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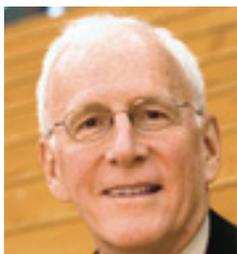
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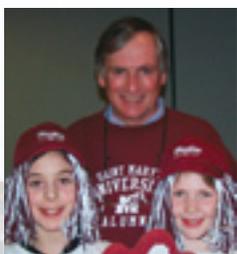


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President's Message



Firstly, congratulations and welcome to the most recent additions to the Alumni fold through Spring Convocation. As you move forward with your lives, make it a commitment to stay

connected to your *alma mater*. Whether you are looking for employment leads through networking, or a social interaction to take the edge off moving to an unfamiliar city, keep the Alumni Office number in your cell phone and use it anytime.

Secondly, it is amazing to see the transformation underway on campus. Our traditional campus is being maintained and improved with thoughtful, leading edge new buildings and connectivity that will only enhance the experience of our "world within one city block". Thank you to all Alumni and friends who participated in the *Hearts and Minds* Capital Campaign.

In terms of a wrap up on the year:

- 2007-08 saw an amazing **Turning Points** dinner, raising over \$70,000, and providing a memorable experience for all present, with an engaging feature performance by one of our own, **Bob Kelly**.
- **Time for Wine** grew again and is fast becoming a "must do" event for the winter season in Halifax
- Numerous academic accolades, including the recent win at the **Model UN competition** in New York
- A *Vanier* appearance by the football team, a *Final 8* appearance by the men's basketball team, and deep playoff presence by virtually all teams and clubs

I would like to take this opportunity to thank **Jill Jeffrey** and **David Murphy** for their contributions related to Alumni during their respective tenures at Saint Mary's.

My term as President will end over the summer and I would like to say that it was truly a pleasure to represent the Alumni Association. I do have one last wish: please make every effort to attend **Homecoming 2008** from September 19-21. Book your flight now, and if you are local, put the dates in your *Blackberry* calendar. This group of events has something for everyone, and not all events need to be attended in order to have a great time. The new **Small Groups** initiative will lend a grass-roots feel to the weekend. In addition to attendees, we also need volunteers. Please contact **Kathy MacFarlane** today if you would like to get involved. We look forward to seeing you there.

Yours truly,

Bill MacAvoy

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Two new additions to the Alumni Office

The Alumni Office Team, above:

From left to right:

Pat Crowley (BA '72), Director
 Jon Bruhm (BA '03), Alumni Officer
 Kathy MacFarlane, Alumni Officer
 Nancy McIntyre, Secretary

The Alumni Office has had two new additions since the Spring 2008 issue of *Maroon & White* arrived at your door – both of whom have previous experience with Saint Mary's. Director **Pat Crowley** (BA '72) and Alumni Officer **Kathy MacFarlane** are pleased to welcome Alumni Officer **Jon Bruhm** (BA '03) and Secretary **Nancy McIntyre** to the team.

A graduate of the Criminology and English departments at Saint Mary's, **Jon** subsequently obtained a Bachelor of Journalism from the University of King's College and went on to serve as the Communications & Events Co-ordinator in the Advancement Office at King's. During his time as an undergrad, he honed his skills as an Arts & Entertainment

reporter with *The Journal* and later became a regular contributor to and columnist with a variety of media, including *The Coast* and Canada's music monthly, *Chart Magazine/Chartattack.com*.

Nancy worked on campus as the Information Technology Systems & Support Secretary in 2001, and returns to Saint Mary's following a position with Cardiovascular Health Nova Scotia, as well as five years as an office manager with local non-profit agencies. Her new role will see her working with both the Alumni Office and Advancement Services, and her strong background in marketing, business development, event planning, public relations and executive duties makes her a most welcome addition to the 867 Robie Street team.

faculty updates

News from the Faculty of Arts

2008 once again has BA students going places.

Students planning careers in international relations and public policy had memorable experiences with **Dr. Marc Doucet**, a professor in Political Science, who took them beyond classroom walls. After winning major awards at the Canadian International Model UN in Ottawa, a delegation of 18 fourth-year students traveled to the National Model UN conference in New York where they represented the central African Republic of Chad. SMU students were among more than 4000 international delegates, with opening and closing ceremonies taking place in the UN headquarters.



The 2007-08 Saint Mary's University Model UN delegation in front of the headquarters of the United Nations in New York: Back row, left to right: Kaitlyn Sawyer, Thomas Finlayson, Sarah Rushton, Lisa Gillich, Mitch Gillingwater, Nicholas Kunysz, Jeremy Legere, April Bateman, Danny Melvin and Dr. Marc Doucet, Department of Political Science. Front row, left to right: Huay Woon Chee, Laura McDaniel, Yulduz Kutlieva, Oghenefejiro Isukuru, Rebecca Winn, Lorah Jensen, Brian LeBlanc, Jenna McGrath and Sonia Gilroy.

Laura Connor's plans for a career in French education received a boost. As a French Major, she was named the winner of a *Queen Elizabeth II Silver Jubilee Award* – quite an honor since only two are awarded for all of Canada. She also received the *Alliance Française d'Halifax* prize. With these two awards, Laura will spend the next year traveling and studying in France and Quebec.

Brian Fulton, a BA graduate with a Major in English, has been named the President and Chief Executive Officer of Mercedes-Benz Financial Canada.

2008 got off to a lively start as local culture buffs were treated to various feature events.

The second annual *Cyril J. Byrne Memorial Lecture* on March 14th featured **Colm Tóibín**, an internationally renowned and prize-winning Irish author. There was standing room only in the McNally Theatre Auditorium as this engaging writer shared reflections and

read from his work. He has been published around the world and translated into many different languages.

March was Visiting Authors Month. **Lisa Moore**, winner of the Commonwealth Prize for her first novel, *Alligator*, was Writer-in-Residence this year. A weekly reading series allowed audiences to enjoy Canadian poets **Erin Knight, Patricia Young, Terence Young** and **Wayne Clifford**. The series concluded with a presentation by **Noah Richler**, whose book *This Is My Country, What's Yours?* – A Literary Atlas of Canada, was a national bestseller last year.

New for 2008-2009:

A new graduate degree will be launched in September: *MA in Theology and Religious Studies*. Serving the religious communities in Maritime Canada, the program develops the knowledge and skills of those working in education, chaplaincy and pastoral care.

Attention alumni working in government and related professions:

The *Atlantic Provinces Political Science Association (APPSA)* is hosting its next conference at Saint Mary's. The theme is *Democracy's Shifting Shorelines: Representation, Citizenship, & Governance*, and will be held from October 3-5, 2008.

Update from The Sobey School of Business

Faculty news

In March and April, **Drs. Larry** and **Judy Haiven** presented papers at the Sixth International Conference in Commemoration of Marco Biagi in Modena, Italy, as well as the Institute of Advanced Studies at the University of Bologna, Italy. Judy also appeared at the 2008 conference of the British Association of Canadian Studies at the University of Warwick, England.

Dr. Ashraf Zaman and **Dr. Karen Lightstone** will be presenting a paper in July at the 15th Annual Conference of the Multinational Finance Society in Orlando, Florida.

Dr. Kevin Kelloway has joined the editorial board of the **Leadership and Organizational Development Journal** and **Dr. Karen Lightstone** was appointed to the board of directors of the Nova Scotia Accounting Education Foundation.

