

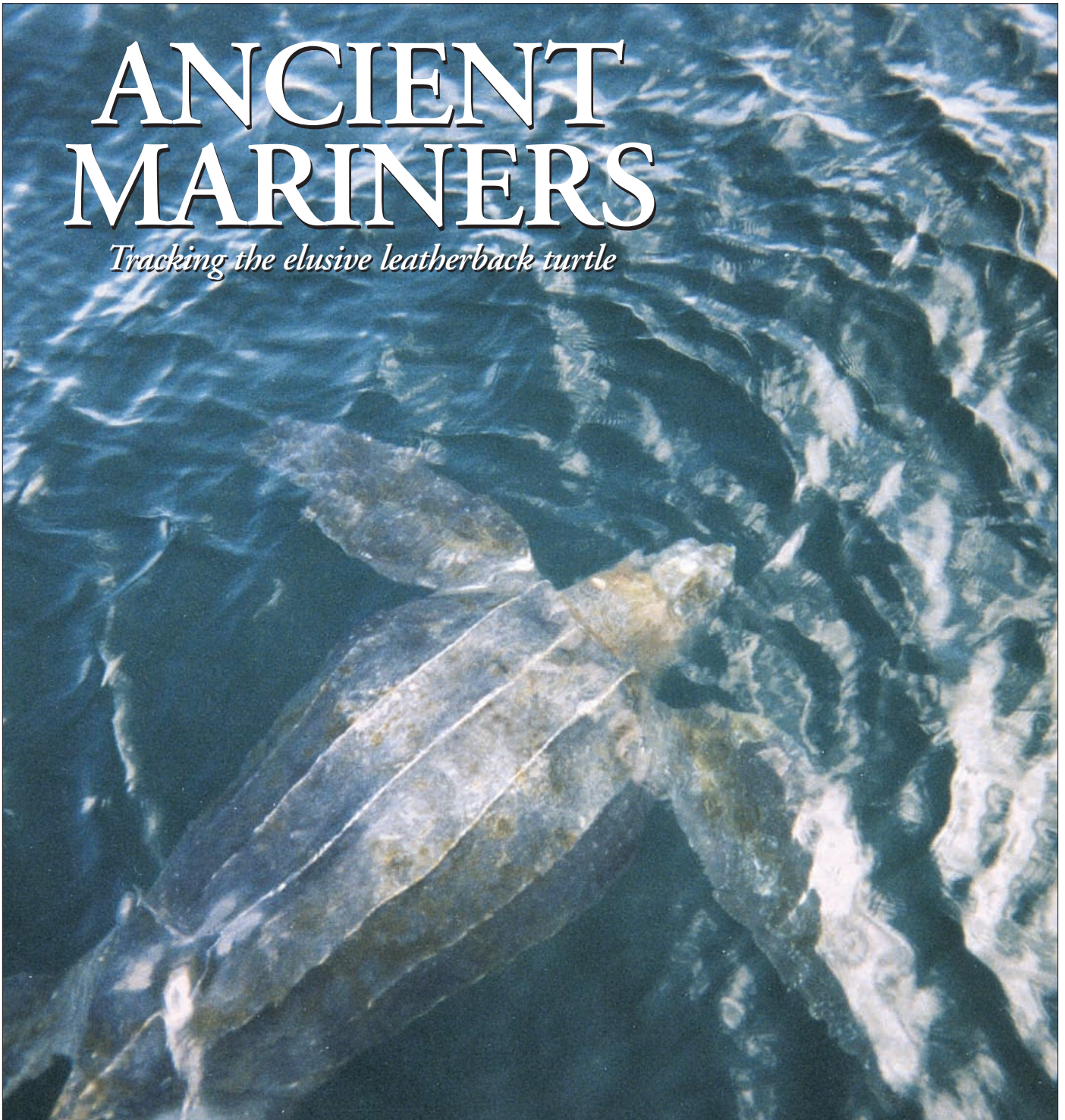
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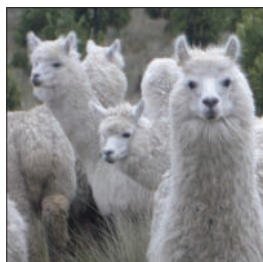
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ONE OF THE GREAT FORCES emerging from the Second Vatican Council was the idea that the renewal of the Church should be inspired by the ideals of the earliest Christian communities as they bore witness to the Gospel. I think we at St. Michael's can take pride in the fact that we have been in the forefront of this renewal in one especially striking way. In the Gospel, and in other scriptural and historical accounts of the early Christians, it is clear that women played a crucial role as disciples and leaders in the Church. As readers of this issue of *St. Michael's* will see, our graduate Faculty of Theology has been ahead of the curve in this area, helping to form outstanding women for positions of leadership, both academic and pastoral, in the Church and in the wider world.

As Principal, I do not normally write in this space, which is reserved for the President. But this issue of *St. Michael's* is special because it is the first since the appointment of our new Interim President, Professor Anne Anderson CSJ, who succeeded Richard Alway after his retirement this summer. Therefore, I am writing to introduce this outstanding woman to our alumni and friends who may have not yet had the opportunity to get to know her. She will guide the University of St. Michael's College through an important transition phase over the next year-to-eighteen months.



Professor Anderson was appointed Dean of the Faculty of Theology at St. Michael's in 2001 and reappointed in 2006. She will remain Dean during her tenure as Interim President. A member of the General Council of the

Sisters of St. Joseph of Hamilton, Professor Anderson is President and Chair of the Board of Directors of the St. Joseph's Health System in Hamilton. Previously she was President of the Catholic Health Association of Ontario. She is currently Chair of the Pastoral Theology Department in the Toronto School of Theology and Vice-Chair of the Commission on Accrediting for the Association of Theological Schools in Canada and the United States.

Professor Anderson brings to her leadership roles a wealth of experience and expertise. The fact that she is a woman, and in fact is the first woman Dean of the Faculty of Theology, and now the first woman to serve as President of St. Michael's, is perhaps the most

vivid reminder that St. Michael's has been and remains committed to recognizing and welcoming the leadership of women in the Church and in society. As St. Michael's ventures into the future with a growing number of innovative programs, we have yet another milestone to celebrate in the history of our College. ♦

DR. MARK G. MCGOWAN, PROFESSOR OF HISTORY
PRINCIPAL AND VICE-PRESIDENT ACADEMIC,
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Healing Cells

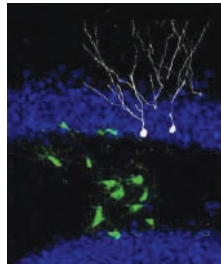
An ethical analysis of some scientific developments in stem cell and cloning research

BY RONALD FABBRO CSB MDiv 7T9

RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN STEM CELL RESEARCH HAVE IMPLICATIONS for Catholics: one is encouraging for those who demand personal respect for human embryos while wishing to effect cures for serious illnesses, while other developments, in cloning, continue to neglect the question of embryonic moral status.

While these morally divisive practices continue, Catholics can be heartened that researchers have discovered many cures for diseases using adult stem cells. These include the treatment of leukemia, lymphoma and several blood disorders. Recent research includes the generation of heart tissue from stem cells found in bone marrow, the making of new bladders, and the possibility of help for those with Parkinson's disease, using stem cells taken from human endometrium, the lining of the uterus. We must applaud scientific advances in these areas, and encourage researchers to pursue these paths.

One of the exciting recent developments in this field includes the reprogramming of adult stem cells, which changes these adult stem cells into 'induced pluripotent stem cells,' with almost the same properties of embryonic stem cells. 'Pluripotency' is the capacity for forming tissue in many parts of the body. Scientists originally believed



adult stem cells did not have that capacity, but stem cells taken from umbilical cords are able to treat leukemia, some cancers and various blood disorders, while stem cells taken from bone marrow and other sources are currently in use to repair and renew human tissue. It is thought that the reprogramming method will be able to produce cell lines with even greater capacity for tissue formation than other adult stem cells, with the result that there should be no need to continue to destroy embryos in extracting their stem cells.

Many researchers believe that reprogramming of adult stem cells is the way of the future in matching tissue to patients' specific requirements, but remind us that years of testing lie ahead.

For Catholics, the major concern is the moral status of stem cells, and we must ask further questions. Once brought to the pluripotent state, do these cells have the *complete* capacities (totipotency) of embryonic stem cells, including the capacity to continue to grow as a human embryo? Current opinion is that any measure to make the reprogrammed cells totipotent would take considerable intervention, which would rule out an inherent capacity. If they are not totipotent,

they are not equivalent in moral status to embryonic stem cells, and their use will be morally acceptable. This new development is extremely encouraging medically and morally.

