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UNIVERSITY OF SASKATCHEWAN

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FROM THE STM PRESIDENT'S OFFICE

Dear Alumni and Friends,

We read in Proverbs that "[w]here there is no vision the people perish."

We live in an era that has little time for vision as demonstrated by a relentless drive to conformity in terms of what society rewards or punishes or ignores. The vision that inspires and sustains us at STM, the Catholic intellectual tradition, recognizes that whatever else can be said about God's plan for us, it is evident that conformity is not high on the list. This is why we cherish and celebrate, as a central component of that tradition, academic freedom, stated nowhere more clearly than in *Ex Corde Ecclesiae*, where we are invited to vigorously and humbly pursue the truth in all matters.

We recognize, with Edith Stein, that when we seek truth, we seek God.

This tradition demands coherent, critical thinking which constantly questions received wisdom in the disciplines we study and in the contemporary culture. Cardinal Newman in *The Idea of a University* writes, "The world is content with setting right the surface of things."

Scholars don't have that luxury: we are obliged to inspire in our students the desire to seek, and to want to see, and then to confidently confront, what is not just in the world; to accept the obligation to speak for those who cannot speak for themselves; to understand that we are spiritual beings and that there are ethical and moral dimensions in all that we do; to appreciate that each person is made in the image and likeness of God and that this belief shapes the manner in which we relate to each other in the scholarly community and in society, and informs all that we do as scholars.

The late Czech playwright, Vaclav Havel, reminds us that the great forces for change in human history are achieved not by military might or by ideology, but rather by the human spirit, by conscience, by questioning the prevailing orthodoxy, by an abiding sense of justice, responsibility and compassion. These are objectives that STM as a Catholic, liberal arts institution is well equipped to meet both by tradition and sustained scholarly practice. For this reason, we confidently embrace the future.



Yours truly,

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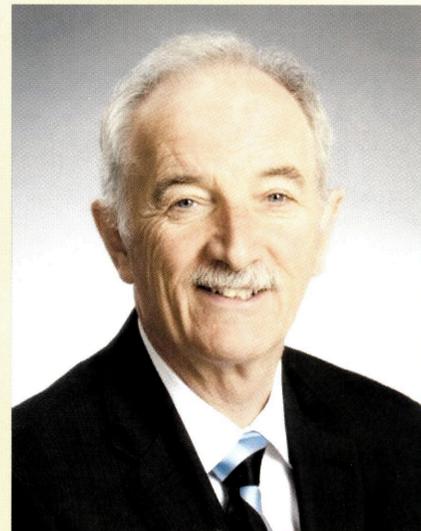
President Terrence Downey

DAN PERRINS APPOINTED NEW BOARD OF GOVERNORS CHAIR

Mr. Dan Perrins was appointed the new Board Chair for a one-year renewable term effective January 2012.

Currently the Executive in Residence and Senior Policy Fellow at the Johnson-Shoyama Graduate School of Public Policy, Mr. Perrins began his career as a frontline social worker and went on to hold a number of increasingly senior positions in social services, health, education, post-secondary education, and skills training. He also served as the Deputy Minister to the Premier and Head of the Public Service.

Mr. Perrins is a graduate of the University of Saskatchewan and the School of Social Work, University of Regina. He has been awarded the Queen's Jubilee Medal, the Saskatchewan Centennial Medal and the Institute of Public Administration of Canada's Lieutenant Governor General's Medal for Distinguished Public Service.



Mr. Dan Perrins

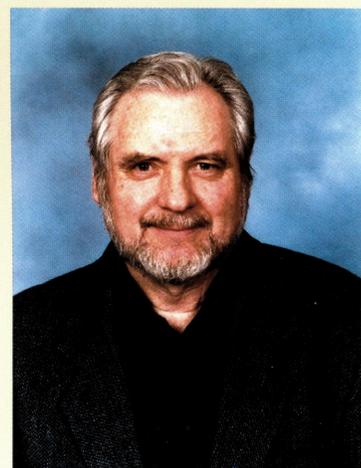
NEW ACTING DEAN AND ACTING ASSOCIATE DEAN

Dr. Patricia McDougall, Associate Dean of STM, was appointed Acting Dean for an eight month term that began December 15, 2011. Dr. McDougall is replacing Dean Carl Still, who is currently on administrative leave until August 15, 2012.



Dr. Patricia McDougall

Dr. Darrell McLaughlin, an Associate Professor of Sociology, has assumed the interim role of Acting Associate Dean.



