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UNIVERSITY OF SASKATCHEWAN

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Call for Nominations 2008 Distinguished Alumni



2003 Distinguished Alumna
Kay Feehan

2006 Distinguished Alumnus
Peter Zakreski

2006 Distinguished Alumna
Elaine Shein

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The St. Thomas More Development & Alumni Office is seeking nominations for the 2008 Distinguished Alumni. If you know a successful STM graduate who deserves recognition, we encourage you to submit a nomination.

Contact Rod Antonichuk, STM Director of External Relations, at (306) 966-2955 or rantonichuk@stmcollege.ca.

The deadline for nominations is September 30, 2008.

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A Word from the STM President's Office



STM President George T. Smith, C.S.B.

"We are an inclusive community open to all persons." This is the shortest, and perhaps the boldest of the six sentences in our College's mission statement. It also describes one of our greatest challenges as a Catholic college: how can our College community be both distinctively Catholic and inclusive? Some might find the idea contradictory. But for a Catholic college federated with a secular university to be anything but fully inclusive would be to cut ourselves off from limitless opportunities for the dialogue between faith and learning. Our community must be fully inclusive, open to all types of people and all sources of truth. If we are not, we are not being faithful to the Gospel, which teaches us that Christ's proclamation of the reign of God is intended to be received by people living out the concrete realities of their lives, whoever they are, wherever they are, whether they are saints or sinners, no matter what their joy and hope, their grief and anguish. To proclaim the gospel authentically, we must meet the needs, address the concerns, and embrace the perspectives of all God's children. On the other hand, the mission of the Catholic Church is to transmit something distinctive, to teach with authority, to convey truth in its comprehensiveness and without compromise. These two characteristics of our community—inclusivity and distinctiveness—make STM a vibrant, authentic, Catholic community of faith and learning. Long may we continue to be both!

George T. Smith
Yours Truly,
George T. Smith, C.S.B.

Welcome Alumni & Friends

As leaders and visionaries, teachers and scholars, STM alumni leave their imprint on our world in extraordinary ways. STM alumni epitomize the concept that the work of our college is not an end in itself, but must find application for the good of humanity. We are enormously proud of our alumni and their achievements.

Share the word. Tell us about your achievements, or those of other STM alumni. Contact us with updates on what you're doing now, news from abroad, reminiscences or even anecdotal college stories. We'll print them here in *Discover More!* Just get in touch with one of the people listed at the back of the newsletter.

Thomas More Medal Awarded to Dr. Ken Smith



Thomas More Medal Recipient Dr. Ken Smith

Dr. Ken Smith has been awarded the Thomas More Medal for contributing a lasting legacy through his commitment to planning for the future of STM. During his years as the STM Board of Governor's Chair, Dr. Smith governed with distinction, confidence, clarity and precision.

As is fitting for a leader in a Catholic College, Dr. Smith's faith is joined to a powerful intellect. It was these traits that led Fr. George Smith, President of STM, to approach Dr. Smith in 2001 to see if he would join the St. Thomas More College Corporation.

Dr. Smith readily agreed, although he was already a busy man. He was the University of Saskatchewan Registrar, a member of the STM worshipping community, the father of two grown children and, along with his wife Karen, an active volunteer in the community.

It took less than a year to realize that Dr. Smith had the kind of foresight and determination best suited to lead STM into the future. He was quickly asked to be the Chair of STM's Board of Governors. And he quickly agreed.

Although Dr. Smith retired from the Board in 2006, his leadership and direction will continue to have a strong influence over the management of STM College for many years to come. The award of the Thomas More Medal could not have been made to a more deserving friend of the College.

The Thomas More Medal recognizes and honours a person, a group or an organization that combines care, integrity and faith with significant contributions to community and public life. As a Catholic College named after Thomas More, we take pride in our association with those receiving the award and take inspiration and encouragement from their example.

The award itself is interesting. It was designed by Claudine Audette-Rozon, a Saskatoon artist and graduate of STM. The front of the cast bronze medal has the image of Thomas More and the back shows the entrance to the St. Thomas More College Chapel. It is set in a base of fieldstone salvaged during renovations in the 1990s from the dismantled west wall of the college building.



The Dielschneider Family Bursary



Joyce and Peter Dielschneider award the first annual \$1,000 Dielschneider Family Bursary to Amanda Russell.



The Dielschneider family.

The Honourable Mr. Justice Peter Dielschneider (LLB 1953, BA 1954) has seen a lot since he graduated from STM more than half a century ago. From his days of articling in Emmett Hall's law office, to practicing under his own signboard in Melville, to presiding over provincial courts and the Court of Queen's Bench of Saskatchewan in Humboldt, his influence has been felt by a great many people.