In a highly objectionable move, however, researchers in California announced in January 2008 the creation of mature cloned human embryos from single adult skin cells. While their findings were challenged scientifically, the moral challenge is that human cloning continues to be attempted, with little societal concern for the resulting embryos' moral status.

A further development is the cloning of embryos using animal eggs, resulting in hybrids (or 'cybrids,' because of the animal cytoplasm that remains part of the embryo's genetic make-up). In January 2008, two licences were granted in the U.K. to conduct experimental research using cow eggs, justified because of lack of

human eggs donated for research. Cybrids were made at the University of Newcastle, England, surviving for three days. In terms of cybrids' moral status, the licensing authority said they are to be "counted as human." They are genetically human, although some animal DNA is present. This being the case, the Catholic approach

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demands that cybrids must be treated as human embryos and must not be used in experimentation. Of course, it is never morally acceptable to "construct" such hybrids in the first place.

Experimentation involving embryonic stem cells is not morally acceptable, because the embryo is a being with fully human status from the moment of conception. Direct killing of the embryo is immoral, even when it may result in potential cures. As Catholics, we must continue to respect human embryonic life and promote life at all stages, while encouraging scientific research which helps alleviate human suffering and relieves the human spirit. ♦

Most Rev. Ronald Fabbro, Bishop of London, ON, received his SMC MDiv in 1979, a doctorate in Moral Theology, Gregorian University of Rome, in 1989 and a USMC honorary DD degree in 2002. He taught in the Faculty of Theology from 1990 to 1997. He gave the keynote address at the April 2008 Toronto symposium The Vocation of the Catholic Physician: Integrating the Practical, the Bioethical and the Spiritual, organized by the Canadian Catholic Bioethics Institute at USMC.

CAMPUS NOTES



The reading room's new leather club chairs, bought with funds from the Friends of the Kelly Library's annual book sale, are always in demand. Sitting pretty: Nicholas Smeretsky and Larissa Demitcheva

BOOK LOVERS

The Friends of the Kelly Library, a group of self-proclaimed “wild and crazy St. Mike’s graduates” devoted to supporting the library, celebrated their fifth anniversary. Their annual book sale raises an average of \$25,000. “The students get the immediate benefits because we focus on enhancing their library experience,” says committee president Caroline di Giovanni, 7T0. “It’s a great way for alumni to remain connected with the library and the College.” (see p. 13, “Events”)

PHOTO: CAROLINE MORGAN DI GIOVANNI

PRAYER WALKERS

They stood as beacons of light on a drizzly day last March, huddled in prayer at each of the college’s buildings. Beginning at the chaplaincy office in Brennan Hall, they weaved their way across the campus.

The prayer walk is the brainchild of Peter Hrycajkiw OT9 who was inspired by theological writings and a similar initiative of another Christian group. When he pitched the idea to Marilyn Elphick, Director of Chaplaincy Services, she was supportive. “Prayer is very powerful,” she said. “I know

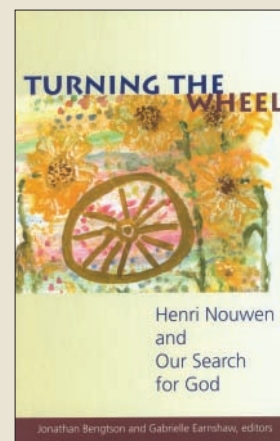
the effects of prayer when people have prayed for me. We all need these prayers. It’s a way for us to be grateful to the people who make this college work.”

What began as a group of three – Hrycajkiw, Elphick, and Fr. Bill May – has grown into a weekly activity on Tuesday afternoons during the academic year. Hrycajkiw believes the walks will enhance the range of religious activity on campus and encourage students to become involved with the College’s Catholic community. “I love St. Michael’s College and

KUDOS

• *Turning The Wheel: Henri Nouwen and Our Search for God, Reflections on Nouwen’s life and legacy*, edited by SMC librarians **Jonathan Bengtson** and **Gabrielle Earnshaw**, won first place in the Pastoral Ministry category at the 2008 Catholic Press Association. The book stands not only as a homage to Catholic writer Henri Nouwen, but it also acknowledges the College’s support of the Nouwen archives. The selected essays were presented at a conference in Toronto in May 2006, marking the tenth anniversary of Nouwen’s death.

*Orbis Books, Marknoll, NY and Novalis, Canada.
December 2007*



I pray for the College at St. Basil's regularly," he says, "so why not pray throughout the campus as well? Being able to pray aloud with others is helpful." His hope for the prayer walks' future is simple: "more people, more prayer."


APPOINTMENTS

• In July, **Fr. Bill May** completed his term as College Chaplain. In his three years at the College, Fr. Bill not only enriched the chaplaincy program with his vitality and humour, he also played a crucial part in the implementation of the men's faith discussion group.

He takes with him many fond memories of St. Mike's, including lessons from the students. "I have a deeper appreciation for what it's like to be a young person. And my points of reference have been updated. I now realize there has been music since the Beatles broke up."

He will assume a position at St. Michael's College School this September. "It's time," he says, and of returning to a high school environment, he adds, "I'm good at

Father Madden's 80th Birthday



Under the watchful eyes of (l to r) Cathie Brayley 7T9, Andrew Volpe 0T3 and friends, Fr. Robert Madden CSB 5T2 takes a deep breath, makes a wish and blows out the candles on his cake

that and I'll enjoy it. I'll be able to warn the boys of what's coming."

Fr. James Murphy CSB, formerly a member of the faculty of St. Michael's College School, Toronto, succeeds Fr. May as Chaplain in the University of St. Michael's College Campus Ministry.

• Upon the recommendation of its Board, former USMC

President **Richard Alway** was appointed Praeses of the Pontifical Institute of Mediaeval Studies by the Institute's Chancellor, the Most Reverend Thomas Collins, Archbishop of Toronto. Alway assumed his new duties 1 July '08, succeeding Fr. James McConica CSB, who completed his term in that office and will remain associated with PIMS.

KUDOS

• In February this year, Marilyn Elphick received the British Methodist Episcopal Church/Toronto Police Service Community Award for Excellence.

A Registered Nurse for close to 35 years, Elphick became Director of SMC's Chaplaincy Services in 2004, her main responsibility being the care for the spiritual needs on campus. "Life is complicated for students," says Elphick. "Here they're accepted no matter what. We have an open-arms, open-heart policy."

Elphick is also an occasional Haemodialysis nurse at Toronto General Hospital. Constable Ojo Tewogbade, the father of one of her patients there, nominated her for the award, the ceremony honouring over 100 people. Elphick about receiving it: "I was very honoured and humbled—and in very deserving company."



SOCCER CHAMPS

On March 27, St. Mike's Division 1 women's soccer team defeated Engineering to become champions of UofT's Indoor Soccer

League. Played under the bubble at Varsity Stadium, the game sported a large contingent of SMC spectators. The 1-0 victory crowned an undefeated season (3-0-2), the one and winning goal scored by second-year Cinema Studies student Marie Figueiredo. Well done, ladies. Your College could not be more proud of you!



SPRING REUNION

Proud winner of the award for Longest Distance Travelled: Roger Barcant 6T8 (l) flew in from London, England, here with Brian O'Malley, Executive Director of Alumni Affairs and Development. For more Spring Reunion pictures, visit www.utoronto.ca/strikes

Festive Affair

On June 11, the ballroom at Toronto's Sutton Place Hotel provided the perfect setting for Richard Alway's Tribute Dinner on the occasion of his recent retirement as President of St. Michael's. Dressed for the occasion, 260 guests came to celebrate. Friends donated \$460,000 in his honour to endow the Christian Jewish Muslim Interfaith Symposium at the College.



Left: Richard Alway and Tony Comper share a celebratory moment. Right: Giving one of the evening's formal addresses, the Right Hon. John Turner



Guests also included Joseph and Antoinette Sorbara, here with Richard Alway, John Bennett and Brian O'Malley



The Most Reverend Thomas Collins was joined by Helen Morneau and Nicole Eaton



Securing spiritual support Fr. Claude Arnold CSB, Fr. Robert Madden CSB, Fr. Stephen Dunn CP, Fr. Kenneth Decker CSB along with Sr Margaret Myatt CSJ



Richard Alway with Shirley and Dave Johnson, and at back, Don Buckley

A Scholarship for a Gift

Anyone who graduated from St. Michael's College in the last 50 years knows Fr. Robert Madden. For most he represents what it means to be a St. Mike's grad and friend, living the Basilian motto, "Teach me goodness, discipline and knowledge" and having a sense of humour at the same time. In recognition of his 80th birthday earlier this year, a few alumni decided to mark the occasion with a special gift and created the Father Robert J. Madden Scholarship Fund. To date, donations come to close to \$185,000. Special thanks go to the Madden Scholarship Committee: Pat (Conway) Hayward 6T7, Richard Hayward 7T0, Pat (Kelly) McGee 6T8, Susan Adam Metzler 6T8, John Moore 6T8 and Maureen (Kelly) Sheedy 6T0



Rick Hayward with Fr. Madden holding birthday greetings from the Prime Minister of Canada and the Premier of Ontario

Swinging in the Rain

Inclement weather notwithstanding, the 9th Annual St. Michael's Golf Tournament turned out a full complement of 144 alumni and friends. By now, the tournament has raised more than \$1,275,000 in support of the President's Fund for Excellence in Research and Scholarship.