Dr. Darrell McLaughlin

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

June 18, 2012
4:00 p.m., STM Chelsea Commons Room 231
Agenda available online at www.stmcollege.ca

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On April 30, STM solidified its commitment to two major projects that will substantially support and advance its mission: a building expansion along College Drive and the establishment of an Endowed Chair in Catholic Studies.

As part of the Creating More Campaign, these initiatives will not only allow the college to increase its physical space, but also facilitate teaching and learning that will strengthen the College's commitment to Catholic post-secondary education.

In order to foster and strengthen its Catholic identity, STM is also aiming to raise funds to create an Endowed Chair in Catholic Studies. The Endowed Chair, which will be held by a pre-eminent scholar in the area of Catholic Studies who will serve both the College and the wider community, is a critical step in the evolution of the College in its post-Basilian era. It will not only anchor STM's Catholic Studies program, but also works to strengthen its commitment to Catholic education.

The campaign aims to raise \$6 million. The building expansion will be completed in 2013, while the Chair will be established in the fall of 2012.

"WE ARE BURSTING AT THE SEAMS, AND HAVE BEEN FOR QUITE SOME TIME. THIS CAMPAIGN WILL NOT ONLY ENABLE US TO CREATE THE SPACE NEEDED TO TEACH MORE STM CLASSES WITHIN THE WALLS OF OUR BUILDING, BUT ALSO DELIVER THE LEARNING ENVIRONMENT AND PERSONAL INTERACTION OUR STUDENTS AND ALUMNI EXPECT FROM ST. THOMAS MORE COLLEGE."

– DR. TERRENCE J. DOWNEY, STM PRESIDENT



For more information on the Creating More Campaign and how you can help support STM, please visit www.creatingmore.ca or call Dianne Anton at 306.966.8918.

STM TEACHING EXCELLENCE AWARD WINNER

In early April, Dr. Edna Froese (Department of English) was selected as the inaugural winner of the STM Teaching Excellence Award. This new award stems from STM's Academic Plan and recognizes teachers who both motivate and inspire students to learn.

Her nomination thoroughly documented her dedication and commitment to student achievement over the years, illustrated by her correspondence with individual students, her student and peer evaluations, and her contributions to STM's non-credit Writing for Academic Success program. In addition to Dr. Froese's numerous contributions to administrative service and her significant contributions to pedagogical research, her statement of teaching philosophy was thoughtful and inspiring. Congratulations!



Dr. Edna Froese



Photo by Mark Tiu

GLEE COMES TO STM

Maybe it's the popularity of the television show Glee or maybe it's STM's strong sense of community, but whatever the reason the Newman Sounds Glee Club is up and running again at STM.

This year more than 30 students have become involved in the Newman Sounds performing two high-energy concerts that have featured Broadway show tunes and various choral adaptations of pop music. They also performed a flash mob for Grade 12 students during On Campus Day in February.

To see and hear the Newman Sounds in action, visit STM's YouTube channel at www.youtube.com/stm1936.



STM's new president, Dr. Terrence Downey, shakes hands with STM Board Chair Dan Perrins.

STM PRESIDENT'S INSTALLATION

STM installed Dr. Terrence Downey as eleventh president on January 21, 2012. It doesn't happen very often in the life of academic institutions, but when it does it's certainly something to celebrate.

Downey's installation, which took place during an hour-long ceremony in STM's chapel, was presided by the Most Reverend Donald Bolen, Bishop of Saskatoon. It was followed by a banquet held downtown at TCU Place and was attended by 300 of the college's alumni and friends.

"The Presidential Installation is about much more than simply a ceremonially or symbolic welcoming of a new president," says Downey. "It's a public recognition and celebration of the vitally important relationships that encompass and animate the whole STM community."

