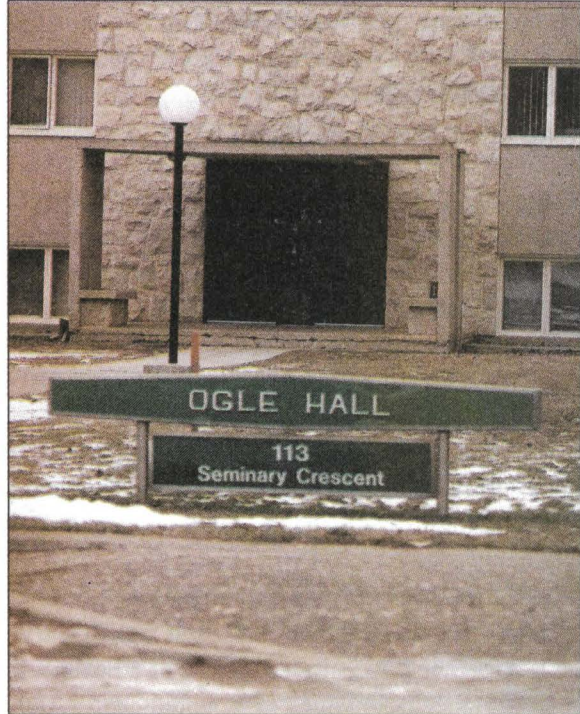
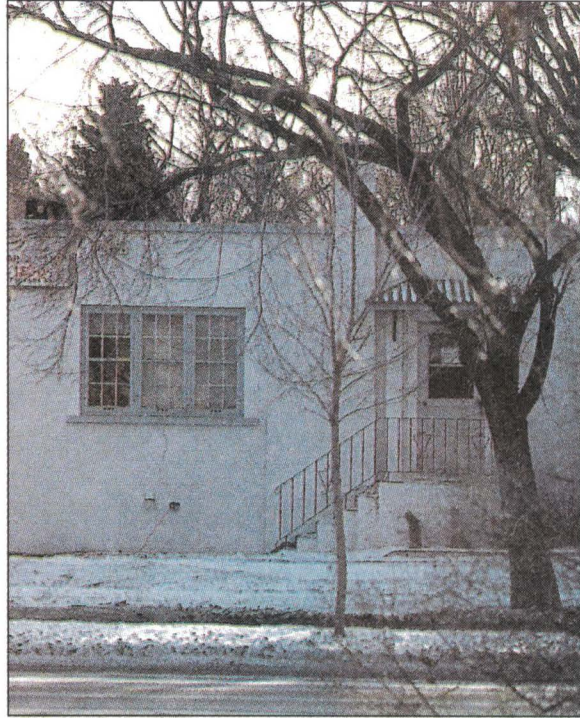
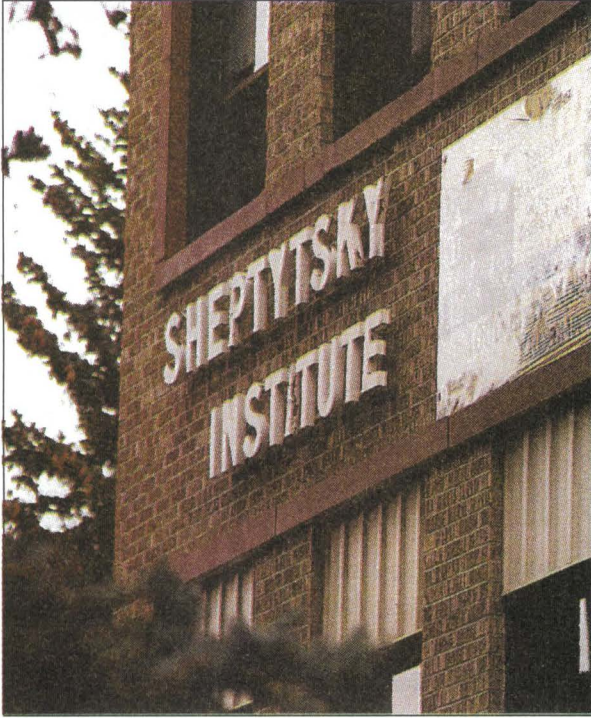


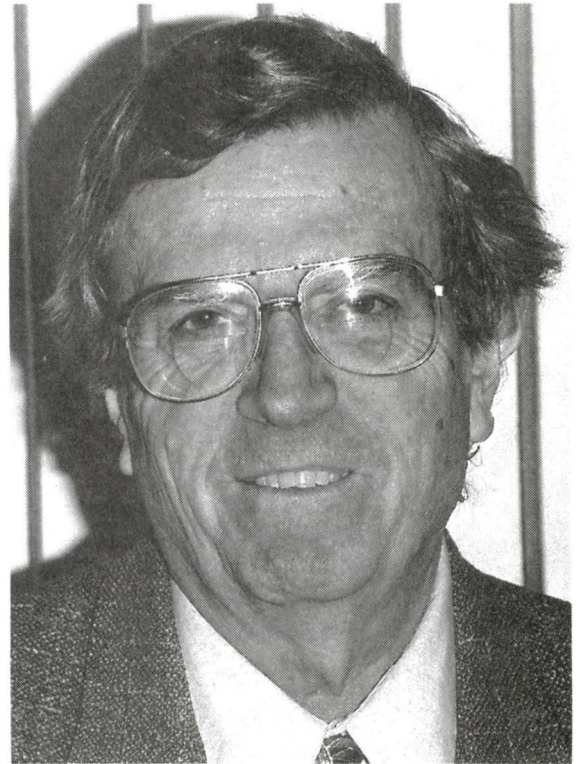
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Message from the President



John Thompson

As I write this column, Advent is two weeks away, a season of waiting. Because recovery from pancreas surgery in mid-April has been much slower than I anticipated, I have had to learn a lot about “waiting.” I am now back at work half-time, an in-between that is both gratifying and frustrating. I am delighted to be back in the College, though disappointed that I spend most of that half-time in meetings and doing reports, and not in teaching, meeting people, and conversations.

I was unable to attend the Alumni/ae Reunion Weekend in June, but I did hear of its success from Don Gorsalitz, STM/Newman Alumni/ae Association Director, and from some of you who attended. Plans are under way for next year’s reunion of STM/Newman alumni/ae, including Flegel House alumni and Sisters of Service residence alumnae. Alumni/ae tell stories of friends and activities from those years that still mean so much to them. It is our hope that students presently living in the STM residences have similar experiences today.

In this issue, you will read about St. Pius X Seminary being renamed “Father Bob Ogle Hall.” Mary Lou Ogle, Father Bob’s sister, gave STM a beautiful picture of Father Bob, which is mounted next to the dedication plaque in Ogle Hall. Our special thanks to

Dr. Jim Penna who generously donated the Order of Canada medal which Father Bob had given him in memory of their friendship. The medal will be displayed with Father Bob’s picture and the plaque.

In September STM took over the management of Sheptytsky Institute, the Ukrainian Catholic residence on the corner of College Drive and Wiggins Avenue. We undertook this responsibility at the request of Bishop Cornelius Pasichny and in an agreement with the Sheptytsky Board. Sister Gloria Mokry, SSMI has been hired as a part-time Ukrainian Catholic campus minister. On Sundays, Father Myroslaw Tataryn, an STM faculty member in Eastern Christian Studies, celebrates the Divine Liturgy for residents in the Sheptytsky Institute chapel. Our hope is that the Sheptytsky Institute students will have the same kinds of experiences that Sheptytsky “alumni” had in the past, many of whom were STM students and members of Obnova Club. This new step by STM also symbolizes the growing relationship between STM and the Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy. I recognize the support of Mr. John Chyzowski, Mr. Walter Podiluk and Msgr. Rudolph Luzney in this undertaking.

Student enrolments in STM and in our courses remain high again for 1998-99. STM’s faculty deserve

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From the Dean's Desk

Wilfrid Denis

It was my pleasure to present the Dean's Report to Corporation at its annual meeting on 17 October 1998. This was Dr. Kevin Corrigan's last report as dean, a position in which he served from July 1991 to this past June, with a one-year administrative leave in 1993-94. At the meeting, Corporation voted to express its appreciation to Dr. Kevin Corrigan for his many contributions to STM during his six years of energetic and dedicated leadership as Dean — years which saw STM significantly strengthened: through improved cooperative relationships between STM departments and corresponding U of S departments and between STM and the College of Arts and Science; through an enhanced academic reputation for STM in the College of Arts and Science and throughout the University of Saskatchewan; through higher College registrations and course enrolments and additional STM course offerings; and through a renewed sense of community among our students, faculty, staff, campus ministers, and administrators.

Corporation also expressed its gratitude to Kevin's family — Elena, John, Yuri, Maria, and Sarah — for the many sacrifices they made and the support and understanding they provided in

his years as Dean.

From the Dean's Report for 1997-98, I wish to highlight certain aspects of our student body and provide updated information where it is available. The College continues to do very well. Our enrolments have continued to increase over the last few years. In fact, we have reached the highest levels ever in the history of the College. We all hope, of course, that we will be able to maintain these levels, but it may not be realistic to expect the same increases to keep occurring year after year.

The gender composition of our student body for 1997-98 is approximately 62.5 % female. This is a slight increase over the 60.8% of the previous year and corresponds roughly with the gender composition in Liberal Arts across Canada at this time.

STM's registration in 1998-99 is up from last year. It is presently at 1,394 compared to 1,374 at this time last year, an increase of twenty students. With respect to our teaching load, which is calculated according to how many three-credit-unit courses or equivalent we teach, we are up to 8,408 from 7,535, which is a significant increase.

One question that often interests alumni/ae is the place of origin of our students. Last year, Saskatoon contributed approximately 436 (31.7%) of our students. This indicates that STM is not only a Saskatoon college. Our

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for students and commitment to outstanding teaching, hallmarks of STM as a Basilian College.

At the end of December, Mr. Roland Muir completes thirteen years as STM Treasurer, an officer of the Corporation appointed by the Basilian Superior General. In gratitude to Roly for his extraordinary service to the University and the College, STM awarded him the Thomas More Medal at the Corporation dinner. We have been blessed by Roly's leadership, common sense, and friendship. Roly will remain associated with STM as a member-at-large of Corporation.

Over the past eighteen months, STM has been involved in the Saskatchewan Universities Funding Review, carried out by Edward DesRosiers and Associates. The Final Report, released in early October, includes Interim Report #4 on "The Federated Colleges." The full report is available at <http://www.sasked.gov.sk.ca/P/departmental/index.html> under the location "Special Initiatives and Public Papers" at "DesRosiers Operating and Capital Grant Review." Over the next year, the two Universities and the four Federated Colleges will be working out the implementation of the DesRosiers recommendations. I will keep you informed of these developments.

I wish you a blessed season of Advent, as we await the celebration of our God's continuing presence among us in Jesus.

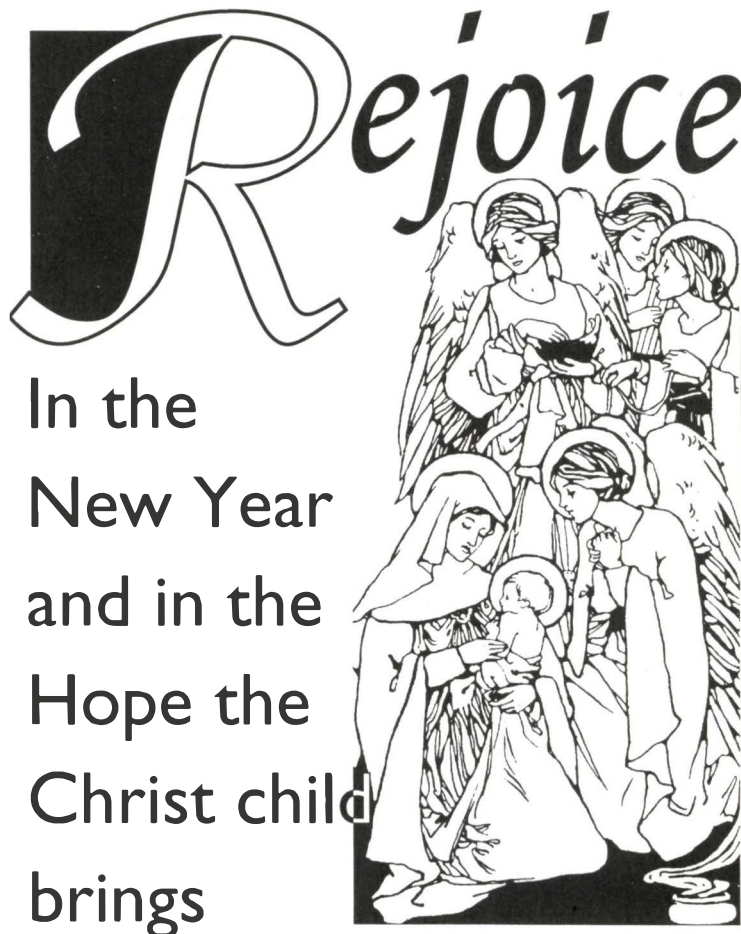


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students come from all over the country, with fewer than a third coming from Saskatoon. The bulk of our students come from other communities in Saskatchewan, but we also have students who come from nearly every other province and territory. Interestingly enough, the largest out-of-province contingent is from British Columbia (34), followed by Alberta (24), and

Manitoba (14). Newfoundland provided us with two students, the Yukon and the Northwest Territories with four each, and at least three from Quebec. It would be interesting to know what draws these students to STM; but some occasional anecdotes indicate that many of them have parents or grandparents who also came to STM. We hope that such traditions continue, and that the quality of the teaching at the College will allow us to strengthen our relationship with our alumni/ae's children and grandchildren.