In April, **Dr. Barry Gorman** drafted an invited FEIC submission to the House of Commons Finance Committee related to the study of the revenue side of the Canadian tax system and made a presentation to the Finance Committee in Ottawa. He also chaired a session at the IASB/CICA conference on International Financial Reporting Standards in Toronto. In addition, he was appointed chair of the Board of Trustees of the Canadian Financial Executives Research Foundation and to the board of directors of Canadian Financial Executives International.

Student competition success

In February, **Bilguun Ankhbayar, Michael Jack, Jaime Hawkins** and **Joel Muise**, four members of Sobey School of Business *IMPACT Program* (a student-run investment fund valued at approximately \$183,000) represented Saint Mary's at the Rotman International Trading

Competition in Toronto. And in March, students **Victor Gendy**, **Nikolay Shimukovich** and **Syeda Rakhshanda Amberin** represented the IMPACT Program at the RISE Symposium of student-managed investment funds in Dayton, Ohio, where they took first place in the "International Portfolio category, Undergraduate division" for best risk adjusted returns during 2007.

Also in February, a team of students from the Sobey School of Business demonstrated their knack for business planning at the *Enterprize 2008 Business Plan Competition* in Vancouver from February 1-3. The student competition, sponsored by the Business Development Bank of Canada, saw Saint Mary's students **Jamie DeWolfe**, **Corey Hollis**, **Ryan MacKenzie** and **Chris Woodburn** competing against 100 other teams – first in the *Enterprize Atlantic Business Plan Competition* in Halifax from January 18-20, where they earned the right to participate in the finals against 15 of the top teams from across the country.

In March, the Department of Accounting hosted an accounting case competition, which was attended by teams from Saint Mary's, St. Francis Xavier, Cape Breton University and Dalhousie University. The Saint Mary's team of **Amanda Ruttan** and **Sarah Crain** placed third, and it is anticipated that the competition will be broadened to cover all of the Atlantic provinces next year.



Ms. Gina Funicelli, Director of the Saint Mary's University Industry Liaison Office, and Dr. Kevin Vessey, Dean of the FGSR, pictured here at the Springboard announcement.

Dr. Kevin Vessey, Dean of the Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research (FGSR), was the master of ceremonies for MacKay's announcement. Dr Vessey is also on the Springboard board of directors. "This renewed funding of the Springboard network is very good news for Saint Mary's," he says. "Much of the financial support of our Industry Liaison Office comes through Springboard."

The Saint Mary's Industry Liaison Office was founded in late 2004 and helps translate academic research into products and services that benefit society. It helps professors at Saint Mary's accelerate their research by finding industrial partners with common goals and it also generates funds to support research at Saint Mary's.



Left to right: Dr. Ellen Farrell, Management Department, Sobey School of Business; Jamie DeWolfe, Chris Woodburn, Corey Hollis, and Ryan MacKenzie

Faculty of Graduate Studies Tidbits

The Honourable Peter MacKay makes a major announcement at Saint Mary's

The Honourable **Peter MacKay**, Minister of National Defence and Minister of the Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency (ACOA), visited Saint Mary's University on April 18 to announce that **Springboard Atlantic Inc.** will receive an investment of \$8.5 million from ACOA's *Atlantic Innovation Fund*.

Springboard Atlantic Inc is a not-for-profit corporation which works to increase collaboration among post-secondary institutions, as well as to facilitate and accelerate the transfer of research and development to the private sector. Springboard members include 14 universities and the four provincial networks of community colleges in Atlantic Canada.

Faculty of Science Announcements



Dr. J. Colin Dodds, President, Saint Mary's; Paul Sobey, Chair, Hearts & Minds Capital Campaign; and Paul J. Dyer, Chair, Saint Mary's University Board of Governors

Science Building opens for business

The grand re-opening of the Science Building took place on April 29. The building has gone through a major renovation, including the addition of 22,500 square feet of teaching and research space. The facilities are now ready to match, and keep up with, the state-of-the-art for research and teaching for years to come.

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Delightfully out of the box

By Cheryl Bell (BA, MA)

For confused husbands, dazed students reeling from exams, and companies keen to show their appreciation to clients or staff, it is a godsend. Tucked away in a small condo on Dresden Row, up a flight of stairs, it is quickly becoming one of Halifax's worst kept secrets.

"It" is **In a Box**, a retail business its owners describe as a "little department store because there is such a variety of things." And variety there is, from leather passport covers in colours that will keep your passport from getting lost, to silk scarves and jackets, wine glasses displayed on kitchen shelves, sleek cutlery, and creamy freshwater pearl jewellery. Everything is beautifully displayed and customers return regularly to see what new delights are available.

Owners **Pam Piers** (left) and **Lezlie Oler** (right) started their business on a small scale in 2005, selling items from their own homes. But the seeds for *In a Box* were planted much, much earlier.

Rewind the clock to 1968 and you will find Lezlie and Pam as first year sociology students at Saint Mary's University. It was the first year of females in residence at the university and the rules were strict. By the time they graduated in 1972 they knew that they would like to run a business together. But the zeitgeist of the times was such that they felt compelled to put their dream on hold.

"The women's movement was in full swing at that time," explains Lezlie, "and there was this subliminal pressure to have serious, professional careers."

And so Lezlie and Pam shared a Halifax apartment and continued their studies at Dalhousie University, with Lezlie pursuing a law degree and Pam studying for a master's degree in education. At the same time, however, they managed to run a thriving beanbag furniture business, aimed at the student market. They hunted for beautiful fabrics that they would sew into huge cases that were then filled with Styrofoam beads at a local factory to make pillows and chairs.

But the business came to an end when the studying did. Lezlie left for Toronto to work as a lawyer and Pam remained in Halifax where she worked as a guidance counselor.

The dream of a business together could have ended there, but it didn't. While still in Toronto, Lezlie turned her expertise in corporate governance into a consulting business, one of the functions of which was to provide office and meeting facilities for not-for-profit groups. "As part of the service, I was always buying gifts for speakers and guests and so I opened a small store as an adjunct to my main business. And there was a lot of interest in what I was selling, far beyond my original customer base."

Lezlie returned to Nova Scotia and in 2005 the partners opened their store in the Dresden Row condo. By their own admission, Pam and Lezlie love shopping and "finding interesting things." They look for Canadian products to stock, but their buying trips also take them to Europe and they have buyers to cover the Far East for them.

From the outset, they also targeted the corporate market. "Both our spouses," says Pam, "come home with what we call 'trash and trinkets' from golf tournaments and we also don't like what we see in some of the corporate food baskets that are given out. We

want to serve this market with a higher quality product."

So they provide beautifully designed golf-themed wine corks and luggage labels, individualized gifts for staff or clients, and also design and make stylish corporate gifts, such as Post-it note holders. Many clients trust Pam and Lezlie to choose their gifts for them.

For individual shoppers and corporate clients alike, presentation is vital. Every item purchased leaves the shop wrapped, and many gifts are also delivered to corporate events or individual recipients. They once mailed a chandelier to Australia, which made the trip in just three days.

The shop has also started a wish list program to make shopping easier, particularly for harried husbands. Affordability is also key. "We work hard to find things that are stylish and unique to this market, but which people can afford," says Pam.

Neither Lezlie nor Pam regrets pursuing other careers prior to starting *In a Box*. "We're more confident now, and we know what we're doing. And because we did our 'real' careers first, we feel that we're allowed to have fun now."





King of the Airwaves

Smith Moves From ‘Manning’ the Mic to Media Marketing Mogel

By Richard Woodbury (BA Hons '04)

Shawn Smith (BComm '93) has come a long way since his days at *Radio Saint Mary's*. The 20-year media and marketing veteran's company, **Momentum Media Marketing** (www.momentummediamarketing.com), recently celebrated its fifth anniversary and has worked with industry heavyweights such as *Sirius Satellite Radio*, *NewCap Broadcasting*, and *Jones Radio Networks*.