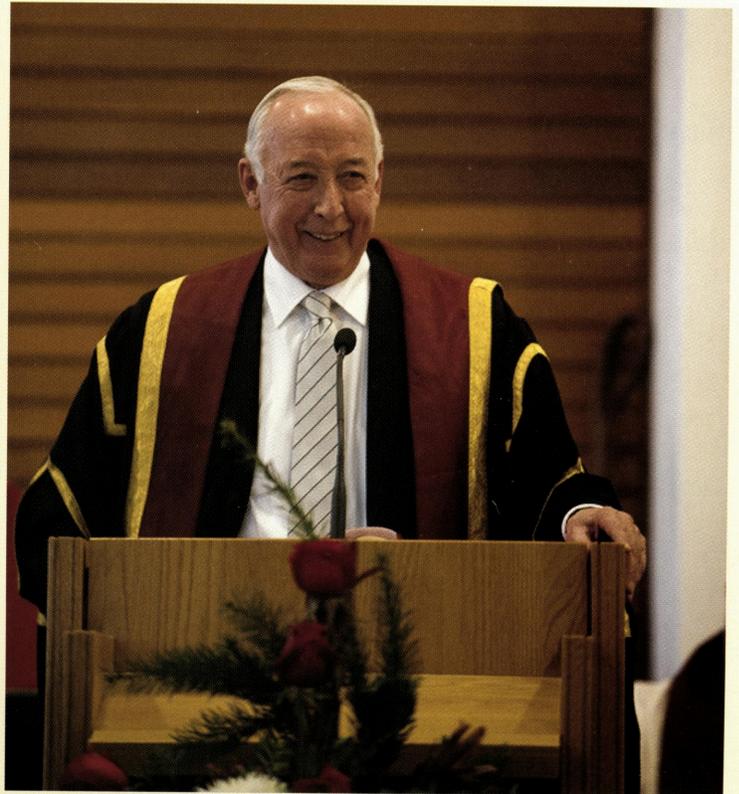
The ceremony attracted dignitaries from across the country, including Fr. George Smith, the Superior General of the Congregation of St. Basil, and Dr. David Sylvester, Past-Chair of the Association of Catholic Colleges and Universities of Canada (ACCUC).

Four of Downey's eleven children – Pat, Elizabeth, Christine, and Erin – were also on hand as gift bearers during the ceremony.

"We are truly blessed to have someone of Dr. Downey's reputation and expertise join the STM community at this important stage in our history," says Board Chair Dan Perrins, who led Downey through his Declaration of Office. "His enthusiasm for Catholic post-secondary education is infectious, and everyone's excited about the college's future."

An accomplished Canadian teacher, scholar and academic leader, Downey has consistently demonstrated an unflinching commitment to teaching, collaboration, research, and community engagement throughout his 35-year career. This confidence has seen him maintain the position of President and Vice-Chancellor at St. Mary's University College in Calgary, Alberta for three consecutive terms.

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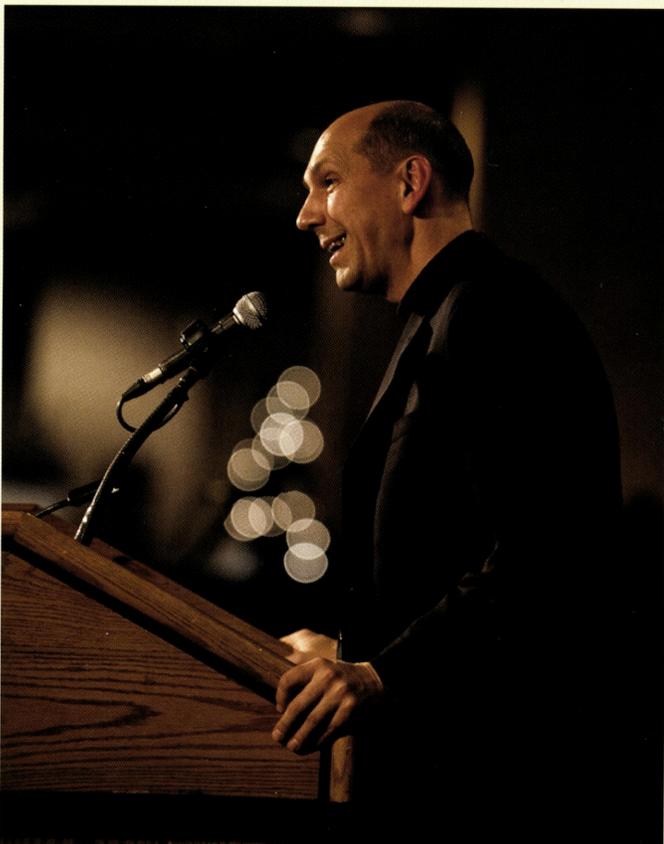


Dr. Terrence Downey was installed as the College's eleventh president in the STM Chapel.

During his 12 years as President of St. Mary's, he led the College from relatively modest beginnings through significant increases in enrolment and course offerings. His vision ultimately secured undergraduate degree-granting status for the College in 2004.

Prior to his presidential terms at St. Mary's, Downey was a faculty member and Department Chair in Political Science at the University of Waterloo, where his research interests included public policy and administration, Canadian political economy, and local government reform.

“I’m under no illusion that the road ahead won’t be without its challenges,” Downey says. “We’re embarking upon an ambitious campaign to establish an Endowed Chair in Catholic Studies at STM, and we’re moving forward with plans to build a substantial addition to our existing building along College Drive. STM is moving in the right direction, and I’m confident that with the support of the STM community we’ll continue to be successful leaders in post-secondary Catholic education in Canada.”



