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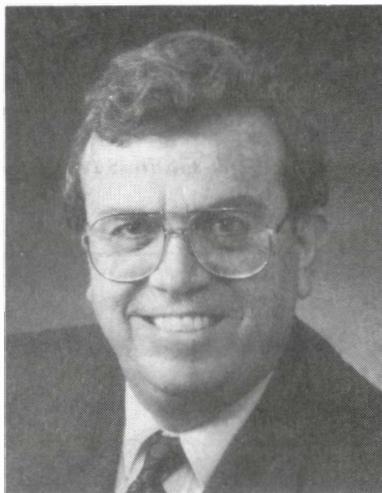
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Presented by the STM students to  
President John Thompson,  
March 1994

# Notes from the President



President John Thompson

Late April brings the end of examinations. Spring convocation, less than a month away brings a day of pride and achievement for students and their families, as well as for faculty. Seeing persons who arrived here three or four or five years ago walk across the stage of Centennial Auditorium to receive their degrees and the congratulations of Dr. Ted Turner, the Chancellor of the University of Saskatchewan, is moving. I remember my deep sense of pride and admiration several years ago as three women whom I had taught in first year received their four-year honours degrees. All three were single parents. Against great odds, they successfully completed a university education.

Our pride is, however, coupled with sadness that our graduates face bleak job prospects. Many carry considerable debt from student loans. If any of you are in a position of hiring persons, either for permanent positions or for the summer, please contact the College. We will gladly put you in touch with our students for interviews.

This time of year is also a time of finalizing courses and instructors for next year, and for setting budgets. For the University of Saskatchewan and for STM, the 1994-95 provincial grant will be reduced by

a further 4% (-7% in three years). At the prospect of drastically cutting faculty and programmes, the College of Arts and Science made a decision to admit more first-year students, lowering the entrance average from its present 77% to 67%. Although the official University entrance average has remained 65%, quotas in Arts and Science had restricted admission to persons with high school averages at or above 77%. Through a tuition sharing arrangement, those Colleges teaching more students will receive 80% of the tuition of the additional students taught. STM is also being offered such an opportunity. As part of the decision to admit more students, the Senate has agreed to increase the number of International Students, without curtailing the admission of qualified Saskatchewan students.

Such a strategy means that the College of Arts and Science will be able to preserve programmes and professors. It also means that the same number of faculty will be teaching more students. Many of you know that one of STM's major strengths has been an emphasis on teaching, on smaller classes, and on personal attention to students. That the quality of STM's teaching has continued to be high is indicated by eight of our facul-

ty being nominated (out of 58 total) for the University of Saskatchewan Students' Union (USSU) Excellence in Teaching award. Dr. Steven Snyder, STM's Department of Philosophy, was selected as one of the ten to receive this award for 1993-94.

Even with increased numbers of students, however, STM faculty will continue to find ways to insure that students receive excellent teaching and get to know their instructors. This year we hope to have 120 students in the Chelsea Programme, STM's transition and foundation workshops for first-year students. With a strong Newman Centre, two full-time Chaplains, an Administrator of Student Services, and a renewed STMSU Executive, incoming STM students will find caring and knowledgeable persons to welcome them to the College and its many activities.

This Spring issue of the *Newsletter* covers several events and contributions of a number of persons to whom I want to call your attention. The first is the visit of Mary Jo Leddy, an STM alumna, and her talk to the College, "Redeeming Power: Women in Church and Society." The second is Windows to the East, three public lectures on Eastern Christianity, initiated by Mrs. Lesya Nahachewsky and carried out with the assistance of Mr. Bill Smart, both of STM's Department of Religious Studies. The third are the two plays, *Murder in the Cathedral* and *Only Once*, directed by STM students Luc Bussiere and Rhonda Shinkewski.

Less than two weeks ago our Archbishop, His Excellency Charles Halpin, died suddenly of cancer. We

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*Wilfrid Denis finishes his term as Acting Dean this June. Since he has some rather important thoughts about the implications of the funding crisis on post-secondary education, I believe that he should be allowed extra space in this issue to enable him to communicate the serious complexity of the situation and its consequences for society. Such debates are very real in the academy and need to be seriously considered by the public, not only as funders of our enterprise, but also as consumers and beneficiaries.*

Over the last decade studies from the sociology of work and the political economy of the modern corporation reveal how worldwide communication and modern computer technology have fostered "just in time" production. This concept was applied initially to the production of goods where the final sale of products occurs at some distance from the point of production. The combination of communication and computer technology translates immediately effective demand into new production. Each sale, even if it occurs at the other end of the world, is immediately registered at the point of manufacture or assembly thus determining new production directly. After an initial production run, low demand items are not produced again whereas high demand items are replenished. "Just in time" production has numerous advantages for the modern corporation. It helps to reduce inventory, dead time in production, overstocking, and the need for year-end sales to clear outmoded or outdated stock. It also allows for more effective advertising by pinpointing target population. This approach



Dean Wilfrid Denis

also reduces the risk of overproduction and overstocking.

Aspects of this kind of production are creeping into virtually every sector of the economy, including the service sector. If this approach is applicable to fast-food production, is it relevant for the provision of services? Does it apply to education? Although many reasons justify not applying it to education, we should not be too quick to conclude that post-secondary education is exempt from "just in time" production. In fact, some elements have been in place for quite some time already.

The integration of technology to post-secondary education makes "just in time education" increasingly possible. Academic journals carried articles on computer-assisted instruction (CAI) in the late 1960s and early 1970s. Current technology already supplements existing programs and course deliveries in a most impressive manner through CD-ROM, video disks and tapes, TV delivery and computer software. These can reduce the cost of course delivery, for example, by replacing expensive lab experiments with quality video presentations for non-majors. CD-ROM can make visual materials on virtually every country in the world and every civilization available to even the most

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remote learning facility. Academic journals are going to be increasingly available through computer communication systems rather than through paper. This technology adds flexibility and access to students whose needs do not coincide entirely with the standard university format. It also reduces costs to universities when the technology is used in sufficient quantity to recover the initial capital outlay.

The current funding crisis in post-secondary education pushes us increasingly towards demand or market-driven education. Demand is expressed in various ways, but it is reduced ultimately to the question of who pays. Already, some universities are designing MA programs for corporations where electives developed specifically to meet the needs of these companies will be integrated to the core courses from the regular MA program. Corporate or other external sponsorship can therefore create demand within universities and shape programs and courses much like the impact that external funding has already had on directing university research.

Another dimension to demand is student enrollment. This demand can be translated into effective dollars in two ways. The first is

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# Healing from sexual abuse

In our last Newsletter, Professor Gerry Farthing wrote a brief story on the complicated issue of assessing young children who were victims of sexual abuse. In this article, Professor Ellen Jastrebske in our Psychology Department, looks at the implications of abuse and a path to healing.

Sexual abuse occurs when there is sexual activity (or sexually connotated acts) that involve either one who is involved in a caregiving bond with a minor, or one who is involved in an emotional bond with someone who otherwise exercises formal or informal authority over oneself. This latter category may include adults who find themselves in non-consensual or coercive contexts or relationships. The term incest applies when there is a biological relationship between the persons involved or when social role or convention indicates the role of primary caregiver (quasi-parent) is filled by one of the persons.

Abuse can range from verbal violation, behavioural suggestion of sexual involvement or activity which is inappropriate through to exhibition, sexual fondling, genital touching, and intercourse. Force is seldom used or needed, especially with minors; generally, the closer the relationship, the less probability of force being used. The perpetrator who is at least several years older often sets the standards and norms about which behaviours are defined as *right*, appropriate, or somehow acceptable. Secrecy is attained by some mixture of reassurance about the sexual acts, combined with either direct or indirect threats (intimidation) about the results of disclosure. In particular, disclosure is often defined in a victim-blaming manner, or the acts are portrayed as having been instigated or *desired* by the child (minor). In addition to the above strategies, sometimes the promise of additional privilege or other incentives offered to the victim assure the continuation of the illicit sexual activity.

A provincial survey that I carried out showed a reported prevalence (lifetime rate) of about 15% in a total sample of some 2300 persons to have experienced sexual abuse by the age of 16. In nearly half of these cases the perpetrators were family relatives. In the remainder, the perpetrators were either friends of various family members or other people in frequent association with the family. In light of other recent work (Finklehor in 1986; Briere in 1992), this is probably a conservative estimate of prevalence since other investigation has placed incidence near 25% to 33% of a random sample.

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The impact of incest or chronic sexual abuse has now been shown to be widespread and inevitably damaging. Consequences for the adult survivors of these experiences often include an almost universal self-devaluation, frequently accompanied by guilt, shame and self-blame; another consequence is often the development of a hyperalertness that manifests itself in a tendency to misinterpret situations and to fear betrayal in relationships with others; both of these consequences develop from generalizations made from prior experience. When past themes are replayed in present relationships with others, the result is self-doubt and questions arising within a person that cause speculation about themselves as people who stimulate and attract these repetitive

experiences. Sexual abuse survivors often experience characteristics of post-traumatic stress disorder, a clinical category applied to other traumas triggered by natural disasters, fires and explosions, accidents and hostage experiences. Unique features arising out of trauma induced by others are perceptions of extreme calculated threat to either one's life or to one's physical, emotional, and spiritual integrity, as well as the experience of loss of control and personal efficacy in one's life.

Since people regard as *normal* whatever they experience until or unless they have a basis of comparison, it is often difficult for survivors who are not receiving any supportive counselling or therapy to recognize that their feelings, reactions and behaviours are the result of learning through inappropriate early life experiences that were controlled by others for their personal gratification. It is also the case that, with prolonged or severe abuse, survivors may dissociate their earlier experiences for varying periods of time and thus quite literally *forget* or have no recall of the abuse well into their adult years. As a consequence, this means that survivors may be placed on a continuum of adaptability by their ability to handle their current life circumstances. Being a survivor does not necessarily mean that one is *crazy* or incapacitated; it usually does mean that the person may be characterized by changeability and volatility depending on whether she/he is functioning well or not-so-well. An inability to cope or function effectively may be triggered by stressors in current life, that further exacerbate the struggle to survive.

What are the survivor's chances for the future? I believe that professional counselling of such persons often results in a general therapeutic progression. Such therapy is predicated upon a holistic, integrative approach which aims to address all levels of the person -- the emotional, cognitive, behavioural, and spiritual -- at which the survivor must function. Appropriate therapy assumes that survivors are normal individuals who have had quite *abnormal* formative experiences which have redirected and skewed their constructs about themselves and the world in which they live. Survivors need recognition that their self-image and coping styles are the results of learning to live with abnormal, *crazy-making* interpretations of life events that others had labelled as *normal*. In therapy, a climate (atmosphere) of safety, security and acceptance must be assured so that survivors can reflect on the maladaptive circumstances of their

experience, and come to understand that their reactions and behaviours were adaptations for survival within an extremely hostile and destructive environment. Counseling may take somewhat longer for survivors of abuse than for other categories of human-induced trauma, because sexual abuse often occurs early in life when the child lacks a sufficiently mature perspective, which is available to adults who may be taken as hostage or subject to prisoner-of-war experiences.

The ultimate task of survivor therapy is to guide the individual to resources, provide support, and create a comfortable domain. Only then can one examine the faulty family or other relationship; be able to recognize one's response to this; and finally be able to make choices that will result in more suitable arrangements for one's current life situation. In recognizing and working to revise one's life patterns, it is important for the therapist to keep in mind the gender and other



*Professor Ellen Jastrebske*

socio-economic factors that have moulded the client's framework for there is a direct and reciprocal relationship between the person's experiences and her/his options and opportunities available to them in their current life.

For survivors to capitalize on the future, therapy must be very personal in its approach, and recognize and respect both the past and present uniqueness of the individual. Acceptance of these individuals with their strengths, for what and who they are, is mandatory in helping them become competent.