Based out of Vancouver, Momentum provides marketing services such as print ads, TV spots, and billboard ads to radio, TV, and internet companies across Canada and the United States.

On rock radio station Q104 in Halifax, Momentum is the agency behind the TV commercial with the animated stick figure rocking out on guitar to classic rock staples such as AC/DC's "Highway to Hell" and Jimi Hendrix's "Purple Haze." Momentum was also responsible for last summer's *Crack the Code* contest.

It's not surprising the 38-year-old Smith pursued a career in radio. "I had grown up really being infatuated with radio and listening to CJCH in the heyday of the '70s when you had Brian Phillips, Dave Cochrane, all these guys lighting the airwaves on fire," he says by telephone from his office.

He was drawn to SMU because he could study marketing and work at the radio station, but the fact his parents also studied there played a part. "It just seemed natural that I would eventually

go there," he says. "I didn't feel the same affinity towards the other universities."

Operating from the fifth floor of the Student Union Building and overlooking Husky Stadium with the call name *CFSM* (550 on the AM dial), the station's broadcast range was limited. Smith says it worked fine at the school and in the parking lot, but not far beyond.

"You could be travelling down Tower Road and as soon as you crossed Inglis Street, and if you had it on 550, the station would fade in for you. It travelled that block pretty well. But the big problem was CFNB in New Brunswick also was on 550. Depending on the atmospheric conditions, you probably were fighting with some guy sitting in Fredericton for air space," he says with a chuckle.

He started out as a volunteer at Radio Saint Mary's and later served as the production director and program director. He continued to help out at the station even after he signed on with *C100 FM* in 1989, despite his busy schedule.

"I would work all night on C100 hosting the all-night show and then get off at 6 a.m. and be in calculus class at 8:30 a.m. for a full day of classes, then I'd come home and sleep and do it all again."

By 1995, he had received numerous promotions and was working as an on-air personality with *CHUM Ltd.*, but quit his job in order to make it in the larger markets. The program director at

C100 told him, "This is either the most foolish move ever, or this is the best move you could ever make. You'll have to decide which one."

Over the next few years, it became clear he had made the right decision. He became the director of affiliate relations with *Rogers Broadcasting Limited*, then the director of marketing with *Jones Radio Networks*, before founding Momentum in 2003.

Recently, Smith was profiled in *Radio & Records*, a trade publication that is to the radio industry what *Rolling Stone* is to the music industry. Smith has read *Radio & Records* since his days at *CFSM* and describes it as a "delightful shock" to be profiled, but says the highlight of his career was starting a business and having it succeed. It was something he never envisioned when he was younger.

"I wouldn't have known that I had that in me. But life just keeps giving you opportunity and you follow your heart, you discover what you're good at and what your temperament is and what your abilities are, and you realize, hey, I can do this."



A Year of Awards and Accolades

By Cheryl Bell (BA, MA)

It has been a red carpet year for Saint Mary's "Where will you go?" campaign and SMUtube, the video-based recruitment microsite that was launched in June 2007. Eleven recent awards from three different awarding bodies now hold pride of place on the walls of the External Affairs department

The most recent additions came at the end of April from the *Canadian Council for the Advancement of Education (CCAЕ) 2008 Prix d'Excellence* awards. The "Where will you go?" campaign won a gold medal as the best student recruitment program in the country, and SMUtube brought home a silver.



In February, the *Council for the Advancement and Support of Education*, or CASE, awarded SMUtube a gold medal in Boston. The video

anthem, "Where will you go?", also brought home a silver medal in the television category.

The CASE awards recognise outstanding achievement in higher education, independent school and non-profit organization communications, with the judges assessing overall design, content and writing, the use of photography, graphics and technology.

SMUtube was developed in collaboration with **trampoline**, a Halifax branding, design and advertising firm. Managing director of **trampoline Mark Gascoigne** explains the thinking behind the creation of SMUtube. "To pique the interest of prospective students from this difficult-to-reach Generation Y audience, we knew we would have to speak their language because this audience lives online," he says. "Creating a site that invited student content was key to its success."

Just three weeks after SMUtube went live, more than 2,200 unique visitors from 52 countries had visited the site. Now one year old, the site has attracted over 35,500 visitors from 135 countries.

The success of the site can also be measured in terms of admissions success, with applications to Saint Mary's up 18% over last year and a 5% increase in first year enrolments.

The "Where will you go?" video is the result of a partnership between **trampoline** and **Egg Films** and is a visually exciting depiction of the aspirations of Saint Mary's students. Seen in cinemas and broadcast during important sport and cultural events around the province, the commercial has already reached a national audience of nearly one million.

In addition to the CCAE and CASE awards, Saint Mary's was well recognized at the 23rd *Annual Admissions Marketing Report* awards for 2007. It received seven awards for the "Where will you go?" marketing campaign, including *Best of Show* in the television category for the "Where will you go?" anthem.

Commenting on the awards, vice president of External Affairs **Chuck Bridges** says: "These awards are a testament to the calibre of our recruitment campaign, which we can see is attracting a lot of interest from potential students. But we need to spread our net in as many directions as possible, and for that we rely on our alumni, who are our best ambassadors. Recruitment is one of the four cornerstones of our alumni association. The combination of their efforts and this exceptional campaign should reap great rewards for the university in terms of student numbers."

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On 23 May, more than 1,000 freshly minted Saint Mary's University graduates crossed the stage of the Halifax Metro Centre to receive their degrees from **Dr. David F. Sobey**, the university's newly installed Chancellor.

The graduates were from the Faculties of Arts, Commerce, Science and Graduate Studies and Research. The Valedictorian for the morning convocation ceremony was **Jeff Lohnes**. He served as Vice-President Internal of the Saint Mary's University Students' Association and was a member of the University Board of Governors for two years. *The Hooding Candidate* was **Chelsea Pridham**. For the afternoon

Emeritus was bestowed on **Dr. Wendy Katz** of the Department of English, and **Dr. Adam Sarty**, Department of Astronomy and Physics, was presented with the *Dr. Geraldine Thomas Educational Leadership Award* — an award that recognizes the long-term commitment of faculty who develop, enhance and promote the quality of teaching and learning at Saint Mary's and beyond.

Those who received medals for academic excellence include: **Melissa Catherine Duffy** (*Governor General's Silver Medal*); **Nicholas M. Harris** (*Gold Medal: Faculty of Arts*); **Charlene Marie McDonald** (*Gold Medal: Sobey School of Business*); **Kerry Dawn Worth** (*Gold*

Convocation 2008

1,000 new
'citizens of the world'
graduate from
Saint Mary's

ceremony, **Meghan Van Gaal** was the Valedictorian and **Zhen Ya Guo** was the Hooding Candidate.

Dr. Sobey is the *Chairman Emeritus* of Sobeys Inc. and one of the most widely respected business leaders in Canada. He was appointed Chancellor by the Board of Governors in January 2008, and will serve in this role until May 2010. He will act as a key ambassador and advocate for the university, and sit as an ex-officio member on its Board of Governors.

Gary Mooney, Nancy Smithers, Jamal Badawi and **Arthur Donahoe** received honorary degrees. The title of Professor

Medal: Faculty of Science); **Daniel Ryan MacDougall** (*Gold Medal: Division of Engineering*); **Kathleen Mary Gould** (*Governor General's Gold Medal*); **Shenna M. LaPointe** (*Gold Medal: Master of Business Administration*); **Colin Frederick Lewis Dickson** (*Gold Medal: Executive Master of Business Administration*); **Sande Ewart** (*Gold Medal: Master of Arts in International Development Studies*); **Danielle Durepos** (*Gold Medal: Master of science in Applied Psychology*); and **Petr Bakus** (*Gold Medal: Master of Management: Co-operative and Credit Unions*).

