



# Newsletter

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## Faith, academic freedom can co-exist for universities

Does faith preclude academic freedom? This question strikes at the very heart of the mission of many small colleges and universities, and aroused one of the liveliest discussions for the leading administrators of these institutions who attended a three-day symposium Jan. 13 - 15.

The symposium of *The Role of Small Colleges in Canadian Higher Education — Past, Present and Future* was sponsored by St. Thomas More College as part of its 50th anniversary celebrations. It attracted 25 delegates from colleges and universities across Canada.

Though these colleges are members of the Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada (AUCC), the perspective of the larger institution dominates. "This is the first opportunity for smaller colleges to discuss together their relationship with the larger university, the church and society at large," said Father James Hanrahan, CSB, symposium organizer.

### Academic freedom vs faith

Although the majority of delegates represented Catholic institutions, about six were from colleges serving other religious affiliations.

The discussion on academic freedom and faith sprang from the experience of one such group, Trinity Western University.

When the university sought membership in the AUCC it was challenged and forced to justify itself on this precise point.

Dr. Neil Snider, president of Trinity Western, responded to the question by saying, "Those of us who have stated religious commitments for our institutions are aware of the outstanding achievements of these academic enterprises.

### Freedom and commitment

"We can be encouraged, can take heart and maybe drop some of our fear and self-consciousness in the presence of those who oppose our affirmations to legitimately hold such commitments."

Trinity Western University has developed an academic freedom statement which rejects arbitrary indoctrination and simplistic prefabricated answers because these are incompatible with freedom. It also rejects any definition which exclusively requires pluralism without community because it is incompatible with human nature.

Academic freedom, Snider pointed out, allows for some control or authority, including collegial consensus on the part of other scholars.

"Academic freedom does not mean absence of restraint for with it comes responsibility," Snider said. Scholars are responsible for the students and should be careful not to introduce into their teaching controversial matter unrelated to the subject.

Scholars also have a responsibility to the university, and must realize that, when

they publish their ideas, they represent the institution in the eyes of the public.

The university employing the scholar also has rights and responsibilities.

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Father James Hanrahan, CSB  
President of St. Thomas More College

## Panel examines challenges for colleges

Serious challenges confront colleges across the country, according to a panel of speakers representing Atlantic Canada, Quebec, Ontario and the West. The panel on Jan. 13 was part of a three-day symposium on the *Role of Small Colleges in Canadian Higher Education — Past, Present and Future*.

The Jan. 13 - 15 symposium was sponsored by St. Thomas More College.

The value of the college was reaffirmed. "I am naive enough to believe that what we

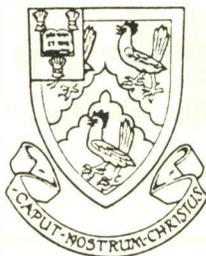
do is worth doing," stated Father Norman Choate, CR, president of the University of St. Jerome's College.

Dr. David Lawless, rector of St. Paul's College, Winnipeg said he is convinced that small denominational colleges play an important role both within society as a whole and in the university proper. They provide a clear and unequivocal expression of values, Choate said.

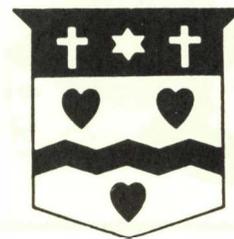
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#### Times are changing

However, developments over the past 30 years for both the independent college and the affiliated college have led to some serious problems.

The Atlantic Provinces have 15 universities and four colleges serving a population of two million. This small, economically disadvantaged territory has consistently respected minority groups, said Father Gregory MacKinnon, president of St. Francis Xavier University. But pressure is not being felt to move from the pattern of small colleges and universities to a larger university model.

Already church-related institutions have become somewhat secularized, said MacKinnon, and the struggle between the government's demand for accountability and the university's desire for autonomy indicates that the ability to preserve the unique religious atmosphere may be further eroded.

Dr. Sean McEvenue, the first principal of Lonergan College which is affiliated with the University of Montreal, described the situation "as a large university of 23,000 united by a computer."

Two-thirds of the courses must be taken within a specialized field. The colleges, therefore, are left to function within the remaining one-third of elective courses.