Most Reverend Donald Bolen addresses a packed house at TCU Place during a dinner following Downey's installation.

NEWMAN CENTRE HOSTS ANNUAL RETREAT

The Newman Annual Retreat, held January 27 – 29, continued its more than 40-year tradition of inviting students to engage in spiritual reflection at St. Peter's Abbey in Muenster, SK.

For this special event, Newman engaged a familiar face as retreat facilitator, Fr. Ken Thorson, OMI. Fr. Ken explored the retreat's theme, which was *Oh, The Places You'll Go!*, by examining the ways of prayerful discernment, the different options people have in life, and the various paths to which God calls us.

This year there was a variety of participants from both STM and St. Peter's: first-year students, community members, grad students and members of the Newman Council and STM Campus Ministry who collaborate to organize this event. The group numbered 20 participants, only the bravest of whom ventured into the Muenster night to enjoy the tobogganing hill on Saturday evening. Fr. Ken survived the adventure and brought the session to a reflective and prayerful close on Sunday morning.



(R-L) Newman retreat facilitator, Fr. Ken Thorson, OMI, St. Peter's Abbey Guestmaster; Fr. Demetrius Wasylyniuk, OSB; and first-year student, Kathleen MacLean.

If you'd like more information, please call Michael in Campus Ministry at 966-8931, or email mmaclean@stmcollege.ca.



SUMMER FUN BBQ

alumni and friends are welcome!

Wednesday, June 20th, 2012
5:00 - 9:00 p.m. (Food Served 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.)
Front Courtyard College Drive, STM College

Celebrate the 1st day of summer with great company and a sizzling grill!

The St. Thomas More-Newman Alumni Association invites you, your family and friends to our Summer BBQ to wrap up the 75th year celebrations.



\$10 per person
(includes steak dinner and 2 refreshments)

Tickets available online at www.stmcollege.ca/alumni or contact Dianne Anton at danton@stmcollege.ca

NEW ALUMNI CARD

The St. Thomas More College - Newman Alumni Association has partnered with the University of Saskatchewan to offer STM and Newman alumni a new co-branded alumni card that operates like three cards in one.

The new alumni card can now be used as a PAC (Physical Activity Complex) membership card, a U of S Library card, and proof of membership for other alumni services and benefits.

STM graduates will now also enjoy a 10 percent discount at Choices at STM (discount applies only to in-cafeteria purchases) and a 10 percent discount on all Newman Players Productions.

The STMNAA alumni card is free, and membership is automatic upon graduation; however, alumni must apply for the card. Co-branded alumni cards are available to all STM graduates.



To apply for your new STM/University of Saskatchewan benefit card, visit www.stmcollege.ca and click on Alumni /Alumni Association for the link to the online application. Please contact Dianne Anton at danton@stmcollege.ca or 306.966.8918 for further information.

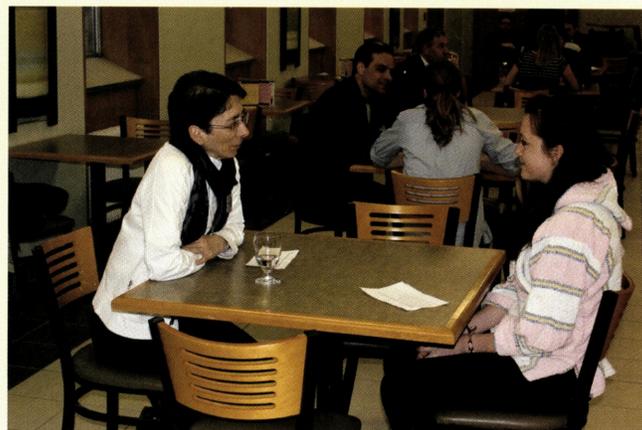
ALUMNI SPEED MENTORING

The premise is simple: students sit across the table from a mentor and discuss education and career paths. After five minutes, the students change seats and sit with another mentor. It's called speed mentoring, and according to Adam Day, the STM-Newman Alumni Association president, it's a great way for students to start thinking about their career choices.

"It's an event that gives STM students a chance to expand their networks and seek career advice, and have fun doing it," says Day. "Of course, it's also an avenue for STM and Newman alumni to re-engage with the STM community and connect with students."

Alumni from varied backgrounds, including education and law, volunteered as mentors for the event, which was held in Choices and followed by a wine and cheese reception. Approximately a dozen students participated in the two-hour event held in March.

Organized by the STM-Newman Alumni Association, speed mentoring will likely become an annual event at the college. For more information about how you can volunteer as an STM mentor, please contact Dianne Anton at 306.966.8918 or email danton@stmcollege.ca.