A number of contributing factors help explain our high enrolment. First and foremost is the quality of the teaching of our faculty. Once again, anecdotal evidence suggests that students are generally very satisfied with their educational experience at STM. In some cases we are able to provide smaller classes than the University. Our faculty is generally perceived to be very accessible and open to student contact. Faculty initiatives such as the Foundation Program and writing workshops certainly meet particular student needs.



As well, a number of other factors contribute to our successful recruitment. Tonya Kirilenko, who replaced Sarah Murphy-Hall as high-school liaison officer last July, spearheads our efforts with a thorough program of high school visits with high-quality presentations. We then follow through with admission's workshops in those high schools which we can reach fairly readily. We also collaborate with the College of Arts and Science in providing an orientation program for parents and for first-year students. In the spring, we carry out student advising for those students intending to return to University in the fall.

Another important factor in explaining our high teaching load is the organization of programs and class offerings, especially in view of offering courses at times of high demand so as to meet student needs. Dean Corrigan is to be congratulated for his efforts and success in this regard. Not least in attracting students to STM are our Student Services staff, who fill numerous advising functions, and Campus Ministry team members who respond to our students' spiritual — and, at times, personal and physical — needs.

There are also general promotion efforts by the College to the wider population which create a favourable impression of our institution. These include fostering our relationship with Catholic schools in the province and with other post-secondary institutions, our fundraising efforts to provide attractive and worthwhile scholarships and bursaries, and our continued contact with and support from our alumni/ae. Our

Development Office plays a vital role in fundraising and in maintaining contact with alumni/ae and parishes. Finally, student organizations also play an important role in meeting student needs and providing a vital link between students and the various components that constitute the College. These include the St. Thomas More Students Union for students enrolled through STM, Newman for Catholic or Christian students enrolled in other colleges on campus, Newman Drama, our in-house publication group *In Medias Res*, and our local chapter of the Knights of Columbus.

All these elements contribute to our successful student enrolment and they indicate the need for a highly collaborative approach to the work of the College. I believe, however, that ultimately the largest drawing card is the intrinsic value of a strong Liberal Arts education, as was indicated in a recent study by the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (*Star Phoenix*, 27 Oct. 1998, A11). According to that study, students in the social sciences and humanities have a better chance of moving into better management positions, in spite of being the "butt of jokes of fellow students." The reasons identified by the study are that a general arts education provides the basic skills required to survive in the workplace: "analytical abilities and reading, writing and basic computer skills."

We are proud of our mission and our identity, and we have no apologies to make for being "just" a Liberal Arts college.

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From the Editor

(Almost) Remembering Francis Leddy

DONALD WARD

The day my father died, February 4, 1990, Francis Leddy happened to be in town. He called my parents' house, as he always did when he returned to Saskatoon. My brother answered the phone, so it fell to him to inform Francis Leddy that his old friend, Norman Ward, had passed away during the night.

"Damn!" said Leddy. "I was hoping to leave before him!"

It was not a statement that could have been uttered by just anybody. Nor could anybody but Francis Leddy, I suspect, have brought a smile to my mother's face the day she became a widow. But the statement was typical of their relationship. I can imagine the pair of them even now making acute but sometimes irreverent comments to one another about the invisible economy and the realms of grace.

I don't mean to suggest that I knew Francis Leddy well. On the contrary, I barely knew him at all. My chief memories are those of a small boy reluctantly attending symphony concerts at the gymnasium in the old Physical Education building at the University of Sask-

atchewan. At intermission my father invariably ran into a tall, robust man whom he referred to (rather rudely, I thought) as "Leddy." Leddy, in turn (and even more rudely) addressed my father as "Ward." It was one of those peculiar inverted intimacies that signalled a far deeper regard, to men of their generation, than a mere "Francis" or "Norman" would have.

Leddy had an authoritative baritone laugh that shook the windows of the old building — or so it seemed to me as a small boy peering up at him — as opposed to my father's lighter tenor. But I can honestly say that that is all I remember the pair of them doing together: being tall and laughing. Years later, I was astonished to find myself being introduced to a white-haired old gentleman in the main hallway of STM. "This is Francis Leddy," I was told, but he was clearly several inches shorter than I. I still wonder who that man was.

My father was diagnosed as a diabetic in the spring of one academic year. He was immediately put on a rigid diet and, consequently, lost a

great deal of weight over the summer. He returned to class in September with his now-outsized clothes hanging on him like sails. Leddy caught sight of him down a long hallway in the Arts Building.

"Ward!" he bellowed. "Is that *you*?"

My father turned to greet him as he approached.

"Ward," Leddy demanded, "is this doctor's orders or mere *vulgar* ostentation?"

Till the month he died, it was not uncommon to hear my father begin a sentence with "Leddy once said . . ." or "Leddy used to. . ." Indeed, one of his favourite stories, which I heard many times, was about Leddy being introduced to Pope John XXIII. It was the custom for the pope to exchange caps briefly with those who sought an audience with him. Visitors were presented, for the purpose, with a sort of one-size-fits-all zucchetto, which His Holiness would don briefly and then give back. Leddy went to the trouble of finding out the pope's hat size, and brought his own zucchetto to the audience.

“This one fits,” the pope is reported to have said, in surprise. “I’m going to keep it,” and he handed Leddy his own zucchetto, liberally stained with papal sweat.

A further surprise, for the pope, was that this layman from far-off Canada spoke fluent Latin. By all accounts, the two of them enjoyed a lively conversation in that ancient tongue until some functionary or other reminded the pontiff that there were people besides Francis

Leddy who wanted to see him. And so Leddy left Rome with Pope John XXIII’s zucchetto, which he wore about the house, it was rumoured, when no one else was at home.

I have never had the nerve — nor, indeed, the inclination — to check the veracity of that story. “When I was young,” wrote Mark Twain, “I could remember everything, even things that never happened.” Perhaps the story of Francis Leddy and the pope’s hat belongs in that cat-

egory. But even if it isn’t true in its details, it is certainly true in its intention, which is to show that Francis Leddy was an extraordinary man. He was a good friend to my father and a good friend to this College. As for me, I shall always remember looking up at him during those intermissions that broke up the long Sunday afternoons at the symphony. Perhaps, without knowing it then, I was looking up to him as well.

J. Francis Leddy (1911-1998)

MARGARET SANCHE

Dr. John Francis Leddy, a long-time supporter and friend of St. Thomas More College and the University of Saskatchewan, died in Windsor on September 17, 1998 at the age of 87.

Francis’s first connection with Newman Centre and St. Thomas More College was through his father, John Joseph (J. J.) Leddy, who was one of the Saskatoon Catholics who worked over many years, beginning in 1913, to establish a Catholic college at the University of Saskatchewan. (J. J. Leddy had come from Ottawa to Saskatoon in 1912 and his family joined him in 1913, when Francis was two years old.) J. J. Leddy became a founding



*Left: J. Francis Leddy as he appeared in the 1937 Greystone, the yearbook of the University of Saskatchewan.
Opposite page:
J. Francis Leddy in 1989.*

member of the first Newman Society, which was formed in 1926; it was through the efforts of the Newman Society that Father Basil Markle came to Saskatoon in 1926 to teach Scholastic Philosophy at the university and establish the first Newman Centre for Catholic students. Francis Leddy entered university in the fall of 1927; he was

secretary on the first executive of the student Newman Club in 1928-29 and, in 1930-31, served as Newman president.

Francis Leddy went on to become a Rhodes Scholar and, in two key ways, became directly involved in St. Thomas More College when it was finally established as a federated college in 1936. First, in 1935, while he was at Oxford, Francis had written an essay on the newly-canonized St. Thomas More; early in 1936, when he was told about the new Catholic college coming to birth at the University of Saskatchewan, he suggested to his father that the new college take St. Thomas More as its patron. Sec-

ond, on returning to Saskatoon to take a position in the Classics Department of the University in 1936, he agreed to teach a class for St. Thomas More College during its first year. In fact, by the luck of the timetable, Dr. Leddy taught the very first class in the new college — at 8:30 am on September 24, 1936. (It was a class in Ancient History, and had a total of two students.)

Although Dr. Leddy was a member of the STM faculty for only one year, during his long tenure at the University of Saskatchewan from 1936 to 1964, he remained a good friend and energetic supporter of the college. He attended Mass in the college chapel most weekday mornings and came to the white house often to talk with the Basilians and the students, taking a keen interest in the intellectual and religious dimensions of the college community. When Dr. Leddy became Dean of Arts and Science at the University of Saskatchewan in 1949, he was able to participate first-hand in the federation arrangement between the university and the college as it was carried out in practice.

In 1964, Dr. Leddy left Saskatoon to become President of the University of Windsor, a position he held until his retirement in 1979. Among his many honours and awards, he was given an honorary doctorate — the twelfth he had received — from Windsor in 1988 and the University of Windsor's library is named the Leddy Library in his honour.

Francis Leddy was a genuine scholar — both a teacher and a learner all his life. He was a person who valued books and ideas and discussion and wit. He loved to engage with others in the verbal exploration which Newman called “the collision of mind with mind and knowledge with knowledge,” and he devoted his life to the work of educating young minds.

On his death, his obituary read, “The most evident element in John Francis Leddy's character and personality was his strong faith and trust in God. He was an outspoken and firm advocate for his Church and he received a number of honours and awards in gratitude and ap-

preciation.” One award, the papal medal “Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice,” which he and some others received in 1956, was awarded in gratitude for his and their efforts in support of St. Thomas More College. The Shannon Library at STM has a special collection of books donated by Dr. Leddy and, as you walk down the hall from the library, you can see his portrait hanging above the doorway.

In the years after he left Saskatchewan, Dr. Leddy continued to have a lively interest in St. Thomas More College and the University of Saskatchewan, and travelled back to Saskatoon whenever he could for anniversary celebrations and alumni weekends. In recent years, as his health failed, he was unable to come back to Saskatoon for these visits, to his great disappointment. STM and the University of Saskatchewan had been a significant part of his life over many years — and he, in turn, contributed much to the ongoing life and spirit of this college and university.

Francis was predeceased by his wife, Kathleen (née White). May they rest in peace.

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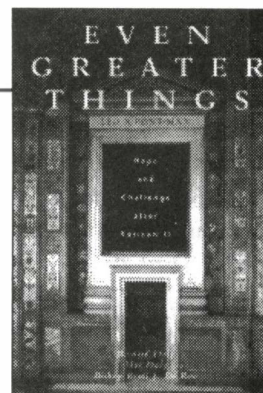
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STM Welcomes New Faculty



Mary Ann Beavis, recently appointed to the Religious Studies Department, hails originally from Winnipeg, where she took her undergraduate degree. She earned a Masters degree in theology at the University of Notre Dame, then went on to Cambridge for her PhD. One of two new permanent, full-time faculty at STM, Mary Ann this year is teaching the “Structures of Christian Thought,” a course on Hebrew poetry, one on contemporary Catholic thought, as well as “World Religions.” In addition to this full slate of classes, she has an impressive list of publications in biblical studies and feminist theology, to which she continues to add.

Interestingly, she has also worked in the Institute of Urban Studies at the University of Winnipeg, and has amassed a solid body of research and publication in that field as well. From urban studies to religious studies might seem a big leap, she admits, but “the two are not unrelated. I have found a lot of areas of crossover.” Indeed, such a diverse background cannot help but enhance her scholarship and her teaching.



With a fifteen-month-old child and a full slate of classes to teach, including an introduction to philosophy, a course on ethical issues, and one on “Nineteenth-Century Idealism and the Existential Revolt,” **Ria Jenkins’s** first year in the Philosophy Department at STM promises to be a busy one. The second of five children, Ria was born and mostly raised — the family lived in Puerto Rico for a year — in Regina, where many of her family still live. She took her undergraduate degree at Campion College and her MA at McMaster University in Hamilton, Ontario. She recently defended her doctoral dissertation, “Philosophical Assumptions in Legal Theory: A Critique of Contemporary Legal Philosophy,” at McMaster. The defence went well, and we can now offer our heartfelt congratulations to Dr. Jenkins.

As one of two permanent, full-time new faculty STM was able to hire this year, while the larger university faces major cutbacks, Ria is especially welcome.

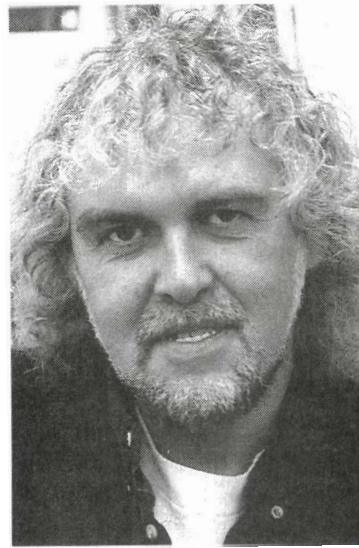


Solange Chauvet was born in France, where she grew up and received her education. She then moved to Africa for fifteen years, first teaching in Tunisia, then moving to Congo when she got married, followed by thirteen years in Gabon. She came to Canada for the first time in 1980 with her family, and her children attended university in Saskatoon. Her married son, a chemist working for Cameco, is still living here. Her daughter, a graduate of the College of Veterinary Medicine — which Mme Chauvet describes as “one of the best in the world” — is

currently practicing in the United States. After moving back to France for four years, the Chauvets returned to Canada seven years ago. Solange is teaching French at STM on a one-year contract, as well as working with the new partnership between STM and Language Training Canada teaching Communicative French in the Workplace.