#### Deal with real questions

Colleges must confront the problems of secularization in what McEvenue describes as a "post-Christian era." They must counter the isolationism inherent in specialization and encourage their students to deal with real questions.

Ontario is currently facing a steady decline in the level of funding for higher education. Colleges do not qualify for the earmarked funding which the government is providing to compensate, said Choate.

Ontario colleges also have no access to the decision-making process. As a result, the university has developed procedures and policies which ignore the colleges and their needs.

The West is also in a difficult situation because of size, infrastructure and financing, said Lawless. Colleges tend to be small, between 300 and 1,000 full-time students. The infrastructure is also small and inadequate for current problems involving fund-raising and public relations.

### Where do we go now?

Financing has become a major issue. Colleges failed to establish financial procedures to meet expansion of services and capital construction. They were too dependent on the salary of religious which would often go back into the operating budget. Now that there are fewer religious, colleges have to find other sources of revenue.

The spirit of the panel was not one of depression but of optimism. Lawless encouraged colleges to re-examine their commitment and to rekindle their energy to discover new ways to face current problems. Choate challenged them to do this by using both imagination and negotiation.

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## Basilian Fathers' Missions

Father Bob O'Halloran, CSB, a native of Rochester, New York, has been ordained for 26 years. Following his undergraduate and theological studies he was appointed to Andrean High School in Merrillville, Indiana where he combined teaching with coaching for seven years. He also served as Assistant Principal for six years. In 1968 he was named Dean of Student Affairs at St. John Fisher College in up-state New York, a post he filled for five years. While serving as Dean, he was elected Regional Representative (Provincial) for the Eastern United States for a four-year term. On the conclusion of his term he was appointed Newman Chaplain at the University of Saskatchewan, Saskatoon, in Western Canada. While there he was also the Superior of St. Thomas More College for two three-year terms. Since 1983, he has been the Mission Procurator of the Basilian Fathers and currently resides in Sugar Land, Texas.





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## LET US LOOK OVER THE NAMES AND NUMBERS OF SOME OF OUR PLAYERS

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DALE, Matthew Robert MacGowan '38, joined the Foreign Service following World War II. In '63, he was appointed Papal Chamberlain and also became a Grand Officer of the Order of St. Gregory. He is now a Consultant on Soviet Affairs. He resides in Ottawa but does spend some time each year at the Vatican and also at NATO meetings.

O'HAGAN, Mrs. Helen Elizabeth (Kaufman) '49, is the very first person who organized Ulcers Incorporated at S.T.M.! She and Dick Emerson teamed up to start what is now a flourishing operation. Mrs. Gerald O'Hagan now resides in Regina, Saskatchewan.

SMITH, Marie-Therese '54, is Mrs. N.W. McGuinness now residing in Dublin, Ireland.

MCDONALD, Doris Rae '38, is Mrs. J.A. McTavish now living in Dorval, Quebec where she and her husband have lived for the past 40 years. She wonders, "just where is that Ping-pong Frying-pan Trophy today?" We too would like to know! She has sent in to our Alumni Office precious mementos, card party tally, Newman Club membership card dated '36, and also a most interesting brochure, "Dramatic Directorate Presents Col-lege Nights" dated 1938, all on display here at STM.

YAHOLNITSKY, Sandy Ann '67, is Dr. Yaholnitsky-Smith who now works for The Bosco Society for Disturbed Adolescents. She and her husband, Gerald, reside in Regina, Saskatchewan.

SARICH, Christopher Wayne '68, is a member of the Catholic Board of Education here in Saskatoon.

HOFFART, Miss Helen Elaine Roberta '63, a most fervent and loyal Alumna received her B.Ed. degree in '84 and resides in Calgary, Alberta.

SCHREINER, John Adam '58, is the Western Editor of "The Financial Post" and lives in Vancouver, B.C.

ZENUK, Samuel '51, is a pharmacist with his drugstore in Porcupine Plain, Saskatchewan. We are grateful that he keeps in touch with us!

SIEMENS, Roger Neil '81, teaches at Northern Institute of Technology in Prince Albert, SK. He and his wife, Wendy Lee Dutnall '79 live in that city.

LANG, James Charles '68, received his M.Ed. degree in '71. He and his wife, Mary Ackroyd, have traveled quite extensively plying their musical trade in Canada, U.S.A. and Europe for some ten years. James is now Principal of a small school at Nahanni Butte, North West Territories. We're grateful that he keeps us informed. He and Mary live at Fort Simpson, N.W.T.

