catholic women. I would hope that Bishops and priests also would read it so that it becomes a starting point for meaningful dialogue within the Saskatoon Diocese and elsewhere. Our Church needs a more feminine face.

Mary Miller



BE-ATTITUDES FOR WOMEN

*Blessed are Women who are the meek,
who turn the other cheek,
who repeatedly forgive and try again,
who trust in spite of being betrayed,
who love even when unloved,
for they shall wear like water on a stone;
their quiet perseverance
shall overcome the angry and the strong.*

*Blessed are Women who long for justice and for truth,
who are respectful of others,
who gain their knowledge in bits and pieces,
who speak out for those without voices,
who call things as they see them,
for they shall experience clemency,
re-found personal integrity,
and share in revelation.*

*Blessed are Women who are merciful,
who care for the sick and the dying,
who feed the hungry,
who teach the seeker and provide shelter for the homeless,
who heal the broken-hearted,
for their kindness shall be returned
and they will find sanctuary
when they feel most alone.*

*Blessed are Women who are innocent,
who see the world with new eyes,
who open their hearts to strangers,
who trust the unknown,
who keep their minds pliable,
for they shall find God in nature's beauty,
hear God in the gentle breeze,
reflect God from within themselves.*

*Blessed are Women who are peacemakers,
who use their bodies to shield others,
who link arms in protest,
who settle disputes and find solutions for controversy,
who stand against violence,
for they shall discover
the peace within themselves
and grow in their appreciation of differences.*

*Blessed are Women who are persecuted for being
too strong or too weak,
too wise or too stupid,
too beautiful or too ugly,
too old or too young,
for they shall come to value
all that is feminine
and find pride in being Woman.*

*Blessed are Women who are reviled because they believe
in a God both male and female,
in goodness within and without,
in the necessity of equality and respect,
in the balance of rights and responsibilities,
for they shall find joy in present moments,
comforts from the past,
and hope for the future.*



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Message from Douglas Letson, President of St. Jerome's College

Sometimes, dreams come true

Have you ever wondered how many Catholic colleges and universities there are in Canada? Have you ever wondered how many faculty are employed by these institutions? And have you ever wondered what would be possible by way of national identity, academic innovation, or service to church and society if one could combine Canada's various post-secondary Roman Catholic institutions, including all of their faculty, into one integrated body? It's a dream of collaboration, influence, and service which I have been mulling over for several years now, and which I have urged my counterparts across Canada to mull over as well. It's a dream whose ultimate realization would be known as the Catholic University of Canada and whose immediate prodigy is about to issue forth as <http://usjc.uwaterloo.ca/cccu>, the homepage for the Canadian Catholic Colleges and Universities.

After some two years of discussion and negotiation, the CCCU homepage provides the first visible sign of the collaborative project. In addition to informing the browsing public of the existence of member institutions across Canada, the homepage introduces the numerous faculty who teach and engage in research at those institutions as well as outlining their various professional academic activities and service to the community. Information such as this may well be of interest to prospective students, to fellow researchers, to the media or the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops in search of an expert to provide advice on a particular topic, as well to countless others who are simply interested in things Catholic.

It is also our hope that the cumulative information available on the homepage will draw academics together for purposes of joint research and that it will suggest opportunities for collaborative academic

programmes and, possibly, for a collaborative Catholic University of Canada.

With this in mind, the Catholic presidents from a dozen institutions across Canada met at St. Jerome's in November to plan future strategies, and in doing so established a committee to develop the first of what we hope will be a number of co-operative courses which we intend to offer on the Net. The first course is planned for the fall of 1999. As a sign of the national nature of the project, the committee consists of Dr. Gerry Killan, President of King's College in London, Dr. John Thompson, President of St. Thomas More College in Saskatoon, and Dr. Steve Furino, Professor of Mathematics and Computer Studies at St. Jerome's who will provide both the professorial insights and computer know-how to help launch our Catholic colleges and universities into cyberspace. The prospects are exciting indeed, and the potential virtually without limit.