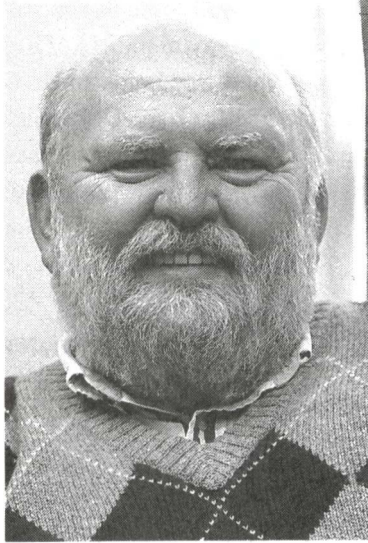
Patty McDougall, a developmental psychologist filling a two-year term position at STM, is teaching an adolescent psychology class, two sections of a class in human relations, and a full-year course in research methods, which is a required class for honours students in Psychology at the U of S. Patty was born in Edmonton but grew up in Ottawa. She attended Queen’s University in Kingston, Ontario, where she earned her undergraduate degree, then went on to do an MA at Waterloo. She started a PhD there as well, but soon moved to a different program at the University of British Columbia, from which she received her doctorate earlier this year.

Patty and her husband, Ron, came to Saskatoon in the fall of 1995, when Ron took a faculty position in the Department of Psychology. Patty taught off and on as a sessional lecturer while she was finishing her dissertation. They are working together on a reading project funded by SSHRC, and hope to develop a diagnostic tool for teachers and other professionals who work with children.



Bryan Puk, a sessional lecturer in Sociology, has taught extensively for the Sociology Department at the University of Saskatchewan, the Extension Division, the Saskatchewan Indian Federated College, the University of Regina, NORTEP and SUNTEP, and Gabriel Dumont College. In his first year at STM he is teaching Sociology 220: Sociology and Social Welfare Organization. He has a BA and a BEd from the University of Saskatchewan, as well as a Masters degree in Sociology and a Post-Graduate Diploma in Educational Administration.

Bryan was born in Manchester, England, and moved to Canada when he was six years old. “My Mum and Dad were coming in this direction,” he says, “and I was too young to be left behind.” His family in Saskatoon includes one cat, though he does have relatives in Edmonton and in the Kamsack area.



Robert Schwab was born in Ottawa, raised in Peterborough, educated at Queen's University in Kingston, and, in the midst of his PhD work at McGill University in Montreal, took a Commonwealth Fellowship and went off to India for two years, where, at Delhi University, his title was "Casual Student for the PhD," which he thinks is "the perfect title for any PhD student." On returning to Canada and completing his doctoral dissertation, he taught in a tenure-stream position at St. Francis Xavier University in Antigonish for three years. In an extraordinary move in any academic

climate, Robert then abandoned the possibility of tenure to return once again to India, where he spent a further three and a half years on what he describes as "a long spiritual quest."

Returning to Canada, he enrolled at Emmanuel College in the Toronto School of Theology, where he met his future wife, Betty Lynne. They were married in their second year, did their internship together, had their first child, and then returned "with babe in arms" for their final year of the MDiv program. They "managed somehow to do it," and became what in the United Church is known as a "clergy couple" — two married people sharing a pastoral charge — which, though fairly common now, was a rare thing at the time.

Robert is teaching Political Studies 110 this year, and says he "is very grateful to STM because they treat sessional lecturers very well." For the main department he is teaching Political Studies 346, a three-credit course on South Asia, his area of specialization. He has also taken on a course in one of the new interdisciplinary programs, International Studies 200.

Robert and Betty Lynne have a son in first-year Computer Science at the U of S, and a son attending Bedford Road Collegiate. They are both still very much involved in the church, sharing a pastoral charge at Meewasin Valley United Church in Saskatoon.



Lauren Eisler was born, raised, and educated in Saskatoon. She is currently working on her PhD in Sociology at the University of Saskatchewan. Her field of study is high-risk youth, specifically, alternate education forms as a way of integrating high-risk youth back into society. This year she is teaching two half classes in media studies for STM, as well as serving on a graduate studies committee for the Department of Sociology. Although her family is scattered across Canada, her children and her parents all live in Saskatoon.



Joanne Butler was born in Winnipeg and grew up in Saskatoon, where she lives with her two children, 8 and 11. She is currently working on her fourth degree, a doctorate, at the University of Saskatchewan. Her first degree was a BA in French, followed by honours in Sociology and an MA. She is currently on a one-year contract with STM, teaching two half classes in the Sociology of Social Control and Deviance. She also sits on various committees related to her academic work, and is working on a French Immersion survey with Lauren Eisler and Dean Wilfrid Denis. She describes herself as "a novice in the teaching profession, so please have patience with me."



Faline Bobier was born and grew up in Saskatchewan, though she has lived in Toronto and Montreal for the past decade. Many members of her family still live in Saskatoon and around the province. She holds an Honours BA in English and French and a Masters degree from the University of Saskatchewan. At STM this year she is teaching two language courses and a survey of French literature. Faline has her eye on another degree, this one in Library Sciences. “Maybe by the time I’m sixty-five,” she laughs, “I’ll be finished my education.”

Heather Wagg was born in Corvallis, Oregon, and lived there until she was nine, when the family moved to southern Ontario for a year. She spent the rest of her elementary and high school career in Calgary. She did her PhD in French at the University of British Columbia. She is teaching French 202



for STM in the first term, as well as other classes for the main U of S department.

Although it has been a long time since she last taught for STM, Heather is a well-known figure on campus. She has been involved in the U of S Sessionals’ Union since 1989, and currently serves as its president, a position she has held off and on since its founding. The union has made great strides in serving the needs of its members, but the major problem, she says, remains the question of salary. “I believe that at the U of S we make a little less than we do at STM,” she says, “even though the U of S is a much bigger employer — and we are very much behind the sessionals in Regina.” There is also work to be done for the sessionals with regard to participation in dental and drug plans.

HOMES *away from* HOME

OGLE HALL is the new name of STM’s student residence, the former St.Pius X Seminary. Again this year, there were more applications than there were spaces. The spirit among students is positive, and both students and parents continue to tell residence staff how much they appreciate the facility.

SHEPTYTSKY INSTITUTE on College Drive came under STM’s management in September. Fr. Myroslav Tataryn, who teaches on the Religious Studies faculty at STM, celebrates the Divine Liturgy in the institute chapel on Sundays, and a part-time campus minister has been hired. Plans for establishing a Prairie Centre for the Study of Ukrainian Heritage are proceeding under the direction of Dr. Bohdan Kordan of STM’s Political Studies Department.

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Campus Ministry: A New Challenge



Michael MacLean recently joined Sr. Roma De Robertis, SCIC, Fr. Don MacLeod, CSB, and Fr. Mel Fenrich as a member of STM's campus ministry team. Michael has a long association with both the University and St. Thomas More College. He was born and grew up in Saskatoon. He took a history degree at STM, got married, worked for a year — “hated it,” as he says, though “I wasn't working in history” — and then returned to the U of S to take an education degree. He was hired straight out of the College of Education to coordinate the youth ministry program at St Philip Neri Parish in Saskatoon. He spent two years at St. Philip's before coming to STM.

Michael was involved in Newman Drama during his university days, and finds it interesting — and perhaps a little strange, sometimes — to attend various meetings around the College with professors from whom he used to take classes. His father, Iain MacLean, is University Secretary, and his mother, Joyce — also an STM grad — has been a teacher in the Saskatoon Separate school system for years.

Michael first got involved in ministry as a volunteer on the Saskatoon diocesan youth retreat team. “I really felt called to it,” he says, but, ironically, he saw little opportunity for employment in the field at the time. He is currently working toward a Certificate in Youth Ministry Studies. He enjoys the collaborative approach of the campus ministry team. “When I came here and saw all the different people on the team, I thought, ‘What a great thing for students. There are such diverse personalities and backgrounds and perspectives represented by the members of the team.’” That very diversity, and the necessity of working collaboratively, represents a challenge that Michael is eager to meet. He sees his position at STM as a long-term commitment.

Michael is married to Melanie, and they have three children: Krystin, 10, Kathleen, 5, and Ava, who just turned 2. Melanie teaches grade five in the Separate school system. We welcome their family to ours.



Pastoral Internship “more care than counselling”

As a pastoral intern at STM, **Dolores Cannon** sees her function mainly as “counselling and care, though more care than counselling.” Born in Smeaton, Saskatchewan, Dolores has lived in Uranium City, Tisdale, Prince Albert, and now Saskatoon. Married for twenty-five years, she and her husband Robin together have four children and one grandchild: Candice, 26, Christopher, 23, Quentin, 21, Elyshia, 19, and Joshua, 5 months. Though she has been drawn to service in the church all her life, it wasn't until she learned about Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) that her vocation began to take shape. “Being a nun was kind of out of the question by that time,” she laughs. She describes herself as “a Catholic woman,” but it was working among seniors at Luther Tower that gave her

“permission,” as she puts it, to enter the Anglican seminary at the College of Emmanuel and St. Chad on the U of S campus. When it came time for her internship, rather than take more classes — an option open to those

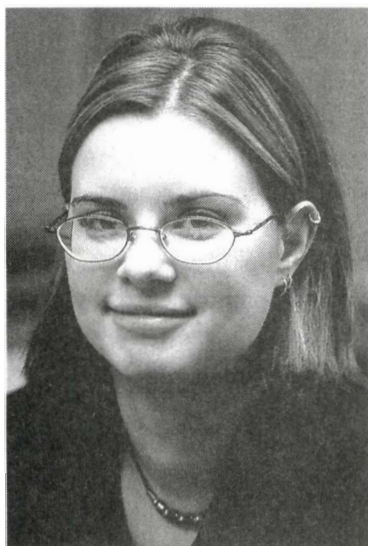
who do not plan to be ordained — she asked John Thompson if she might perhaps do a pastoral internship at STM. The presidents of the two colleges, one Catholic, one Protestant, worked together to make it possible, and “here I am.” When she completes her internship at STM, she will return to Emmanuel to finish her Bachelor of Theology degree.

As a woman drawn to ministry in the Catholic Church, she admits that she has threaded her way through a difficult labyrinth. But once she affirmed both her Roman Catholicism and her singular sense of vocation in action and prayer, “the doors,” she says, “have been opened for me.”

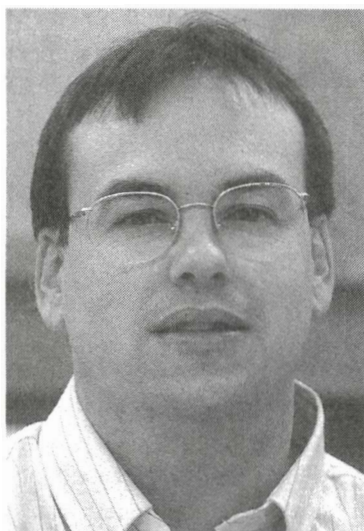
What lies in the future? She is already receiving job offers from hospitals and seniors’ homes, and though she loves working with the students at STM and appreciates their energy and humour, she sees herself working in palliative care or an acute care setting when she has finished her education. But nothing is written in stone. “When I started this,” she says, “I thought I needed to know exactly where I was going. But now I’m kind of letting it unfold. As my husband keeps telling me, ‘There’ll be a place for you when you’re done’.”

We are blessed that there has been a place for her at STM.

New Financial Team at STM



Terri Capon, STM’s new Assistant to the Controller, enjoys, among her other duties, the critical job of processing cheques and dealing with accounts payable. She also assists Greg Fowler with daily duties, including the deposit and preparing month-end statements. A graduate of Saskatoon Business College, Terri worked for Jubilee Ford for one and a half years before coming to STM. She was born and raised in Saskatoon, and lives with her parents here.



Greg Fowler, who was named Acting Controller on the retirement of Bob Lemke in July 1998, was confirmed in the position of Controller at the October 1998 meeting of Corporation. Congratulations, Greg!

Various other milestones in Greg’s life have been chronicled in these pages, including his arrival at STM as Assistant Controller (Winter 1995 issue), his marriage to Cindy (Winter 1996 issue), and the birth of their son Matthew (Winter 1997 issue). Watch this space for further updates.

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STM Welcomes New High School Liaison Officer



Tonya Kirilenko, STM's new High School Liaison Officer, grew up on a farm south of Moose Jaw. When she was twelve or thirteen the family moved to the hamlet of Bayard (population: 6) between Claybank and Spring Valley. After a couple of years there, they moved to Saskatoon — or near Saskatoon, anyway; Tonya attended grade eleven and twelve at Dalmeny High School. Her parents and younger sister live on an acreage north of Saskatoon. Tonya earned her BA in Political Studies at the University of Saskatchewan, focusing on International Relations, and recently completed her Masters degree in the same subject. The title of her thesis was "Ukrainian Denuclearization: The Strategic Rationale."

As High School Liaison Officer, Tonya travels widely with SUTIL (Saskatchewan Universities and Technical Institute Liaisons) from September through December, visiting high schools across the province and giving presentations on what each of their institutions has to offer. The focus is not on competitive recruitment, but on "trying to help students make informed decisions about their future."

Tonya will continue to travel, though not so extensively, in January, February, and March. She is also responsible for things such as preparing the Awards Bulletin, the STM Handbook, and the STM Calendar, hosting the annual Corporation Dinner, and carrying out the countless other tasks that arise from week to week and day to day, and sometimes hour to hour, in what is largely a self-directed position. It is certainly not a job for the idle or the unimaginative. For instance, Tonya is currently working on a multimedia presentation for STM, and if there is any money left in the travel budget in the spring, she says, she hopes to visit a few high schools in Alberta.