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will remember him as a caring pastor, as one committed to social justice, adult religious education, and liturgy, and as someone who delighted in being with people. In his tribute to Archbishop Halpin, Archbishop Marcel Gervais said: "Charlie was very gregarious. He really loved to be at a party. He loved to celebrate and that's really where he was at his best and he felt the most at ease--at family celebrations and at liturgical celebrations." (*Prairie Messenger*, April 25) May Archbishop Halpin rest in peace!

Finally, I want to thank you for supporting STM financially during this past year. Through the mail and telethon requests, many contributed to the FOR ALL SEASONS fund. As we struggle to meet the challenge of providing Catholic liberal arts education in the face of decreasing provincial grants, we rely on your financial support.

May this Easter season bring each of you the hope and renewed life of Christ's resurrection.

John Thompson  
President

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# Apprehension, Anxiety, Anguish

*Following is a true story, written by Jane O'Brien. Fr. Ed Heidt edited it and on Good Friday, following our meditation on the Cross, told us this story for our reflection on both life and death.*

*[He] should have died hereafter:  
There would have been time for such a word.  
To-morrow and to-morrow and to-morrow,  
Creeps in this petty pace from day to day,  
To the last syllable of recorded time;  
And all our yesterdays have lighted fools  
The way to dusty death. Out, out, brief candle!  
Life's but a walking shadow; a poor player,  
That struts and frets his hour upon the stage,  
And then is heard no more: it is a tale  
Told by an idiot, full of sound and fury,  
Signifying nothing.*

MacBeth, Act V, Sc. V, 17-28

The 20th of June was a perfect day. A westerly breeze made little ripples in the lake. The sky was clear and deep and the sun was June-warm, not molten as it would be in midsummer. I remember the morning with special delight because friends were coming to a picnic supper -- it was Tom and Elly's wedding anniversary. John drove off to work in the rusty Nash. He was helping a client in the cement business with a contract.

Jack and I toured the neighbourhood after breakfast to collect money for a community gift for Tom and Elly. We were a close community, almost ingrown. Most of us had lived in houses our parents, or grandparents even, had lived in. Clustered in a sheltered cove of the lake, about forty of us owned a lighted dock together, storing our boats in the creek beside it which wound into the woods, and across the road and behind the cottages there was a ball field for games, gatherings and festivals.

As Jack and I collected the money together, Jack received a lollipop from a doting widow he especially favoured. But back home again, cleaning the shaded interior seemed tedious so we took the hedge shears for an excuse to work outside. Elly called over that Kim was out and would I keep an eye on her while she finished the jam? Placid and golden, Kim sat in a clump of clover and pulled white blossoms off the stems, one by one. Of course, I was watching Jack too -- it was the lake side of the yard, but he knew from constant physical reminders not to open the gate to the lake stairs and it was impossible to get through the hedge. So when I noticed he was gone, my first thought was the lake, but the gate was securely latched. I called to

Elly that I had to chase Jack again and heard her back screen door slam as she came to get Kim. The Graves had not seen him, nor the Howlands, nor the Davises. I called to Andy, on his bicycle "Would you ride to the end of the road and see if you see Jack? He's gotten away from me." The Campbells had seen him earlier, with me, but not since. No answer at the Heaphy's -- oh, I forgot they were on vacation. The Beebee's? They have a boy his age -- "No, no, sorry!" When I got as far as the Anson's, the panic was beginning. "Would you?... The railroad track?" Bill Anson dropped his lawnmower and ran. Then I thought of Dorothy Smith -- the widow--the lollipop!!! Of course! That's where he is. But no, she hadn't seen him. No! No! No! It was the only word anybody knew. I began to run, moaning, looking for a yes. Where was a yes? Someone got Tom and he caught me with the car. "Jane! Calm down! I'll go up the lake road -- he's just wandering somewhere. Go home, so we can find you when we find him."

Quieter, dazed, I ran up the driveway. There was a little knot of people on the lawn in the front, murmuring. Wally Trickey said softly, "Kirk and Jim Speegle have gone out to get him in the boat, Jane. Kirk saw him floating, way out"

The stillness came then. The colour of shock is grey, muffled and swathed. There is a feeling of suspension, of the world no longer turning. A voice, far away but distinct says "Oh, God, no." Vaguely, I know it as my own voice. Someone leads me to the house, to the couch. Someone asks how to reach John, and I tell her without moving my head. Someone calls an ambulance. In a little while, Wally comes in.

"He's out here, Jane. Do you want to see him?" "No."

All the white faces look at me then.

"Mrs. O'Brien, I'm afraid you've lost your little boy." "No."

"Your regular physician, Dr. Cook, isn't on duty today so I came. Do you want me to call him?" "No."

"Did your boy have any kind of defect or handicap? Was he imperfect in any way?" "No."

"I've just made some soup. Can't I bring you some?" "No."

"How about a drink? A little rye and branch water?" "No."

"I just heard and came right over. Isn't there anything I can do? I want to do something?" "No."

"How in the world did it happen? Weren't you with him?" "No."

"Is there anyone you want me to call?"

"No."

"It is beyond our understanding why God should take him. Perhaps someday we shall understand?" "NO!"

"Come over and sit beside her, John. You still have each other, don't you?" "No."

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*After having read her story, and because he knew the writer and knew she had moved forward to recovery, Fr. Ed left a long pause and closed his meditation with an affirming "Yes."*

## ***New Chaplaincy Co-ordinator at St. Peter's College***

St. Thomas More College is pleased to learn that the Chapel's sacristan, Phyllis Thompson, has been named co-ordinator of campus ministry at St. Peter's College, Muenster. She is presently on the faculty, teaching English, and will add campus ministry to her academic responsibilities. Together, both activities will be equivalent to two-thirds of a full-time position.

Much of Phyllis' experience in college ministry comes from her years of involvement in the liturgical life at STM -- as sacristan or as co-ordinator of the Lector and Eucharistic Minister ministries. She admits her 24-year association with STM, and her close work with STM's various chaplains since 1977, has been a wonderful asset.

Phyllis' experience in pastoral ministry isn't limited to

STM, though. For the past eleven years she's been the primary Catholic visitor, first at the old 65-bed Sanatorium, now at the 238-bed Parkridge Centre. Since Parkridge opened seven years ago, Phyllis (as volunteer) has had an Episcopal Mandate to serve as co-ordinator of Catholic ministry there -- working with various clergy on the pastoral care team and with other Catholic volunteers: arranging weekly Catholic liturgies, participating in ecumenical services, and assisting residents and their families meet their individual spiritual needs. As an ongoing activity, Phyllis has attended workshops, courses, and conferences in pastoral ministry to augment her experience and to keep her knowledge of this ministry current.

Phyllis envisions her work at St. Peter's to be innovative in some ways. The College itself is working toward an integrated academic



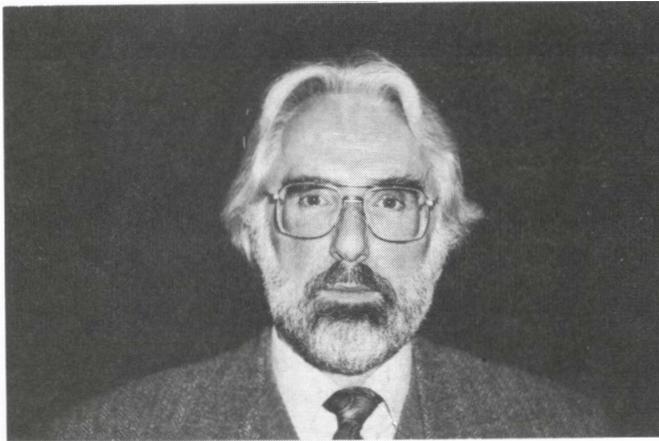
*Phyllis Thompson*

program with opportunities for interdisciplinary courses and team-teaching. Campus ministry will parallel this integrated model: using a team approach, issues of spirituality, social justice, feminism, ecumenism, and ecology will be addressed by interested members of the faculty, the Benedictine community, and the local rural community. She hopes campus ministry at St. Peter's can combine this strategy with the very Benedictine approach to life: one which balances prayer and work ("ora et labora," the Benedictine motto).

We wish Phyllis well in her new venture.

# Windows to the East:

The College was the site of an unprecedented ecumenical endeavour at the local level February 2-4 this year. The public lecture series entitled *Windows to the East* enabled several sectors of the Christian community to gather for a panorama of the Byzantine heritage and discussion of ecumenical issues facing Eastern and Western Christians. The formation of the planning committee, composed of clergy and lay representatives of several Orthodox church jurisdictions, the Ukrainian Greco-Catholic Eparchy of Saskatoon, President John Thompson and two lecturers of the religious studies department, Lesya Nahachewsky and Bill Smart, was an ecumenical breakthrough in itself.



Dr. Daniel Sahas

One of the keynote speakers, Fr. Robert Barringer, Superior General of the Basilians and past-president of St. Joseph's College, Edmonton, gave talks entitled "Strangers on the Same Pilgrimage" in which he gave an overview of East-West divisions as well as recent advances in Catholic-Orthodox dialogue. He predicted that the restoration of communion between Eastern and Western churches of the undivided apostolic tradition, separated officially in 1054, will not occur without an attempt to establish relations at the grass roots level. All previous attempts to reconstitute unity with paper and ink at the hands of clerics have failed partly because the role of the laity in the process was negligible.

Fr. Barringer likened East and West to marital difficulties. Partners do not wake up suddenly one morning and decide to get a divorce; rather, a process of breakdown in communication, periods of silence and separation are consummated in divorce. The process of separation between churches involved the differing approaches to law and spirituality among Greeks and Latins, as well as a

theological jargon unique to each culture. "The Greeks," said Fr. Barringer, "could never take the Latins seriously. They thought that they were barbarians who would do better to listen than talk." The Latins in turn sought to prove themselves madly against a blunt and unappreciative East -- and not without unfamiliar means. Against this background of competition and disrespect Fr. Barringer challenged his hearers to search for common activities in order to re-establish ancient family relations.

As for official dialogues, Fr. Barringer, a member of the Orthodox-Roman Catholic Theological Commission, highlighted the 1993 Balamond Statement of Orthodox and Catholic church representatives wherein uniatism

was rejected as a means of future unity between the churches. *Uniatism* refers to past unions of Orthodox bishops and faithful with the See of Rome while severing themselves from their mother churches. These unions have resulted generally in the erosion of the tradition of the Eastern Catholic Churches through the imposition of Latin church developments. Some of the more important traditions of undivided Christendom lost through uniatism are local synodical church government, infant communion, married clergy and the eastern character of the Liturgy. Fr. Barringer noted frankly

that the ecumenical dialogues ultimately will have to deal with the pivotal issue of papal primacy.

During a conference panel discussion, Bishop Basil Filevich, Ukrainian Catholic Eparch of Saskatoon, spoke of the unique historical situation of the Ukrainian Greco-Catholic Church. He wondered why his church had to affirm a union with Rome that it had never denied, while it had to reaffirm the Orthodox allegiance which it had never abandoned. Each evening of the conference other clergy and lay-representatives of the Eastern Christian parishes of Saskatoon commented on the lectures and stimulated questions and discussion from the audience.