The university now has approximately 35,000 alumni all around the world.

Top Row: Laura Stanford (BComm), Santiago Romero (BA), Courtney Schaller (BSc)

Middle Row: Dr. Gary Mooney; Paul J. Dyer and Dr. David F. Sobey; Jeff Lohnes (BComm)

Bottom Row: Sarah Anne MacDougall (BComm) and a proud relative; Dr. David F. Sobey, Chelsea Pridham (BA) and Dr. J. Colin Dodds; Lt-rt: Platform guests Rev. Dr. Eric Beresford, Dr. Louis Deveau, Dr. Katherine Laurin, Glenn Hines and Dr. Lynda Katz

on campus



Homecoming



Invitation to attend Homecoming 2008

It is my pleasure to invite you to Homecoming 2008. The dates are set for September 19-21, 2008 and we hope to see you all there!

We have a full schedule that offers something for everyone. Events will mainly be held on campus, but we will also venture out into the harbour for the alumni cruise where everyone will have the opportunity to see Halifax at its best. Small groups can arrange to meet at any city venue or even private homes.

For those few days in September, we are reconnected to memories, to people and to our youth. It doesn't seem that long ago that we were 19 or 20 years old. Remember the professor who made you think about things in a different light? Drinking strong coffee and studying until 3 am? Going to football games and cheering for our Huskies? Making friends with people you never thought you would have anything in common with? Falling in, and out, of love? Walking across the stage to your future?

We are older and wiser now, and we know we cannot relive those years. But we can cherish them. I hope Homecoming will help you do just that.

While you're on campus, I invite you to revisit old places as well as take in new ones, to see first-hand where the next generation of SMU alumni will challenge their imaginations and reshape our world.

Homecoming is open to everyone and we invite all alumni, current students, faculty, staff and friends to join us in these celebrations. Mark your calendars, start calling fellow classmates, and consider hosting a small group. Call the alumni office to find out how we can help you. We look forward to seeing everyone there!

Sincerely

Stephen Kelly (BSc '78)
Homecoming Chair

Homecoming 2008

Events Schedule (Tentative)

Friday, Sept. 19th

Small Group Time

All day

Golden Grad Luncheon

12:00 - 1:30

Faculty Fest

2:00 - 4:00

Alumni Annual General Meeting

4:00 - 5:00

Pre-Game Concert

5:00 - 6:30

Football Game

7:00 - 10:00

Post-Game Pub

10:00 - 12:00

Saturday, Sept. 20th

Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony

9:30 - 11:30

Small Group Time

All Day

Alumni Harbour Cruise

2:00 - 4:00

Elizabeth A. Chard Dinner

6:00 - 10:00

Sunday, Sept. 21st

Alumni & Community Family BBQ

12:00 - 2:00

Small Group Time

All Day

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Homecoming 2008

Small Group Concept

“**Small Groups**” can be any just about anyone, from traditional groups defined by your classes, years, faculties, departments and societies to more non-traditional groups such as residences, sports teams, groups of friends or special interest groups, etc.

Examples...

- 5th, 10th, 25th, 50th reunion years,
- MBA '02
- 2001 - 02 Football Teams
- Pick-up hockey group
- Campus Police
- The Journal staff
- The Belles of Saint Mary's
- The “Gorsebrook” crowd



Small Group Leaders will...

- ✓ Identify the group
- ✓ Be listed as the official contact person in the M&W and on website
- ✓ Work with Alumni in developing a contact list
- ✓ Select activities, confirm costs etc.
- ✓ Sign letters to small group
- ✓ Monitor response to letters
- ✓ Encourage their “group” to attend – through emails, phone calls, calling networks, etc.
- ✓ Host the official event/group during Homecoming
- ✓ Provide feedback to Alumni Office after event

Small Group Leaders

We need people to step forward, contact other members of their “small group” and get them together during Homecoming. Wouldn't it be fun to see all your old friends at one time. We promise to work with you to make your event a success and consider you an integral part of the Homecoming team

Alumni Office will...

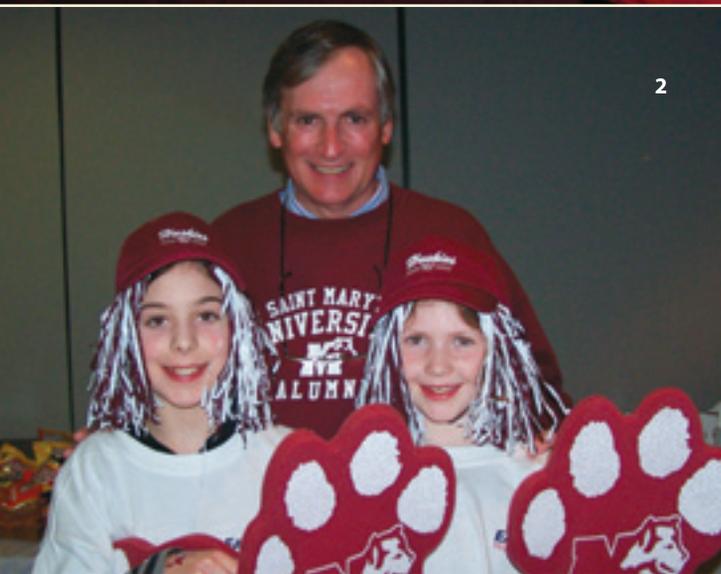
- ✓ Blanket book campus venues
- ✓ Provide suggestions of events (on and off-campus) and costs
- ✓ Work with small group leaders to create mailing/ e-mail lists
- ✓ Prepare letters and pay for printing and mailing
- ✓ Highlight small group activities on website
- ✓ Assist leaders to finalize venues, activities, costs, forms, etc.
- ✓ Collect funds if required, pay bills after event
- ✓ Provide on-line registration for all small groups
- ✓ Provide registration updates to small group leaders
- ✓ Provide leaders with hosting materials for their event
- ✓ Assure that photos are taken of each small group
- ✓ Follow up reports on each event, list of attendees, etc.
- ✓ Provide funding when possible for small groups
- ✓ Provide special recognition for all small group leaders

2008 SMALL GROUPS

GROUP LEADER	CONTACT	E-MAIL	PHONE
Class of '73	Pat Crowley	patrick.crowley@smu.ca	902.420.5176
'02-'07 Soccer Teams	Ally Read	allyread@telus.blackberry.net	902.880.7960
Campus Bartenders	Stephen Kelly	stephenkelly@hfx.eastlink.ca	902.433.0630
Past SMUSA Executive	Chris MacDougall	chrismacdougall@hotmail.com	902.496.8709
Residence Staff	Erin Dorey	erin_dorey@hotmail.com	902.225.2141
MBA Grads	Tammy Milbury & Greg Poirier	tammymilbury@eastlink.ca	902.449.1456

So we challenge you to take the initiative...become a “Small Group” leader!

alumni events



alumni events

Guide to Pictures:

Alumni Night at the Basketball Game,

February 23, 2008

- 1 Alumni Association Bill MacAvoy (MBA '95) with his daughter Molly (who loved the new alumni beads!)
- 2 Director of Alumni, Pat Crowley, with colorful fans Teagan Muir (daughter of Dr. Paul Muir, BSc '79) and Maggie Heenan.