The steadily rising enrolment at STM over the years is eloquent testimony to the success of our high school liaison efforts, and particularly the efforts of such professional and effective young women as Sarah Murphy-Hall and Carol Toscak. Tonya Kirilenko is a worthy successor to both, and we welcome her with open hearts.

Candid Moments at STM

Another key player in STM's high school liaison efforts over the years has been Lynne Patrick Freistadt, now Assistant to the Dean — a title which hardly begins to describe his duties, or the dedication and service he has brought to the College ever since he was a student. He is seen here ordering a new saddle for the Dean's computer.



Thank you, Roly!

On December 31, 1998, **Roly Muir** completes his third and final term as Treasurer of St. Thomas More College. In October 1986, Roly was appointed by the Very Reverend Bud Paré as Treasurer for a seven-year period. Subsequently, Roly agreed to a second three-year term, and then to a third. Roly has thus served thirteen years as STM Treasurer, a volunteer position with significant responsibility and large stakes for the College.

It would be difficult to exaggerate the numerous ways and the extent to which Roly has served STM. As Treasurer, he chaired the Finance Committee, establishing and making recommendations to the Board about annual budgets. He made the yearly presentations of the audited statement to the Corporation. He served on the Board of Governors, faithfully attending monthly meetings, as well as regularly serving on the Consultation Committee and the Negotiating Committee. He also served on the Summer Executive of the Board.

Roly's good humour, good sense, and good will, along with his cheerful manner and genuine affection for others, have been significant gifts to STM. In situations of conflict and division, Roly brought reasonableness and equanimity.

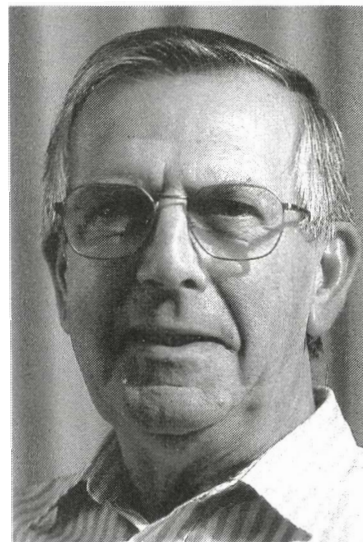
His concern and care for the College extend back more than forty years to when he was a student in the College of Commerce, and continued throughout his many years of service to the University, including twenty years as Assistant to the Principal/President of the University and five years as Director of Research Services. Roly Muir has been a wise and extraordinary friend of STM.

At the October 1998 annual Corporation dinner, the College was able to thank Roly — and his wife, Julie — for his many years of service by awarding him the Thomas More Medal. The bronze medal is awarded by the College to recognize and honour persons who have combined personal qualities of care, integrity, and faith with significant contributions to community and public life.

Roly's service to STM is by no means over, however. He continues to sit as a member of Corporation, and at its annual meeting he was elected to and named chairperson of the Search and Review Committee, which is charged with the difficult task of recruiting a successor to John Thompson as President of STM.

When asked what advice he might offer the incoming Treasurer, his response was immediate: "Rely on the advice and expertise of the staff. You have first-rate financial people at STM."

It is our good fortune that we can continue to rely on the advice and expertise of Roly Muir.



New Treasurer Appointed

On June 30, 1998, the Very Rev. Ronald Fabbro, CSB, Superior General of the Congregation of St. Basil, approved the recommendation of the Search and Review Committee regarding the appointment of a new Treasurer for STM. At the annual Corporation meeting, **Dr. John Brennan** was appointed to a three-year term, commencing January 1, 1999.

Dr. Brennan has served the University as Dean of the College of Commerce and as Professor of Accounting, and was recently appointed to the Chuck and Norma Childers Chair in Saskatchewan Enterprise. He sits on the boards of SciTec Instruments Inc. and the Saskatoon Airport Authority. As a member of the STM worshipping community, he brings faith, experience, knowledge, and considerable expertise to the Board of Governors, and we are indeed thankful that he has agreed to offer them — as well as a considerable commitment of time — in this demanding and important position.

And Thank You, Kevin!

AN INTERVIEW WITH KEVIN CORRIGAN

Kevin Corrigan grew up in England, and was educated there and at Dalhousie University in Halifax. He first came to STM in 1986 as a professor in the Department of Philosophy. He was named Dean in 1991, a position he held until the summer of 1998. As he relates, it was a difficult time in the life of the College.

When you first came, would you say the College was in a period of transition, or was it about to embark on one?

It's been in a period of major transition all the years I've been here, I think. When I first came as a teaching professor, the institution was caught between different models of government. The original, founding model — Fr. Carr's ideal — was a federated one, according to which the College should never become a ghetto. Certainly, it should have a centre, and be capable of representing the Catholic Christian tradition — which, after all, is the heart of the university — yet it should be an integral part of the larger university, a performing part, a really contributing part in terms of scholarship, teaching, and community service. Long before I arrived, it began to take on lay faculty, and then of course it took on people from other denominations. There is always a role for other denominations, other religions — in fact, even for opposition — within a Catholic college.

But in a fairly brief period of time, I think, the College moved away from the founding ideal, so that one got a sense that it was viewed as second-class, and there was a certain ghetto mentality in the College itself. When I came, though I didn't realize it at the time, we were just emerging out of that particular era.

Was Fr. Hanrahan the President when you came?

Yes, he was, and he was a calming influence. He was wonderful. He brought a spirit of peace and reconciliation to the College. But the inner crisis of modernity, if I may call it that, was affecting the Basilian community as well, and then turning to a lay presidency was a major break with tradition. In some quarters it was perceived as a threat to a certain vision of the college, which was that the college had its own inviolate mission, almost independent of the university.

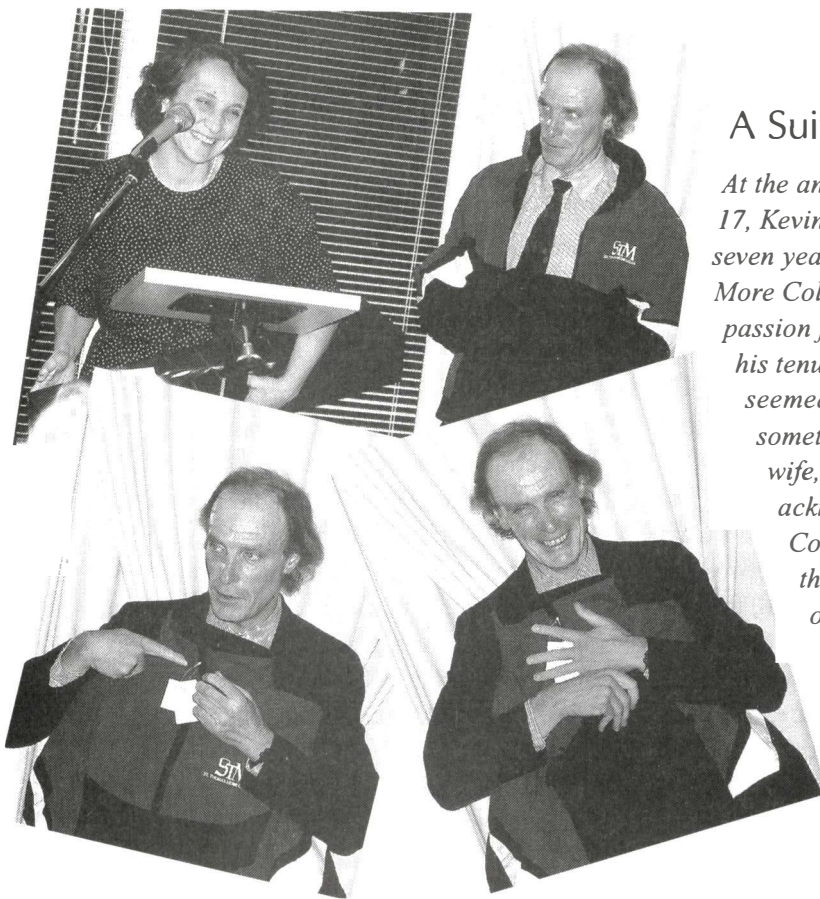
Looking back on your time as Dean, what would you see as your major contributions to the College?

First and foremost, we have been able to hire in tenure-stream positions. Throughout the seven years, I think we've hired eleven or twelve people which, by contrast with the university, means that STM has been capable of revitalization, of actually creating a new environment, in fact, a much more healthy and balanced environment. So we've been able to revitalize STM, and we've been able to revitalize each and every department. At the same time we've been able to hire a significant number of Catholics, which is of course compatible with the mission of the college.

Plus, of course, most recently we've been able to hire women. This year, for instance, we've hired five women for the College in areas where there hadn't been women before — in philosophy the very first tenure stream position for a woman.

Secondly, we've been able to revitalize the relations of every STM department with the corresponding university department, so that two recent deans of Arts and Science have expressed the view that, in the past two years, relations between the two colleges have never been better. Each department works well with its corresponding unit, to the point that some departments — for instance, philosophy — now regularly share minutes of their departmental meetings.

Another thing, of course, is the Eastern Christian studies program we have been able to achieve over the past couple of years. This is a major accomplishment for the College, I think. We didn't have an Eastern Christian perspective before. But we were able to hire Fr. Miroslav Tataryn, and he is developing a new religious studies perspective. Windows to the East has been enormously successful. Every month throughout the year, Orthodox and Catholic, Ukrainian, Greek, and Armenian Christians come together; they pray together and they work together. It means that



A Suitable Gift

At the annual Corporation dinner on October 17, Kevin Corrigan was honoured for his seven years of service as Dean of St. Thomas More College. As he has recently developed a passion for running — whether as a result of his tenure as dean or not, we cannot say — it seemed appropriate to present him with something practical: an STM windsuit. His wife, Elena Glazov-Corrigan, was also acknowledged for her contribution to the College while Kevin was Dean, and for the sacrifices a family must make when one of their number holds an important academic position.

ecumenism has taken a leap forward in Saskatoon over the past four or five years.

STM has become a college to be respected, a college which is capable of change, a college which plays its role and takes its place in university politics. We have, of course, the achievements of the past to build upon. For example, we owe it to Ernie McCullough's vision and dedication, coupled with hours of committee work, that STM now is a fundamental part of University Council. The President sits on the Instructional Committee, I chaired the library committee, I sat on the internationalization committee. We play our part, and while we know it's more or less a supporting role as far as the university's concerned, those are significant things.

No small part of that is the academic excellence of the college itself and the reputations and publications of the people who teach there. You have certainly kept active in these spheres yourself.

I wrote three books while I was dean, one of which has been published now. I have also published or submitted seventeen or eighteen articles, four book reviews, as well as fifteen or sixteen conference presentations. So I have kept up, yes. I've also been able to supervise a number of graduate students.

STM wasn't really known for doing graduate work before you came, was it?

No, but early in my tenure as dean I got a fellowship, and I was able to donate money from part of that

to create the first Graduate Teaching Fellowship for STM, and then this past year we had a Graduate Teaching Fellowship in the Foundation Program. It's in the budget again for next year. So, while we have always taken part in graduate supervision, STM is for the first time a major player in graduate work at this university.

What advice would you offer your successor — or, indeed, anyone about to undertake major administrative responsibilities?

Take time. Relax. Be of good hope. Be content to wait. Talk to people. Make them welcome. Find out what they really think. And welcome their thoughts, even if they are in opposition to your own.



Gabriola Retirement

Jean
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In 1965, my husband Wally and I came to Saskatoon, where he was to teach in the University English Department. I didn't expect to be teaching, since we had three small children, but by chance one section of STM's English 102 was double-enrolled. So I taught one class, and expected to be a sort of on-call sessional teacher. Twenty-six years later, in 1991, I retired from the STM faculty, having taught Shakespeare and Chaucer as well as first-year English classes in the years between.

One Shakespeare class, in particular, stands out in my memory, and gives a good example of the kind of relationship STM fosters between students and faculty. It was the year I came up for tenure, and I was pretty nervous as the time for the University department's "visitation" drew near. A couple of the students in the class heard of the upcoming visit and set up a sort of conspiracy to make sure I passed.

When the University committee came, I started the kind of class discussion I often did, and found the students had been primed to make comments, ask questions, and make sure the class went well. Was I surprised! Of course, not all classes went that well, but in all I enjoyed my years with STM students.

When the time came near for retirement, the usual "Where do we go from here?" question arose for my husband and me. Since I was originally from the west coast of the United States, I wanted to get back into the west coast climate. Wally and I explored various parts of Vancouver Island and the Gulf Islands, and finally chose to buy a lot on Gabriola, an island in the Strait of Georgia just east of Nanaimo. We had a two-storey, chalet-style house built while we were still in Saskatoon (which necessitated lots of long-distance telephone calls), and moved in in September of 1991. We

were in for some surprises.

The first was the problem of getting water. I knew we were going to depend on a well, but I had thought of the west coast as rainy, so I thought water would be plentiful. To our dismay, the well went dry before the end of September. We filled containers from the Highway Department tap for drinking, took our clothes to a laundromat in Nanaimo to wash, and bathed in a stew-pot full of the drinking water. Fortunately, the rains came in October, so we didn't have to be that strict with water use for very long. Thus were we introduced to the climate of a place in the rain-shadow of the Coast Range, having pronounced wet and dry seasons rather than the frequent rain I had expected. After this experience, we had a 2,000-gallon cistern built, so we could collect rain water from the roof during the rainy season. The Saskatoon climate may be dry, but we didn't have to take sponge baths from a stew pot there! So moving from the city to Gabriola took quite a bit of adjustment.