Joseph Raya, Melkite Archbishop of Akka, Haifa and all of Galilee, was originally scheduled to speak on Byzantine spirituality and theology. However, planning committee members were saddened by his cancellation due to illness shortly before the conference opened. Dr. Daniel Sahas of the Department of Religious Studies of the University of Waterloo dropped previous commitments to participate in the conference at short notice. A theologian

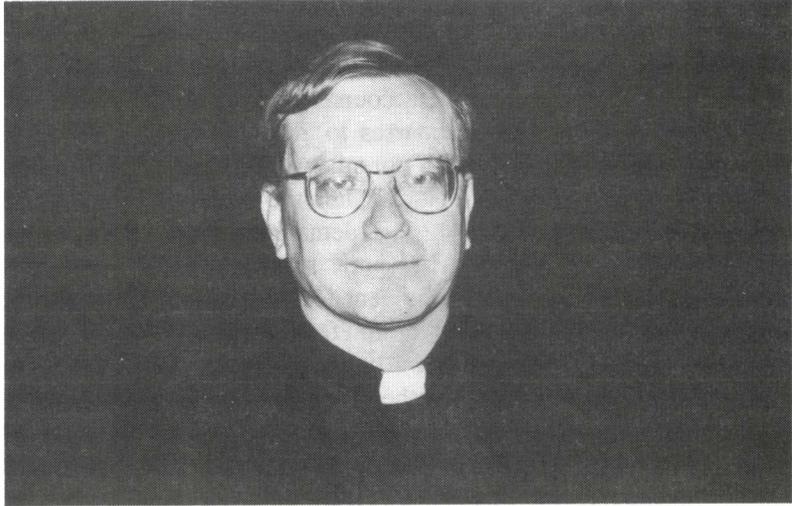
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and layman of the Greek Orthodox Church, he has co-authored with Fr. Barringer *Rome and Constantinople: Essays in the Dialogue of Love*. Dr. Sahas spoke of the unique characteristics of the Byzantine Christian ethos. The liturgical life of Orthodoxy reflects its synodical constitution, just as its monastic ethos is an expression of authentic social and communal Christian life and responsibility. The Hesychast tradition of mysticism reflects the holistic epistemology of the Christian East. In western terms, clericalism, laicism, rationalism and individualism have found an uneasy resting place in Orthodox ecclesiology and spirituality. Dr. Sahas concluded that, after intellectual labours, the Byzantine spirit "pauses silently and prayerfully, obediently, gratefully, and longingly in front of the ineffable mystery of God."

The brainchild of Lesya Nahachewsky, a sessional lecturer in Eastern Christianity at the College, the conference had "love for the Church" as its primary motivation. Convinced that the Eastern churches fill up what is lacking in Western churches, Mrs. Nahachewsky invited several potential speakers from the Orthodox and Catholic academic spheres for a series wherein both East and West would be respected. "Both Eastern and Western Churches must realize their need for one another," she said, "just as the right and left brain complement each other."

Her efforts did not go unrecognized. During the panel discussion on the final evening of the conference, Fr. Orest Olekshy of the Orthodox Church in America marvelled at the novel creation of Orthodox unity in the event, while at a post-conference reception Fr. Bohdan Demchuk of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church acknowledged the foundational role of a Ukrainian Catholic in seating together the various Orthodox representatives. In March, Fr. Demchuk's parish, Holy Trinity, enjoyed the ecumenical fruit of the conference in the first united Vespers of Orthodoxy, a service celebrating the Church's 9th century victory over iconoclasm, attended by members of several of the participating Orthodox parishes. The service in common represents a budding Orthodox rapport after decades of nationalistic tensions and jurisdictional problems.

Attendance for the three evenings was numbered at about 180, 140, and 110 persons. Dr. Thompson closed the conference with thanksgiving and with congratulations to

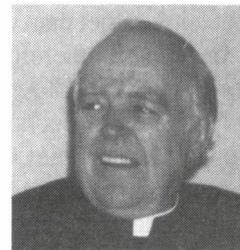


*Fr. Robert Barringer, CSB*

Lesya for listening to her hopes. He invited those in attendance for a renewed event next year, ensuring the College's assistance in a movement of the Spirit gratefully witnessed after a moment of crisis in Catholic-Orthodox dialogue.

*Bill Smart  
Department of Religious Studies*

*At a recent STM party*



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Archbishop Charles Halpin

August 30, 1930 - April 16, 1994

Ordained a priest May 27, 1956

Ordained Archbishop of Regina

November 26, 1973

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student enrollment in courses. The current technology already allows immediate monitoring of student demand during the registration period. With this monitoring, universities can delete low enrollment courses and open up new sections of high demand courses to accommodate student demand. If such changes occur quickly and directly, student demand could eventually alter the shape of programs towards more popular and less demanding courses rather than on the basis of academic standards and criteria. The second way in which student demand contributes directly to funding is through tuition fees. Some MA programs are already being placed on the market, at cost, to see what the market will bear. In other words, tuition fees could be anywhere between \$20,000. and \$30,000. as opposed to the usual \$5,000. or \$6,000.

The combination of available technology and the funding crisis may lead us to the "just in time University". In addition to the elements outlined above, the pressure to reduce costs will lead more universities to consider using pre-packaged courses especially for the higher demand courses. In such instances, the demand will make it attractive for corporations to produce and market canned courses either on video disk or tape, CD-ROM or computer software. As corporations and corporate or other sponsors finance the production of such materials, the question of the pedagogical approach used and the content will become increasingly problematic. Not only will the production of such materials affect particular courses, it may well affect programs directly. The funding crisis may push us to teach what is the cheapest to teach rather than what is academically desirable. It is conceivable, therefore, that we would offer canned courses on pet psychology developed by pet food companies, or agricultural economy developed by banks or land development companies, or the sociology of forestry funded by paper companies and so on. Eventually universities would teach what pays, either directly through funding by corporate sponsors or by tuition fees. Faculty members would develop popular courses high in entertainment value, but low in content and with a reduced challenge to students. Competition between institutions or colleges to attract students would enhance this tendency.

In its more extreme forms "just in time University" could take the form of pass-book education where courses would be so uniform and interchangeable across institutions that students would simply collect stamps for each course completed and then cash in the pass-book at the end in exchange for a degree from whichever particular institution one wanted to graduate.

Many other dimensions to the current funding crisis push us further along than we think. Some universities are already treating departments as self-funding units. Departments with low enrollments will do without offices and secretaries. Faculty will have to pay for their own photocopying and their telephone as well as any other subsidiary support. Eventually low demand departments will disappear entirely. On the other hand, high demand departments which offer popular courses regardless of academic quality will generate sufficient revenues to pay for offices, secretaries, telephones, faxes and numerous other amenities. With this approach, the university becomes increasingly a collection of fad courses where it will be difficult to develop and maintain programs based on academic criteria and standards. This tendency undermines the very foundation of the contemporary university.

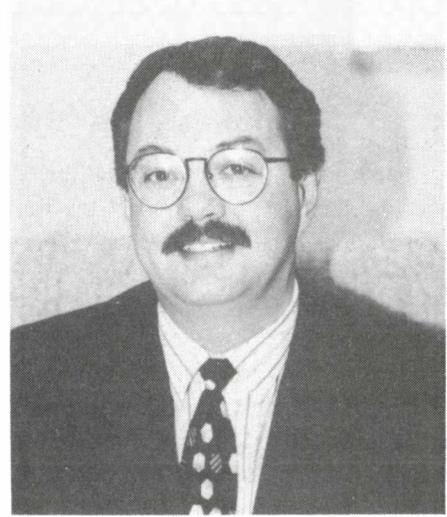
In such an institution, who will fund areas of challenge in society? Usually the most troubling aspects of a society are the most difficult to study. In our contemporary society, who will sponsor studies on Aboriginal peoples, women, the Third World, ecological agriculture and forestry, not to mention ethics and philosophy, whether generally or in specific disciplines or areas such as medicine or engineering? Obviously a fully market-driven university will become primarily an extension of the interests, thinking and agenda of the sponsors rather than a relatively autonomous institution committed to constantly challenging the boundaries of knowledge in every area of human endeavour.

It is true that in managing scarce resources, universities cannot, and generally do not, allow unresponsive or outmoded programs which attract few students to continue. However, the other extreme of a fully market-driven institution is equally detrimental to the very nature of the institution. Our challenge is to find ways of meeting the financial crisis while using available technology and yet not slipping into "just in time education production." Academic freedom must be maintained as much at the economic level as at the political level. To do so requires corporate and other sponsors to remain at arms length from course content, hiring, program requirements and even research agendas.

A balance must be maintained between demand, funding exigencies and the essence of university education. We have to be able to continue to foster the independence of mind of our students, graduate students,

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## Greetings from your Association President



Since our last *Newsletter*, we have met with administration several times as we work to identify a renewed role for alumni/ae in the life of the College. Our efforts have been fruitful as we established a clear purpose and several priorities for the next couple of years.

The Executive Council of the Alumni/ae Association will play an advisory role in the general administration of the College, the activities of the Development Office and communication with alumni/ae across Canada. Our goal is to assist the College in its efforts to involve alumni/ae in the STM community.

The potential for an enhanced relationship is exciting. Opportunities exist in all aspects of College life - social, intellectual and spiritual.

Some of the ideas discussed were special events such as an Annual Golf Tournament, 60th Anniversary Celebrations, as well as alumni/ae participation in College Career Days. We will be presenting these and other activities in future *Newsletters*.

We encourage you to participate in our first "special event" for alumni - what we hope will be an annual event - a golf tournament on June 4. If you would like to participate, or better still, would like to enter a

foursome, please call the College at 966-8900.

If you have any ideas or suggestions as to how alumni/ae can contribute to the College or renew old acquaintances, please send them to me, care of the *STM/Newman Alumni/ae Newsletter*.

*Jerome Konecsni*  
President

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### Dean's Desk *contd. from p. 10*

and our faculty to pursue their search for knowledge at the boundaries. This will occur only in institutions which foster critical thinking in whatever discipline, and which foster the search for wisdom, that integration of knowledge beyond the specific skill, beyond the specific course, beyond our specific time-frame. If universities are to survive, they have to continue to teach students to think about the world as it could be and not just as it is.

*Wilfrid Denis*  
Acting Dean

## Fr. Ed Heidt: *STM's "Fringe" benefit*

Fr. Ed Heidt, under the auspices of the Newman Players, will be presenting his biographical drama about Thomas Merton entitled *Holding the Mirror to the Mountain* at this summer's Fringe (July 29 through August 7, 1994).

For the venue and specific times, please consult the *StarPhoenix* at the time.





*Dr. Bohdan Kordan  
Political Science Department*

Bohdan was born and raised in Toronto and earned his first degree, double Honours in History and Slavic Studies from the University of Toronto in 1977. He then went off to Carleton University's School of International Affairs to do his Masters degree. His thesis "Disunity and Duality: Community Responses to Government War Policy 1939 - 1945" examined community response to war policy, while his Ph.D. thesis from Arizona State University examined the flip side of the same issue and was entitled "War, Ethnicity and the Canadian State." In 1982, Bohdan moved to Edmonton to join the Canadian Institute of Ukrainian Studies (CIUS), a centre of scholarship encompassing research in history, politics, economics and sociological studies. The presence of about a dozen scholars from Russia and Poland made for a very stimulating milieu at the Institute. Bohdan's expertise with languages, speaking Ukrainian, Russian, and reading in French and Polish provide him with the opportunity to examine many archival materials from Eastern Europe.

In 1985 Bohdan took a position with the social analysis policy division of the Secretary of State in Ottawa. Following the completion of

## Profile: *Dr. Bohdan Kordan*

his project, Bohdan finished his doctoral thesis then took a teaching position at Grant MacEwan College in Edmonton. In 1990, having received a Post-Doctoral Fellowship and as visiting research professor at Erindale campus, he travelled to Moscow shortly after the collapse of Eastern Europe. He tells the story of going to the Foreign Ministry Archives and the Central Committee Archives of the Party. There was a great archives room, complete with portraits of Marx and Engels and the desks of the archivists. From looking at the tables with their green lamps he knew that the archives had seen very few researchers, especially when one considered that most of the documents would have been restricted. The archivists too were confused for most of their work did not involve dealing with live researchers, and having one around was a whole new experience.

Bohdan has multiple research interests. He is completing a manuscript on the Internment Camps in our National Parks in the Rockies, which was solicited by the Redress Alliance Committee and the work will comprise the historical background for their negotiations with the federal government. A research project with a colleague in Sociology from the University of Alberta involving a survey of 850 families to explore Ethnic Identity Retention still needs to be completed. His doctoral thesis is being revised for publication, possibly with McGill Queens University Press. He has tentative confirmation for publication of commentaries on the collapse of the Soviet Union and the post-Soviet crisis with the Canadian

Scholars' Press. At the moment he is working on a series of map plates on resettlement of about one and a half million people along the Polish Soviet border from 1945-49.