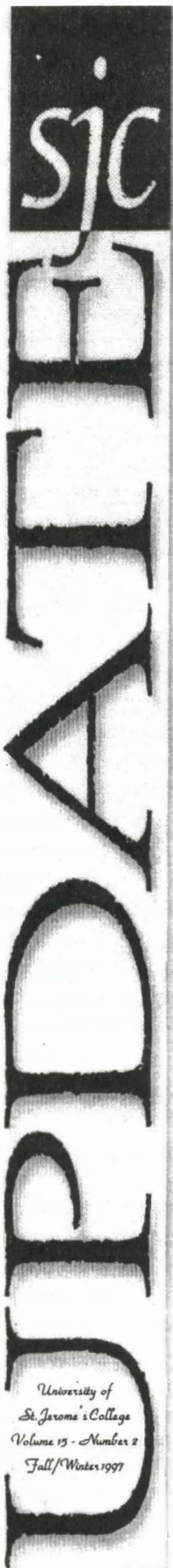
A visit to the CCCU homepage makes it clear that the exper-

tise is available nationally for the realization of the dream, and many of us are convinced that some such strategy is essential if we are to retain a Catholic presence at the university level. These are troubled times, times when our future may well depend on our finding new and co-operative ways of doing things. If there is to be a strong Catholic voice in the twenty-first century, we have got to lay the groundwork now. We've got big plans for the CCCU Web site. There, for example, you'll find an employment page listing

academic employment opportunities at Canada's Catholic colleges and universities; in addition, if you qualify as a professor in one of our institutions, you are invited to post your qualifications on the faculty page. You will also find the beginnings of our electronic library, a catalogue of public lectures available from coast to coast, and links which will take you to the individual homepages of those Catholic colleges or universities in Canada which are online so you can browse through their academic programmes and familiarize yourself with their various outreach services.

On the CCCU homepage, therefore, you will find a dream in the making and documented evidence of a vital Catholic presence at the university level. You will also find a deeply-held conviction that sometimes dreams can come true. On a personal level, it is a satisfying prospect as the countdown begins towards the end of my ten-year presidency at St. Jerome's.

Doug Letson, President of St. Jerome's College, conceived of and has promoted the idea of the Catholic University of Canada as a collaborative academic undertaking. Letson is the second St. Jerome's president to take an active role in encouraging co-operation among Catholic post-secondary institutions across Canada. Father Norm Choate, Letson's predecessor, served as founding chair of Canadian Catholic Colleges and Universities. Reprinted with permission.



Requiescat in pace

Fr. Robert Grace Miller, CSB

5 February 1912 - 21 December 1997



Fr. Robert G. Miller died in the pre-dawn hours of 21 December 1997 at Providence Centre in Scarborough, ON. Fr. Miller was admitted to the health care facility following a series of hospital treatments. With him at the time of death were staff from the Centre. He had been anointed with the Sacrament of the Sick on 11 November 1997 by Fr. Patrick J. Gorman.

On 22 December 1997 Fr. Harold B. Gardner, Superior of the Basilian Fathers Residence, presided at the Wake Service conducted in the Chapel of the Cardinal Flahiff Basilian Centre. Fr. John A. Poluikis preached the homily. The following morning the Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated in the Chapel. The Rev. Kenneth J. Decker,

Vicar General, was the main celebrant and Fr. Thomas M. Miller, brother of Fr. Miller, preached the homily. Basilians and Basilian Lay Associates from Toronto and Rochester were in attendance. Fr. Decker said the final commendation. Following the Mass, Fr. Miller was buried in the Basilian plot at Holy Cross Cemetery, Thornhill, ON. Fr. Thomas Miller said the prayers at the grave side.

After completing a Ph.D. at the Institute for Medieval Studies in 1938, he entered the Basilian Novitiate. After ordination in 1943, Fr. Miller was appointed to teach Philosophy at STM where he remained for five years until 1948.

From the Editor's Desk:

This will be my last *Newsletter* — the thirteenth one I have done. I believe it is time for a fresh and more creative perspective.

I have enjoyed the experience immensely. Over the last six years I have come to know many of you and particularly, delighted in your escapades at STM and your personal histories since graduation. I have celebrated your successes — children, grandchildren, work and travel. I have empathized with your pain — illness, disability and bereavement. Most significantly though, I have caught a glimpse of the impact of STM on your lives, and in turn, of the contribution your lives have made in your communities in an ever-widening circle all over the world. In my heart's eye it is a rich and loving legacy that continues.

My only regret has been that you do not take the opportunity to tell us, without invitation, your news. Please read our back cover again. We and particularly those friends and acquaintances that were your contemporaries at STM are interested in what has happened in your life since graduation. We would like to receive opinion pieces, or book reviews, that might stir a debate in our columns. Please think about it.