Top right: Presenting the cheque to Sr. Anne Anderson CSJ, USMC Interim President, (l to r): Tony Comper, Bob Bissett, Andy Brethour with Ed Cattana, Victor Dodig and, with microphone, Brian O'Malley.

Bottom right: Front row (l to r), Barry McNerney, Irshaad Ahmad, Tim Costigan, Victor Dodig and Nick Draganjac; back row (l to r), Michael Yelavich, Rob Cultraro, John Marion and Joe Draganjac.

Bottom Left: John McGrath 6T3 taking a swing



PHOTO (TOP) ERNESTO DE STEFANO, (BOTTOM LEFT) D. LE MAY

James Bond, a Poet and Laughter

The three most successful Student Union events that marked the academic year

BY CESARE PLASTINA, PRESIDENT 2007-2008 AND
MICHAEL ALVARO, PRESIDENT 2008-2009

THE SECOND SEMESTER WAS A resounding success for the St. Michael's College Student Union. To lead off, the annual SMC Formal, sponsored in part by TD Meloche Monnex, proved to be the most successful event the Student Union has ever sponsored in terms of attendance. Over 650 students in elegant tuxedos and beautiful floor-length dresses gathered in the Grand Baccus Banquet Hall for an event themed "James Bond: Casino Royale." Double-oh-seven scored a perfect ten as the cap-off to a trying academic year.

Equally successful was the annual Symposium, this year themed "Les Beaux Arts." This year's esteemed guest, Pier Giorgio di Cicco, Toronto's Poet Laureate and a former professor at St. Michael's College, led a discussion celebrating the creative city and the role of our College in the creation and development of aesthetic appeal within the greater community of Toronto. As is tradition, SMCSU scholarships were awarded to two SMC students whose involvement in the College community had shown their passion and dedication to it. This year's recipients were Megan Reddicks and Jeffrey D'Souza.

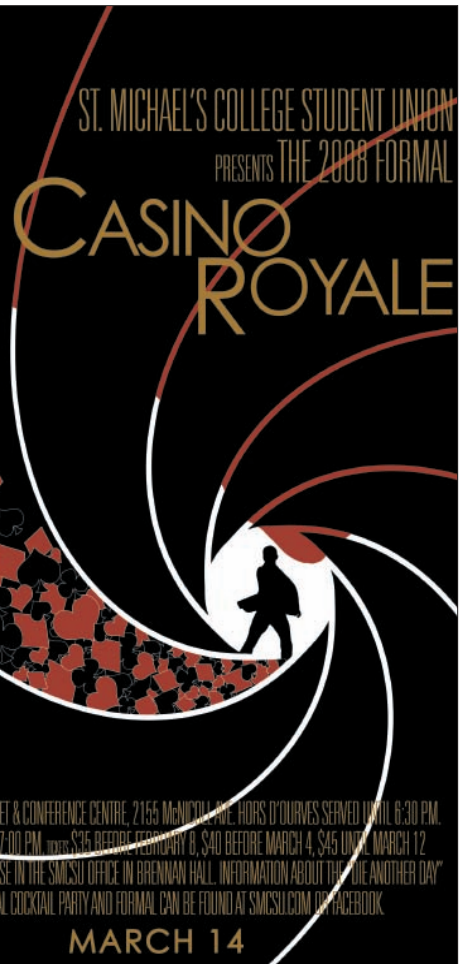
Lastly, SMCSU organized a one-act play festival where an uproarious comedy, *Noises*



Stirred, not shaken:
650 SMC students and
guests got to play
Bond and Vesper at
the annual Formal



Off, by Michael Frayn, proved such a success that it sold out its last two performances. Jillian Srigley directed, along with adapting the script for the small SMC stage. Cast members included recent SMC graduates Steve Figueiredo and Aadila Dosani. Following the scheduled run, the cast and crew staged an additional, charity performance of the play in honour of a dear late friend, Andrew Valade, all proceeds going to



a brain cancer awareness charity, *Andrew Inspires*, that works with Princess Margaret Hospital. To learn more about the charity, or donate, please visit www.andrewinspires.com.

Many thanks to the faculty, administration and students who supported SMCSU throughout the year. The Student Union will continue to strive for excellence in its future endeavours. ♦

ANCIENT MARINERS

Two St. Michael's alumni chart the mysterious paths of the leatherback turtle

By GRAHAM F. SCOTT

YOU MIGHT THINK THAT THE LARGEST reptile on Earth would be pretty easy to spot. But St. Michael's College grads Mike James '96 and Kathleen Martin '95 have spent the last decade discovering just how hard it can be to track the Atlantic ocean's enormous leatherback sea turtles.

"We have so much knowledge as humans, and all this technology at our fingertips," says Martin, "and yet, this species eludes us."

It's not for lack of trying. James and Martin are the power couple that founded the Nova Scotia Leatherback Turtle Working Group (NSLTWG), a loose coalition of conservationists, marine scientists, and volunteers who have been diligently tracking and recording the movements of leatherback turtles in Canadian waters for ten years. The group's work has become critical to understanding the biology and behaviour of these massive animals, and measuring their population in the Atlantic.

James, now an adjunct professor at Dalhousie University's department of biology, says he "didn't even know that sea turtles were part of the marine environment in Canada" when he arrived to do graduate work in biology at the University of Acadia in Wolfville, NS in 1998. A professor encouraged him to look into sea turtles, which, at the time, were not receiving much academic attention. James, a self-described "turtle freak," jumped at the opportunity—but without an extravagant research budget, his research method would require a little ingenuity.



Leatherback turtles are classified as critically endangered by the International Union for the Conservation of Nature. It's estimated that there remain fewer than 35,000 nesting female leatherbacks worldwide (females are slightly easier to count because they return to land to lay their eggs; male leatherbacks never return to land after hatching, making them extremely difficult to track). Reaching up to two metres in length, and sometimes tipping the scales at 650 kilos, leatherbacks in the Atlantic ocean migrate thousands of miles each season, from their winter nesting grounds in the Caribbean and Central and South America to their summer feeding grounds off the coasts of Nova Scotia, Newfoundland and Labrador.

The appeal of the leatherback turtle, they explain, is just how wild and untamed the species remains. Leatherbacks have been swimming their lonely nomadic routes unchanged for roughly 90 million years, having lived with—and outlasted—the dinosaurs. "Leatherbacks are just incredibly huge," says James. "Every time I see them, no matter how many I've seen, I'm always amazed by their size." Part of James's work involves capturing, tagging and releasing leatherbacks so that they can be tracked by satellite. It usually takes a team of people on the tagging platform to maneuver the huge animals. (Don't try this at home; it's a federal offence under Canada's *Species At Risk Act* to kill, capture, or harass a leatherback turtle; James and his scientific team receive federal

Opposite page: Canadian Environment Award winners Kathleen Martin and Mike James stand behind a leatherback turtle to be tagged for tracking with the help of two research partners

Below: Leatherbacks have plied the seas unchanged for more than 90 million years, in winter laying their eggs in the warm sands of the beaches of the Caribbean, South and Central America, and feeding in summer off Canada's Atlantic shores

authorization for their tagging activities.)

Because the leatherbacks range over so much territory, tracking them is nearly impossible for the small group of researchers who study them. But James and Martin have used their advocacy work with NSLTWG to recruit hundreds of volunteer turtle-spotters who call in sightings of the shy animals. Most of these sightings come from fishermen working the coastal regions. "We really believe that if people are going to be stewards of their environment, it has to start at the grassroots level, it has to start with the people who are encountering these animals and are in a position to help them."