In the future he wishes to investigate Canadian external relations, particularly the Eastern European angle during the Diefenbaker era, and has a dream of publishing a marvellous collection of East Central European cartography. As has been the case, Bohdan will continue to be a very busy person.

This spring Bohdan will be teaching an Intercession credit class at the State University of Chernivtsi in Ukraine. The class will have 10 Canadian and 10 Ukrainian students and the course will focus on examining the transformation from communist, authoritarian, and closed societies into parliamentary, pluralistic and open societies in the former Soviet republics. Bohdan anticipates that the course will test the notions of Canadian students regarding democracy and most definitely challenge their assumptions.

His wife, Bohdanna, as Executive Assistant to the Vice-President of the Saskatchewan Research Council, is involved particularly with strategic planning for Corporate Development.

As an author, co-author and editor of 11 books and numerous articles Bohdan's contribution has been honoured with the Justice John Sopinka Award for excellence in Ukrainian Studies, 1993-94. Congratulations.

## Profile: *Dr. Tammy Marche*

Tammy was born and raised in Stephenville, a small village on the west coast of Newfoundland. As the eldest in a family of four children (three girls and one boy) Tammy broke the barriers and paved the way that allowed her younger siblings to acquire greater freedom at an earlier age. Unwittingly she was a crusader for those who followed.

Following here elementary and secondary education in Stephenville, she travelled to St. Francis Xavier University in Antigonish, Nova Scotia to pursue an undergraduate degree in Math. After earning her B.Sc. she was

encouraged to study Psychology by one of her professors and returned to Antigonish to make up the required courses to earn Honours in Psychology the next year. She was awarded an NSERC grant to do her Master's Degree in Experimental Psychology. Another NSERC fellowship supported her Ph.D. program.

Last academic year, Tammy was hired in a tenure-track position at STM and despite the trauma and workload associated with her first year of teaching, she managed to finish her doctoral dissertation



*Dr. Tammy Marche*  
*Department of Psychology*

which she successfully defended at Memorial University in Newfoundland this past September.

Although she is more comfortable teaching this year, and has added new courses to her instructional repertoire, she quickly asserts that she still has much to learn. Tammy however, seems to be on the right track, for just recently she was nominated for a University of Saskatchewan Students' Union Teaching Award. It seems apparent that her teaching skills are evolving very favourably.

Her area of research and interest is in children's memory. Her thesis work explored the "Development and Gender Differences in Listener Responses and Interruption Behaviour." She has already published three articles, and others are in various stages of gestation. She hopes to explore further the tendency of "misinformation effect," to develop better interviewing techniques for children, to complete a project on memory in the elderly, and in general to resolve some of the inconsistencies in the academic debate regarding children's memories.

Come early August there will be a wedding in Stephenville, Newfoundland. We extend our warmest wishes for much happiness to Tammy and John.

### Ex Libris: An Exhibition of Ukrainian Bookplates



*Left to right: Dr. B. Klid (University of Alberta), Dr. Bohdan Kordan (STM), Ms. W. Canevari de Paredes (U of S Main Library), Dr. John Thompson (STM)*

This exhibition of bookplates created by some of Ukraine's most talented graphic artists was made available under the Edmonton Art Gallery's Travelling Exhibit Program. St. Thomas More College was a joint sponsor of this display featured in the link of the Main Library of the University during the month of November, 1993.

## “Redeeming Power”

*In mid-January, Dr. Mary Jo Leddy visited our college and campus. While here she explored such diverse territory as Canadian contextual theology, theology and Canadian Literature, the Redeeming Power of Women in the Church and Society, and shared anecdotes of triumph, of sadness and plain fun. We won't soon forget Sir Arrogance, Mr. Beige, and the Library designation “Ephemeral material,” the destination for the pamphlets and clippings of many social justice organizations.*

During her brief visit, Dr. Mary Jo challenged us to consider events, structures and strategies for change, from a dramatically different perspective. A recurring theme in much of what she had to tell us centered around her exploration of our common understanding of power and its concomitant concepts of powerlessness and victimization.

As a Christian feminist, teacher, public speaker and social activist, Mary Jo is interested in change that will foster the advance of peace and justice for more people. For these reasons she has been involved in peace activism, in work with refugee claimants in Canada and with social justice issues in general. Her activism however, has been accompanied by an arduous and thoughtful consideration of the forces at work in any given situation. At times, there have been moments of inspiration and insight.

In a post-mortem discussion following a peace demonstration in which she and others had been arrested, one woman decried their decision not to be dragged to the paddy wagons by the police. In terms of strategy, the critic believed that only by becoming victims of the police could one draw attention to the victims of their cause. This particular view did not sit well with Mary Jo; she instinctively rejected it, but this episode inspired her to explore her understanding of power.

Following much reading and thoughtful consideration, she concluded that a strategy that depended upon precipitating victimization in



*L to r:*

*Moira Remmen, Sr. Virginia Scissons, Dr. Mary Jo Leddy, Mary Nordick*

order to draw attention to other victims was not only inherently contradictory but counterproductive. Setting up the police as oppressors in a demonstration merely distracts attention from the true oppressors one is trying to identify in the public mind.

Most would readily agree with Lord Acton that “power tends to corrupt and absolute power corrupts absolutely,” but for Mary Jo and others there is also a corollary that “powerlessness” corrupts as well. It “enfeebles hope and punctures dreams.” All of us have had low periods and from that experience can agree that despair and hopelessness disables a person. From Michael Lerner, Mary Jo had this articulated for her. He believes that when we abandon the struggle to pursue and realize our dreams “our lives begin to look so hopeless and bleak that many people end up in a cycle of self-blame and self-destruction that is as bad and

often worse than any price they would have to pay by being engaged in the difficult struggle to change that larger picture.” Such a sense of personal powerlessness is crippling.

What is our common understanding of power in our society? In our consumer, market-oriented culture we perceive of “power” as a commodity. Some have it; others don’t. The winners are those who have a large measure of control and the losers are the controlled. The source of power might be money, knowledge, position or status -- privilege. Such power is demeaning both to the power brokers and their victims. Those who have control, fear losing it, so they seek to retain or enlarge their influence through coercion of others who don’t have power: the oppressed. The controlling individual or group seeks to maintain the status quo, to hold onto power in the midst of those grasping to take it

away. The dynamic for action in such a context is "fear" of the loss of power and hence the struggle to gain or maintain it. Such struggles create victims and beget their resistance, creating a milieu described by one as a "culture of complaint." In such a culture, individualism is dominant and domination is the operative mode for behaviour. History presents countless examples in nation-building, empire-building, revolution and war, of this "commodity" power in operation.

If, however, one views power as an "energy" that arises through the interaction of people, it is a very different matter. From Hannah Arendt, Mary Jo learned that "The degree of power depends on the quality of the interaction. Thus it is possible for a small group of people to generate power out of all proportion to their numbers because of the quality of their interaction." Such "energy" power depends on believers, as opposed to consumers; relies on community rather than individualism for its effects. It is creative, rather than retentive and controlling. It is a force to initiate, to make a new beginning, to change rather than to maintain a privileged status quo.

Rather than seeking to control, it requires one to care in the midst of hatred and indifference. Its catalyst for action is a matter of "faith" and

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*"The degree of power depends on the quality of the interaction. Thus it is possible for a small group of people to generate power out of proportion to their numbers because of the quality of their interaction."*

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"hope," rather than fear. Its existence requires community, stimulates community, works for community, and is responsible to community. In such a culture there are no victims, merely beneficiaries who share in a equitable measure of peace, security and justice. And most important, this creative power is rooted in a belief in "God the Creator." And we, who are moulded in the divine image share in His mission to establish the kingdom as co-creators.

Such a "velvet revolution" in

our mindset would have unfathomable consequences for community within our society and our church. Power as "energy" generated through the interaction of people holds the promise of transformation. It is redeeming. Not only is it transforming, but it is essentially a collaborative and relational enterprise. Because it assures the empowerment of people it can generate an exponential growth of itself. As co-creators, people can delight in the exhilaration of effecting change for the better through combined effort.

For each of us, as for Mary Jo, our experiences pose new questions, sharpen our insights and inspire us to make new connections and discard old ones. Rearranging our mental furniture to accommodate a new and unfamiliar idea in our culture is a difficult process. Jettisoning ingrained assumptions so that a new focus can develop takes considerable effort. Our society needs such a mental conversion in our understanding of power.

Mary Miller

## *Dinner Theatre*

*In late September or early October*

### **Newman Players**

*will present*

## **Barefoot in the Park**

*by Neil Simon*

Keep an eye out for details of time, dates and place.

Copies of  
Dr. Mary Jo Leddy's  
lecture

### **"Redeeming Power: Women in the Church and Society"**

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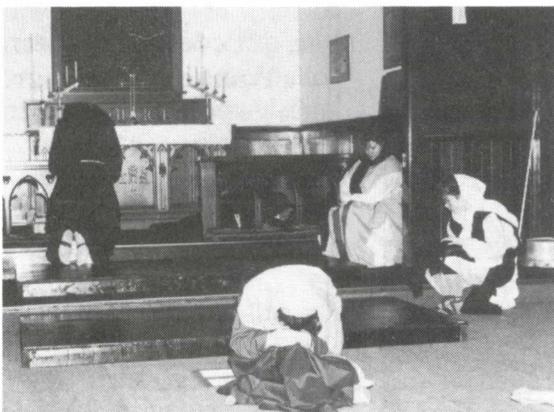
### BACKGROUND HISTORY

The wife of Gilbert Becket, a landowner residing in Westceape, the present-day Cheapside, London, gives birth to a first-born son on the feast of St. Thomas the Apostle, December 21, 1118. He is named Thomas in honour of the patron of his birth day.

The boy receives a good education at the hands of the Church, and enters the clerical profession with the help of friends, who are able to win him a position in the service of Archbishop Theobald of Canterbury. Thomas works well, and his service is well recognized.

King Henry II is impressed with Thomas' work. The two men become great friends, and Thomas is soon made Chancellor of England, holding power second only to the King with respect to matters of state. Thomas excels in this position as well.

Faced with certain conflicts regarding the role of the Church in matters of justice, King Henry, upon learning of the death of Theobald, decides that Thomas should unite the offices of Chancellor and Archbishop. Despite Thomas' warning that his new position might someday place him in conflict with the King, Thomas is ordained on Saturday, June 2, 1162, and made Archbishop the following day. He immediately resigns his position as Chancellor, and seems to take his new position as head of the Church in England much more seriously than King Henry had expected.



## Murder . . .



Conflict soon arises between the King and Archbishop. The King attempts to gain control over judicial proceedings previously overseen by the Church. Thomas refuses to affix his seal to "The Constitution of Clarendon." Tension mounts.

At Northampton, Thomas is summoned to appear before the King, allegedly having denied justice to one of his tenants (clergy were lords over tenants in the feudal system). The ensuing trial results in the exile of Thomas Becket to France, where he remains for the next seven years.

While Thomas is in France, Henry attempts to secure the throne for his son in a coronation traditionally performed by the Archbishop. In the Archbishop's absence, the bishops of York, London and Salisbury perform the coronation.

After lengthy negotiations, Thomas is allowed to return to England. Immediately, he publishes the papers excommunicating the Bishops of London and Salisbury, and suspending the Bishop of York. Upon learning of this

# in the Rugby Chapel



development, and of Thomas' refusal to withdraw the suspension, the King, in a fit of fury, grumbles something resembling the following:

"What cowards have I brought up in my court, who care nothing for their allegiance to their lord. Not one will deliver me from this turbulent priest."