In saying goodbye, I wish to applaud the work of Dawn Sinclair, Assistant to our President, who has done layout over the years on her own time. She is a whirlwind at the computer and her creativity with logos and borders has, we hope, allowed us to offer the right tone to a number of items, be they light-hearted and congratulatory or respectful and serious. Thank you Dawn for your good humour, great

stories, incredible patience and most of all, your warm friendship.

While at the College I bask in the exhilaration of youth. They are lively, interesting, opinionated, sometimes naive and immature, but never dull. My life has been enriched by getting to know many of the students. But for many of them, their lives are not as carefree as ours were during university years. Many hold multiple part-time jobs during the academic year to keep going to university and are missing many of the most important experiences, such as stretching their minds and testing their views with each other over a cup of coffee. Many will emerge from university burdened by enormous debt. There is an intergenerational unfairness about this, and if you as alumni/ae can lobby the powers that be, get them to change student financial assistance to include some forgiveness for achievement (grades) and a debt repayment scheme linked to income. Debt loads often put limits on opportunities these young people may encounter in the future and lead to an embittered view rather than one of exuberance and goodwill. Education is an investment in our most precious natural resource — our children. It is not a liability!

An on that note I will say adieu.

Mary



Absent friends



Please do remember in your prayers our deceased alumni/ae and friends. During the month of November, masses were offered up in St. Thomas More College chapel for them. We pray that we have missed no one in our listing. If so, please do inform us.

** denotes recent bereavements.*

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 ARSENAULT, Sister Marie Louise '51
 ARSENEAULT, Auléa Matilda '58
 ATKINSON, Janice C. '59
 ATWOOD, William J. '64
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 AYOTTE, Aime J. '46
 BAIRD, Molly
 BALDES, Dr. Edward J. '18
 BASSENDOWSKI, Diane Louise
 (née Boulanger) '73
 BAUCHE, Fr. Gerald Emile '73
 BAUMAN, Anthony '49
 BEDARD, Edward J. '61
 BEDARD, Mrs. Marie (née Hunt) '57
 BELLIS, John W. '36
 BENNING, Richard John Andrew '66
 BERGERMANN, Theodore Herman '37
 BERSCHIED, Mathias J. '49
 BILODEAU, Claudette M. '68
 BINTNER, Bernard John '47
 *BINTER, Bernard J. '47
 BITZ, William George '39
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 BLAHEY, Peter Raymond '38
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 BONDAR, George Leslie '75
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 BOUCHER, Marion M. '40
 BOURHIS, Roland '47
 BOYCZUK, Frank '49
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 BOYLE, Joseph P. '70
 BRAUN, Anton G.H. '60
 BRIN, Hubert '62
 BROST, George J. '70
 BUBNICK, Linda May '76
 BUJILA, Bernadine (née Hoeschen) '25
 BULGER, Rose Lucille (née Campbell) '51
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 CAMERON, Thomas M. '50
 CARON, Frank Andrew '60
 CARR, Fr. Henry C.S.B.
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 COONEY, David J. '71
 CONNOR, Albert
 CORRIGALL, Stella F. Mrs. (Chaban) '46
 COUTURE, Gerald Joseph '46
 *COWAN, Robert Harold '39
 CROWE, Sr. Dorothy, '53
 CROWE, George E. '47
 *CUELENAERE, Marcel Raymond C. '46
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 CYCA, Randolph J.P. '67
 DALES, Howard Barret '50
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 DARBY, David Eugene '49
 DAUGELA, George John '57
 DAUNAIS, Marc Donald '50
 DAVIS, Joseph Arnold '75
 DAWSON, John '57
 DECK, Katherine '74
 DECOTEAU, Anne (née Phelan) '59
 DELANGLE, Frederic '49
 DELORME, Douglas John, '79
 DEMAY, Alice Jeanne Marie '62
 DEMONG, Roger K. '67
 DEMOREST, Henry Harford Albert '51
 DESROSIERS, Theodore Joseph '48
 DEUTSCHER, Edward Lloyd '56
 DEUTSCHER, Michael Stanley '47
 DEUTSCHER, Rudolph J. '45
 DOBSON, Dennis Cunningham '65
 DONLEVY, Urban Sr.
 DOSDALL, Claude '58
 DOUCETTE, Sister Majella A. '69
 DOUGLAS, Annie Hedda Theresa '71
 DOWLING, Frank J. '75
 *DUBORD, Eugene Louis '47
 DUKOWSKI, John Arthur '49
 DUNIK, Edward '55
 DWYER, Francis Richard '41
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