Another surprise we met on Gabriola was the frequent power outages. Since we were used to Saskatoon power, which is rarely out, we hadn't expected the cavalier way Gabriola's power is treated by the B. C. Power Corporation. The electricity could go off because it rained, or because the wind blew, or because somebody on Vancouver Island had hit a power pole, or, it seemed to us, for no reason at all. One particularly unfortunate outage came on a Christmas Eve, when there were six of us here for our traditional Christmas Eve clam chowder. The power went out in the middle of making the soup. I was prac-

tically in despair, but we managed to finish the cooking on a Coleman stove and had our dinner after all. Fortunately, too, our son Robert, who has a house on Gabriola, had an electric generator, which he brought over, so that we could plug in one lamp and not be completely in the dark.

Of course, since our water came from a well, if the power was off we had no water. It was rather a shock not to be able to flush a toilet for hours and hours! The worst shock came when there was a major snow-storm and we had no power for two days. Luckily, we had a small wood heater as well as electric heating, so we didn't freeze, as some people did. For water, we melted snow on the heater, and were surprised at how little we got. Now we have an emergency generator which can run the pump from our cistern, our backup for the well.

There were other aspects of life here we had to adjust to. We knew we were going to have to depend on a ferry to get to any major food store, because there were only a couple of convenience stores on Gabriola. The weekly trip to Nanaimo became rather a chore, especially since the ferry was frequently late. The trip to Nanaimo takes only twenty minutes, but we had to be in line well ahead of time, and if the ferry was late, the whole excursion took well over an hour, one way. Now, fortunately, there is a supermarket on our island, in the Folklife Village, which was barged to Gabriola from Vancouver's Expo and reconstructed here. It has been a great help to life here.

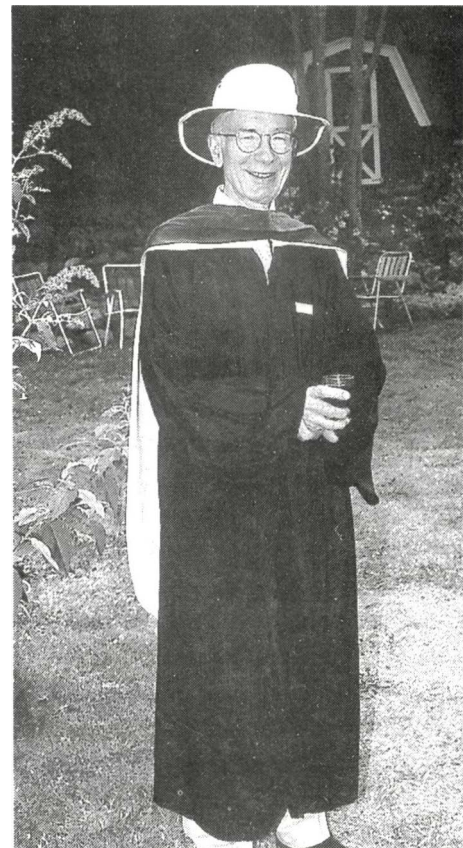
There were other adjustments, but we have learned how to make them. For instance, we

couldn't drink our well water because it was thought unsafe, so we had to bring containers of drinking water over from Nanaimo. (We didn't want to buy water at the store, so we took our own containers over and filled them at a gas station — another chore we didn't have to do in Saskatoon.) But now we have a water purification system, and the bi-weekly ferry trips to Nanaimo for water can stop. Also, deer got into our garden, but now we have a higher fence. We feel we have learned to meet most of Gabriola's challenges, challenges we didn't have to face in Saskatoon. And we feel that the plus-side of living here makes the adjustments worthwhile.

The best aspect of living on this fifteen-by-seven-kilometre island is the people. There is something about living on an island, where the water all around gives the inhabitants a separated, circumscribed existence, that makes people here have a feeling of all



Jean: July 1, 1996. The picture was taken at one of the parties I mention in the article. The little cannon can be seen just behind me. In the background is Gabriola's Silva Bay.



Wally at the same party. We were asked to wear whatever "regalia" we had, and, of course, ours was academic. Wally's hood is University of California at Berkeley.

being in the same boat, so to speak. This closeness is especially shown when there is an emergency, such as that major snow storm I mentioned. The major roads were ploughed, but the side streets, where most of the people here live, had about a foot and a half of snow on them. People who had some form of heating took in others who had none. People with four-wheel drives helped get food to those who needed it. Our own next-door neighbours, knowing we were elderly, called to see if we were all right. All this is not to say that there are never squabbles here. There have been somewhat vicious public disagreements, mostly over land-use policies, but still there is a strong sense of community among Gabriolans.

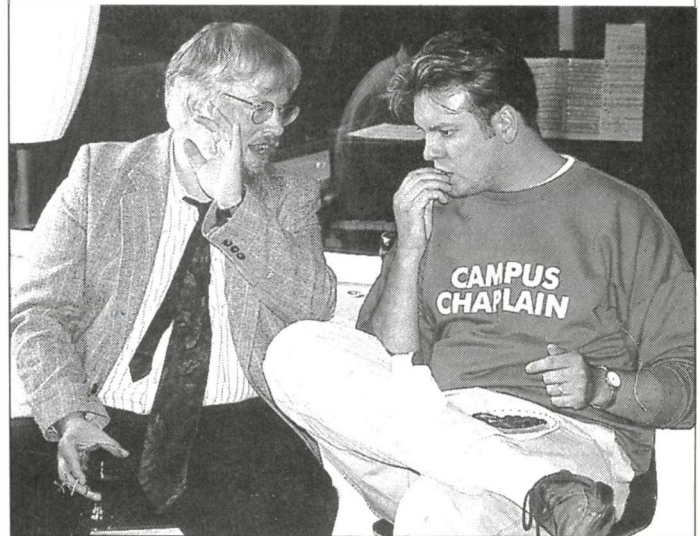
When we moved here, we felt accepted immediately, and have made some good friends, especially through our church, which is, we think, very different from most churches. There has been a Catholic church building, Our Lady of Victory, on Gabriola since 1925, when lay Catholics here, with help from others, built it from Gabriola logs. For a while there were services, but infrequently, as the priest had to come by boat from Victoria or from other Gulf Islands. After that, Masses were held only in the summer, when there were enough visitors to make a congregation. Then the building was abandoned altogether. The Anglican congregation on the island, St. Martin's, went through a similar downturn. But not long before we moved here, lay people of both denominations got together and began having lay-led services, which eventually came to be held in the abandoned Catholic church. As time went on, several Anglican priests retired to Gabriola, so the Anglicans have their usual liturgy, but the Catholic Sunday services are still lay-led, though a priest comes over from Nanaimo two or three times a month for Wednesday night Mass; Wally is one of the Catholic lay leaders of prayer, and does a lot of work for the church. Many members attend each other's services, and we call ourselves by the sonorous title "The Ecumenical Community of Our Lady of Victory and St Martin." (When that title was decided on, the treasurer lamented, "What shall I put on the cheques?") It was through this community, I think, that we made our first friends on Gabriola.

In fact, one of the high points of our social life each year is the Canada Day celebration held by one of the Anglican priests and his wife. They have a big party every July 1, inviting about sixty friends, both from Gabriola and from the Vancouver area. It begins with an hour or so of what they call "attitude adjustment." (I love that name for a time when we all stand around in their garden enjoying conversation along with wine or beer!) As the celebration continues, it includes a pseudo-military "march-past," with a scratch band — in which I have played the trumpet — a salute to the flag, complete with the firing of a small cannon (which once knocked itself backward down a flight of garden steps when it went off), a potluck dinner, and, finally, an "amateur hour," with skits and readings that are frequently hilarious. After that party, we feel as if we have really celebrated Canada's birthday!

As I said, Wally and I immediately felt accepted here. One reason for our feeling, in addition to our church, is that, with its limited population, groups on Gabriola are always on the lookout for volunteers. Wally has volunteered a lot of time for the church, so that everyone in the congregation thinks a lot of him. I volunteered to be on the board of the Museum Society during a time when its major concern was the construction of a Museum building. I think I learned

Candid Moments at STM

Alan Reese (History) sharing a quiet moment with Michael MacLean (Campus Ministry) at a staff function at STM. Reports that he was making derogatory remarks about the wine have not been confirmed.



more about lighting fixtures and carpet types than I ever wanted to know! I am no longer on the Board, having other interests, but I made friend there that I would never have met otherwise. I have also been on a committee to help advise on the bylaw concerning Seniors' Housing, which has been important here recently.

At present, I am doing less volunteer work, because my major interest has become weaving. For me, another benefit of living here is the number of craftspeople and artists of various types on Gabriola — potters, painters, musicians, amateur actors, and, of course, weavers. I first began weaving during one of my sabbaticals at STM, and am now a member of a group of around twenty-five dedicated weavers here. We are fortunate enough to have a professional weaving teacher living on the island, so we get inspiration from her as well as from each other. When our group wanted to create a booth for the 1997 conference of Northwest Weavers Guilds in Victoria, she had the idea of making life-sized dolls playing poker. This was a pun on the theme of the conference, "Straits and Strands." So our Guild wove arms, legs and heads for the dolls, as well as tapestry playing cards, and one member made poker chips by winding yarn around a core and coiling it into circles. Our Guild meetings began to sound rather grisly: "How many legs do we have?" "Are those men's legs or women's legs?" "Has so-and-so finished her head yet?" Eventually, all the bodies were finished, with faces that gave each a character. We dressed the dolls in hand-woven fabric and sat them around a card table with one holding a straight to carry out our pun. We won several awards! All this was a lot of fun, and the working together helped to cement our friendships.

Another interest, which Wally and I both share, is gene-

alogy. We like the detective work it takes to find out about our ancestors, and the sense of personal involvement in a particular area and historical period genealogy gives us. We belong to the Nanaimo Family History Society, and we have made two trips to England since retirement to find out more about our ancestors. Our last trip was especially interesting, because we visited the areas where our respective ancestors came from. We saw the town where Wally's great-great grandfather worked, and even the building where his wheelwright's shop was, in Howden, East Yorkshire. Thanks to a friend in Surrey, we saw the farms where my own great-great grandfather farmed. Seeing the actual places where they lived makes them seem more real than just seeing their names in church records.

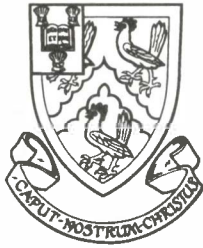
I could go on about our various activities here, but the main point is that we are enjoying retirement a lot. We certainly don't have the problem of not having enough to do. In fact, when I complained to our friend who gives the Canada Day parties about not having enough time to practice the trumpet, he joked, "You must be retired!" We enjoy the people here, and the climate (now), and even the ferry ride to Vancouver Island, especially if the ferry is on time, as it sometimes is. We are glad that we chose Gabriola for our retirement home. If any of our friends from STM want to say hello, our e-mail address is:

wkseaton@island.net

Candid Moments at STM

Choir practice, Sunday morning





FOCUS ON STUDENTS



Awards and Scholarships Announced

At the November meeting of the Board of Governors, Dean Wilfrid Denis announced the recipients of the various STM scholarships and bursaries. He noted, also, that STM was well represented among the students who received the most distinguished graduate awards at Fall Convocation. The students were honoured at a Mass and brunch on November 29, when the scholarships were officially awarded. To all these students, we offer our sincere congratulations, and we thank them for carrying on the STM tradition of excellence in scholarship.