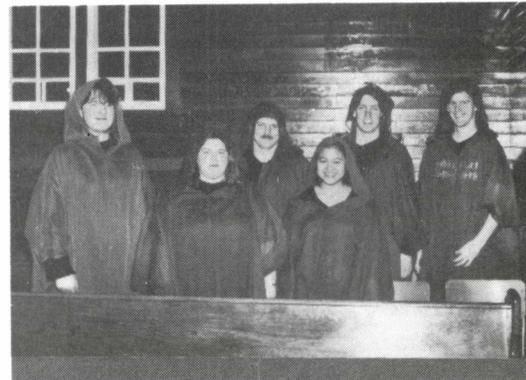
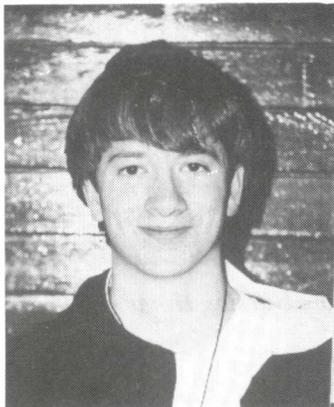
Twenty-seven short days after his return to England, on December 29, 1170, Thomas Becket is murdered in his own cathedral by four men who claim to act by the King's command.

## AFTERMATH OF THE CRIME

Thomas Becket is solemnly canonized in 1173 as St. Thomas of Canterbury, the martyr.

*Murder in the Cathedral* chronicles the events taking place from Thomas Becket's return to England until his death, and illustrates both his "strife with shadows," and his "conquering by suffering."

Afterwards, Henry II did public penance for his apparently indirect implication in the murder of Becket, thus acknowledging the power of the Church over the State.



## *Murder in the Cathedral*

by T. S. Eliot

Staged in the historic  
Rugby Chapel on campus

Directed by Luc Bussièrè

### Cast:

The Chorus of Women of  
Canterbury :

Vilda Curths  
Alix Hayden  
Nicolle Bussièrè  
Chantelle Washenfelder  
Erin Hails

First Priest: Courtney Clarke  
Second Priest: Wayne Bischoff  
Third Priest: Jeremy Quickfall  
Messenger: Chris Hails  
Thomas Becket: Jim McNeill  
First Tempter: Charles Duperreault  
Second Tempter: Chris Lewis  
Third Tempter: Ed Heidt  
Fourth Tempter: James Pendrigh  
First Knight (Reginald Fitz-Urse):  
Chris Hails  
Second Knight (Hugh de Morville):  
Charles Duperreault  
Third Knight (William de Tracy):  
Ed Heidt  
Fourth Knight (Richard Brito):  
Chris Lewis  
Choir: Lee-Ann Hruska  
Anna Bekolay  
Anna Vasquez  
Will Lewans  
Barry Ursaki  
Jeff Solheim

# Only Once

A musical comedy by John Cielinski (book and lyrics) and Peter Candela (music)  
Presented by Newman Players



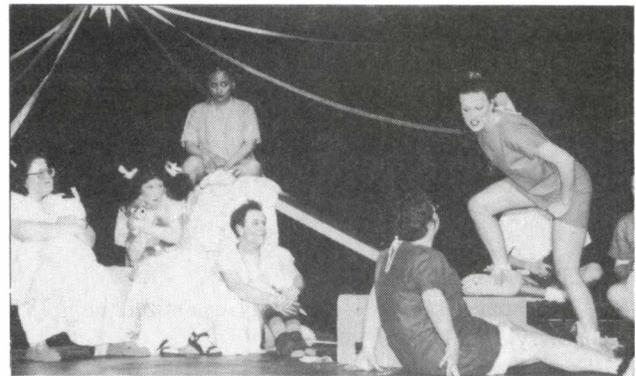
*The Creators (l to r): Peter Candela, composer  
John Cielinski, script and lyrics*



*Directed by Rhonda Shinkewski, who also played Sarah, a nurturing, motherly type*



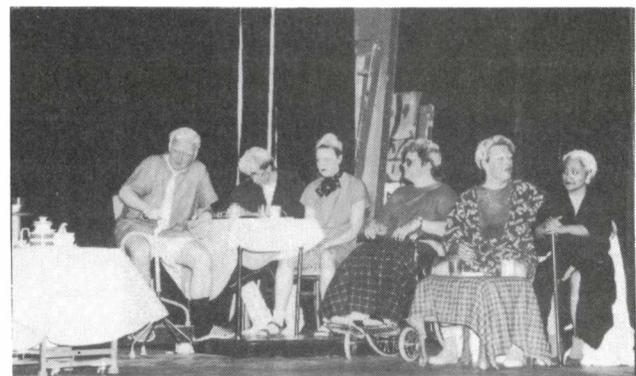
*Estelle expounds on her philosophy of life -- money.  
Happydale Community Hospital, Maternity Ward*



*Karla, the feminist: "We're all aggressive and we'll have our say."  
Happydale Community Hospital, Maternity Ward*



*The Happydale Gang -- creators, players, director*



*Happydale Nursing Home -- 80 years later*

The Cast:



*Brent Achtymichuk:  
Rudy, a Cassanova-type playboy*



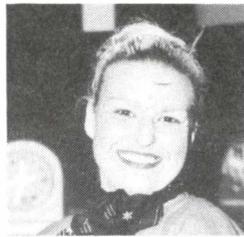
*Marie Vasquez:  
Candy, an extroverted actress,  
dancer, entertainer*



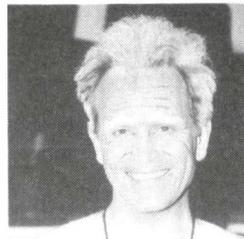
*Jim McNeill:  
Berry, good, gentle, kind, priestly  
sort of person*



*Dawn Johnson:  
Estelle, a society rich-bitch  
materialist*



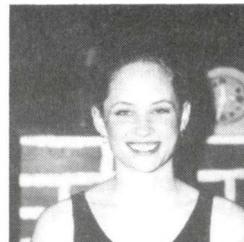
*Teresa Balfour:  
Karla, a feminist or "women's libber"*



*Fr. Ed Heidt:  
Descartes, a thoughtful philosopher*



*Nicole Roy:  
Joyce, the stereotypical psychiatrist*



*Alix Hayden:  
Interpretive Ballerina*



*Gordon Sellar:  
Rocky, an inveterate politician*



*Tonya Reschny:  
Arnie, a practical, pragmatic con-  
struction worker*



*Vilda Curths:  
Agnes, a hard luck, "life isn't fair"  
character*



*Renee Courtepatte:  
Violet, a timid, shy, insecure person*



*Irene Lacoursiere:  
Piano accompanist*

# STM Grads, Then and Now: 1944

**Mary Irene Turton**  
(née Cronk)  
Saskatoon, SK



## From the *Greystone*

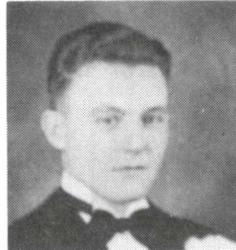
Irene's ready smile and genial disposition have made her a favorite with everyone. She was on St. Thomas More Council '42-'43, Vice-Pres. '43-'44. Newman Executive '42-'43. Women's Athletic Director '42-'43. Irene plays basketball, tennis, and ping pong. Won a scholarship last year and specialized in Chemistry this year.



## Today

Irene lives in Arnprior, Ontario. She has seven children (4 boys and 3 girls) and 12 grandchildren. She recently retired from the Ottawa Civic Hospital where she had worked as a Chemistry Lab Tech for many years. She continues to enjoy her winters in Barbadoes.

**Ned Feehan**  
Saskatoon, SK

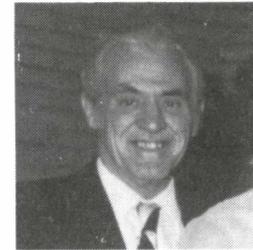


## From the *Greystone*

Friendly, genial, versatile, Ned tackles everything and does everything well. His special feat is sports, notably swimming, also water-polo, hockey, basketball, track, is also Varsity's trusty cheerleader. In intellectual circles Ned moves just as confidently -- Y.M.B.T. debates '41-'42, a U. rep. at the Inter-varsity conference at Edmonton this year. A born diplomat, Ned has served his college successfully as Sec.-Treas., Pres. and Social Director.

## Today

Ned died of lung cancer in June of 1986, but his widow Teresa very graciously provided me with



some news of Ned and the family. In 1949 Ned went to Edmonton to article in law. In 1950 he started his own law firm, met Teresa and they married after a fourteen month courtship. Seven sons came along including the youngest twins. Four sons now are lawyers and one, Mark, continues to practice in the family firm. Two sons are teachers and Tim, honoured with a Juno Award is a singer, songwriter in L.A. Family gatherings are rather large for there are 14 grandchildren. Teresa indicated that Ned practised law until his death and continued his interest and participation in sports, particularly golf. Teresa has been teaching English as a second language for many years, but will be retiring in a few weeks. Thank you Teresa and we will remember Ned in our prayers.

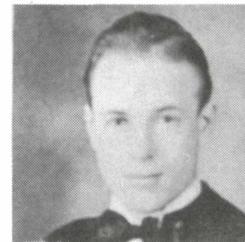
**Morgan Rubin**  
Halbrite, SK

## From the *Greystone*

Dapper, diminutive "Rube" takes big things in his 12 inch stride among them Chemistry in which he intends to specialize.

## Today

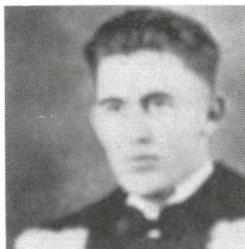
Morgan is now deceased. We attempted to contact his family, but were unable to do so.



## Grant Maxwell Plenty, SK

### From the *Greystone*

Our nominee for the hall of fame. For three years he has been active in all fields of Varsity life. Debating enthusiast Y.M.B.T. trophy '41-'42, McGowan Cup debates in Winnipeg '42-'43, Y.M.B.T. debates Regina '43-'44, Debating Rep. '43-'44. Sheaf staff '41-'42-'43, College



Nights '41-'42. St. T.M. executive for 2 years and finally our genial pres. of Newman Club '43-'44, -- orchids to you, Grant.

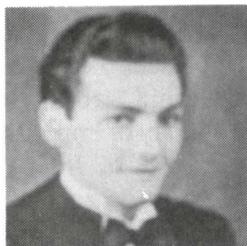


### Today

First, Grant wishes to correct a 50 year old mistake in the *Greystone*. He grew up in the farm community of Plenty, Saskatchewan not Swift Current. Currently Grant lives in Victoria with his wife Vivian (née Mitchener, STM '47).

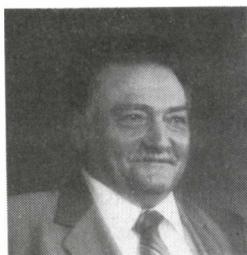
In 1944-45 he served in the RCNVR and married Vivian in 1947. They were blessed with 8 children (5 are still living), and they enjoy 6 grandchildren. Between 1946-59 Grant was a reporter, writer, and editor at the *StarPhoenix*. He spent two years in Radio with CFQC News, was the lay Director of the Catholic Centre till 1968. Moving to Ottawa he became the Social Action Director with the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops till 1977. Between 1972-75 he sojourned in Rome as lay consultor to the Pontifical Commission Justice and Peace. Returning to Toronto, he became the founding editor of *Compass*, a Jesuit Journal. More recently he has edited 2 books: *Forward in the Spirit*, 1991, and *Healing Journeys: the Ka Ka Wis Experience* (forthcoming June 1994). Grant has a son and daughter in Saskatoon, so he and Vivian visit regularly. Children, grandchildren and friends regularly gather at the Emma Lake cabin. Grant and Vivian remember their days at university as among their happiest, particularly because they discovered each other at STM.

## Joe Mandin Duck Lake, SK



### From the *Greystone*

A husky lad hailing from the hardy north, Joe found his fame in sports. Hockey, track, rugby were all taken in his stride; Varsity boxing manager for 3 years, S.T.M. sports manager '42-'43. Joe found his classes havens of rest from arduous sports.