Students sat with alumni for five minutes at a time during the STMNAA's first speed-mentoring event.



ON THE RHODES AGAIN

Anne Kelly (BA'10) will miss a lot of things about Saskatoon when she leaves for Merton College at Oxford this fall on a Rhodes Scholarship, but clearing snow from her driveway won't be one of them.

"I can say with absolute certainty that I will not miss shovelling the snow," says the affable 24-year-old STM graduate.

Anne is one of only 11 Canadians who receives the prestigious Rhodes Scholarship each year. Named after British-born entrepreneur and Oxford graduate Cecil John Rhodes, the scholarships are the world's oldest and most celebrated. They have been awarded annually to applicants since 1902 on the basis of academic achievement and strength of character.

Anne will be STM's ninth Rhodes Scholar and will join an international class of 84 other Scholars in the fall. Although she'll miss friends and family, she's looking forward to making the move to England.

"While I am definitely excited about experiencing all that Oxford has to offer not just in terms of academics, but also its athletic and social activities, my years of study at STM and the U of S have given me good preparation for what's to come. Having taken a wide range of courses, I feel that I can bring a Saskatchewan perspective to Oxford, as well as acquire new points of view there."

The daughter of STM professors Pat and Darlene Kelly, both of whom teach English, Anne has always known that she'd also major in English.

"The decision to be an English major because my parents are English professors was not an automatic one, though I knew that's what I wanted to do early on" she says. "My brother Brendan had exactly the same upbringing and chose history instead. Still, growing up in a home where literature was valued so highly certainly encouraged me to cultivate my own love of reading."

Before beginning her Master's degree in medieval Scottish literature at the U of S under the supervision of Dr. David Parkinson, Anne completed her BA in English in 2010 at St. Thomas More College, which she says felt more like a home than an academic college.

In fact, she says that from an early age, STM offered her a kind of second home where her parents would take her to listen to music or hear speakers.

"In a real sense I grew up at STM and it seemed only natural to pursue my education here," she says. "My brother Brendan and I were both baptized in the STM chapel and we both have happy memories of accompanying our parents to coffee houses put on by the students. We were even frequent supper guests of the Basilian fathers back in the days when they lived right in the College. They were like a second family to us."

Like many students who choose to attend STM, Anne's decision to enrol was not only informed by wanting to receive a high-quality education, but also by a desire to be part of a larger community respectful of her faith.

"At STM, I saw myself joining a different community from the one I knew growing up; this time, I was joining a community of students, all of them as eager as I was for intellectual stimulation and the chance to exchange ideas in a place where you didn't have to leave your faith at the door."

For now, Anne is focused on the adventure ahead and preparing to spend time away from friends and family. When she completes her M. Phil at Oxford, she plans to complete a PhD and teach university-level English.

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**OTHER STM RHODES
SCHOLARS INCLUDE:**

J. FRANCIS LEDDY (PROFESSOR) 1933
OTTO LANG 1953
BERNARD WOLFE 1958
JEROME ATRENS 1960
HENRY KLOPPENBURG 1968
ERIK PIORO 1980
DONALD BOBIASH 1984
JANA LEE CHERNESKI 2004

Merton College, Oxford.

IN MEMORIAM

"In death the relationship we have with the world is not abolished, but is rather for the first time completed."

- Karl Rahner, SJ, theologian

Bernice Wilson	Mother of Wendy Wilson (STM Faculty)
Sr. Ottilia Saretzky	Aunt of Joanne Illingworth (STM Staff)
Mary Foley	Mother of Chris Foley (STM Faculty)
Leo Hamoline	Father of Rita Hamoline/Grandfather of Amy Frank (STM Staff)
James Powrie	Father of Sarah Powrie, Father-in-law of Carl Still (STM Faculty)
Marge Jesson	Mother of Nicholas Jesson (STM Faculty)
Fr. Thomas James Hanrahan	STM President 1982-1989
Dr. Eugene Tate	STM Sociology Professor 1970-1992
Fr. Paul Donlevy	Friend of the College
Carl Hunter	Father of Paulette Hunter (STM Faculty)
Emma Helgert	Grandmother of Gail Morrison (STM Staff)
Jean Rozema	Niece of Alan Reese (STM Faculty)
Hilda Zunti	Aunt of Dorothy Abernethy (STM Staff)
Patricia L'Hirondelle	STM Alumni, 1946 - Arts & Science/Education

If you know of any members of the STM community who, in the past year, have departed this world to enter into the Lord's presence, please let us know. Contact the St. Thomas More College's main office Main at (306) 966.8900.

OUR MISSION

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

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