STM FIRST-YEAR SCHOLARSHIPS

Kristine Akre
Tracy Bray
Michael Dinsmore
Jennifer Dyck
Brian Gallaway
Leanne Kohlman
Cheryl Prefontaine
Nathan Pylypuk
Chera Tenaschuk
David Turgeon

STM KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FIRST-YEAR SCHOLARSHIPS

Lindsey Bedier
Craig Kelly
Bohdahna Lynn
Tara Miller
Marc Viger

CHRISTOPHER DAWSON SCHOLARS

John Corrigan
Anita Haug
Joseph Naphin

HENRY BROCKMAN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Karen Mosier

JOHN AND ELIZABETH KAUFMANN SCHOLARSHIP IN RELIGIOUS STUDIES

Gladys Neufeld
Alice Der (Education)
Teresa Stochmal (Education)

CARR FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS

Mark Capustin
Lisa Cavanagh
Gladys Neufeld
Cameron Santer
Kirby Wirchenko

AULÉA ARSENAULT BURSARY

Lisa Bell
Satwant Brar

NICHOLAS LUCYSHYN BURSARY

Tricia Ashbee

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS #5104 LADIES AUXILIARY BURSARY

Nicole Bourgeault

LOUIS J. VIZER BURSARY

Tonya Althouse

FR. OSCAR REGAN BURSARY

Kathleen Murphy

RAYMOND AND KATHERINE MACPHEE BURSARY

Jamie Golding

ROSE VOYTILLA SCHOLARSHIP

Trenton Hargrave

DAVID L. FARMER SCHOLARSHIP

Tonya Althouse

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Gordon Laing

DOUG AND IRENE
SCHMEISER SCHOLARSHIP
Brent Morton

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
BURSARIES
Conrad Couture
Bohdahna Lynn

ANNE PHELAN DECOTEAU
BURSARY
Jan King

MAUREEN HAYNES
MEMORIAL PRIZE
Bohdahna Lynn
Christopher Doepker

STM PARENTS' BURSARY
Christine Petroisor

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP
Therese Lepage

UNDERGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIPS

TYPE A

Yuri Corrigan
Gillian Girodat
Kathleen Murphy
Kathleen Slipiec

TYPE B

Alice Kirchgerner
Nathan Kolla
Jill Zmud

TYPE C

Christine Jaspar
Satyam Patel
Kirk Slywka
Brita Sperling

HONOURS

John Corrigan
James Cresswell
Brett Memauri
Carl Merkley

OTHER AWARDS WON BY ST. THOMAS MORE COLLEGE STUDENTS

PRESIDENT'S FIRST AND BEST
Colin Honish

SALIKIN DIABETES SCHOLARSHIP
Cameron Santer

CHANCELLOR'S SCHOLARSHIPS
Kristen Conn
Sara Knowles
Angela Mulrooney
Jade Morena Rosin
Adele Stang

CLARE AND MARGARET SHERRARD
MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP
Michael Dinsmore

CHERRY INSURANCE ENTRANCE BURSARY
Tammie Dewan

U. OF S. ALUMNI ASSOCIATION
ENTRANCE SCHOLARSHIPS
Marc Viger

TOURPIN FAMILY MEMORIAL BURSARY
Janelle Tang

CAMECO SCHOLARSHIP
Shannon Johns

UNIVERSITY GENERAL SCHOLARSHIP
Suzanne Sutter
Sarah Jane Abrey Bursary
Jack Barrows

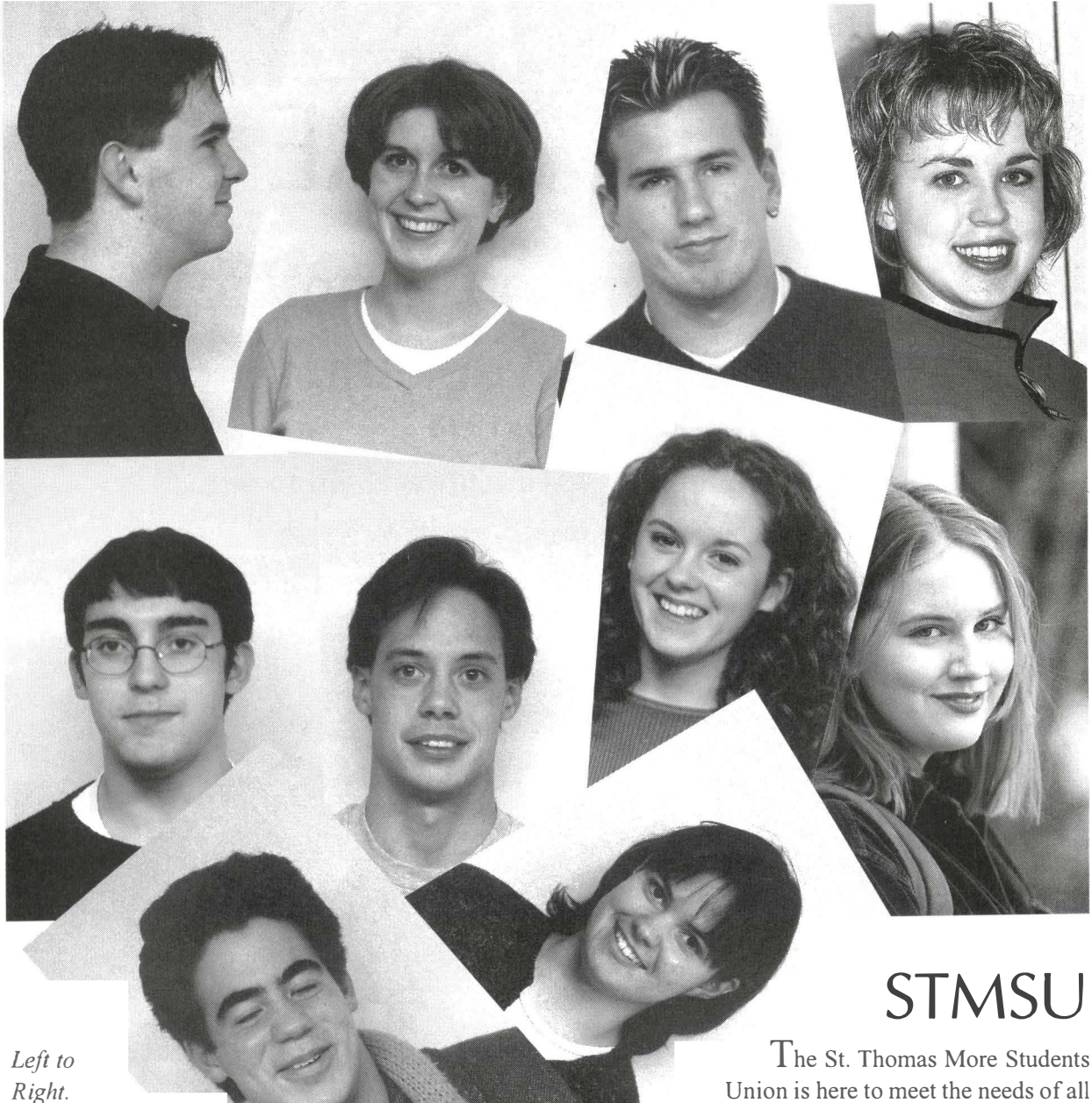
U. OF S. ACCESS BURSARIES
Nicole Bourgeault
Heidi Funk
Jasmin Kaminsky
Jan Marie King
Trent Mitchell

BEATRICE Z. LICK SCHOLARSHIP
Yuri Corrigan

FALL CONVOCATION AWARD WINNERS

University Medal in Fine Arts: Kristen Hovdestad
University Medal in Sciences: Corina Getz
Rose Litman Medal in Humanities: Brendan Cook
Dean's Medal in Arts and Science: Brendan Cook

CONSTABLE
BRIAN KING
MEMORIAL
BURSARIES
Kristine Akre
Kendra Furber



*Left to Right.
 Top row: Jeff Read, V-P Social; Erin Stang, President; Danny Fournier, Member of Student Council; JanaLee Cherneski, Member of Student Council. Middle Row: John Berzolla, V-P Promotions; Brent Nickel, V-P Finance; Maria Stang, V-P Academic; Marit Chorney, V-P Executive. Bottom: Tony Chang, First-Year Representative; Christine Hansen, V-P Publications*

STMSU

The St. Thomas More Students Union is here to meet the needs of all STM students, academically, politically, and socially. We operate an exam file free of charge for students in STM classes, sit on numerous College and University committees, and host events like the legendary ChugMORE pubs. Enrolling through STM and part of life in the College is a great way for students to make the adjustment from high school to university. Everyone is welcome, and whether it be hanging out in the Murray Room or vying for the comfy chairs in the cafeteria, STM is a great place to be.

—Erin Stang, President, STMSU



FOCUS ON ALUMNI/AE



STM /Newman Alumni/ae Reunion Weekend

June 26-28, 1998

Who do you recognize at breakfast?



At lunch?



At coffee?



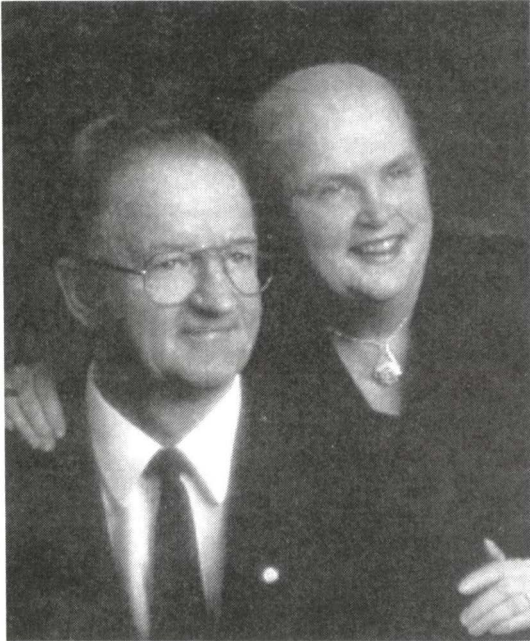
104-year-old Mary MacIsaac (she turned 105 on December 27, 1998, six months after this photograph was taken) shares some memories with Sr. Roma De Robertis of STM's campus ministry team.

Some of the Newman/STM alumni/ae who attended the banquet at the Centennial Auditorium



Back Row (left to right): *Lorne Carroll ('48), Roland Lalande ('48), John Hall ('48), Denis Favreau ('58), Wilf Hinz ('58), Bernard Daly ('48), Bob Hickie ('58), Bernice Junk (Sokol) ('58), Gerald Junk ('55).*
 Front Row: *Hans Daniel ('58), Margaret Sanche (Shannon) ('84), Herman Rolfes ('60), Myrna Rolfes (Hopfner) ('58), Carmel Thorburn-Kasper ('48), Mae Daly ('49), Evelyn Chapuis (Fernholz) ('49), Gabrielle Favreau (Georget) ('44), Sylvia Hinz ('69).*

Distinguished Alumnus and Alumna 1998



This year STM's Distinguished Alumna and Alumnus Awards were given posthumously to Kevin and Dorothy Murphy, who died tragically in a house fire in Calgary in January 1997. The couple had met one another at STM, and both graduated from the College. Married for forty-two years, they raised twelve children — Vincent, Kathleen, Eileen, James, Mary, Sheila, Patrick, Marguerite, Madeline, Sarah, Ted, and Michael — while maintaining impressive volunteer commitments to the community, including STM; Kevin served for many years on Corporation, and Dorothy often accompanied him to Saskatoon to participate in Corporation weekend activities.

Many members of the Murphy family were on hand to hear Sarah Murphy-Hall, STM's former High School Liaison Officer, graciously accept the honour on her parents' behalf.

Reprinted below is the text of a sermon delivered by Rev. J. Pat Murphy, Kevin's brother, at STM on October 18, 1998.

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)

A Tribute to Kevin and Dorothy Murphy

In a moment the celebrant will dismiss us in the name of the Church, and we become mission-bound to a world that needs to hear the Good News, and might never hear it except from our lips and through our lived witness.

At a mass celebrated in the chapel of this college, at the end of their college careers, Kevin and Dorothy were sent out together, to bring witness to a world little different from ours in its need for the Good News, and in its indifference to those who proclaimed it.

Many evaluations are being made about what kind of people they were, what success they made or failed to make of their life, and what in the end they might have accomplished. This causes much heartache among family and loved ones, whenever they chance to take as their measuring stick the standards which prevail in any modern, thriving city.

But many misgivings about Kevin and Dorothy, and most of their frailties, are observed in clearer focus and broader perspective if everything they did is seen as their attempt to live out the dismissal of that final mass at St. Thomas More College.

Kevin was magnificent in conversation, one of the richest, most thought-provoking talkers one could hope to meet, in a society where entertainment is replacing information, where history and tradition are unthumbed, unplumbed treasuries, and where instinct serves for motivation and purpose. He hungered for truth, for enlightenment that pointed to beauty and godliness and integrity; he revelled in exchanges that left commerce and success and all their tawdry cohorts gasping in the dust behind, and that disported among ideas and ideals such as the Bible and Dante and Shakespeare give rise to, but which Kevin knew how to pursue into the fields and trails that lie before

us in our times. In his own way, and in many twists and turns of expression that changed with the years, Kevin was doing just one thing: he was minting the Good News into the coinage that would enrich each passing moment for his family and friends.

Dorothy was the heiress of the great hostesses of the early church, in whose homes, in good times and bad, in peace and under persecution, the Christian community met Sunday by Sunday for over three hundred years. It was the Priscas and Lydias of the past, and it is the Dorothys of the present, who keep the church close to its roots as a home, a hearth, a cluster of families and friends. Completely different from Kevin, she complemented him in the work of bringing the Good News. Dorothy had class — in the sense that she was above all class. She elevated every person she talked to; they felt themselves grow tall as she smiled at them and greeted them. When she consorted with the great, she didn't have to reach up, because she was so intent on reaching out. She raised small talk to the level of a folk art, and used it for one purpose alone: to allow her guests — for some of

them it was the first time in their lives that this was happening — to sense their potential for clear thinking, and for charity. A strange woman! She was Martha and Mary together, with a family to look after, and yet a singular preoccupation with the one thing necessary.

Kevin and Dorothy by themselves were formidable heralds of the Good News. Kevin and Dorothy with their twelve children made heads turn at Sunday masses in the cathedral, brought smiles to faces, and to some hearts, a surge of hope on seeing values being lived that they thought had long-since vanished. The twelve Murphys — Vincent, Kathy, Eileen, Jim, Mary, Sheila, Patrick, Marguerite, Madeleine, Sarah, Ted, and Michael — are twelve trumpeters of the Good News, the Good News that our Heavenly Father exults in life and rejoices mightily in each and every one of his children! Kevin and Dorothy knew, long before they died, that their family represented I a deathless treasure for the church, for society, and for God.

“Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.” We are about to hear that great line that ends a stupendous divine and human happening. It is the yardstick that measures the life work of us all. Kevin and Dorothy, let God alone take your full measure, but bravo to you for refusing any other guide or standard!

Below: Members of the Murphy family and their spouses who attended the Corporation dinner at which Dorothy and Kevin were honoured.



Above: Sarah Murphy-Hall and Rev. J. Pat Murphy accept the Distinguished Alumnus and Alumna Award on behalf of Kevin and Dorothy Murphy. On the left is Claude Lang, Administrator of Student Services at STM.