AUS Basketball Championships

March 7-9, 2008

- 3 Gary (BA '88) and Emily Bratty support their Huskies!
- 4 The Huskies take the AUS Championship (photo credit: Nick Pearce)

Alumni Pub Night

March 11, 2008

- 5 *Lt- rt:* Predrag Rajnis (ITSS), Ysaac Rodriguez (International Student Advisor), Steve Smith (ITSS), Darlene Smith (BComm '85)
- 6 Everyone was entertained by the very talented Jimmy Ralph!

Alumni Reception during CIS Basketball Championships

March 14, 2008

- 7 Supporters attend alumni event during CIS Basketball Championships in Ottawa
- 8 Zach Churchill (BA '07) shows his true colors!
- 9 Corey Sigut (DipEng '72), Stephen Kelly (BSc '78) and Paul Lynch (BComm '76) show their support with their heads

Welcome to our Newest Alumni

May 22-23, 2008

- 10 Our newest alumni celebrate with their families at the Welcome Reception for New Alumni

Alumni Movie Night

May 26, 2008

- 11 Courtney Merriam (BSc'00) and Rebecca Fitzgerald (BA'03) look forward to seeing Indiana Jones in action!

Alumni event in London, England

March 15, 2008

- 12 Nick Foley (BA '04) and Paul Pippard ('01)
- 13 *Lt- rt:* Alice Galvin, Bianca Campelo-Leal (BComm '02), and Andreas Atkins (BComm '02)





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By Tyler MacLeod (BA, BComm '04)

Bob Kelly Leads the Way

The Third Annual
Turning Points in Leadership
Dinner

When you approach the McNally Building on a certain night in April, you get the distinct impression that you are about to attend a different sort of fundraising dinner. The red carpet is rolled out, valet parking attendants are on hand, and spotlights search the sky overhead. It's April 17, 2008, and the Saint Mary's University Alumni Association is hosting the third annual Turning Points in Leadership event. And by the look of the scene inside and out, the host's goal of making this one of the region's most prestigious events has been achieved.

Turning Points in Leadership is an exclusive annual event featuring successful leaders who share their unique perspectives on turning points in their careers and how they have evolved as leaders.



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“Turning Points in Leadership is innovative,” said Event Co-Chair **Paul O’Hearn** (BComm ’82), one of the founders of the Turning Points in Leadership Dinner. “It’s aimed at raising the profile of Saint Mary’s University, its alumni and some of North America’s top leaders. It provides a great opportunity for students to connect with such leaders during their studies, while at the same time creating bursaries for deserving students.”



It was partly the unique format that attracted this year’s evening host, **Robert (Bob) Kelly** (BComm ’75, DComm ’97) to speak at the event.

“It’s tough when you’re a student,” says Kelly, “you’re so focused on studying and working that you often don’t get the chance to sit down with people in the field and pick up some pointers.”

As the CEO of the **Bank of New York Mellon**, a company with more than \$18 trillion in assets under custody, Kelly is certainly qualified to offer up his fair share of pointers. Invited to share his thoughts on leadership, Kelly looked very much at home taking to the stage at his *alma mater* and speaking on a topic that clearly comes naturally. In a talk that saw his audience almost continually nodding in agreement, Kelly ranged over a variety of topics, from turning points in his own career to his philosophy on leadership. As it turns out, one of the former occurred at Saint Mary’s University when a professor ended up leading Kelly down a road he had not previously considered. Were it not for **Professor Harold Beazley**, Kelly figures he never would have pursued accounting as a major.



Of course, a career is made up of a series of turning points and Kelly’s road to the CEO’s office at the Bank of New York Mellon took him to the UK before coming back to Canada to join TD bank. Kelly reflected on his early adoption of computer technology as a major turning point in a successful career. It is his leadership style and communication skills, however, that have contributed directly to his success at the executive level, where he has been ranked among the best executives in North America at the CEO and CFO levels.

The need to communicate is especially important in Kelly’s organization as the recent merger of two large companies, the Bank of New York and Mellon Financial, has inevitably raised many organizational questions and uncertainties. It is in this environment that Kelly has demonstrated his leadership approach. From hosting town halls for employees all over the world to answering “Ask Bob” email questions, Kelly clearly has shown commitment to open and frequent communication. He himself describes his leadership style as informal,



Previous Page: Robert (Bob) Kelly giving his address.

This Page:

Top Row: Brad Langille (BComm ’74), Evening Host Bob Kelly (BComm ’75, DComm ’97) and Roger Perry.

Second Row: Saint Mary’s President Dr. J. Colin Dodds, Master of Ceremonies, Norma Lee MacLeod and Event Co-Chair Paul O’Hearn (BComm ’82) address the audience.

Third Row, (from l-r): Umberto Cantalano, Pamela Scott Crace, Event Co-Chair Tammy Milbury (MBA ’06), Bill McEwan, Jill Murray (BComm ’94), Bob Kelly, Norma Lee MacLeod, Doug Hall, Dr. J. Colin Dodds, Paul O’Hearn and Leslie Gascoigne (BComm ’86)

Bottom Row: (left) Bob Kelly, Gretchen Shaw (accepting the Turning Points Hall of Leadership Award on behalf of her late husband, Bob Shaw), Paul O’Hearn and Tammy Milbury; *(right)* Bob Kelly takes the stage; *(bottom)* a colourful table display



cover story

open-door, and collegial, yet results-based. And one area he's looking for results is in terms of employee satisfaction. The Bank of New York Mellon is actively surveying a sample of its 42,000 employees to make sure the bank is one of the best places in the world to work.

Kelly's address and insights were, however, only one part of what makes the Turning Points event unique. Kelly says the event has a "triple hook" (a quadruple hook, really, since he won't count himself). The triple hook includes the use of the proceeds to create student bursaries and the opportunity for businesses to meet with the best and brightest students themselves.

This focus on students appeals to many in the local community who recognize the value of educating, mentoring, and hiring talent here at home. And they are attracting like-minded peers. The happy result has been the establishment, in three short years, of one of the most pre-eminent events in the region. There are few events that provide such an opportunity for local leaders to meet and network with so many of their peers. In effect, Turning Points has become a nexus of leadership, so critical in fostering creativity and entrepreneurship within Halifax and the wider community.