NSLTWG has now collected more than 1,000 sightings of turtles from its network of volunteers, who number more than 500. During the summer months when the leatherbacks arrive in Atlantic Canada, the group's turtle hotline (the toll-free number rings 24 hours a day in James and Martin's Halifax home) receives dozens of tips from tour guide operators, recreational boaters, and fishermen. NSLTWG is able to operate with grants from government and private foundations, and individual charitable donations, meaning the group has to do a lot with its tiny budget. So when Martin refers to the fishermen and other volunteers who call in sightings as the group's "research partners," she means it—the research would be almost impossible without the work of the volunteers.

Research into the turtles is only part of the puzzle—community outreach and educa-



tion is equally important, which is where Martin devotes much of her time.

"I had no background or interest in turtles until I met Mike," says Martin. "I remember saying to him at one point, 'What difference does it make if these turtles disappear? What do they do for humans?' And he just looked at me — it was one of those life-changing moments — and he said 'it's not all about us. It's not all about humans in this world.'" Advocating for leatherback turtles has meant having that same conversation with thousands of Nova Scotians in the decade since, and Martin has led the community outreach activities of the group while James has headed up the scientific research. The two halves of the organization, they say, are interdependent.

Today, Martin is executive director of the working group, and handles its communication and education programs (she also works as a freelance writer and children's book author). It hasn't been the most predictable career arc: she studied English at the University of Toronto, and took a master's degree at Queen's. She was, James jokes, "not an outdoors person," and she agrees. Martin was born in Northern Ontario and grew up outside Chicago, far from the ocean she now calls home and "surrounded by corn." James was a city kid, born and bred in downtown Toronto. But he loved biology, attending a young naturalist camp during the summers and later working for Parks Canada. Although he majored in psychology during his undergrad years, James kept feeling



Left: Tagging a leatherback is no mean feat. The world's largest reptile can measure up to two metres in length and weigh in at 650 kilos. **Centre:** A sturdy boat, strong gear and an expert crew do the trick. **Bottom:** Silently off to continue on the year's nomadic journey of thousands of sea miles



pulled back toward biology and zoology, and took an extra year of courses in those fields before pursuing his graduate studies.

They met in their first-year English class at St. Mike's in 1991, and married in 1998, the first summer they did field work on the leatherbacks. "I'll never forget the week before our wedding," says Martin, with a laugh. "Two days before we got married, my dad was in the basement of the Nova Scotia Museum of Natural History, with Mike, laminating turtle posters. This is not the kind of thing you can do as a 9-to-5 job."

The couple's children—Aidan, 5 and Kate, 3—are now in on the act, having seen their first leatherback during an outing last summer. (The turtle hotline rang mere hours after Aidan's birth in 2003 and Martin answered—their son is no stranger to their conservation work.) "Last summer we had [the children] out and it was a beautiful night, and the sun was setting, and we came across two leatherbacks feeding pretty close to shore," says James. "We said 'Look honey, it's a leatherback,'" says Martin. "It was a totally picture-perfect day, but my son was like, 'yeah, Mom, did you bring any snacks?'"

Despite the serious decline of the leatherback population in the Atlantic ocean, NSLTWG's research seems to indicate that there is hope for the future of the species. Based on James's research, it appears that the number of turtles has stabilized, and could even be seeing a slight increase.

But the factors that threaten them—natural predators, entanglement in fishing nets, water pollution—are still serious. That's why James and Martin continue to research and advocate for the leatherbacks, even though it's often difficult to coax the reclusive animals out of their shell, as it were.

The romance of the open ocean is part of the turtles' enigmatic charm, but just as importantly, they have stubbornly resisted human attempts to understand them: no one has ever been able to raise a leatherback from hatchling to adult size in captivity. "They simply refuse," says Martin. "As much as that doesn't help in conservation, I think that's so interesting that this species eludes us... we can't figure out how to impose ourselves on it. There's something really wonderful about nature having that upper hand, of still having its own world apart from our own." ♦

“He just looked at me—it was one of those life-changing moments—and said, ‘it’s not all about us. It’s not all about humans in this world.’”

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Finest Crystal

Alumni Association creates the Alway Award

BY STEVEN WILLIAMS 9T4, PRESIDENT, USMC ALUMNI ASSOCIATION BOARD

TO RECOGNIZE HIS CONTRIBUTION to the College, the University of St. Michael's College Alumni Association has created a special award in honour of retired President Richard Alway—USMC's first lay president, and an accomplished alumnus himself. The award, to be given in Alway's name, will recognize outstanding contributions to society by a member of our alumni family.



Those honoured will receive a stylized crystal trophy, and the names of each year's recipients will be engraved on a plaque expected to remain at the College. The Association Board will also create a special profile of the award winner, including then-and now photos, to be kept in Alumni Hall.

The Board plans to present the award to the winner at a ceremony held during the annual Spring Reunion.

KNOW ANY OUTSTANDING ALUMNI DESERVING TO BE RECOGNIZED?

Each year, the Board will review submissions from nominators and choose the most compelling candidate. 2008. The Board will review all submissions and will select a final candidate at a meeting prior to Spring Reunion. This year's deadline for nominations is December 31, 2008.

The award will be given to the candidate who:

- Is an alumnus/alumna for more than five years, as defined by the College
- Demonstrates the highest character beyond reproach
- Makes a significant contribution to society through the pursuit of spiritual, professional and/or personal excellence
- For any other reason brings both esteem to her/himself and honour to the College

If you know any exceptional candidate, please make a submission of fewer than 1,000 words detailing, with examples, why the candidate is deserving of the award and how that nominee best meets all or some of the criteria above. Please send by mail to:

THE ALWAY AWARD, C/O THE ALUMNI BOARD,
THE OFFICE OF ALUMNI AFFAIRS,
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or by e-mail to: smc.alumni affairs@utoronto.ca with
"Alway Award Submission" as Subject Line. ♦

ALUMNI EVENTS

Parents' Day

Sunday, September 21, 2008

St. Michael's College

Annual Book Sale

Tuesday to Saturday,

October 28 to November 1, 2008

Reading Room, Kelly Library

Tuesday 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

(Reception and Preview \$25, Guest

Speaker: CBC's Michael Enright)

Wednesday, Thursday and Friday

10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Saturday 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

For more details, email

usmc.booksale@utoronto.ca

Boozar Brown Football

Game and Family Day

Saturday, October 4, 2008

12:00 - 2:00 pm

Arts and Crafts Projects for Kids

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WOMEN IN CHURCH

*The past four decades have seen a dramatic increase
in women in leadership roles of the Catholic
Church. St. Michael's has contributed its share*

TEXT BY CYNTHIA MACDONALD 8T6

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MORE THAN 40 YEARS AGO, THE SECOND VATICAN Council opened the door to transform lay participation in the Roman Catholic Church.

Whether that transformation has occurred is a matter of ongoing debate, but one thing is absolutely certain: the role of women in the Church has changed radically since that time.

Central to this change has been the study of theology by women. Prior to Vatican II, such scholarship was directed at male seminarians bound for the priesthood; interested women "had to look for alternatives," writes theologian Sr. Ellen Leonard in the new anthology *Changing Habits: Women's Religious Orders in Canada*. "Some studied history, classics or languages and wrote their dissertations on religious topics." The first women to study theology were often members of religious orders, whose contribution to teaching and scholarship in the 1960s and 1970s paved the way for other female students. Since then, times have most definitely changed. Women now comprise about half the students at St. Michael's Faculty of Theology. Many of these are laypeople, and their influence permeates the modern church in ways that are vast and complex.

Lay women now use their theological education to perform many roles once regarded as the sole province of ordained men. Some are retreat directors, others chaplains within prisons or hospitals; some are professors or activists, others parish administrators or spiritual leaders. It goes without saying that the need for lay women in this area was driven not only by the dictates of Vatican II, but by the increasing shortage of priests and nuns.

What will this remarkable shift in lay female participation mean for the future church? As time goes on and roles expand, that remains

to be seen. The women profiled here may provide a clue: they represent the diversity of modern women's roles in both pastoral outreach and scholarly research. They are the face of an ever-changing Church as it continues its fascinating journey into the new century.

Chair in Theology

Last fall, the Sisters of St. Joseph of Toronto donated \$2.5 million to endow a faculty position in the St. Michael's Faculty of Theology. "Our gift to St. Michael's is intended to both symbolize and actualize our continuing commitment to Catholic post-secondary education," says Sr. Margaret Myatt CSJ, Congregational Leader of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Toronto. "The Faculty is one of the leading formulators of theology faculty for North American seminaries and universities and of candidates for ordination... a key partner in the Toronto School of Theology, a vital centre of ecumenical cooperation and academic activity at the University of Toronto." Professor Margaret O'Gara was installed as the first holder of the chair.