From his vantage point in the small-city courtrooms, Justice Dielschneider became an observer of Saskatchewan life in its truest sense. Passing his bench were youth and the aged, affluent and indigent, opportunistic and oppressed. What stood out in his mind was the wasted potential of so many intelligent, talented and promising young people, a proportionately high percentage of whom were Aboriginal.

Justice Dielschneider knew that if the youth he saw daily were given opportunities to prove themselves, they would rise to the task. And recently, he and his family decided to take it upon themselves to ensure that everyone gets that chance. The Dielschneider

family generously donated \$100,000 to create a bursary that will be awarded annually to a student of Aboriginal descent.

"Certainly no one can say they have money they don't need, but we had an RRSP that we felt we could do without," explains Justice Dielschneider. *"STM had just made its appeal to us, and we couldn't think of a better organization to bring this dream to fruition."*

With students of Aboriginal ancestry making up 10 percent of the University of Saskatchewan's undergraduate population, we have a higher ratio than any other institution in Canada. And with the generosity of the Dielschneiders and others who share their dream, these young minds will have the opportunity to contribute their considerable skills, talent and knowledge to the community.

On behalf of St. Thomas More College and all the students who will benefit from the Dielschneider Family Bursary, we sincerely thank the Dielschneiders for their generous donation.

On Set with Guy Vanderhaeghe

More than a decade after it was published, *The Englishman's Boy* has finally made it onto film. "There was a lot of interest after the book came out," says long-time STM visiting professor, and author of *The Englishman's Boy*, Guy Vanderhaeghe.

It was important to Vanderhaeghe that he have some control over his novel. "I at least wanted to write the initial screenplay. I wanted to be given the chance," he says. Vanderhaeghe had written screenplays before, but this time he had to take his own novel, a novel that had won the prestigious Governor General's Award and been shortlisted for the Giller Prize, and start cutting. "They asked me which two-thirds of the novel I wanted to lose," says Vanderhaeghe with a smile.

It was in July 2007 that the cameras actually started to roll. The movie was filmed entirely in Saskatchewan, around the Qu'Appelle Valley, the Killdeer Badlands and along the Alberta/Saskatchewan border. Vanderhaeghe was on the set a fair amount, doing some re-writes and even doing some acting. "I play a bartender," he says. "We were there all night. It took 10 hours to shoot and on-screen it's three minutes."

Alongside Vanderhaeghe are some well-known faces. Canadian actor Nicholas Campbell, likely best known as Da Vinci in the TV drama *Da Vinci's Inquest*, plays Shorty McAdoo, and Bob Hoskins plays Damon Chance. *The Englishman's Boy* aired on CBC in two parts, March 2 and 9, 2008. It's available on dvd from cbcshop.ca.

The film of *The Englishman's Boy* isn't the only thing that's drawn attention to Vanderhaeghe recently. Just last month, he was awarded a \$225,000 Trudeau Fellowship from the Pierre Elliott Trudeau Foundation. The Foundation chooses individuals who "continue to question society's world views and teach the importance of responsible and engaged citizenship."

The award will allow Vanderhaeghe to continue work on a new book that will follow in the footsteps of *The Englishman's Boy* and *The Last Crossing*, and complete a trilogy about the development of Western Canada. The award came at an opportune time for Vanderhaeghe since, as he says, "I'm still working my way through what this new book is about."

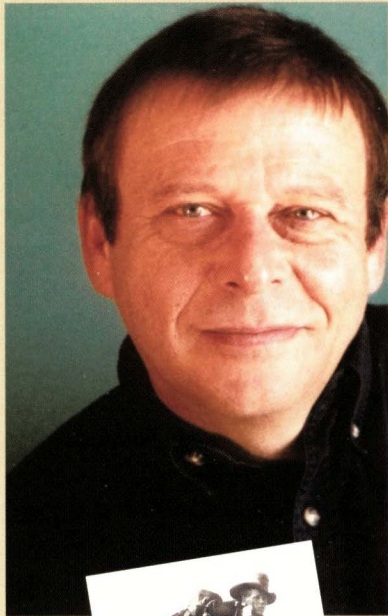
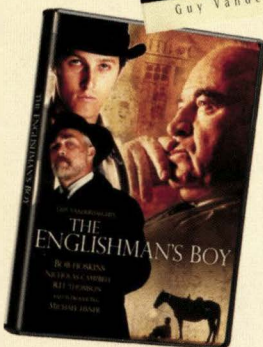
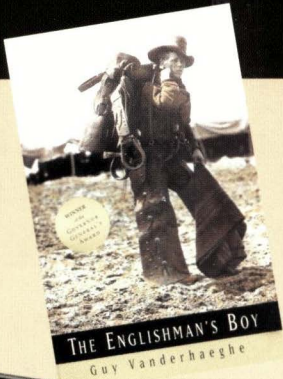
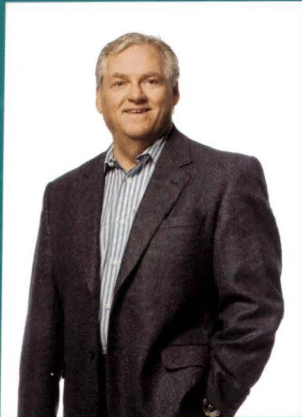