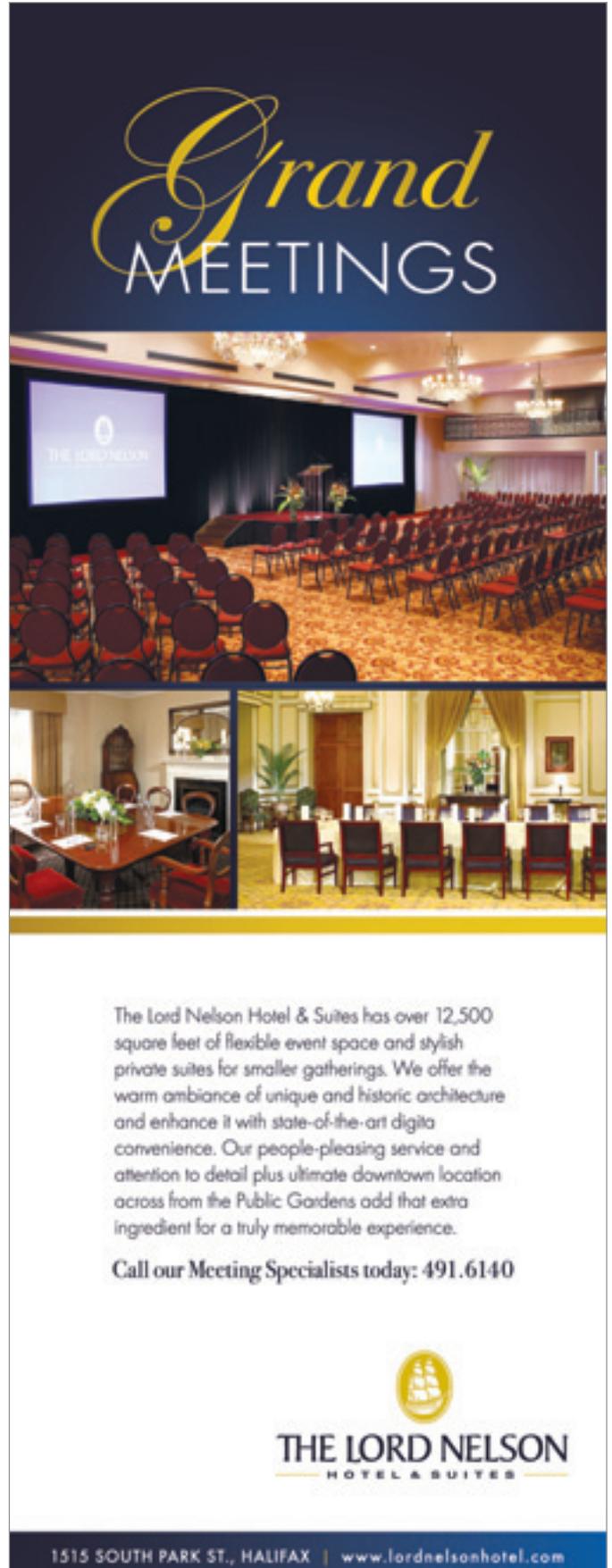
Turning Points has also set itself apart from other events through its unique execution. While the atmosphere inside and out of the event has already been mentioned, it is also what happens on the stage that distinguishes Turning Points. With the evening in the very capable hands of master of ceremonies **Norma Lee MacLeod** of CBC Television, the event moved from emotional and inspirational to entertaining.

This year's event began with the third induction into the Turning Points Hall of Leadership. Designed to honour those who have made a significant contribution to leadership to Saint Mary's University, to business, and to our communities, the ceremony this year bestowed the honour posthumously on **Robert (Bob) Shaw**, (FCA, BComm '68). Attendees were treated to a moving video presentation that showed clearly why Bob Shaw was a deserving recipient of this award.

Following Kelly's inspirational, yet humble words, **Lenore Zann** took the stage for a remarkable performance. The Australian-born and Nova Scotia-raised Zann has starred in her own one-woman play called *The Marilyn Tapes* in New York and will soon perform a new cabaret show called *Zann with a Z (from Belmont to Broadway)*. Zann performed a number of songs from the upcoming show and kept with the theme of the night by relating some of the memorable turning points in her own career.

When the evening ended, it was clear that everybody in attendance had something they took away from the event. For graduating finance student, **Paula Campbell**, it was an overwhelming sense of optimism. "It was great to see that there are lots of people who are interested in helping students and new graduates realize their potential," said Campbell. "I also got a great feeling about the exciting future we have here in Halifax and I can't wait to get started in my career."

Perhaps the impact on students like Campbell will be such that the event itself proves to be a major turning point in their lives. For O'Hearn and other members of his organizing committee, they look forward to the day when their guest speaker may say just that.



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David Murphy Heads West

By Richard Woodbury (BA Hons '04)

Dr. David Murphy has served as the director of Athletics and Recreation at Saint Mary's for the past five years, and has been a distinguished member of the SMU community for over 40 years. However, the time has come for a new challenge, and he is headed to Simon Fraser University in British Columbia to serve as their Athletic Director.

With Murphy's departure, the university bids a fond farewell to a dedicated, loyal, optimistic, and compassionate individual – someone who *"bleeds maroon and white,"* according to **Ross Quackenbush**, the coach of the men's basketball team.

Murphy took a personal interest in the academic success of every student athlete.

Murphy is a firm believer in the ordering of the word "student athlete." *"No books, no ball,"* he says, stressing the importance of academics. *"I told the coaches, if we're going to succeed, then you have to have retention of your athletes and the only way to really get retention is to push academics. As a coach, you have to be responsible for the academic success of your athletes."*

And there certainly was success, with the number of academic all-Canadians nearly tripling from 19 to just over 50 during his tenure as athletic director.

During his student days, Murphy quarterbacked the men's football team to a 1964 Atlantic Bowl victory and also played on the basketball team. He graduated in 1966 with an Arts degree with a concentration in chemistry.

Murphy took a personal interest in the academic success of every student athlete. After each exam period, Murphy would get the student athletes' transcripts, review them, make notes on them, and pass them on to the coaches to give to the players.

Originally from Portland, Maine, the 65-year-old considered going to St. Francis

Xavier, but a cousin gave him some advice. *"He said St. FX is in a small town that has no bars and it's got a nursing school and the girls have to be in by 11 o'clock at night. You go to Saint Mary's, there are lots of bars, there are other universities, there are two nursing schools. So I made the academic choice, I came to Saint Mary's,"* he says with a chuckle.

From the time of his childhood, Murphy wanted to be a doctor. He became a maxillofacial surgeon, but chronic back problems forced him to give it up in 2001. Three procedures (two fusions and a laminectomy) couldn't fix the problem. He was told that he had to give up being a surgeon or he would end up in a wheelchair.

"It was a very depressing time. I was chief of surgery. A surgeon is known by cutting. That's what you do."

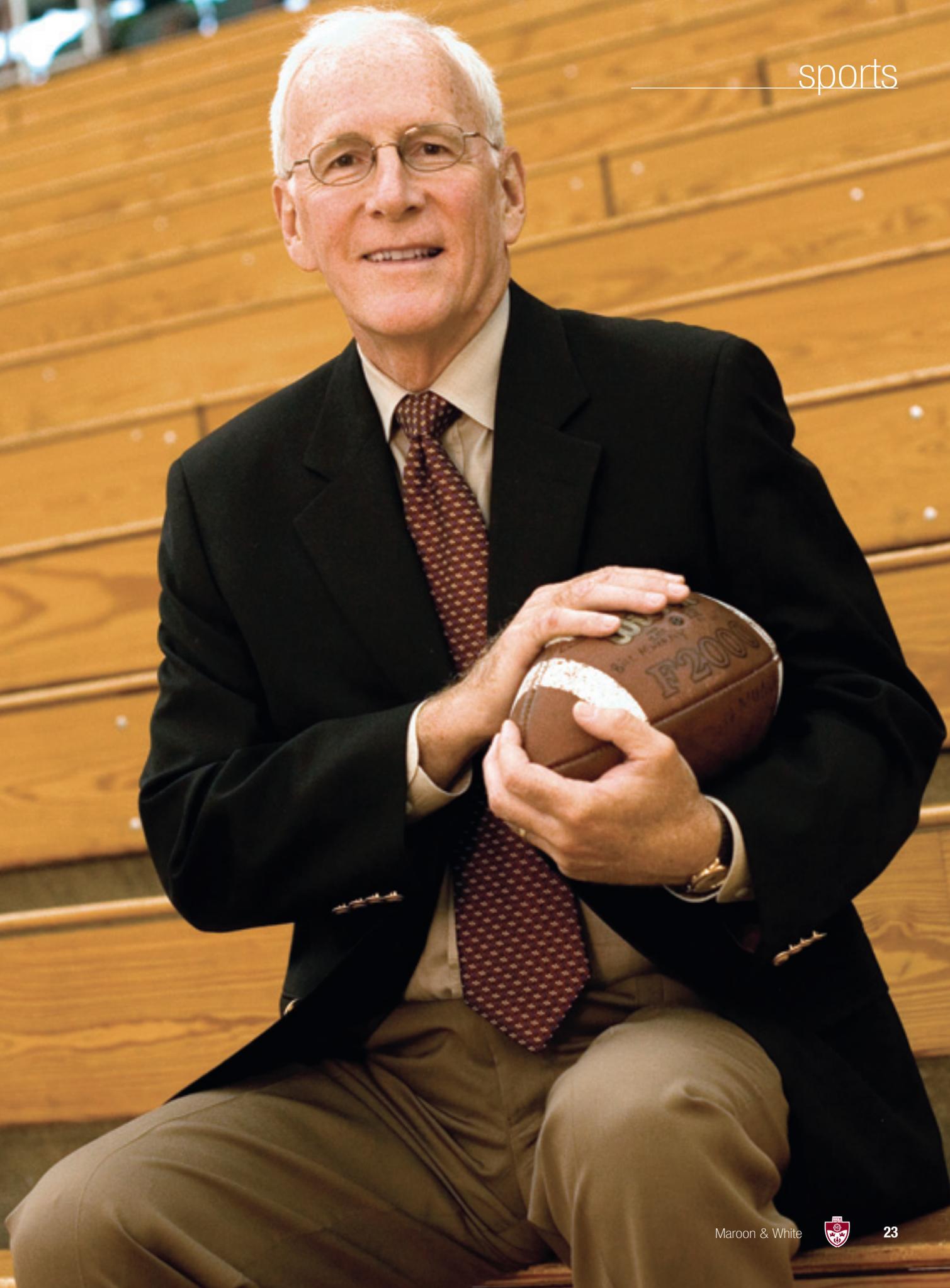
After the death of **Larry Uteck**, the athletic director position at Saint Mary's became available and friends encouraged him to apply. He was qualified. In addition to having been a student athlete, he was an assistant coach with the football team in the '70s, a member of the Board of Governors in the '80s, and an executive on the Alumni Association.