St. Michael's offers numerous degree programs through which students can now plan a career in religion. Budding theologians most often start with the Christianity and Culture program at the undergraduate level, moving on to degrees such as a Master's in Divinity or Master's in Religious Education. Doctoral study is offered in areas such as Chaplaincy and Youth Ministry.



Rita Peng, USMC MDiv

I have witnessed much brokenness,” says Rita Peng, the first lay chaplain in Ontario’s region of the federal prison system. “But I have also witnessed much beauty and kindness.” A former air traffic control assistant in her native Hong Kong, Peng came to Canada in 1992 after surviving a life-threatening bout with cancer, an experience that led her to “live my life in such a way that I try to savour every moment.” After completing her MDiv degree at St. Michael’s, Peng joined the chaplaincy team at Kingston’s medium-security

Joyceville Institution, providing spiritual guidance to its population of 500 men. She has seen many of them through trying times during the past ten years, helping them cope with broken relationships, stabbings and suicides, and facing parole and deportation hearings. Through it all, the 47-year-old maintains that prison ministry is “not a matter of choice. If we just lock people up, not giving them programs or counseling, not having them get in touch with human dignity, they’ll be angrier when they get outside. And more people will get hurt.”



Margaret O'Gara, USMC Faculty of Theology

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a master's student at Yale Divinity School, Margaret O'Gara found herself one of very few Catholics in a sea of Protestants. So it was perhaps natural that her intellectual focus turned toward ecumenical dialogue, a specialty she maintains to this day as a Professor in the Faculty of Theology at St. Michael's. O'Gara decided she would be a theologian at the age of 12, a decision reinforced by an experience she had several years later: "I remember sitting in a high school

class and being told that the Second Vatican Council says we'll need lay theologians in the future church." Though she believes that women could certainly increase their influence in Church matters, O'Gara sees women's influence as strikingly different than it used to be – including her own appointments by the Vatican to two commissions for ecumenical dialogue. "A lot of women are very involved in the Church's structures of decision-making today, in ways those outside the Catholic Church would find surprising," she says.



Ella Johnson, USMC PhD Candidate

With eating disorders and cosmetic surgery on the rise, it sometimes seems the female body is under siege. Ella Johnson believes that today's women would do well to listen to their medieval foremothers—mystics who saw the female body as a sacred vessel through which to experience and imitate God. Johnson, 29, is entering her fifth year of a doctoral program in theology. Fascinated by the connection among mind, spirit and body, the Illinois native once dreamed of being a medical doctor. But when she

discovered the holistic views of the body promoted by women hundreds of years ago, she realized a career in the humanities could bring her varied interests together in a most compelling way. Johnson has recently begun her dissertation on Gertrude the Great of Helfta, a 13th-century German nun whose little-known spiritual exercises emphasized a sensory approach to faith. "She wrote about tasting God, seeing God, smelling God...she put forth a theory that we can know God through our senses just as well as we can by reading a book."



Urszula Cybulko, USMC MRE

Urszula Cybulko didn't plan to be a religion teacher – or, indeed, many of the other sorts of teachers she's ended up being. "I got a history degree [at York University] because I knew I wanted to teach elementary school, but I ended up doing a lot of things I wasn't really trained for," says the affable Toronto native, whose career has led her to drama instruction, running retreats and, ultimately, the teaching of religion and faith formation to children, adolescents and adults. "I realized I needed a back-

ground in the area because I wanted to be authentic," she says, "and that's when I enrolled at St. Mike's for my Master's in Religious Education." Now, as a Dufferin-Peel CDSB Religious Education and Faith Formation Consultant, she works with both men and women and also boys and girls, groups she sees as spiritually opposite but equal. "You see the need for the two genders to come together, because of the way we are different. There's that balance between male and female that's so needed in everything in life."



Rebekah Bedard, USMC MA Student

WE live in a highly factionalized world, where it often seems that great religious civilizations are at constant war with one another. Perhaps that's why Rebekah Bedard's interest in interreligious dialogue has never been more timely. Bedard's graduate studies of the prophet Jeremiah have led her to a deeper consideration of Jewish-Christian dialogue. Earlier, as an undergraduate student in St. Michael's Christianity and Culture program, her gaze was turned more toward interface with

eastern religions. Modern history has influenced her current choices: "I think being in a post-Holocaust context has been pretty formative for me, in directing my interest toward Hebrew and the Old Testament," says the 24-year-old, who is currently in the second year of a Master of Arts in the Theology program. Bedard is passionate about social justice and believes theology has a role to play in that area. "I think starting relationships with people—people who are scholars as well—is always a helpful thing." ♦

SOARING

For composer James MacMillan music is a bridge to the divine

By MICHAEL O'CONNOR, USMC FACULTY

MIDWAY THROUGH THIS YEAR'S CHRISTIANITY AND THE ARTS lecture at St. Michael's College on April 7, composer James MacMillan decided it was time we listened to some of his music. He chose a recording of a Mass setting commissioned from him by Westminster Cathedral to mark the new millennium. The parts for the celebrant are fairly straightforward; they were rendered with confidence by the cathedral's musically literate Cardinal Archbishop at the first liturgical use on the feast of Corpus Christi, 2000. But the choral parts test to the limit the stamina and expertise of the professional lay clerks and impeccably drilled boys, and the organists are required to deliver an array of sonic fireworks. *Gramophone* magazine said, "It is hard to think of any recent music that conveys religious ecstasy as intensely as James MacMillan's Mass: it is music of high voltage from first to last." MacMillan chose to play us the "Holy, holy." The first sounds are distant, so the CD player's volume control was nudged up; but the exultant climax ("Hosanna!") nearly blew the speakers, as well as the listeners' minds.

Bursting onto the music scene in 1990 with the first performance of his piece *The Confession of Isobel Gowdie*, James MacMillan has become an established presence as composer and conductor. As a public figure, he is known for his passionate Catholicism; he stirred up controversy in his native Scotland by drawing attention to continuing anti-Catholic discrimination there.

In his Christianity and the Arts lecture, entitled "The Catholic Composer Today," MacMillan spoke of the different ways his title might be understood. Obviously, the Catholic composer is one who composes music for use in worship: as well as the Westminster Mass,

MacMillan's output includes an ongoing cycle of motets for the university choir at Strathclyde, and a simple Mass setting for congregation with organ accompaniment (my own parish choir loved the exquisite folk-inspired tune in the "Holy holy"). Less well-known is his weekly activity as a parish-based church musician, and his close ties to the Dominican Order (he is a lay Dominican). When the Order was invited to move into St. Columba's parish in Glasgow, MacMillan became the founding music director. He loves working with his fellow parishioners, drawing on the riches of the Church's long musical tradition, adapting to the resources actually present on a given Sunday. This is a constant challenge and some solutions he finds wanting ("Because I love folk music so much," he says—he played in a folk band as a young man—"I have developed a horror of 'folk' liturgies.") MacMillan composes a responsorial psalm every week, which he says is "one of the hardest things I've ever had to do."

Beyond the liturgical context, all of MacMillan's work is infused with the Catholic tradition, drawing freely on the liturgy, the Bible, the lives of the saints, the writings of Jacques Maritain, Liberation theology, and so on. His percussion concerto, *Veni, veni, Emmanuel*, takes us on an exuberant five-movement journey with the melody we know as "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"; his *Cello Concerto*, written for the late Mstislav Rostropovich, is a mirror of the Good Friday liturgy; and his music theatre piece *Búsqueda* uses poems by the Mothers of the Disappeared in Argentina, in combination with texts from the Mass.

Búsqueda shows, MacMillan believes, that for the Catholic composer there is no facile separation of liturgy and politics, of faith and

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contemporary experience. His music engages with the grit and grime of real living. Unlike John Tavener, Henryk Gorecki and Arvo Pärt (the so-called “holy minimalists”), MacMillan says he is “attracted to conflict in music.” Music provides an almost “umbilical connection to the divine,” but this is not experienced by fleeing from the world but rather by entering fully into it, after the pattern of Christ. The true, the real, the sacred can be encountered in situations of banality and despair, courage and carnage. For MacMillan, the road to Easter Sunday cannot bypass Good Friday.

MacMillan’s continued success has surprised many who expected audiences to shun a composer of such overt religiosity. But he points to a significant number among even the most “modern” composers for whom religion was an anchor: Igor Stravinsky, Arnold Schoen-

berg, John Cage (4’33” was originally entitled *Silent Prayer*), Olivier Messiaen, Alfred Schnittke among them. Religious faith and artistic expression are by no means incompatible, not even for composers who work for the concert hall rather than the liturgy. The growing interest in musically inspired “spirituality” testifies to a continuing search for spiritual values in the arts. In this context, James MacMillan speaks of the “prophetic” role of the Catholic composer, pointing to music’s power to heal our world. “A life without attentive listening is a life diminished.”