Photo credit: Margaret Vanderhaeghe



The Englishman's Boy in hardcover and on DVD

STM Alumnus Michael Lobsinger Returns



Michael E. Lobsinger (BA 1971, BCOMM 1975) is getting a lot of press in Saskatoon these days. It's no wonder. He's spearheading one of Saskatoon's biggest integrated real estate developments ever. His vision for the still-evolving hotel, condo and retail-office complex at River Landing promises to create a work of architecture that is nothing short of spectacular.

Mr. Lobsinger is President and CEO of Lake Placid Group, a Calgary-based development company that is just completing a large redevelopment in Kelowna, B.C., and has two projects on the go in Calgary, including one in the downtown. Combined with the River Landing complex, Lake Placid is working on projects that total about \$750 million.

You may wonder what inspired Mr. Lobsinger to bring his business to a city the size of Saskatoon. The answer is that he knows how much potential exists here. He's no stranger to Saskatoon. He developed two downtown office buildings in the late 1970s, and his roots go back much further than that.

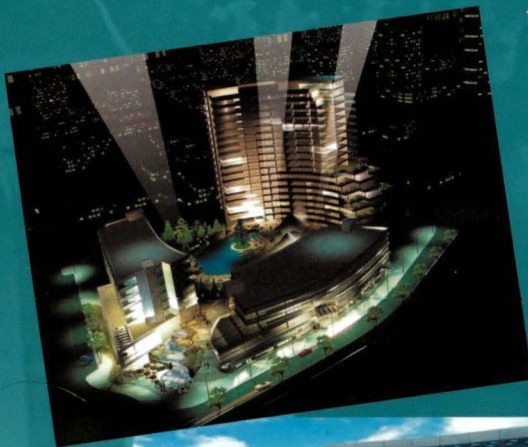
Mr. Lobsinger graduated with a BA through St. Thomas More College in 1971, majoring in History and Political Science and minoring in Philosophy and English. It was a natural progression after attending St. Michael and St. Phillip elementary schools, Holy Cross High School and St. Pius X Seminary. After graduating, he made a couple attempts to leave the city, but was repeatedly drawn back to the U of S where he earned a second degree – this one from the College of Commerce – in 1975.

"If you're born and raised in Saskatoon, you never really leave. Today, there are opportunities for people to move back and be gainfully employed. I want to be a part of growing those opportunities."

Michael E. Lobsinger

STM was a big part of Mr. Lobsinger's life for four years. "Like everyone who attended, I have a lot of memories of the great professors," says Lobsinger. "Gosh, I think I took three philosophy classes from Father McReavy."

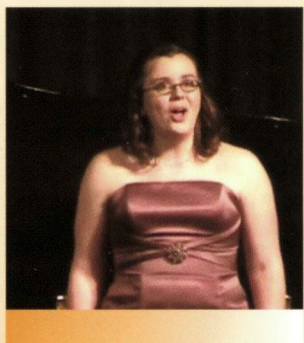
While he shares many memories with his fellow alumni, he's also willing to share some advice with current and future students of the college. "Stay away from the Bridge games," says Lobsinger with a chuckle. "You'll lose your focus."



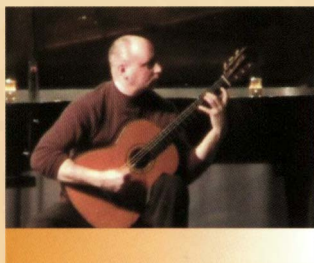
STM Recital for Scholarships a Big Hit



In March, we held our first ever STM Recital for Scholarships. The show put the past, the present and the future of STM on the stage. Performing that night were the Newman Choir; the president of the STM Students' Union, Vanessa Leon on violin; music student Ryan Cole with his trumpet; faculty member Gregory Loewen; St. Joseph's High School Choir under the direction of Shaun Bzdel; Kristen Raney, soprano and director of Newman Choir; and faculty member Daniel Regnier. Darcy Piguet accompanied the choirs and vocalists on the piano.