Mark Your Calendars

for the

1999 Alumni/ae Reunion Weekend

June 25-27, 1999

Celebrating especially the grads of '39, '49, '59, & '74, and the Flegel House and Sisters of Service Student Residence Alumni/ae

The Flegel House: A Brief History

DR. HELEN FLEGEL

Mrs. Flegel moved from Regina to Saskatoon in the fall of 1941. She rented a house and took in five boarders. The following year she rented a larger house on Temperance Street and was able to accommodate eighteen boarders. She also supplied meals for ten students from another nearby home.

In 1945, construction began at 1320 College Drive for a boarding house, and, on completion, a sign, "Die Flegel Haus" was placed over the front door.

Mrs. Flegel took in twenty student boarders for the regular university term, providing them with breakfast and supper daily. She also took in pre-summer and summer school students, and these were mostly young women.

The students were very much at home with Mrs. Flegel, and oftentimes had talks and discussions with her. She loved their company and was very interested in their lives and problems.

The students of the house had their own float — a big dragon — that they made for the parade at the opening of the semester. They also had a great deal of fun, and took pride in, participating in two operettas: *Robespierre* and *The Magic Flute*. The lyrics were thought up by Bill Flegel and Fred Du-

rante and put into songs from various operas. They also put on three-act plays for the Newman Club on several occasions, taking them on the road to various towns. They also put on a parody of *Julius Caesar* and *Hamlet* at the Newman Club. So the students were quite active in the social life of the campus.

The Flegel House was operational on College Drive from 1945 to 1966.

Organizing Committee

James McGoey, '39

James McGinn, '49

Stan Lerner, '59

Mae Daly (née Strasser), '49

James Dosman, '59

Margaret Sanche, '84-6

Robert Hickie, '58 — Flegel House alumni

Evelyn Chapuis (née Fernholz), '49 —

Sisters of Service Residence alumnae

Flegel House Memories

GERRY SAVAGE

In spite of the fifty or so years that have passed since I first became aware of Flegel House, the memory of that wonderful time still persists. It has been said that one doesn't always realize the full significance of what's happening until much later. I believe my association with Flegel House is one of those instances.

The young men that stayed at Flegel House were a mix of all kinds of people. Most of the colleges were represented, as well as a great variety of backgrounds. This, of course, led to many interesting discussions far into the night. Being exposed to various points of view, I have no doubt, contributed to the education of many of us. Engineering students were able to get a feeling for the law or medicine. This happened without one being really aware of it at the time. Politics was a topic that provided a lot of heated debate (John Burton, who later became an MLA, was a Flegel House member). Many students who stayed at Flegel House were successful in their chosen professions; some rose to positions of prominence.

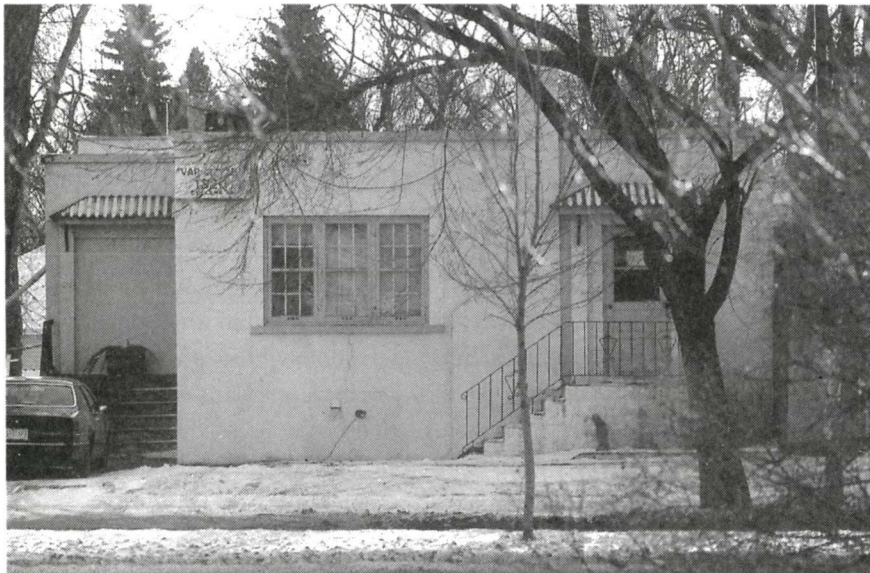
One of the student extracurricular activities that became a tradition was the provision of entertainment from time to time at the Newman Club Sunday evenings. Flegel House, of course, did its share. The Flegel House Opera was performed regularly for a

number of years. The Opera, based loosely on classic plots and using the music and lyrics of the more famous arias, was written by Bill Flegel and Fred Durrant. Directed by Bill Flegel, the production became quite popular. It even came complete with between-the-acts commentary in the style of the famous Metropolitan Opera House radio broadcasts. Of course, some words were changed to have a little fun with some local person or event. Thanks to these productions and Bill Flegel's love of opera, many of those melodies and words still bounce around in my head. I can also remember taking part in a parody of *Julius Caesar* with Joe Flynn (now Judge Flynn) playing the part of Brutus. We also did *Hamlet*. (I played Ophelia, as I was the only one who could sustain the needed falsetto for any length of time.)

The University Reunion weekend in the fall of 1949 provided an opportunity for the boys and Helen Flegel to strut their stuff. Someone, I'm not sure who, thought we should enter a float in the annual parade through downtown Saskatoon. To that end a Chinese style dragon was constructed. Helen Flegel led the dragon on a leash, with most of the boys inside the dragon providing the feet. Shorty Johnsrude held up the tail, while Phil Hammel played his saxophone

inside the beast, providing appropriate music ("The Reluctant Dragon"). We chased a policeman down Third Avenue, much to the delight of the crowd. Needless to say, the float won first prize in the comic division.

One vivid memory was my trouble getting up in time for 8:30 classes. Helen Flegel was particularly helpful in solving my problem. She would apply a glassful of cold water to my back. This assured prompt rising and attendance at lectures, regardless of the early hour.



1320 College Drive: "Die Flegel Haus"

Later, I became a little wiser and avoided registering for 8:30 classes.

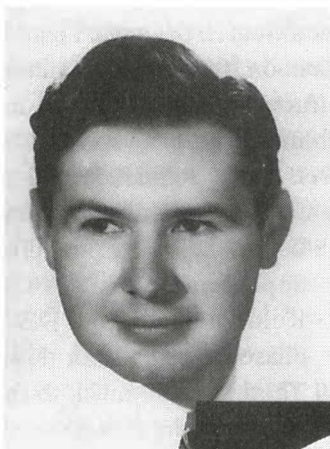
Mrs. Flegel ran more than a rooming house for university students. Flegel House became a kind of unofficial young university men's association. I don't believe it was an accident that there was such a wonderful mixture of people. In her own way, Mrs. Flegel contributed to our education. She ran the house with a kind hand, was a great cook, and practically adopted everyone who stayed there. The memories have lasted a long time, and so have the friendships.

Student residences were customarily part of any university college. Residences for St. Thomas More College students had been discussed a number of times, and would have been welcomed by both Catholic students and parents, but it had not been possible to consider constructing such a facility in the early years. Fr. Carr had proposed building a residence for female students at the time the addition to the white house was built in 1943, but nothing had come of the idea. Instead, Bishop Klein had encouraged some orders of Sisters to operate residences: the Sisters of Service came in 1945 at his request and opened a residence for female students, and some of the women students also lived at Rosary Hall under the direction of the Sisters of Sion. About 20 male students boarded at Flegel House, a residence run by the Flegel family from the 1940s to the early 1960s.

— Margaret Sanche
Heartwood

A Letter from Texas

... Amazing that my first issue of your *Newsletter* should have an article about Fr. Miller. I knew him. In fact, I came to Canada from southern Missouri to take his course in what he called Thomistic Psychology. And I remember his frequent references to Jacques Maritain. Fr. Miller was a great professor and scholar, demanding a lot from his students. He laid on homework with a heavy hand, so I burned a lot of midnight oil in my bedroom in Mrs. Flegel's boarding house — great moments, including a midnight snack upstairs in her dining room, sometimes with fresh ice cream and sugar cookies. . . .



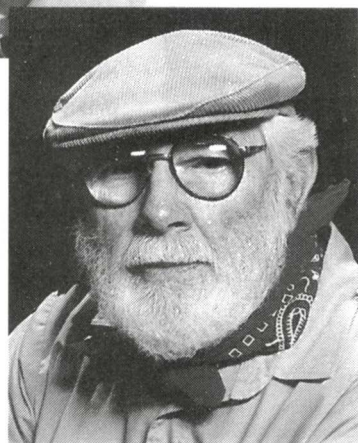
This is how I looked on the campus of STM back in the late '40s.

I came up to Saskatoon from Springfield after the war. When Mrs. Flegel realized that my home was below the Mason-Dixon line, she was afraid that I might object to living in the same house as a black student from Chicago. He was a pleasant young man named Larry Bell. Larry and I were the only "USAnians" on the U. of S. campus that summer, and we became great friends, dining at the Bessborough and double-dating for movies downtown. Larry once told me, after he had come from giving blood at the hospital, "I love these Canadians. They have been so good to me, so kind and generous, that I felt I had to give something back to them. So I gave blood, which is closest to my heart." I loved Larry *and* the Canadians who had been so welcoming to us two non-Canadians. A lot of good lessons were learned in Saskatoon that summer. . . .

Be of good cheer — celebrate!

"Old Bison" Bill Coday
in the shadow of the Alamo (Texas)

This is how I look now at 76. I've had a long and a good life.



A Message from Your Association President

ANNE BALLANTYNE

It's hard to believe that another year has come and gone, but it has, and 1998 has been a busy one! Since our last newsletter, several activities were undertaken by your Alumni/ae Association, such as the Spring Convocation luncheon, the summer golf tournament, support of the STM Lecture Series, and STM's Corporation Weekend. Kevin and Dorothy Murphy were honoured and remembered as STM's Distinguished Alumnus and Alumna. Members of the Murphy family were in attendance at the Corporation Banquet and

were proud to accept the posthumous award on behalf of Kevin and Dorothy.

Some of the activities being planned for 1999 include this year's Golf Tournament, which will be held on June 12; and the Reunion Weekend scheduled for June 25, 26 and 27. It is expected that the Reunion Weekend will be one of the largest ever as alumni/ae of sixty, fifty, forty, and twenty-five years are being invited to attend. Alumni/ae of the Sisters of Service residence and Flegel House will also be part of the Weekend's celebrations. In addition, the Newman Presidents from each of those years are involved in planning the 1999 Reunion Weekend's activities. We hope to see you there! Also, if you have any exciting ideas for activities or events to be sponsored or undertaken by your Alumni/ae Association, or would like to update us as to your whereabouts or happenings in your life, please drop us a line at the College.

As this is the season of joy and good tidings, on behalf of the STM Alumni Association and Executive, I would like to wish you and your family all the best in 1999 – Health, Happiness, and Prosperity and may God Bless you and keep everyone safe throughout the holiday season!



The Sisters of Service Residence as it appears today.

It's never too early to think about golf!

Mark your calendar now for the

1999 STM/NEWMAN ALUMNI/AE & FRIENDS
GOLF TOURNAMENT

Saturday, June 12, 1999 • Shotgun Start



St. Pius X Building Renamed Ogle Hall

Based on a suggestion from the Development Office, and with the support of many people in the diocese, including Bishop James Weisgerber, STM's first student residence, the former St. Pius X Seminary, has been renamed Ogle Hall in honour of the late Fr. Bob Ogle, who served the church, the nation, and indeed the world throughout an extraordinary career as a priest of the Saskatoon diocese. Fr. Bob was an author, a Member of Parliament, a social activist, and an ambassador for the Third World — but he was, first and always, a priest.

The change of name was formally announced at the annual Corporation dinner on October 17, 1998. Mary Lou Ogle, Fr. Bob's sister and frequent companion, was a special guest at the banquet. Her remarks are printed below.

It is a great honour for me to be a guest at this annual Corporation Dinner hosted by St. Thomas More College. I am here on behalf of my oldest brother, Bob Ogle, who died on April 1 of this year at the age of sixty-nine. In his name, I sincerely thank all those responsible for naming STM's stu-

dent residence Ogle Hall.

It is especially fitting because Bob was the founder and rector of the Catholic Minor Seminary on Clarence Avenue, the predecessor of St. Pius X Seminary, and he was the Co-Director of the Catholic Centre, along with his wise and loyal friend Grant Maxwell. Together they initiated many programs, and ran public forums on radio and television.

Bob was also one of the originals on our mission team to União dos Palmores, Brazil, along with Fathers Bernard Dunn and Don MacGillivray. Back in Saskatoon in 1970, Bob was an energetic parish priest, first at St. Philip Neri Parish and later at St. Francis Xavier.

He ventured into federal politics in 1977, winning the Saskatoon-East rid-



Above: President John Thompson with Mary Lou Ogle and Joan and Charles Ogle with the portrait of Father Bob that Mary Lou presented to the College at the Corporation dinner.

Right: Brent Gough, Chair of the Board of Governors, Bishop James Weisgerber, and Mary Lou, Joan and Charles Ogle at the dedication of Ogle Hall



ing in 1979 and again in 1980. After winning the nomination again in 1984, the Vatican ordered him not to seek re-election. He obeyed.

My brother answered to many names throughout his life. To my sister Marguerite and my brother Charles he was Bob. To my nephew and nieces he was Uncle Bob. To his colleagues he was Tex, for at heart he was a cowboy — without a horse! To me, he was El Commandante, the Boss — an appropriate title, or so he thought! As his sister, I was his frequent

travel companion, election campaigner, and main care-giver. Although he had a very painful and prolonged passing, he remained alert and active to the end. His typically Irish curiosity about death has finally been satisfied.