### Today

Dr. Joe Mandin resides in Carrot River, SK with his wife Margaret (née Mooney). This spring

they will be celebrating their 40th wedding anniversary. Following his graduation in 1944, Joe joined the Army and served in the infantry for 2-3 years. Upon discharge he studied Medicine at Laval University. He practiced in Zenon Park from 1952-63 and Carrot River from 1963-91. Joe and Margaret had 6 children. They mourn the accidental loss of both a son and a daughter, but celebrate the joy of Michele in Regina, Irene, a graduate of U. of S. living in Saskatoon, Geraldine who with her husband runs a fishing lodge on Sonora Island in B.C., and Shirley a nurse in Carrot River. All the girls are married and Joe proudly boasts 3 delightful granddaughters and looks forward to the arrival of a fourth grandchild this summer. Joe and Margaret, both in good health, are enjoying retired life, particularly the fishing and the travel. In fact, I caught up with Joe through his sister in P.A. who knew where he had gone to fish.

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**Then and Now, 1944***contd. from p. 21*

**Olga Einhorn  
(née Suknacky)  
Saskatoon, SK**

**From the Greystone**

Friendly and straightforward, Olga has won a place for herself in the hearts of those who knew her. Active in the Alpha Omega Society, she was president in '42-'43 and secretary in '43-'44, and is a member of the Newman Club. Basketball, swimming and tennis were her favourite sports but she doted especially on fencing making the senior bracket in '43-'44.

**Today**

Olga is living in Newark, Delaware with her husband Stanley, an engineering physicist. They have two children. Theresa Ann is a practicing attorney in Houston and mother of Mark who is 7 years old. Gregory Paul was a dentist, gave that up to return to school and earned his Ph.D. in immunology; he currently works for the Cancer Department of the U.S. government. Olga had a long and varied teaching career. She started

**Natalie Stellmacker  
(née Suknacky)  
Saskatoon, SK**

**From the Greystone**

A vivacious brunette-- Natalie ensures the success of all her undertakings by her boundless enthusiasm and ingenuity. She was active in dramatics: College Nights '41-'42, '42-'43, '43-'44. Proved her efficiency on Newman Club Executive '42-'43, '43-'44. St. Thomas More Executive '42-'43, and W.A.D. '42-'43, Music Directorate '42-'43, member of the Alpha Omega Society '42-'43, '43-'44. For sports she favoured basketball and excelled in fencing -- Jr. Championship '42-'43, manager and instructor '43-'44.

**Today**

Natalie was widowed about 4 years when she herself suffered a brain aneurism last December. She had



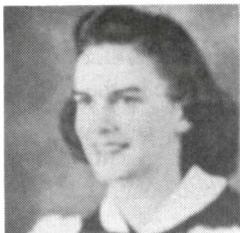
successful brain surgery and appeared to be on the mend when she suffered a serious stroke that stopped all progress. Natalie's husband was from Lithuania and they did not have any children. For much of her life, Natalie lived in Sarnia, working in the Research Library of Imperial Oil and then teaching at St. Joseph's High School where she became Head of the English Department. She retired about 4 years ago and was very active in St. Stephen's Project, providing leadership training to teach counselling skills to persons who would be dealing with traumatic experiences. Thank you Olga, for giving us news about Natalie, even though it is disheartening.

out in Turtleford and Unity, moved to Sarnia where she substituted and then worked for the Children's Aid Society. In the United States she certified for elementary grades and thoroughly enjoyed teaching primary students for many years.

Olga confesses to being a Bridge fanatic and voracious reader -- the latest book being the Maggie

Thatcher biography of her Downing Street years. Olga is looking forward to a European adventure for come September, plans are to visit Greece, Vienna, Yalta, a number of Black Sea ports, Ukraine and Istanbul in Turkey. Have a marvellous trip, Olga.

### Marian Wedge (née Hall) Saskatoon, SK



#### From the *Greystone*

Marian's charming smile is well-known on the campus and has made her a favorite with everyone especially a certain editor. Majoring in English, her interests lie chiefly in dramatics: University Nights, '41-'42, College Nights, '41-'42. Marian was on the debating directorate '41-'42 and on the Greystone staff '43-'44 as Features Editor.



#### Today

Madam Justice Marian Wedge continues to serve on Court of Queen's Bench for Saskatchewan. She married James B. Wedge (remember the editor). They had 5 children (2 boys and 3 girls). Two are lawyers, two are doctors and one runs a ski area in West Kootenay. There are also 4 grandchildren. Marian received her law degree in 1961, practiced in the firm, was appointed to the Provincial Court in 1977. Since 1987 Marian has been and continues to work as a Justice of the Court of Queen's Bench of Saskatchewan. Marian indicates that her long-established focus on the future has never failed her and she looks forward with anticipation to interesting and exhilarating experiences to come.

### Frances Struthers (née Smith) Regina, SK



#### From the *Greystone*

A sparkling wit and a lovable lass, that's our Fran. Majoring in History, she is deeply interested in current affairs, the more current the better. Is an active member of the Morton Historical Society. A musician of no mean talent, she plays anything from "Fats" to Faust. Her spotting interests lie in tennis and skating. Full of the old "Nick" there's never a dull minute with Fran around.

#### Today

Fran died suddenly this past January 1st, 1994 in Houston, Texas. Despite his recent bereavement, her husband Robert told me of their life



together, their family and agreed to send a recent photo that I could use. Fran and Robert married in 1950 and lived abroad for a long time in Brazil, Pakistan, Belgium, the U.K., Canada and the U.S.A. They had three daughters -- Laura works for CBC in Toronto, Louise is married in Houston and works for an oil supply company, Marian lives in New Hampshire and works for a Digital Equipment Company. They had two sons -- David of Calgary works with Esso Resources and James is an attorney in Dallas. Fran truly enjoyed her two granddaughters. Thank you Robert and we will remember Fran in our prayers.

## USSU Teaching Excellence Awards

The nominees from STM  
for 1993/94:

Tammy Marche, Psychology  
Jacqueline Henderson, French  
Gerry Farthing, Psychology  
Steven Snyder, Philosophy  
Joel Bruneau, Economics  
Karman Kawchuk, Political Studies  
Byrad Yelland, Sociology  
Lorna Doerkson, Sociology



Steven Snyder  
A winner as a teacher!

## STM Newmanites, Then and Now: 1944

**Gabrielle Favreau (née Georget)**  
**Music 1944**



**From the '44 Greystone**

Member of the Saskatoon Symphony Orchestra, the Glee Club and the University Chorale. Her favourite sports are fancy skating and swimming.



**Today**

During the war years she was alone in her college, but was a very active member of Newman Club and earned her Bachelor of Music degree. Gabrielle has three daughters: Sharyn took her degree in Music at Edmonton

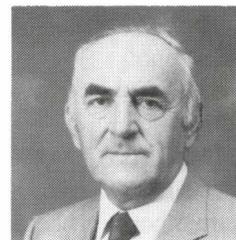
and her B.Ed. at U. of S. Today she teaches music in the Calgary school system and teaches one class at the U. of Calgary. Laurelle attended U. of S. for two years, and played violin at STM masses. Today she lives in Thunder Bay and is active in the performing arts. Joylyn is into computers and works for Husky Oil in Calgary. Gabrielle's grandchild, Sebastien is a joy. Gabrielle herself has continued to teach violin and piano in Prince Albert where she resides with her husband Denis. One of her favourite memories from her university days is playing violin with the Saskatoon Symphony.

**Paul Kernaleguen**  
**Agriculture 1944**



**From the '44 Greystone**

Kernel is the strong silent type, and he has won a host of friends at Varsity. Three years of wrestling, University middle weight champ 1942-43, Wrestling manager 1943-44, other athletic accomplishments are Interfac Basketball and soccer.

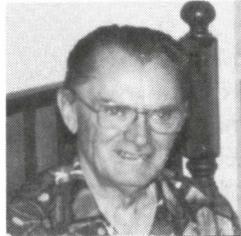
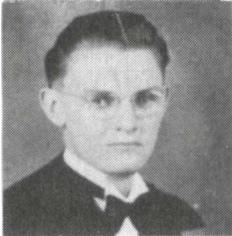


**Today**

Paul was awarded his degree in Agriculture in 1944 and has been farming since on the family farm. He married Marie (née Crozon) and they have 5 children -- 3 boys who all graduated in agriculture and are currently farming with their Dad, and 2 girls, one a veterinarian in Stouton and the other a teacher in Spalding. There

are 13 grandchildren. At the 75th Anniversary celebrations for the University, Paul was named to the honour role. He developed friendships that have lasted a lifetime. Recently he broke his hip and he admits it has been slow to mend, but he is looking forward to getting out on the land again.

**Frank Thurmeier**  
Accounting-Commerce 1944



**From the '44 Greystone**

A balancing item in the college. He is quiet and studious. He was a member of the Newman Club '43-'44.

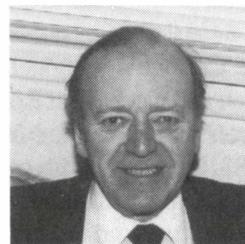
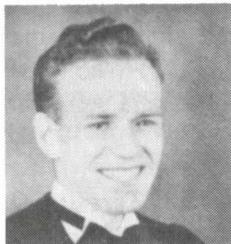
**Today**

Following graduation, Frank spent 2 years in the army and then worked for the government in Regina.

He took his Chartered Accountancy through apprenticeship and worked for 7 years in various firms before opening his own Accounting firm in 1954. To escape allergies he sold out and moved to Tucson in 1971 but new allergies required another move, this time to Albuquerque in 1976. Again he bought 3 firms and later sold out

when he retired in 1984. Since then he free-lanced in management advisory. Since 1986 he has been heavily involved in volunteer work with shut-ins. He and Catherine (née Ludwig) have three children. Denise, the mother of his two grandchildren lives in Albuquerque; Wilfrid lives in San Francisco and Fr. William lives in Muenster. Frank will be helping Fr. William as he builds the new organ at St. Peter's Abbey Church.

**Donald Boyd**  
Medicine 1944



**From the '44 Greystone**

Bashful, boyish and handsome, Don has filled feminine hearts with a desire to mother him. Really bold at heart, we wonder if Dr. Jackson knows yet that Don got his anatomy without ever doing the skull bones. What luck!

**Today**

After graduation Donald went to Winnipeg for more training and later took surgical training. Since 1951, Dr. Boyd has practiced in Saskatoon. In 1954 he married Collette (née Felix) and they have 6 children (4 girls and 2 boys) and 2

grandchildren. Catherine teaches French in Edmonton; Megan is a pharmacist in Saskatoon; Sasha taught figure skating in Saskatoon; Tara is a Court reporter in Edmonton; James is in accounting and Mark works in biology in Saskatoon.

## *Where are they now and what do they do?*

To each we bow, and it could be you!

### **Barré, Joseph, '36**

Along with Fr. Markle, Steve Worobetz and Eugene Roy, Joseph assisted the start of St. Thomas More College. Joseph, now widowed, is living in Kelowna B.C. after a long career that included being a farmer, teacher, inspector, high school teacher and university professor. Presently he is a visiting professor and consultant. He has four children -- Paul (58) a senior physician at McGill University, Joan M. Franst (50) works with the Victorian Order of Nurses, Christopher (46) is an architect, and Michael (38) is an engineer. Professor Barré particularly enjoyed our winter '93 *Newsletter* and especially the pictures of Fr. Carr, Fr. Mallon and Fr. O'Donnell.

### **Murphy, Florence, '50**

Florence celebrated her 80th birthday in 1993, and now lives in a retirement home and leads a very active life in spite of a walker and inhalers. She loved her teaching career, loved the continuous travel years and winters in Florida; she has seen most of the world except Antarctica, but acknowledges that one can't win them all. She sends greetings to all old friends.