This event was the brainchild of Joanne Illingworth, Academic Administrative Assistant at STM. Joanne was speaking with STM faculty member Daniel Regnier about his work as a piano accompanist while studying in Paris. It came up that another faculty member, Gregory Loewen, played classical guitar and the idea of a recital started to form. It was about more than just raising money for scholarships. It was about showcasing the talents of students, alumni and faculty.



Photos counter-clockwise from top:

St. Joseph's High School Choir
Ryan Cole
Kristen Raney
Gregory Loewen
Vanessa Leon
Daniel Regnier

Stay tuned for the 2nd Annual Recital for Scholarships in late fall.

STM President's Gala Raises Thousands



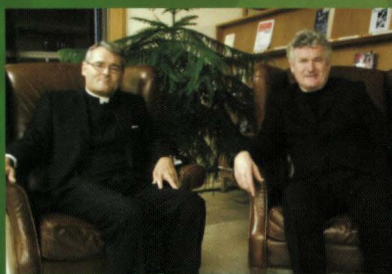
John McDermott takes the stage.

It was a sold-out crowd for the 2008 STM President's Gala featuring world-renowned Irish tenor John McDermott. On February 9, just over 160 people, dressed in their finest suits and silks, braved one of the coldest nights of the year in support of St. Thomas More College. The evening raised almost \$25,000 for student scholarships and brought together alumni, supporters, faculty, staff and students. Dozens of artists donated their work for our first ever STM President's Gala Art Auction, which added \$5,000 to the student scholarship fund.

STM's Choices on Campus Chef Derek Cotton and his team prepared an amazing culinary creation of pan-seared bison tenderloin with a decadent dessert of dark chocolate banana cake. There were some tense moments early in the day as John McDermott and his band were delayed on the tarmac in Toronto, waiting for a snowstorm to pass. One cancelled flight later, they finally arrived in Saskatoon, a bit weary and a bit cold, but ready to wow the crowd. McDermott put on a great show, with a few laughs and a few tears, as he wove his tales between his songs. Plans are already in the works for the 2009 STM President's Gala.



Dressed to the nines.



Father George and John McDermott.



An evening to be remembered.

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Gala Committee

Amelia Lawlor, Betty Anne Stevenson, Irene Schmeiser, Jacob Tootoosis, Jim and Kathy Weber, Joseph Dierker, Joyce MacLean and Sylvia Hinz.

Special thanks to Chef Derek Cotton and his outstanding staff, St. Thomas More College employees and student volunteers, and all our esteemed 2008 Gala guests.

Alumni Answer the Call of the Fall Phone-a-thon



Carrie Courchene participates in the Annual STM Fall Phone-a-thon.

Throughout the month of November, 20 STM students spent a few evenings a week phoning our alumni and friends. The Annual STM Fall Phone-a-thon is one of our largest fundraisers and this year it raised over \$30,000 for scholarships and bursaries. Thanks to everyone who showed their support.

Beyond raising money, the STM Phone-a-thon is a great opportunity for current students to connect with those who have gone before them and gives them a sense of the passion and pride that surrounds St. Thomas More College. One of the student callers was Carrie Courchene, a third year psychology student with plans to continue her education and become a clinical psychologist.

"At first I was a little worried about calling complete strangers and asking them for money, but I quickly found out that STM alumni are very friendly people. It was great having the opportunity to hear stories about people's experiences at STM and the fun times they've had here."

Carrie Courchene

For Sale - Vintage Sweater, Memories Included

"About three months ago, a lady at our church, Lorraine Kroeker, asked me if I would like her old STM sweater. I said 'Sure!' even before I knew how special it was. Her husband, Robert, had given her that sweater when they were dating in the 1950s. She'd worn it and worn it, even lost it once or twice, then put it in her closet where she'd kept it all these years.

"Every Friday, we have a sort of 'spirit day' when we all wear STM t-shirts and sweaters. Well, the next Friday, I wore Lorraine's sweater. It was such a hit, we decided to reproduce it.

"If anyone's interested in having one of these vintage reproductions, or anything else from our clothing line, just stop in and see me in Room 146 of STM."

Dorothy Bittner

Sweaters can also be ordered by contacting Rod Antonichuk, STM Director of External Relations, at (306) 966-2955 or rantonichuk@stmcollege.ca.



Dorothy Bittner, STM's Receptionist, models a sweater from the 1950s.

Reminisce and Reconnect at STM Reunion 2008

Honouring the Classes of '37-'48, '53, '58, '63 and '68



We'd like to welcome you home! Or at least we'd like to welcome you back to what was once your "home away from home."