When Sir Colin Davis, President of the London Symphony Orchestra and one of the world’s best-known conductors, was asked to name a composer to write a piece for his 80th birthday, he chose James MacMillan. When he discovered that MacMillan was already

“*For the Catholic composer there is no facile separation of liturgy and politics, of faith and contemporary experience.*”

working on a setting of the St. John Passion, he nominated that work as his birthday gift. At its first performance at London’s Barbican Hall on April 27 of this year—just weeks after MacMillan’s visit to St. Michael’s—the standing ovation was led by the Archbishop of Canterbury. ♦

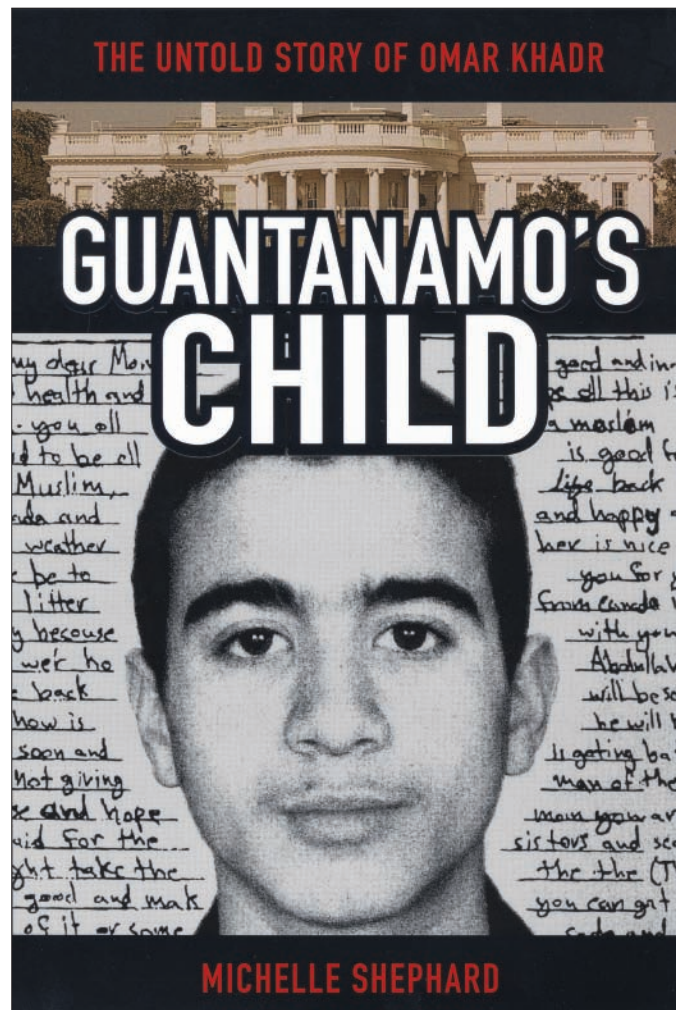
Internationally renowned composer and conductor James MacMillan visited St. Michael’s in early April. In addition to giving the Christianity and the Arts lecture, he gave a talk in the Celtic Studies Speaker Series, about anti-Catholic discrimination in Scotland, and met with students for more informal discussions.

IN PRINT

Worlds Apart

SMC alumna Michelle Shephard has written about Omar Khadr since his capture in July 2002. In March, she published *Guantanamo's Child*, the story of Khadr, who spent his childhood travelling between Canada and Peshawar and into the homes of Osama bin Laden and al-Qaeda's elite. The following excerpts find Omar growing up in Toronto, and later in Afghanistan, shortly before his capture.

BY MICHELLE SHEPHARD 9T4



FOR THE FIRST FIVE YEARS OF HIS LIFE, OMAR AND HIS SIBLINGS WERE shuttled between Peshawar and Scarborough on their father's fundraising excursions. Omar, like all the Khadr children, was comfortable in both worlds. Omar's favorite pastime was to have *The Adventures of Tintin* read to him. His father had been a fan of the stories about the fictional Belgian reporter and was delighted when he found the Tintin books at a market in Islamabad. After hearing the story countless times, Omar began doing impressions of Tintin's best friend, the seafaring whiskey-drinking Captain Haddock. Hearing the wide-eyed boy cuss with a lisp "billions of bilious blue blistering barnacles," or "ten thousand thundering typhoons" would dissolve his siblings and parents into fits of laughter.

It didn't matter that Omar lost his status as the baby of the family when Abdul Kareem was born in Peshawar in March 1989 and Maryam in Scarborough in August 1991; he still remained the most loved...

... As Omar and his siblings grew up in Pakistan, a terrorist organization was coming together around them. On August 11, 1988, [charismatic Palestinian clerk named] Abdullah Azzam met with bin Laden and five other prominent leaders to discuss how they could build on what had been created in Afghanistan. If their army of Muslim fighters could defeat the Soviets, what else could be accomplished? ...

[in the aftermaths of 9/11]

... A pre-recorded video aired on al Jazeera two weeks later on October 7. "There is America, full of fear from its north to its south, from its west to its east. Thank God for that," bin Laden gloated. "These events have divided the whole world into two sides—the side of believers and the side of infidels."

Even before the 9/11 attacks, Khadr [Omar's father, Ahmed Said] had chosen his side. "It looks like after we have removed the Russian empire we will have to be ending up removing also the American empire," he told CBS journalist George Crile who spent months documenting the Khadr family's story before his sudden death from cancer in 2006. Once the Khadr family fled after 9/11, no one inquired about the whereabouts of others on the run. It was safer not knowing where people were, [Ahmed Said] Khadr would tell [his wife] Elsamnah and the children. Elsamnah would sometimes not see her husband for weeks...

... [In January 2002, when other members of the family left to seek medical treatment in Lahore], Elsamnah stayed behind to be near her husband and kept her youngest daughter Maryam with her. Omar, who was fifteen, also stayed behind. A little more than a month later, Elsamnah moved once more, settling in South Waziristan, just across the border in Pakistan, where villagers were sympathetic to their plight. Life was difficult and lonely. [Ahmed Said] Khadr visited less and less, sometimes not showing up for a month, while Elsamnah, Maryam and Omar moved from one primitive

shelter in the mountains to the next. Omar was at a difficult age. He didn't want to stay with the women but since he was the only male left, he had the responsibility to look after his mother when Khadr was away. One day, he was forced to don a burka so he could travel unnoticed with the women. He was furious.

Days would pass during which the three would huddle in a home with blankets covering the window. Elsamnah acquired thread and needles and tried to keep Maryam entertained by making her a doll. She used a sock Abdullah had left behind for the doll's body and Omar's gloves became the hands. Little green beads were sewn on for eyes and red ones became lips. The plump wool doll looked deranged, with a tight smile and enormous hands, but Maryam loved it and dragged it everywhere... Omar would spend most of his days drawing or making bead necklaces and bracelets for his mother and little sister. One day, he started sewing beads onto clothes and in no time, most of the clothes his mother wore were adorned with Omar's handiwork.

But Omar was growing restless and wanted to travel with the other boys and men, often begging his father to tag along. By that summer, Khadr allowed his son to live with some men his father knew as long as he checked in regularly on his mother and sister. By June, Elsamnah saw Omar less and less. In July, she didn't see him at all.

Khadr didn't tell his wife that one of his friends, Abu Laith al Libi, had been asking about Omar. Al Libi, who later became an al Qaeda spokesperson, was planning on traveling into Afghanistan, near the town of Khost, with a group of men. They wanted Omar to come along because he spoke Pashto. Omar was also familiar with the Khost region and its people since his father had once operated an orphanage there. Khadr allowed his son to go and Omar was delighted to finally be away from the women.

One day in August, a friend of Khadr's brought Elsamnah a bag with some of Omar's clothes. By the time Khadr arrived a few days later, Elsamnah was inconsolable. "What happened?" she demanded of Khadr. "Where's Omar?"

Khadr tried to calm his wife but he was angry too. "It wasn't supposed to happen like this," he told her. Khadr was suffering from malaria at the time and as he sat with his wife he looked much older than fifty-four. "Omar's not dead," Khadr told her, explaining that Omar had been captured by U.S. forces. ... ♦



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CLEAR



Certified at SMC in Corporate Social Responsibility, Marilyn Friedmann brings unlikely allies together to fight global poverty

BY SABITRI GHOSH

THE FIRST TIME MARILYN FRIEDMANN HAD TO SELL SOMETHING food-related, she took the warm-and-fuzzy approach. Literally: it was a promotion for Carnation hot chocolate that offered cuddly stuffed animals in exchange for mailed-in coupons. “It was a very successful promotion,” recalls Friedmann.