### **Borstmayer, Desmond, '55**

Desmond of Naicam sends news of his children: Tom (33) graduated from the College of Engineering in 1988, is married with 3 children and working at Bourgault Industries in St. Brieux; Darren (28) graduated from the College of Engineering in 1988, is married with one child and works with his brother in St. Brieux. Tracy, a welder, also works for Bourgault Industries; and Mark 20 is at school at St. Peter's and eventually hopes to do Law. Desmond has been farming since leaving university.

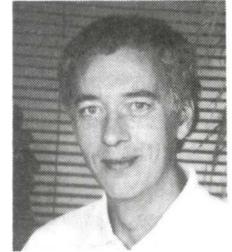
### **Appleton, Denise Michele, BA '81, LLB '85**

Denise recently left government service where she was a Ministerial Assistant to the Minister of Economic Development with the government of Saskatchewan. She now practices Law with Gauley and Company in their Regina office.

## *News of Silver Anniversary Graduates*

### **Dauk, Jerome, '69**

Jerome is married to Colleen (née Sullivan) and has 4 children. Jerome earned a Diploma in Education in 1970, his B.Ed. in 1975 and has taught school in Quill Lake, Hawarden and Annaheim where he now lives. He helps farm when time permits, still plays hockey and presently teaches at least one subject in every grade from 1 to 12. His daughter Laurie (20) is in her third year of an education degree program but took the spring term off to travel to Europe on a work exchange. Melanie (17) is in grade 12 and actively involved in music, jazz, ballet, volleyball, and is U. of S. bound. Beth (13), in grade 8, is into ballet, jazz and sports. Ross (10) is in grade 5 and enjoys hockey, biking and baseball.



### **Linger, George J. '69**

George and his wife Suzette (née Lefrançois) operated their own business until 1993 and then moved to the warmer climes of Nanaimo, B.C. They have 2 children -- Andrea (19) who works in tourism and hospitality management and son, Chad (12) who likes school and sports.

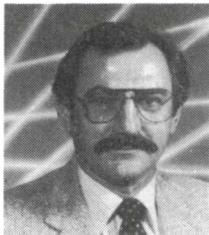
### **Kambeitz, Sr. Teresita, OSU, '69**

Since 1988 Sr. Teresita has been the Director of the Religious Education Degree Programs at Newman Theological College in Edmonton which offers Master's degrees and graduate diploma programs in religious education. As well, Sr. Teresita does some writing for the *Prairie Messenger* -- Liturgy and Life, and occasional editorials. Sr. Teresita was our guest speaker at our year end banquet at STM in March.



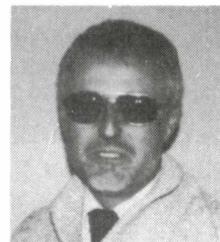
**Palahicki, Orest Victor,  
B.Ed.'69, B.A. '73**

Orest taught for 33 great years in Wilkie where he presently lives with his wife Marlene (née Heilman). He taught mostly in the Division II area (grade 6) and was vice-principal of St. George Catholic School for many years. Marlene works part-time in a doctor's office. Having retired from the teaching profession in 1991, Orest is now a member of the Superannuated Teachers of Saskatchewan and contributes to that organization. Hobbies such as collecting sports cards, and celebrity autographs (he has a number of notables in his collection) and attending sports events and concerts keep him very busy. Orest indicates he enjoys the news and stories in our *Newsletter*.

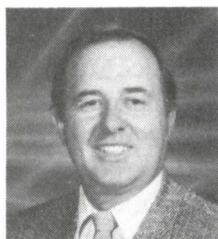


**Uhryn, Ernest E., B.A. '69,  
B.Ed. 1971, B.Sc. in Pharmacy  
'72**

Ernest and his wife Delores presently live in Yorkton. After teaching for one year in Yorkton, Ernest then got his degrees and was involved with pharmacy management in Saskatoon and Roblin, before returning to Yorkton. They have 5 children -- Lisa (21) studying in her third year of an Arts and Science degree at U. of S., Paul, who is in his second year in the College of Arts and Science, Marianne (17) in grade 11 at Sacred Heart High School in Yorkton, Michael (16) in grade 10 at St. Vladimir's College in Roblin, Manitoba, and Karen (11) who is in grade 5 at St. Mary's School in Yorkton. Ernest firmly believes that young people should obtain a liberal arts education before they follow specific career choices.



**Schafhauser, Richard, B.Sc. '68, Ed. Dip. '69**



Richard has taught school and lived in Lake Lenore since the fall of 1969. He and his wife Marlene have 2 children -- Amanda (14) in grade 9 and Aaron (12) in grade 7.

**Peck, Patricia, (née Zakus) B.A.'69, Dip.Ed. '70, B.  
Mus. '72**

Patricia now lives in Kelowna, B.C. with her husband David. Her daughter (20) currently attends Okanagan University College and son Aaron (15) is in grade 9. Patricia provides private piano lessons to her music students. Fr. Regan recalls that Patricia was in his first freshman English class when he came to Saskatoon.

**Backman, Sheila, (née Roy) '69**



**Yakichuk, Albert Joseph, '69**

Bert has spent 25 years with the Regina Catholic School Division and is presently principal of Archbishop M.C. O'Neill High School. He has been very active in Site Based Management and Teacher Empowerment. He and his wife Claudia (née Coderre) have two children -- Anika (14) in grade 9 at Leboldus High School and Marc (8) in grade 2 at St. Marguerite Bourgeoys Elementary School in Regina.

Sheila lives with her husband Blair (an Agriculture Grad from U. of S.). Sheila teaches kindergarten and her son Aaron (19) is in his second year of studies at the University of Saskatchewan.

## A very successful 95th Birthday Party!

In late November, the first annual STM President's Dinner was the occasion for celebrating the birthday the Honourable Emmett Hall. The presence of many dignitaries attests to the esteem in which Mr. Justice Hall is held. In attendance were the Lieutenant Governor of Saskatchewan, her Honour the Honourable Sylvia Fedoruk, Premier Roy Romanow, Speaker of the House, the Honourable Herman Rolfes, Minister of Education, the Honourable Pat Atkinson, Chief Justice of Saskatchewan, the Honourable E.D. Bayda, Chief Justice D. K. MacPherson of the Court of Queen's Bench of Saskatchewan, Mayor Henry Dayday, the late



*L to r: Dennis Gruending, the Honourable Emmett Hall*



*L to r: The Honourable Sylvia Fedoruk, The Honourable Emmett Hall, and Premier Roy Romanow*



*L to r: Bishop Mahoney, Madam Justice Wedge, and Mr. Hugh Arscott*

Archbishop Charles Halpin, Bishop James Mahoney, Abbot Peter Novecosky, OSB. Representing the University were Vice President Academic Patrick Browne and Dean of Law Peter MacKinnon. Dennis Gruending the biographer of Emmett Hall came from Ottawa for the event. Dr. John Hall and his wife Franke, and Madam Justice Marian Wedge, the children of our guest of honour were also in attendance. His Excellency the Right Honourable Ray Hnatyshyn, Governor General of Canada sent greetings as did the Right Honourable Antonio Lamer, Chief Justice of Canada.

Following dinner, an energetic chorus of "Happy Birthday" initiated the light and festive mood of the evening. The conservative and modest Hugh Arscott gently roasted our guest as he regaled the assembly with tales of how the "Church" connection saved the day when the Saskatoon Club was raided by police during the Prohibition Era.

President John Thompson presented a limited edition print of the College to Mr. Hall.

The highlight of the occasion occurred when Emmett had his opportunity for rebuttal and poked fun at himself with his stories.

Altogether, it was a highly enjoyable evening.

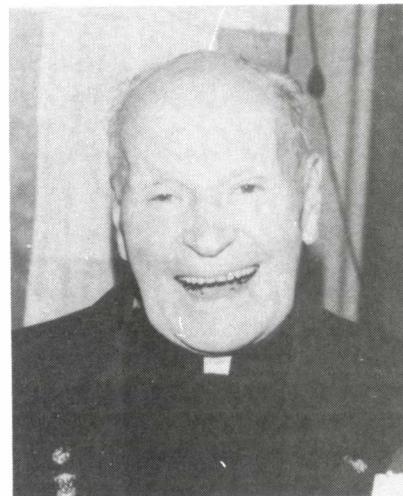
## ***May your path be strewn with flowers, memories, friends and happy hours***

Yes, most truly, your Director has been favoured and blessed with such precious, priceless gifts throughout his thirty-two unforgettably happy years here at STM! He too likes to reminisce about yesteryear with the fondest recollections; and I am sure you do too. This coming December 16th I shall be celebrating my 60th Diamond Jubilee of Ordination and I do fervently wish that all of you could be here to join in on the ceremonies along with me in thanksgiving to God and, of course, St. Thomas More. Your presence most certainly would be cherished, treasured and highly appreciated. A great many of you I would immediately recognize and recall your name. "Wouldn't that be lovely?" In my intercessory prayers offered up daily I include you and all of your intentions. May God reward richly and abundantly each and everyone of our alumni/

ae! Yes, so very many of you left behind here your footprints, never-to-be forgotten.

What is new at STM? Well, recently I was overjoyed to know that our 1994 Graduates will have their pictures taken. These will be framed and hung along with all the other Graduates on the first floor near the cafeteria. In 1966 we were pressured and forced to suspend such photographs. That was the year too when the *Greystone* yearbook ceased publication. Away back in the "old days", I used to capture your picture and attach it to your file card. Now, all of my file cards' information has been inserted and preserved in our computers.

Well, what else is new? Our College's Director of Development is Mr. Don Gorsalitz, and one of his major projects is to establish chapters of our alumni/ae in various centres in



Canada, the U.S.A. and overseas. He is fully qualified and highly gifted to succeed in that long-delayed dream. Chapters here and there have for a long, long time been one of my fondest dreams. Sadly, we have in our files some one thousand alumni/ae whose address is not known. Can you please help us to round up where those persons are? Thank you for your good, rewarding efforts.

*Fr. Oscar Regan, CSB  
Your Director*

### **Perhaps, you could help us!**

We have inserted an envelope in this edition of the *Newsletter* in anticipation of the fact that you may wish to help us cover some of the costs by making a \$5.00 donation to the Alumni/ae Association. Feel free to use the envelope to let us know how you enjoy the *Newsletter* or to send us *your* news for inclusion in our next edition.

**Be sure to fill out and include the following information. Thanks!**

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## Students in the Spotlight

# They are honored and we are proud

### Dr. Steve Gradish Award



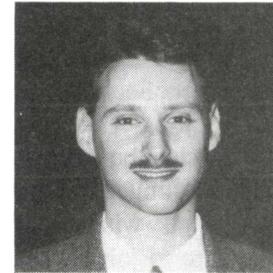
**Mr. Duncan Sutherland**, a student who graduates this spring with his Honours B.A. in history was awarded the Dr. Steven Gradish Award for contributions to the College. Duncan has already received recognition for his academic performance in history when he received the Hilda Neatby Scholarship and the Charles Lightbody Scholarship. While an undergraduate Duncan was very active in student politics, drama and the *VOICE* student newspaper. He served the STMSA as Acting President and Academic Vice President; he has been a member of Corporation for three years and served on the Board of Governors for one year. He played the role of the "Author" in G.K. Chesterton's *The Surprise*. His column "Duncan's Dates" was a regular feature in the student newspaper. Next year Duncan will begin his Master's program and hopes to do a thesis on the nineteenth century British House of Lords. He anticipates that he will pursue a doctorate in the future. Best wishes for a successful academic career.

### Fr. Paul Mallon Award



For outstanding contribution to the College by a graduating student, **Mr. Greg Thomas** a fourth year Honours student in history, was awarded recognition for his valuable contribution to the life of the College. Greg served as liaison between Newman Centre and STMSA Councils, was President of Newman Centre, a member of Corporation, a member of the Board of Governors, and the student representative on the Chaplaincy team for two years. For 4 years Greg has worked in the Shannon Library. He also represented the College at the Canadian Catholic Students' Conference in Calgary. As an actor he played the roles of the "Guard" in *The Dragon*, the "Serving Man" in *The Frog Prince*, and "Anton" in *Puss 'n Boots*. Greg served as Drama Co-ordinator providing many volunteer hours to numerable events and activities of the College. He also served as a lector in our Sunday liturgies. Greg anticipates doing an after-degree program in Education. His interest and knowledge of history, his warm and genial personality and his caring attitude assure that he would be a most effective teacher.