ARCHAMBAULT, Judge Omer '62, has been for years in the Ministry of the Solicitor General in Ottawa. He now lives in Prince Albert, SK.

BREKER, Wayne Theodore '69, is teaching at St. Mark's Grade School here in Saskatoon.

LARSON, Roger Leo '79, is Assistant Managing Director of Canadian Fertilizer Institute and is stationed in Ottawa.

ANDERSON, William Francis Joseph '48, received his M.A. degree in Public Health at the University of Michigan. He moved to Toronto to assume the post of Director of the Canadian Mental Health Association. At present, he is an Executive member with the Ontario Ministry of Health. His son, Kevin, joined the Basilian Fathers and was ordained to the Priesthood last December. Fr. Kevin is now stationed at St. Basil's Church in Ottawa.

POLITESKI, Gordon John Joseph '66, is the President of Biomira Incorporated Research Centre Number One (Cancer Research) in Edmonton, Alberta. He and his wife, Sharon, reside in nearby Sherwood Park.

SVOBODA, Charles Vincent '62, is Counselor and Head of the Political Section on the Canadian Permanent Mission to the United Nations. He resides in New York City.

KAMMERMAYER, Joseph A.F. '61, is Chairman of Pro-Life in Saskatchewan and lives in Saskatoon.

LUCAS, Noreen Shirley '58, is Mrs. L.V. Galvin now living in Osgoode, Ontario.

YANDEL, Michael Dr. '51, is a medical doctor now living in Kelowna, British Columbia.

ZAWITKOSKI, Marlene Gail '67, is Mrs. Kenneth Joseph Morrison '68 now living in Calgary, Alberta.

DUNWOODY, John Gregory '72, is married to Rhonda Marsden Feader and they live in Elie, Manitoba.

KERR, Donald Cameron '57, is married to Mildred Ann Teresa McNamee and is Professor on the English Department at the University of Saskatchewan, Saskatoon. His wife works for Catholic Family Services.

McGUIRE, Sheila Mary Janet '59, is Mrs. Neil A. Ross and she and her husband practise Law in Calgary, Alberta.

GROHS, Terry Richard '70, has been ordained in the Catholic priesthood and serves at St. Michael's Church, Lestock, Saskatchewan.

GALON, Kenneth Lloyd William '69, is a pharmacist working in Calgary, Alberta.

POTTS, Carol M. '67, is now Mrs. Tyrone Victor Fisher living in Regina, Saskatchewan.

OSIOWY, Teresa Laureen '74, married Markos Armanious in '78. She is librarian for the Alberta Petroleum Marketing Commission and resides in Calgary, Alberta.

KLEIN, Michael Dennis Victor '69, teaches at Borderland School Division in Rockglen, Saskatchewan.

HAUBRICH, Allan Mervin '67, is a lawyer in the firm, Haubrich, Borden, Trach & Carlson, situated in the Canada Building in Saskatoon.

WILDE, Raymond Anthony '63, is teaching for the Saskatoon Separate School Board. Married to a nurse, Johanna Markwart, they have three children.

LEIGH, Robert James '51, is President of Division Processes International (West) Incorporated and resides in San Diego, California.

KADIS, Doctor Vincent '55, works in the O.S. Longman Laboratory building in Edmonton, Alberta.

LUBINIECKI, Kevin James Gerald '69, is the Principal at Wolesley High School in Wolesley, Saskatchewan.

KLOPPENBURG, Henry Ronald '65, received his LL.B. degree in '68 and practices law in Saskatoon. He was decorated with the title, Knight of Malta in 1983.

DEAN, Merril Margaret '80, from North Battleford, left last spring to go to China where she is now teaching conversational English. She lives in Peking.

LAHEY, Barry Armstrong Lloyd '65, is the President of Mark One Energy Ventures Ltd. in Calgary, Alberta.

BERSCHIED, Donna Mae '68, is now Mrs. William R. Stinson and works for the law firm, Stinson & Associates in Weyburn, Saskatchewan. She is also President of the Weyburn Chamber of Commerce.