On behalf of my family, my sister Marguerite and her daughters, my brother Charles and his wife Joan and their family, plus Ogles everywhere, my heartfelt thanks to you for your thoughtful decision to name STM's student residence Ogle Hall.

“I was not called to be successful, I was called to be faithful”

When Fr. Bob's death was announced, after a fifteen-year battle with cancer, many Members of Parliament, his former colleagues, rose in the House of Commons to pay him tribute. Perhaps the most eloquent and the most revealing came from the Speaker of the House, the Honourable Gilbert Parent:

My colleagues, from time to time I permit myself an intervention. I served with Bob Ogle for a number of years. Every so often he would pop in when he was in Ottawa just to say hello. Perhaps I might tell you two little stories about him to highlight the kind of man he was.

When I became Speaker he wrote me a note ask-

ing if I would host a dinner. . . . I was not too keen on hosting the dinner.

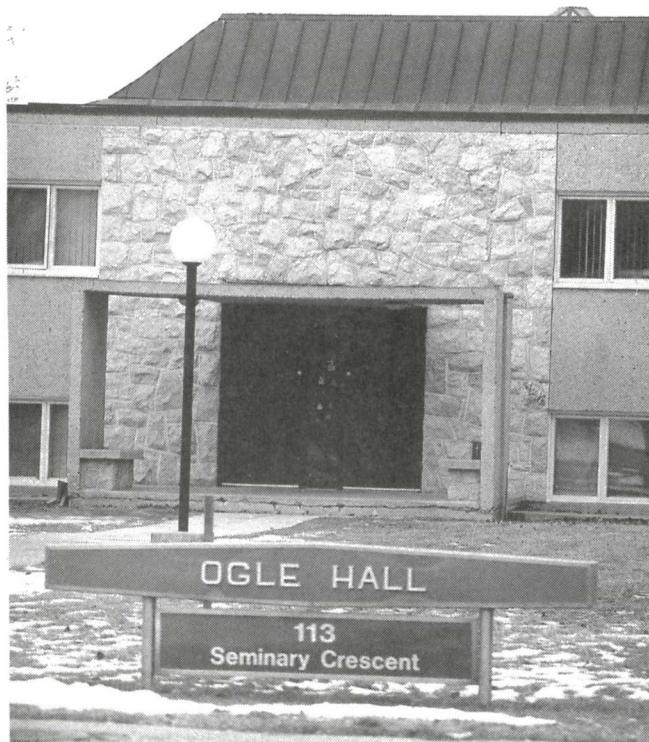
I do not know if members know the term “being caded,” but it is similar to being conned. He used to con me regularly. He was in my outer office and my secretary came in and said there was a person to see me, a Reverend Bob Ogle. I asked what he wanted.

She said, “I think he wants you to host a dinner.”

He came in and he looked awfully healthy standing there. “Bob,” I said, “how are you doing?” He said, “I am dying.” I said, “You have been dying for the past ten years. What is it you want?” He said, “Seeing as it could be my last supper, will you host that dinner?” So I did.

There is another story about him. . . . When he was thinking of leaving [politics], we were over in the Confederation Building. I was not part of this conversation. It was reported to me. One member said to him, “You know, Bob, you have been so successful here, you have been successful in everything you have been doing. How can you just leave? How can you just walk out like that?” He is reported to have said, “I was not called to be successful, I was called to be faithful.”

Bob Ogle was faithful to his principles. In my view he was a good priest. He was a good Canadian. More important I guess than all of those things, he was a good man, and we as Canadians can always do with good men. We are going to miss him.



President's Dinner 1998



In honour of the individuals and religious communities involved in, and supportive of, the work of the Brazil Missions

Each year, by means of the President's Dinner, STM provides an opportunity for the Catholic community to recognize and honour individuals, groups, and organizations that have combined the personal qualities of care, integrity, and faith with significant contributions to community and public life. Those recognized are awarded the Thomas More medal, remembering Thomas More's extraordinary example of faith, virtue, and public service, which remains an inspiration "for all seasons."

On September 25th this year, the President's Dinner was held to honour the individuals and religious communities from the Roman Catholic Diocese of Saskatoon, the Ukrainian Eparchy of Saskatoon, and St. Peter's Abbacy of Muenster, Saskatchewan, who have been involved in the Brazilian missions over the years. These include the Saskatoon mission in União dos Palmares, the St. Peter's Abbacy mission in Maceió, and the work of the Ukrainian Sisters of St.

Joseph in the province of Parana. The goal of the planning committee was to provide an opportunity for people from all areas of the community to gather in a traditional prairie fall supper to celebrate and give thanks for the Bra-

*We are companions on the journey
Breaking bread and sharing life
And in the love we bear is the hope
we share
For we believe in the love of our God.*

zilian Missions and offer continued support to those who have represented us in carrying out this work.

The more than 400 people who attended the dinner saw and heard "Companions on the Journey — The Brazil Missions," a slide show and oral presentation by Marikay Falby, a member of the Brazil Missions Awareness Committee, which was formed in 1992 at the request of the late Bishop James Mahoney to raise awareness among the people of the Saskatoon Diocese about our sister church in Brazil.

"The missions in Brazil are ours,"

Marikay stated, "and we need to take ownership of them. They are living proof that we accept our responsibility as a part of the universal church. They are a sign that we are committed to being Christians without borders."

It is one thing to raise awareness in Saskatchewan of the needs of the people in Brazil, she pointed out, but quite another to live in Brazil among the poor, the landless, and the unjustly imprisoned. According to the mission statement of the St. Peter's Abbacy mission team, "we are called to insert ourselves fully into the lives of the Brazilian people, hearing their concerns, feeling their pain, struggling with them to transform reality, and celebrating a victory, however incomplete, which is one with the resurrection of Christ."

The Saskatoon diocesan mission team first went to Brazil in 1964 with three priests and two nurses. The current team is not much larger: three priests and three sisters, now joined by two sisters from

Brazil. Over the years the missionaries have tended to the spiritual needs of their parish and built up a large network of local catechists. "The missionaries work in a church that is strong in many ways," Marikay reported, "but there is a great lack of leadership in religious education."

The missionaries have also helped mobilize building projects, as well as emergency relief for flood victims, street children, and

others in need. As part of an international effort to promote social justice, especially land reform, their presence among the poor is the presence of our local church in Brazil.

The Ursuline Sisters of Bruno continue a mission in the city of Maceió, which is approximately 100 kilometres from União. The Abbey of Muenster, now part of the Diocese of Saskatoon, began this mission three years after the

Saskatoon Diocese launched its efforts in União. The sisters work with the poor families of the region, with particular concern for child health care. The offer leadership formation for women, religious vocational counseling, retreat opportunities, as well as evangelization among larger groups.

The Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy and the Sisters of St. Joseph have been involved in the Ukrainian mission in Brazil since 1971. Together with other religious orders, they operate schools, maintain orphanages, and in many other ways serve the poor among the 300,000 people of Ukrainian heritage who live in Brazil.

Pointing out that the missionaries serve the church in Brazil on our behalf, Marikay stressed the importance of the reality that they do not work in isolation: "We can participate in the work of the missionaries by prayer, reading, and sharing information about the situation in Brazil so that we are involved in and part of mission life."



Ukrainian Catholic Sisters of St. Joseph of Saskatoon.



Marikay Falby

Bishop James Weisgerber with present and former members of the Saskatoon diocesan mission team.



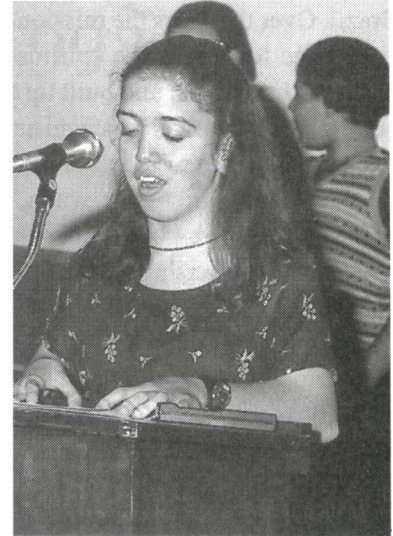
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Rhonda and Brent Gough. Brent is Chair of Corporation and served as Master of Ceremonies for the evening.



Dean Wilfrid Denis brings greetings from STM.



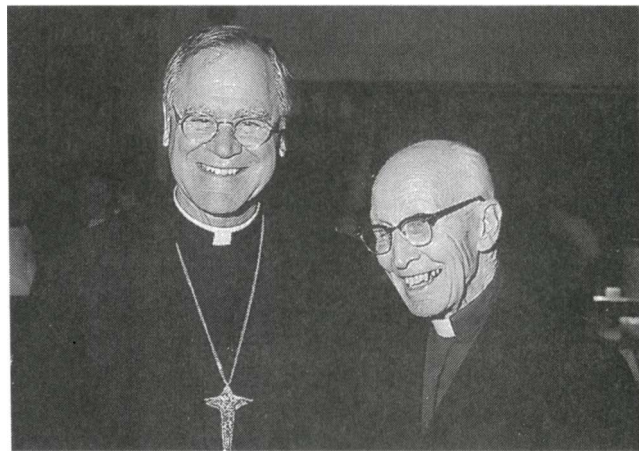
Myroslava Tataryn brings greetings from St. Joseph High School.



Abbot Peter Novecosky, OSB, with members of the St. Peter's Abbey mission team.



Sr. Theodosia, Msgr. Rudolph Luzney holding the Thomas More Medal, and Pres. John Thompson.



Bishop Weisgerber with Fr. (formerly Abbot) Jerome Weber, OSB.

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Mission in União dos Palmares and environs

Fr. Emile April, 1973-*	Fr. Les Paquin, 1996-*
Fr. Bernard de Margerie, 1977-78	Fr. Alvin Pich, 1969-72
Fr. Lawrence Demong, OSB 1998-*	Cecile Poilievre, 1964-67
Sr. Léa Desharnais, SND 1990-*	Ida Raiche, 1964-67
Fr. Bernard Dunn, 1964-66	Sr. Jeannine Rondot, SMS 1994-*
Sr. Dianne Lieffers, NDS 1967-74	Sr. Marie-Noelle Rondot, SMS 1996-
Fr. Don Macgillivray, 1964-	Jack Scissons, 1966-69
Sr. Mary Ellen Martin, NDS 1965-68	Sr. Joyce Sinnett, NDS 1969-74
Sr. Elizabeth Murphy, NDS 1965-70	Fr. Bernard Stauber, OSB 1982-97
Fr. Robert Ogle, 1964-70 (d.1998)	

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Fr. Lawrence Demong, OSB 1988-89	Alvin Hergott, 1967-68
Sr. Maria Doepker, OSU 1968-97	Sr. Louise Hinz, OSU 1987
Fr. Leander Bosch, OSB 1968-71	Sr. Sida Hrbachek, OSE 1974-76, 82-83
Sr. Pauline Feist, OSU 1986-88	Sr. Dolores Jansen, , OSE 1968-82 (d.1991)
Sr. Bernadine Fetter, OSU 1968-74	Sr. Claire Novecosky, OSU 1973-*
Sr. Marie Gorsalitz, OSU 1985-89	Fr. Bernard Stauber, OSB 1973-82
Sr. Marcella Haag, OSE 1968-69	Fr. Syl Vredegoor, OSB 1967-92 (d. 1992)

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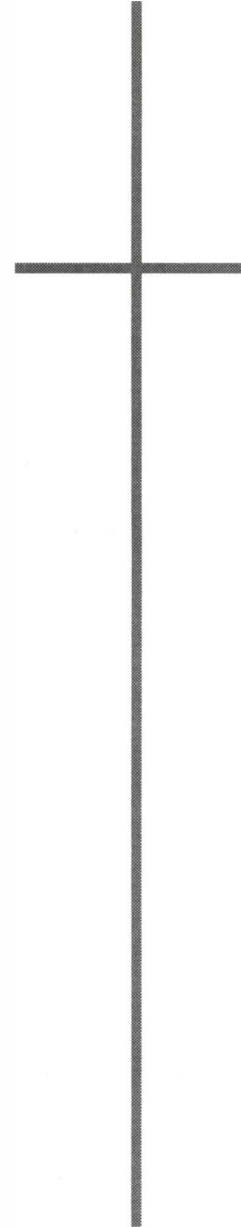
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Peter Blatz, 1965-76	Sr. Immaculata Saratsky, OSE 1976-91
Fr. Leroy Ehle, OMI 1968-77, 1977-*	Edith Elder, 1975-79
Fr. George Fetsch, OMI 1965-77, 1977-97 (d.1997)	Sr. Jane Jochim, OSU 1975-76, 1980-82
James Hellman, 1967-77	Sr. Rosalyn Miller, OSU 1979-82
Sr. Marcella Haag, OSE 1976-91	Frances Stang, 1975-80

Special mention was made of Catherine Briske, NDS (Sr. Adina), who served in Divina Pastora, Aracaju state in northeastern Brazil for fifty-eight years.

*presently serving in Brazil



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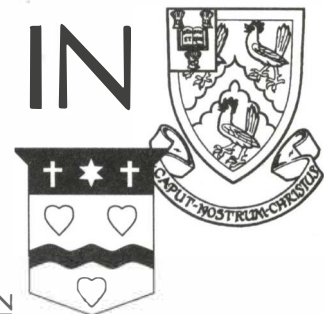
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