Being an athletic director was something he never considered, thinking he would retire as a surgeon. But the idea that things change was something Murphy preached to the student athletes.

"Always keep all your options open," he would say. *"And then keep your mind open because you never know what might become available, what might be out there for you."*

Murphy found it very satisfying to work with the student athletes, watching them grow and succeed.

He will miss the SMU community most. *"I had my start here. I started as a student athlete. I started as an athletic director here. It's always your first loves that you carry in your heart throughout your life."*



Making a difference in the world

By Blake Patterson (BA)

Some people talk about making a difference in the world; others do more than talk about it.

Lorna Read graduated from Saint Mary's with a master's degree in International Development Studies in 1994. She has lived and worked in five countries across four continents, earned a PhD in Political Science from Columbia University and helped disadvantaged communities throughout the world.

Lorna's professional background includes directing a multi-year research project on the socio-economic impact of globalization on traditional communities in Chile, managing programs for the Institute of Latin American and Iberian Studies at Columbia University, and most recently, helping children and communities develop life skills and foster world peace as director of International Programs and Research for Right To Play in Toronto. She has a perspective of the world that's vast geographically, but her work is inspired by what she's learned from individuals and their communities.

As a Saint Mary's alumna who delivers on the university's mission to serve and engage the community locally and internationally, we asked Lorna about her experiences internationally, her work with *Right To Play*, and the influence Saint Mary's has had on her life and career.

You have lived and worked in five countries outside Canada. How did your experience at Saint Mary's prepare you for your career abroad?

Since graduating from SMU in 1994, I've lived in New York City, spent three years in Chile, and travelled extensively with Right To Play International. I've travelled to Africa, Asia and the Middle East, specifically to places such as Mozambique, Mali, Sierra Leone, the Sudan, Uganda, Zambia, Ghana, Jordan and Thailand. My time at SMU was perfect preparation for this travel and my career. The academic and social environment at

Left: Snapshots from Lorna Read's experiences in Sudan and Ghana



Saint Mary's is exceptionally conducive to multi-disciplinary opportunities and multi-cultural experiences. SMU provided me with a broad point of view from which to build my interests in international development. The faculty in the International Development Studies program has an excellent background in both practical and theoretical aspects of international research and development. Also, SMU has a fantastic community of students from all over the world that add value within such a program.

Faculty can play a key role in the direction and success of graduate studies. Did any of your professors at Saint Mary's influence your career trajectory?

My MA advisor, **Dr. Anthony O'Malley**, had a significant influence on my career in international development. He helped arrange fieldwork in Chile for my MA thesis, and this ultimately opened the door to my years of research and work in Chile. He encouraged me to pursue a PhD and helped with the identification and selection of universities that aligned with my interests at that time in Latin America. He also provided the support necessary to secure my acceptance at Columbia University. I still feel an enormous sense of gratitude for his guidance and for all the support I've received from Saint Mary's.

As director of International Programs and Research for Right To Play, comment on the role sport plays in international development.

Right To Play is an international humanitarian organization that uses specially designed sport and play programmes to improve health, develop life skills and foster peace for children and communities in the most disadvantaged areas of the world. Sport and play is a powerful learning tool because it captivates children and youth. In addition to the physical benefits, sport and play programs actively empower children and youths within their communities, and thereby encourage the communities to be more supportive of all vulnerable groups in society.

What you find most satisfying about the work you do?

I've been with Right To Play for five years, and it's difficult to imagine work that could be more satisfying, given the truly diverse international team I work with and the fact

that our efforts focus on improving the lives of children in such complex circumstances. As a director, a primary aspect of my role has been to highlight the linkages between our programs and the broader international development context to a number of audiences. It's wonderful to see our sport and play programs help the most marginalized populations, including girls, refugees, the internally displaced, individuals with disabilities, children affected by HIV/AIDS and former child combatants. It's difficult to express how satisfying it is to see children playing in post-conflict settings – forgetting their cultural and ethnic differences.

What advice would you give to a SMU student considering a career in the international development arena?

A career in international development requires a combination of practical experience and an understanding of international organizations. As a student at SMU, take advantage of every opportunity to spend time overseas in the field, especially through the university's study abroad and global research programs.

Effective communication is critical to a career in this arena, and by that I mean an ability to listen and a willingness to share. As language is fundamental, it's important for students to invest the time to learn the language of any place they want to live or conduct research. While I was working toward my MA, for example, I had the opportunity to work on research projects with **Dr. Gene Barrett** of the Sociology Department as well as **Dr. Andrew Harvey** of the Economics Department. Both provided me with exposure to the variety of research that has proven valuable in my international development career. Both Dr. Anthony O'Malley and **Dr. Henry Veltmeyer** are fluent in Spanish and they were able to provide exposure to key research from Latin America that helped with my thesis.

What do you consider the most rewarding experience of your career so far?

My work in international development has given me the opportunity to learn from and share experiences with people from diverse cultures and backgrounds around the world. To collaborate with people in the planning and implementation of their own development agenda is truly amazing. It's a participatory process that allows for a

type of solidarity and shared social accountability that few people ever experience. For example, in Chile I had the opportunity to work with people who recently returned to rebuild their country after two decades of dictatorship and exile. It's tremendously rewarding to work with people who are so dedicated and committed to improving their communities.

What inspiration do you draw from your international development efforts?