DUGGAN, Michael William '69, now is an ordained Catholic priest residing in Gaithersburg, Maryland. He has organized and directs The Mother Of God Community with headquarters in Washington, D.C.

KAMBEITZ, Sister Teresita '69, Prelate Ursuline, is in Toronto where she is working on her Ph.D. degree. She is living with the Sisters of Loretta there.

BAYROCK, Mark '81, was ordained to the priesthood in September '85, Ukrainian Rite, and will serve in the Eparchy of Edmonton, Alberta.

GALVIN, Kathleen '81, is now Mrs. Ralph Paquin. She became a chartered accountant in July '84 and is Supervisor for Business Services Arthur Young Chartered Accountants in Wellington, New Zealand.

PELLETIER, Clement A. is President of Rescan Group Ltd. and worked in the Coopers & Lybrand Bldg., Vancouver, B.C. Married in '68, he has two children, Pierre and Natalie.

MOLLAN, Linda Marilyn '67, is now Mrs. Dale W. Potts living in Calgary, Alberta.

WHITE, Clinton Oliver '63, is now full Professor of Canadian History at Campion College, University of Regina. During the past year, he delivered a series of lectures at Shandong University, Peoples' Republic of China.

LEMIRE, James David Peter '67, is Supervisor of Special Education for the Calgary Catholic Board of Education. He received his Ph.D. degree in '81. He is married to C.A. Lane of Saskatoon. They live in Calgary, Alberta.

KOBRYNSKY, Steven '57, was teacher, guidance counselor, vice-principal and principal in several schools throughout a 36-year period. Now he is happily retired. He received the prestigious award, "Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice" certificate and medal conferred by Pope Paul VI in 1976.

TETREAU, Jeannette Bernadette '64, teaches French at the Secondary School in Revelstoke, B.C. This past year, she enjoyed a sabbatical and traveled for four months in Italy, Greece, Ireland and the Balkans.

LAVOIE, Sylvain Hubert '70, was ordained an Oblate Catholic priest in the fall of '74. He also gained his Bachelor of Theology degree the same year.

LUZNY, Kurt Francis '84, has joined the Jesuit Fathers and is stationed in Guelph, Ontario.

BOSKILL, John '85 is Administrator of St. Martin's Hospital in La Loche, SK. Congratulations to John and his wife, Elaine, on the birth of their first child, Amy Rose. John is also Administrator of the Hospital in Ile a la Crosse, SK. away up North.

CRANSTON, Richard Keith '75, received his B.Ed. degree in '80 and is now teaching in Martensville Highschool near Saskatoon.

DUBOURT, Joel Rene '68, teaches at St. Joseph's Grade School in Swift Current, Saskatchewan.

ASCHEBRENNER, Denise Cecelia '61, is Mrs. Michael Nahirney living in Kelowna, B.C., where she is Office Manager for the Kelowna Art Gallery. Her husband, a graduate engineer in '64 (Newman) works too in Kelowna at Apex Engineering Ltd.

MORIARTY, Edmund Joseph Dr. '39, is a medical doctor residing in Calgary, Alberta. He and his wife attended our reunion last October.

MUIRHEAD, Charles Randolph '40, is now living in Kanata, Ontario.

MAHER, John Hayes '39, received his Law degree in '42. His Honour practises in Saskatoon.

DALY, Genevieve Rosemary '39, is Mrs. F.A. Doyle and now resides in Vancouver.

KILCOYNE, Ralph John '41, a graduate engineer lives in Port Rowan, Ontario.

SWEENEY, Denis Brendan Dr. '52, practises as a medical doctor and lives in Don Mills, Ontario.

NEBOZENKO, Peter Orest '43, a graduate engineer is now living in Northbrook, Illinois.

SUKNACKY, Natalie Valerie '44, is Mrs. H. Stellmacher residing in Sarnia, Ont.

SUTTLE, Mariette Leone Colleen '47, is Mrs. M.L. Vanderham living in Okotoks, Alberta.

IMAFIDON, Gilbert Idolo '79, teaches biochemistry at the University of Jos, Nigeria.

LONG, Mary Louise Miss '42, is most active in the life and activities of St. Michael's Parish in Saskatoon.

BRENNAN, Deloris Marv '51, is Mrs. Leo Yaskowich now liv-

ing in Guelph, Ont. In '81, along with their six children, she and Leo celebrated their Silver Wedding Anniversary.