### Father Henry Carr Award



At the year end banquet for St. Thomas More College, **Mr. Scott Heathe** was presented with the Father Henry Carr Award, recognizing outstanding academic achievement as well as valuable contribution to the College. Scott graduates this year with a B.A. in Philosophy. Originally Scott is from Vancouver, but his Mum an alumna of STM gave him excellent advice in choosing a college. Scott has been very involved in College life. He was Newman Club Vice President in '92-'93. He has participated in the activities of the Knights of Columbus.

His gift of music to weekday liturgies and the 7:30 pm Sunday liturgy enhanced our worship and the time and talent contributed is very much appreciated. As well, Scott was instrumental in organizing the preparatory Twilight Retreats at Advent and during Lent. He participated in a panel on STM's Mission at our last Corporation weekend, served as a member of the Board for one year and is a member of Corporation. Thank you Scott. We understand that you will be getting married in August. We wish to extend to you and your bride our warmest wishes for much future happiness.

At our Year End Banquet on Friday March 25, Sr. Teresita Kambeitz was our guest speaker and the following awards were presented on that occasion.

**Newman Centre Awards  
1993-94**

**Newman Spirit Award**  
Fr. Leo Campbell

**Outstanding Graduate**  
Dana Case

**Honourary Lifetime Membership**  
Claude Lang

**Rookie of the Year**  
Chantelle Washenfelder

**Most Active Woman**  
Sarah Dawson

**Most Active Man**  
Patrick Duggan

**Most Helpful Woman**  
Misty Hanson

**Most Helpful Man**  
David Simonot

**Newman Drama Awards**

**Best Actor**  
Gordon Sellar

**Best Actress**  
Chantelle Washenfelder

**St. Thomas More Student Union Awards  
1993-94**

**STMer Award for overall contribution to College Life**  
Tom Duazo and Brook Heintz

**Rookie of the Year**  
Jason Aebig

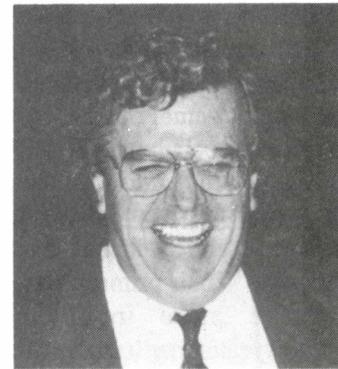
**Executive Award**  
Sheldon Trabish

Cover Story:

**The Heart of St. Thomas More College Award**

*This award of merit may be awarded to an Educator, Student or Administrator for active commitment and contribution throughout his/her career to students and student life, and for life-long dedication to learning. This year at the year-end banquet, the students presented this honour to our President, John Thompson.*

The caricature on the cover of this Newsletter was done by Mark Abermethyl, at present a financially-challenged student attending the Alberta College of Art in Calgary. Mark does not know John Thompson and it is a measure of his talent that he came up with this drawing that captures the essence of John having seen him only in a few snapshots. Mark currently freelances as an illustrator, and now could market himself as a caricaturist too. Should any of you need precise and quality



illustration, you may locate Mark through his mother, Dorothy, a librarian at STM.

***We extend our heartiest and most sincere congratulations to all!***

# Student government at STM

Some of you may have noticed that what we used to refer to as STMSA (St. Thomas More Student Association) is now STMSU (St. Thomas More Student Union). There is a reason for this change for during

executive being that of servant to, and directly accountable to the students of the College.

As well as the name change, the titles of the executive officers with the exception of President, have also

Member-at-Large. The appointed Council will be composed of a Social Director and a Public Relations Officer, each of whom will head a Standing Committee, and Class Representatives for first, second, third and upper year classes. An advisory group of liaison persons from Newman Centre, Chaplaincy, Student Services and Faculty assures effective communication with other constituencies in the College.

During this academic year STMSU held a very successful fundraising event -- the 21st Annual Arm-Wrestling Tournament. It turned out to be a "media event," and was lots of fun; it raised the profile of the College as well as money for Muscular Dystrophy. Student concern and action for social justice is an integral part of their activity.

Next year they will again be involved in "orientation" of incoming students, in welcome-back events for "returning" students. They hope to



*L to r:*

*Sheldon Trabish, President 1993-94, Jo-Ann O'Hara, President 1994-95*

this academic year the main focus of student politicians at the College was renewal of their constitution. For Jo-Ann O'Hara, the President elect of STMSU, the name change reflects their change in perception of the organization, namely that it is more than a loose association of the students, and that the term "union" reflects for them the unity, coherence, camaraderie, and all-inclusive nature of the term. Their primary aim is to encourage more involvement, promote greater participation in the organization as well as attendance at student functions, and raise student spirit in the College. Another significant constitutional change included revision of the amendment clause. Since the old conditions were somewhat unclear, they have been changed to provide for more flexibility to change bylaws for adjustment to new situations. As Jo-Ann indicated, "We want our voice as students, heard." At the same time, Jo-Ann clearly perceives the function of the

changed to reflect more clearly and accurately their function. The elected executive officers will be President, Academic Vice President, Director of Operations, Director of Finance and

## St. Thomas More Student Union Executive for 1994-95

*President:* Jo-Ann O'Hara

*Academic Vice-President:* Jeff Froehlich

*Director of Operations:* Theresa Wilson

*Director of Finance:* Corinne Nordstrom

*Member-at-Large:* Jason Aebig

establish greater liaison with other colleges to improve communications and to initiate some joint social functions such as dances and pubs. Regular events such as the Hallowe'en and Valentine's Dances (jointly sponsored with other groups) as well as Debates on current issues, Games Nights and the Year-end Banquet are also on the calendar.

In commenting upon the work

of the past year, Jo-Ann was celebrating the close friendships made, yet at the same time acknowledging that it was a "tough" year involving momentous change. Support from the President, John Thompson, whose door was "always open" and from Dodi Poelzer who was "encouraging, gave good advice, was realistic, was wonderful for networking, and most importantly, demonstrated her

confidence in us to effect change" were essential to our momentum, our persistence to the task, and ultimately to our accomplishment. Next year, the student politicians look forward to being "creative" and putting behind them the arduous task of constitutional modification. They also look forward to a brief respite when exams are over.

While your son or daughter experiences his/her orientation to University and our campus, you too will have an opportunity to learn about the academic programs in the College of Arts and Science, the services that will be available to your child, the pattern of the academic year, the endless possibilities for club membership and social activities because . . .

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## Orientation for Parents of Incoming First Year Students in Arts and Science

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Dr. Gerry Farthing of STM's Psychology Department will hazard advice on "Parenting a University Student."

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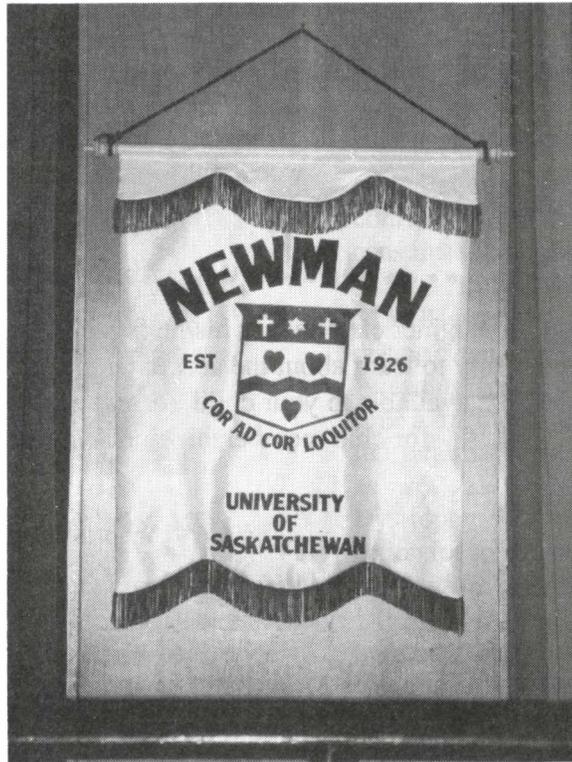
# Newman Centre

## “Cor ad cor loquitor: Heart speaks to Heart”

Newman Centre, a student organization, is designed to serve the needs of Catholic students and faculty across the University of Saskatchewan campus. Its purpose is to provide opportunities for growth in the areas of faith, spiritual development, social awareness and opportunities for sharing talents and fellowship through social activities.

The philosophy of the Centre is based on the beliefs of John Henry Cardinal Newman who considered the primary function of a university to be a liberal education to open the mind and foster intellectual excellence.

Newman Players each year mount a dramatic production, this year it was *Murder in the Cathedral*. Students interested in acting have an opportunity to practice their craft, but the group also provides opportunities for stage craft, lighting and sound, promotion, and directing.



*Newman Pennant*



*Newman Executive 1993-94*

*l to r: Jason Cody, Celene Sidloski, Mark Fabbro, Sarah Murphy*

The liturgical committee, besides having a role in weekday and Sunday liturgies also plans retreats, bible study groups, workshops and liturgical suppers.

A wide variety of social activities are held each academic year and include pubs, a Christmas Dance, coffeehouses, movies nights, winter sport parties and the year-end banquet.

Several years ago, Newman Centre decided to promote social awareness and chose the Royal University Hospital Burn Unit as the recipient of their charitable contribution. Through the annual pie

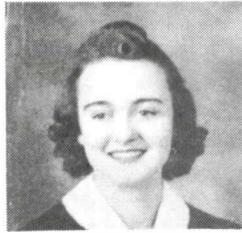
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Update:**STM Grads, Then and Now: 1943****Doria Shack (née Bubniuk)  
1943**

In our spring *Newsletter* 1993 you may recall that I was unable to contact Doria to update information on her 50th anniversary of graduation; however her sister Helen Bobyn brought her a copy of our Newsletter and consequently I will excerpt parts of Doria's December 8, 1993 letter to the College:

*I truly enjoyed the memories this issue evoked, for I remember those years of my youth very well.*

*I especially remember the staff: Father Carr, soft-spoken and self-effacing, Father Rush full of bubbling energy, Madame Bujila teaching me French, and full of encouraging words. But in my heart there will always be a corner reserved for Father McGahey -- a man so full of*

**Then . . .**

*compassion and life -- one of the few people I've met who truly listened, and for a few minutes made me feel important. He had a rare gift and his loss affected me deeply.*

*My own life has been rather uneventful. I've been blessed with four children -- one son and three daughters, all of whom live in Toronto, and lend me great support and comfort in spite of my failed marriage 15 years ago.*

*Over the years I've worked as a librarian, proof-reader, and even saleslady. Politics, world affairs,*

**Now . . .**

*ballet, music have always interested me, and lately I've become an avid Blue Jays fan.*

*For the last dozen years I've shared a home with my 92 year old mother -- Mrs. Stephania Bubniuk -- who could be an inspiration to any woman, so current is she in her thinking.*

*I thank you for bringing back to me so many rich memories, and wish STM many years of success.*

Thank you for writing, Doria.

**Newman**

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throw and auction \$400.00 was raised for the Burn Unit this year.

Each year in August a national conference of Catholic university students is held and Newman Centre assists in sending several students to this conference each year.

For the upcoming Academic Year Sarah Murphy will be Newman President and Jason Cody will be Vice-President.

**Newman Groupies (left to right)**

*Back row: Blair Witzel, Dana Case, Jason Cody, Lyle Skrapek, Mark Fabbro*

*Third Row: Simone Eddy, Chantelle Washenfelder, Nadine Fichter, Jocelyn Hunt, John Sanche*

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