STM would like to extend an invitation to STM Reunion 2008, June 19 to 22. We have a number of events planned in conjunction with the University of Saskatchewan, including a tour of Saint Thomas More College, a wine and cheese reception with STM President Fr. George Smith, and Sunday Mass followed by brunch. As alumni of STM, you are our honoured guests with free admission to all STM Reunion 2008 events.



At this year's reunion, a bursary will be created, named in honour of the Classes of '37 to '48, '53, '58, '63 and '68. The bursary proceeds will be funded through alumni donations. The bursary recipient will be chosen in January 2009 and, if donations allow, subsequent bursaries will be awarded annually. We hope you will consider making a donation to the young people who are the heart and soul of St. Thomas More College. Not only will they benefit from the funding, they will know that a commitment to a Catholic higher education does not diminish with the passing of years.



We sincerely hope all our alumni are able to enjoy this year's STM Reunion, but if you are unable to attend we hope you will still consider giving a donation to the 2008 Reunion Bursary so our students can continue to Discover More!



The registration deadline is June 2, 2008. If you haven't received your reunion information, please contact Rod Antonichuk, STM Director of External Relations, at (306) 966-2955 or rantonichuk@stmcollege.ca.

You are also welcome to join STM Reunion 2008 online. Just visit stmcollege.ca/reunion.html, where you can register, tell us what you're doing now and/or leave a message for your fellow alumni.

Also, visit stmcollege.ca/reunionscrapbook.html where we've posted St. Thomas More College yearbook pictures. Click your way through the years.

Dedication

Roland (Roly) Muir, age 79, passed away on Friday, March 21, 2008. During his years as a student in the 1950s and throughout his long career with the University of Saskatchewan, he had a care and concern for St. Thomas More College. He was appointed to the STM Board of Governors as Treasurer in 1986. Roly spent 13 years in that role, faithfully attending meetings and serving on numerous additional STM committees. Those who knew him say his good humour, good sense and good will were his most significant gifts to STM. He was a wise and extraordinary friend and he will be missed.

In Memoriam

"In death the relationship we have with the world is not abolished, but is rather for the first time completed."
- Karl Rahner, S.J., theologian

Class of 1949

**The Honourable Judge
Joseph Stanishlus Gagne**

Class of 1950

**Borden Batiuk
Alphonse Gerwing**

Class of 1951

Justice Joseph Bernard Feehan

Class of 1957

James P. (Patrick) Saunders

Class of 1967

Caryn Pershick (nee Yaworski)

Class of 1968

Alain Yves Fagnou

Class of 1972

Robert (Bob) Michael Weiss

If you know of anyone who, in the past year, has departed this world to enter into the Lord's presence, please let us know. Contact the St. Thomas More Development & Alumni Office at (306) 966-2955 or rantonichuk@stmcollege.ca

Mark your calendar!



STM graduates at Spring Convocation 2007.

STM Spring Convocation Luncheon
Thursday, May 29, 2008
TCU Place, Centennial Hall B
35 22nd Street East, Saskatoon

The ceremony will begin at noon. For further information, contact Jillianna Steacy, Development & Alumni Affairs Assistant, at (306) 966-8940 or jsteacy@stmcollege.ca.



The annual golf tournament raises money for scholarships and bursaries.

15th Annual STM Golf Tournament
Thursday, June 5, 2008
Willows Golf and Country Club, Saskatoon
Registration and Lunch 12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.
Tee Time: 1:45 p.m.
Dinner and socializing to follow.

Space is limited, so cement your tee time by downloading your team registration form at stmcollege.ca. You can send the completed form to Rod Antonichuk at rantonichuk@stmcollege.ca

Don't forget to visit stmcollege.ca for updates to our event listings.

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Our Mission

As the Catholic liberal arts college federated with the University of Saskatchewan, St. Thomas More College courageously explores the "riches of Revelation and of nature so that the united endeavour of intelligence and faith will enable people to come to the full measure of their humanity" (*Ex corde ecclesiae*, 5). We are an inclusive community open to all persons. Through our teaching we are devoted to a partnership of learning and growth with our students which addresses the synthesis of faith and reason in all aspects of the human condition. The creative discovery of truth and its open dissemination nourishes our life as teachers and members of the wider academic and Catholic intellectual community. As a Catholic college we are called to share in Christ's service to the people of God. Thus, the work of our college is not an end in itself, but must find application for the good of humanity.

Our Invitation to You

Contact us with reminiscences, anecdotal college stories, updates on what you're doing now or news from abroad. We'll print it here in *Discover More!* Just get in touch with one of people listed below:

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