The more I learn about the world and the people in it, the more I realize I still have so much more to learn. This provides motivation for me. Seeing people strive to rebuild their communities after years of conflict and exile is tremendously inspirational. In South Sudan, for example, I met individuals who believed in the future of their communities despite spending years as refugees in camps in Northern Uganda. One individual was organizing activities for children in his community, based on the Right To Play programs he learned during his years in the refugee camp. The community itself was barren and the play facilities available for the children were limited to a ball and makeshift net – but the man was undaunted and the children were active and animated by the games he was leading. I asked him why he was working so hard to implement the program with so little equipment. He just pointed to a small hut. After more than 15 years in exile, that hut was still his home and he was committed to doing everything possible to rebuild his community around it. That type of resilience and hope is truly inspirational.

What do you see yourself doing in the future?

My future will involve finding ways to leverage my experience and help more people in Canada understand the challenges, opportunities and benefits of international development. After years of working within international development organizations in such an applied way, I would like to dedicate my attention to a number of issues here in Canada. I want to help Canada play a leadership role in globalization and international development efforts. I'm very passionate about the need for Canadians to be more compassionate and proactive about issues facing children and youth – who who are the future generation – both overseas and here in Canada. More and more each day, I see how these futures are becoming more interconnected.

faculty updates

Science Faculty Updates (cont'd. from page 7)

Faculty news

The Faculty of Science and Department of Chemistry welcomed the arrival of **Dr. Jason Masuda**, an inorganic chemist. He joined the department in January 2008 from Los Alamos National Laboratory.

Dr. Adam Sarty has been awarded the *Canadian Association of Physicists medal for Excellence in Teaching*. This national award will be presented at the Association's annual congress in June.

Faculty events

Saint Mary's University hosted the *Team Nova Scotia Showcase* on May 1-3, 2008. This annual event brings together the winners of the regional science fairs for grades 7 to 12 and prepares them for the Canada-wide Science Fair. This is the second year in a row that Saint Mary's has hosted the event.

Saint Mary's is organizing the first "BioBlitz" to be held in Nova Scotia. The activity will bring together taxonomists (scientists who identify and often name plants, animals, and fungi) at Long Lake Provincial Park on 6-7 June 2008. Saint Mary's is organizing the event in partnership with the Ecology Action Centre, the Discovery Centre, the Canadian Parks and Wilderness Society, the Museum of Natural History, and the Nova Scotia Department of Natural Resources. For more information, see www.smu.ca/bioblitz.

ALUMNI CALENDAR OF EVENTS

August

Aug 21 33rd Alumni Golf Tournament, Halifax, NS

September

Sept 11 Ottawa – 21st Annual 'Husky Howl' Golf Tournament, Ottawa, ON
Sept 19-21 Homecoming 2008, Halifax, NS

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Meet Luke Trip (BSc '80)

Luke entered our contest in the Fall 2007 issue of *Maroon & White* and won a **Canon PowerShot Digital Camera**.

He's already taken it to Mexico, Washington and Ottawa (where he had this picture taken alongside Rachel Forbes)

Luke will tell you that winning is fun!

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See our contest on page 29 for your chance to win!

(Read more about Luke in Snippets on page 28)

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2007

Melissa Geddes, BComm, CERHRM, is the assistant director of the Maritime Dance Academy.

2006

Christie Darius, BA, graduated with a degree in secondary education from the University of Alberta in the spring of 2008. She has since accepted a teaching position with the Edmonton Public School Board.



Daniel Luke, BA, and his wife **Jenna Black** (who attended Saint Mary's in 2006) are pleased to introduce their daughter, Grace Adrian Luke, who was born on 22 December 2007, weighing 7 lb 14 ozs.



Mathieu Demers, BA, is pleased to introduce his daughter, Chloé, who was born on 14 January 2008, weighing 8 lb, 2 oz.

Zoë Oliver, BA, BSc, purchased her first house in Hammonds Plains, NS, with Robert Isnor. They are currently updating their home and are

looking forward to its completion. Both Zoë and Robert are currently employed at Nautel Ltd. in Hackett's Cove.

2003

Carolyn De Amicis, BSc, obtained her doctorate of dental surgery from Dalhousie University in 2007. She currently practises in Bedford, NS, with the Bedford House Dentists and can be reached at c_deamicis@hotmail.com.

2001

Mark Edwards, BA, graduated from Simon Fraser University with a masters degree in Criminology. He is currently employed with Health Canada in Ottawa as a policy analyst and international coordinator with the Office of Research & Surveillance's Drug Strategy and Controlled Substance Programme.

Melissa L. Mahoney, BComm, is teaching Grade 11 and 12 Business Studies at Anderson Collegiate and Vocational Institute in Whitby, ON. She also coaches the boys' rugby team.

1999



Zane Swim, BComm and **Patty Dimmell-Swim, BComm**, are pleased to introduce their son, Ethan Fenwick Allan, who was born on 23 August 2007, weighing 6 lb 14 oz.

1997

Tara Timms, BComm, was awarded the 2007 *CA of the Year* from the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Nova Scotia (ICANS). She recently accepted a position as senior manager of administration, Finance and Information Technology with the Halifax 2011 Canada Games.



Shayne Trewin, BComm and his wife Laurie Ann are pleased to introduce their son, Logan, who was born on 5 April 2008, weighing 6 lb 10 oz. The family resides in Halifax, where Shayne is the regional business manager of Atlantic Canada for Nestle Professional.

1996

Cecil A. Bertin, BComm, currently resides in Gros Islet, Saint Lucia, where he is a senior accountant with Peter & Co. Ltd.

1994



Denise Collymore, BA, is pleased to introduce her son, Christian Inzaghi Denis, who was born on 27 December 2007.



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1993



Gerard Comeau, BSc,DIP EGNE, his wife, Maureen (MacCormick), and big sister Evangeline (born 9 July 2006) are pleased to introduce Kian Nathaniel, who was born on 31 December 2007, weighing 9 lb. The happy family resides in Tantallon, NS.

1989

Stephanie Cleary, BSc, was appointed Queen's Counsel on 31 December 2007 by the Honourable Ron Stevens, QC, Minister of Justice and Attorney General for the Province of Alberta. She is the Acting Chief Crown Prosecutor for the Judicial District of Medicine Hat, where she lives with her husband Dr. Pat McCombe and their two sons, James (8) and George (4).

Ken Jackson, BA, MBA, is the vice president-business group head with Dentsu – the world's largest advertising company, which is based in Tokyo. He lives in Singapore, which is Dentsu's regional headquarters for South-East Asia, and oversees business development, manages internal operations and leads the regional marketing and advertising services for key clients such as Canon and Toyota across the region.

1985

Mark Wies, BA, recently accepted a position with the Government of New Brunswick as the executive director of Marketing for Communications NB. He currently resides in Fredericton.

Brian Fulton, BA, was the managing director of Mercedes-Benz Financial and has been recently named the president and CEO of Mercedes-Benz Financial Canada. Brian met his wife Tanya while they studied at Saint Mary's.

1980

Luke Trip, BSc, graduated while also working at the Regional Offices of Environment Canada in Dartmouth. He moved to

Ottawa in 1989 and continued working with Environment Canada until his retirement in November 2002, and now oversees a North American Sound Management of Chemicals program with the Commission for Environmental Cooperation in Montreal. He can be reached at lttrip@videotron.ca and would love to hear from his fellow alumni.

1976

Elliott Anderson, BComm, recently started an independent claims office (Stand Sure Claims Adjusters) in Antigonish, NS.

1973

Edward C. James, BA, MEd, is a field experience advisor currently residing in Elkhorn, MB with his wife Margaret. He has a profound interest in photography and has had the opportunity to study with some well-known photographic artists in Nova Scotia. His talent in photography has allowed him to travel across the country pursuing his interest.

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