Now, she’s at work on another food project. The Toronto-based business consultant—a graduate of St. Michael’s Corporate Social Responsibility program—wants corporations to help address the global food crisis. And this time, despite the context, she’s not relying on warmth or fuzziness to make her pitch.

“There are many parts of Africa where we shouldn’t have to export food aid,” Friedmann explains, with an authority earned from her tenure as a former vice-president of the aid agency World Vision. “They’ve got the land to [grow food]; they just don’t have the delivery

mechanisms or inputs.” So what she hopes to do is broker a unique joint venture involving a micro-finance non-governmental organization (NGO), a distribution firm and a producer of agricultural inputs that will not only feed people but also create new markets for the companies. “And it’s not charity,” she says. “It’s some kind of structure where everybody’s bearing an equal part of the risk.”

Well, almost everybody. Friedmann, who’s gone from the corporate world to the NGO world to specializing in corporate-NGO partnerships, has taken this on by herself. As a result, what is usually the *sine qua non* of consulting—getting paid, and paid handsomely—is, for now, way down on the agenda.

Friedmann realizes she’s an unconventional businesswoman. Growing up in New Hamburg, a town just outside Waterloo, Ontario, she dreamed of becoming an Anglican minister. But her own pastor didn’t think that was her calling. “He really felt that it was articulating

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issues in places where they needed to be heard, where there could be more influence,” she says. She knew just the place, too: “It just seemed that the business world had the global presence and the resources that could effect significant change.”

In 1986, she graduated from the University of Guelph with a degree in management economics, a job with corporate titan Nestlé, a fiancé (her now-husband Phil, whom she met in one of her classes) and her idealism still intact. Over the next 12 years, she scaled the corporate ladder at Nestlé, Manulife Financial and Mattel, while at the same time raising a son, Alex, born in 1992, and his brother, Jordan, born three years later. Eventually, she moved into consulting, encouraged by a former boss who thought it was where her brilliance as a strategist would really shine. Setting up shop as Friedmann Strategic Consulting, she landed such big-name clients as Campbell’s Soup and Sun Life Financial. In one sense, business was good.

But in that other sense—the one that mattered most for her as a Christian—Friedmann came to see that business wasn’t always so good. In fact, it could be downright nasty. She remembers one particular incident at a major bank that brought her in to help salvage a foundering new division. While the woman who ran the division was away, the bank terminated every employee who reported to her, Friedmann recounts, “and she was the last person to lose her job.”

Friedmann was, she says frankly, appalled. “And it’s not [the company], it’s the way our world works, but I was just struck by how brutal it is to do that to people with no warning, not even having their boss to walk them through it. Some stranger just comes in and hands you a package and tells you, ‘Clear your desk by noon.’ I was just beside

myself with how hurt all of those people were.”

That incident was a turning point for Friedmann. No longer willing to do business as usual, she helped start a discernment group at her church. Each member had to draft a personal mission statement. Hers was “to enhance quality of life, safeguard natural resources and compel action in order to alleviate suffering among the world’s poor and vulnerable.”

“It took a lot of thought, a lot of reflection, a lot of prayer,” she says. “So I wrote the mission statement, presented it to the group, and within a couple of months ended up with a consulting opportunity at World Vision.”

While she marvelled at the providential nature of the assignment, her new client wasn’t sure what to make of the offer it had just received from Barrick Gold. The Canadian-owned mining giant wanted to co-create a community development project in Peru near the site of a soon-to-close mine. Friedmann’s job was to develop a corporate engagement strategy that would enable World Vision to vet Barrick’s proposal judiciously. “There was enormous scepticism,” she says. “There was significant debate within World Vision.”

Friedmann advised her client to appraise the offer carefully, taking into account what people in the community had to say. “Because, like it or not,” she notes, “foreign direct investment is a huge component of the money that’s going into developing nations. Foreign investment outstrips foreign aid by a huge margin. So do you keep poking away at increasing foreign aid as a primary priority or do you say, ‘Look at all that foreign direct investment: how could I work with that and allow it to become something that is focused on value creation for people?’”

Opposite page: Friedmann (centre) studies the handiwork of clients of World Vision’s small business development program in Tanzania in March 2005. She believes business can play a big role in ending poverty

Right: Raising llamas for income generation was one of the initiatives launched in Ecuador by IAMGOLD and Plan International (Canada), whose partnership Friedmann brokered



Swayed in part by the community's enthusiastic endorsement, World Vision agreed to go ahead with the Barrick partnership in May 2003. It has since undertaken a second partnership with the company in another area of Peru.

Meanwhile, Friedmann was offered, and accepted, a position as World Vision's vice-president of donor development. She spent three years with the famed Christian NGO before deciding to return to consulting. But it was there, she believed, that she could do the most good—this time as a broker of multi-sectoral partnerships to help end global poverty.

To her, she explains, poverty eradication is “a bit of a puzzle where you've got 99 per cent of it done and you're looking to fill that last hole; you've got three pieces left and you just can't make them fit together.

“I think what it is,” she says, “is no one sector is going to solve this. It's so easy to point to the corporate sector and say they're the bad guys, and I don't agree that that's true. ... And I don't think we're going to solve this until we can let go of judging—that it's somebody else's fault, therefore I don't have to do anything—and have the courage to actually engage.”

Friedmann intended to do just that in the next iteration of her practice. But before plunging in, she enrolled in St. Michael's Continuing Education Certificate in Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) program in September 2005. “It was so refreshing,” she says, “when I'd had this life-altering experience working for World Vision—and then leaving that, with that whole departure process and thinking, ‘What am I doing?’—to be surrounded by Mimi [Marrocco, Director of Continuing Education] and her team and a bunch of really, really great colleagues at the perfect point in time.” She especially enjoyed interacting with her classmates, she adds, “this very broad mix of people, who, for the most part, were working in business... and just learn together, exploring things that you could never talk about at work.”

Since resuming her consulting career, Friedmann has facilitated a partnership between the mining company IAMGOLD and the aid agency Plan International (Canada) to craft a new corporate social responsibility initiative. Still, convincing corporations to invest in poverty reduction hasn't been an easy sell. She knew all along it wouldn't be. For the CSR program, she studied 14 recognized leaders in corporate social responsibility; even among them, she says, “most really did not see closing the gap between the rich and the poor as something they wanted to touch.”



Marilyn Friedmann with students in Ecuador during a workshop on community citizenship

more to fight poverty will have an increasingly big impact on consumer behaviour, as witness the success of the Fair Trade movement.

Second, corporations should stop thinking of poverty reduction as charity or good PR, but rather as enlightened self-interest in the true, straight-out-of-Adam-Smith definition of the term. As an example, Friedmann cites the economic potential of smallholder farms. “Instead of having the CEO of some Canadian company invest in a whole

bunch of little things in the local community, say, ‘Those things are important, but we're going to realign part of our marketing budget to look at sustainable agriculture as a strategy.’ Doing that should open a market up in the long term, because if those farmers succeed, there's going to be increased demand for fertilizer and seed.”

Friedmann calls herself a catalyst. It's a role that requires salesmanship, determination and wholesale chutzpah. Above all, though, it requires faith. And when asked what she's most proud of—a question most marketers would eagerly capitalize on—it's the humble, searching woman of faith who responds instead.

“I have a hard time with that question,” she says. “I honestly don't know how to answer it. I think I've taken the road less travelled. You look at my resume

and you think, ‘Boy, she's been in a lot of lines of work.’ But I've tried to follow, with a lot reflection, self-assessment and situational assessment, what I felt to be the right thing at the time. Am I proud of where I am? I don't think so. I'm taking a road that is a bit scary for me, because I'm not going to get the accolades that other people do. But I'm trying to live by my values... I'm trying to follow what I believe to be true.” ♦

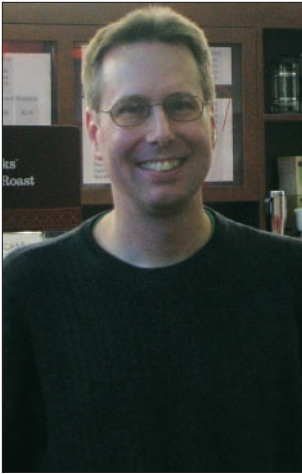
Gold Stars

The World Confederation of Jewellery (CIBJO) has accepted a proposal by St. Michael's Continuing Education Division to adapt the Division's groundbreaking Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) program, following on the CIBJO's formal adoption of the United Nations' Millennium Development Goals. Continuing Education's Certificate in CSR would be awarded to CIBJO participants jointly by St. Michael's and the United Nations NGO-IRENE section. Dr. M.J. (Mimi) Marrocco, Director of Continuing Education, says St. Michael's unique approach to CSR, inspired by the College's values and history, was a key factor in the CIBJO decision, adding “For an industry specializing in luxury products, a connection between what is beautiful and what is good cannot be underestimated.”