GILBERT, Shirley-Anne Mary '51, is Mrs. Norris Sutton living in Kalamazoo, Mich., where she works for Business Community Action to control patients afflicted with high blood pressure.

FENRICH, Melvin Donald Rev. '85, graduated "cum laude" in Fine Arts. He is now Pastor of St. Stephen's Church and also St. Philip Neri in Kamsack, Sask. Fr. Mel Fenrich is chaplain there serving both the Knights of Columbus and also the Canadian Legion. He teaches art for Community College and also the Highschool as well as being President of the Drama Society in Kamsack.

## Mrs. Florence Fournier merits award for service to education

Mrs. Florence Fournier was born at Hodgeville, Saskatchewan, to Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Gross, one of 13 children. She was raised and educated there and took her Registered Nurses Training at Regina Grey Nuns Hospital. Florence began her nursing career at Holy Family Hospital in Prince Albert, married J. Albert Fournier and became the mother of six children, all of whom are university graduates today. After only 20 years of marriage, Florence was widowed. She resumed her nursing career in 1966 at Holy Family Hospital, moved to the Associate Medical Clinic and remains there to this day.

### Receives Meritorious Service Award

The Catholic Section of the Saskatchewan School Trustees Association honored and rewarded her last November 17 at the Centre of the Arts Building, Prince Albert, for the many contributions she has made throughout the years in the province of Saskatchewan.

### A list of her accomplishments

Mrs. Fournier has been involved in Catholic Education in the following capacities:

- 1) Trustee on the Prince Albert Catholic School Board for the past 14 years to the present time.
- 2) Trustee for Carleton Comprehensive Highschool for the past five years.
- 3) Vice-chairperson of Prince Albert Catholic School Board for the past 6 years.
- 4) Director of the Prince Albert Urban Section 1974-76 for a two-year period.
- 5) Director of the Northeast Branch for the past two years.
- 6) President of the Catholic Section Executive from 1975-1983

- 7) Past president 1981-1983
- 8) Saskatchewan Schools Teachers Association Executive 1979-1981
- 9) On the Board of Directors for the Canadian Catholic Schools Teachers Association from 1981-1983.
- 10) Chairperson for the '86 convention when she served on the Program Committee.
- 11) Member of the Home Economics Provincial Curriculum Committee.

### A further, extended list of activities

In addition to the above pursuits, Mrs. Fournier was honored for:

- 1) having been the Prince Albert Diocesan Representative appointed to the St. Thomas More College Corporation on which she has served for the past 11 years.
- 2) having served on the St. Thomas More College Board of Governors for the past nine years.
- 3) has been chosen to serve on numerous committees here at S.T.M. and is currently a member of the Standing Committee of Appointments.

### And that's not all!

Being most active in her Church and Community, Mrs. Fournier has been involved in the following areas also:

- 1) Counselor for Squirettes of Mary from 1965-1975.
- 2) Member of the Catholic Women's League 1944 to the present.
- 3) Member of the Board of Trustees of Sacred Heart Parish since 1967.
- 4) President of Sacred Heart Parish Council for four years.
- 5) Currently Secretary of Sacred Heart Parish Finance Committee.

6) Member on the Board of Catholic Family Services.

7) Member of the Pastoral Care Team for the Herb Bassett Home.

8) Active in the Heart Foundation, Blood Pressure Screening Program & Funding Campaign.

9) During the past 10 summers, she has acted as a volunteer nurse at the John Bosco Camp.

### Former recipients of such Meritorious Service Awards

1982 — Wendelin A. Herle & Olaf A. Turnbull.

1983 — Frank Chad & Walter Podiluk.

1984 — Emmett M. Hall & Camille C. Tremblay

1985 — William A. (Bill) Reid & Jack Sader.





**STM Glee Club in rehearsal in bygone days.** Can you name the year this picture was taken? Can you identify any of the members? Send your answer to: *Alumni Newsletter, STM, 1437 College Dr., Saskatoon, Sask. S7N 0W6.*



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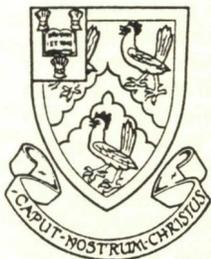
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