Sabitri Gosh is co-winner of the 2008 Canadian National Magazine Award, Service – Personal Finance & Business, for an article published last year in the Report on Business magazine.

THE KELLY CAFÉ

Sipping a *grande* with Reid Locklin



SINCE HIS ARRIVAL AT ST. MICHAEL'S four years ago, Reid B. Locklin, Ph.D., an assistant professor in the Christianity and Culture program has become one of the College's most beloved teachers. While sipping on Starbucks—he takes his coffee with cream and sugar—he asked him about himself.

St. Michael's: *What is the easiest part of your job?*

Reid Locklin: The conversation, both in the Christianity and Culture program and in the wider

UofT community. There are so many nooks and crannies here full of interesting people who are studying and thinking about remarkable things. Whole new visions and questions have been opened to me. In class, there are always questions that force me to go back to the tradition. But then there are more basic questions. Especially with Out of the Cold, it's been an experience in limitations. How do you set limits with people in a loving way? Who am I as a human being in the world? Those are areas where I'm very much a pupil and the professors, faculty, and students at the university are my teachers.

SM's: *What inspires you?*

RL: Powerful oratory inspires me to think. I am very inspired by Barack Obama. I don't always agree with him, but he comes out of a tradition of very powerful oratory. I'm very impressed with the encyclicals of Pope Benedict XVI. It's as important to use good rhetoric to explain your ideas as it is to have them. It has to be good rhetoric with substance.

SM's: *What is the biggest misconception about you?*

RL: Probably that I'm well-read. People consistently think that I've read more than I actually have. I liken my situation to John Henry Cardinal Newman. I'm not a great mind like him, but we have one thing in common. Someone once said that he had a great gift for not reading important books. I take courage from the fact that, although I may never be a Newman, I might still have something to offer, even if I've neglected to read some of the important books. ♦

UofT community. There are so many nooks and crannies here full of interesting people who are studying and thinking about remarkable things. Whole new visions and questions have been opened to me. In class, there are always questions that force me to go back to the tradition. But then there are more basic questions. Especially with Out of the Cold, it's been an experience in limitations. How do you set limits with people in a loving way? Who am I as a human being in the world? Those are areas where I'm very much a pupil and the professors, faculty, and students at the university are my teachers.

SM's: *Where would we find you during your spare time?*

RL: Spare time? What's that? I would be in one of three places: in one of the ravines around Toronto taking a walk, at a meal with friends, or—whenever my wife can help me schedule my time and I can overcome my fear—in a swing dance hall. I took lessons for about two years, but it's hard for me to just dance. I *love* to dance, but I'm not good at it at all. I'm also in the kitchen a lot. I love to cook and bake, especially breads. There's something so basic about bread. It's very hands-on. I love breakfasts. I make biscuits and a

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100 St. Joseph St.

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Speakers: Archbishop
Thomas Collins,
Archdiocese of Toronto;
Dr. Mary Boys, Union
Theological Seminary,
New York
February 28, 2009
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HONOURS

2008 Gordon Cressy Award Winners



Established in 1994 by UofT's Alumni Association and the Division of University Advancement, the Cressy award recognizes student leadership in fundraising and community service. This year, four St. Michael's students were among the winners:

AADILA DOSANI

Since 2005, Aadila Dosani has served as President of the St.

Michael's College Drama Society. She has choreographed, directed, produced, acted in and/or designed 11 of its plays and musicals. Also since '05, she has been the Theatre Commissioner on the College's Student Union. The drama and semiotics major has also played for St. Mike's intramural basketball, volleyball and lacrosse teams. In 2006, Aadila was the only female member of the College's championship rugby team. The following year, she started St. Mike's all-female rugby team.

KEVIN FAWCETT

Kevin Fawcett is a champion. A member of the Varsity golf team, he served as coach of the St. Michael's College championship rugby team, captain of its championship hockey team and as a member of its championship football and water polo teams. In 2006, as President of St. Mike's Residence Council, Kevin oversaw a charity drive that raised \$4,000 for the Daily Bread Food Bank. The economics

Left to right: Marilyn Elphick MDiv OT2, Director of Chaplaincy Services and Campus Minister, with 2008 Gordon Cressy Award winners Adam Joseph Lalonde, Aadila Dosani, Senning Luk, and Professor Yves Roberge, Acting Principal of SMC.

Absent from photo: Kevin Fawcett.

and mathematics specialist has also volunteered with the College's Out of the Cold program, which offers warm meals and companionship for people who are homeless.

SENNING LUK

Senning Luk is President of the UofT Environmental Resource Network, leading discussions on the creation of new ecological projects. The St. Michael's Col-

lege environmental studies and urban studies major has also served as the Webmaster for *Green Perspective*, UofT's eco-magazine. Responding to the need for an environmentally sustainable organic and vegan eatery on campus, he co-founded Hot Yam! last February. Soon after, Senning was helping to cook meals for up to 80 people.

ADAM JOSEPH LALONDE

Since 2006, Adam Joseph Lalonde has served as the Undergraduate Humanities Representative with the Faculty of Arts and Science Council, ensuring that issues specific to humanities students are addressed. In 2007, the St. Michael's College medieval studies specialist founded *Pendulum*, UofT's undergraduate journal in medieval studies. As Editor-in-Chief, he established editorial policies and developed an advisory committee of peer reviewers and faculty members. For the past four years, Adam has also been the Communications Coordinator with St. Mike's Chaplaincy Services. ♦

BULLETIN BOARD



"Bulletin Board" publishes pertinent information received about developments in the lives of St. Michael's alumni. Thank you for the contributions you have made. Please keep the "newsbits" coming; the effectiveness of "Bulletin Board" depends on YOU!

BY FATHER ROBERT MADDEN CSB 5T2 robert.madden@utoronto.ca

Don Schmidt 6T3 and **Carol Trainer 6T4** joined **Kate Walsh Kelly 6T4** (now living in London, UK), **Maria Greeney Taylor 6T4** (Wilmington, DE), and **Leslie Sanders 6T5** (Toronto) in spring '08 in Montauk, Long Island, NY, for the funeral of **Susanne Koch Gosman 6T8**, who lived in Montauk since 1970. During the mid to late '60s, Susanne and many other SMCstudents held summer jobs there while undergraduates.

Dr. Paul Bailey 6T8 has retired from the International Labour Office (ILO) after almost 30 years of public international service. In addition to serving in Switzerland, he was posted to Bangladesh and the Philippines as head of the ILO offices. Official missions took him to many countries, mostly in Asia. Major areas of his work included the abolition of child labour and the improvement of conditions in the ship breaking industry and in export processing zones. Paul first left for Europe the day Robert Kennedy died and landed in Paris while it was still under martial law after the May '68 riots; he reports "we went to Czechoslovakia and



Monika Berenyi 0T0 recently received the "Spirit of Ontario" award. Her painting "Veronique on a Silken Night" will be featured on Hillebrand Winery Estates' Cabernet-Merlot for the next 5 years. Her paintings, which connect spirituality with modernity and celebrate human beauty through a distinctive style of abstract figurative expressionism, are held in museums and private collections in Canada and abroad. In the past two years, her work has been exhibited in Canada, USA, Russia, Ukraine and Hungary. She recently donated one of her paintings to the College, a chalk pastel on canvas called *Pious St. Veronica VI*, to be displayed in the Common Room of the Women's residence house of Elmsley Hall. Monika's studio is in Toronto; her paintings can be viewed at www.monikaberenyi.com. At the studio with Monika (centre), Duane Rendle, Dean of Students (l) and Rosalia Ruggiero, don of Elmsley 1st (2007-2008)

the Russian tanks rolled in a few weeks later. We then went to Northern Ireland—and guess what!" Paul plans to continue residing in Switzerland.

Jeremy Bergen 0T2 (MA Theology) is the newly appointed Assistant Professor of Religious Studies and Theology at Conrad Grebel University College, University of Waterloo. Jeremy and his wife, Rebecca Steinman, reside in Waterloo, ON.

Dr. Robert Birgeneau 6T3, Chancellor, University of California, Berkley, CA, former UofT President and internationally distinguished physicist, has been honoured with a 2008 Carnegie Corporation Academic Leadership Award. The award celebrates "outstanding individuals whose uncompromising commitment to academic excellence and bold, visionary leadership are establishing new standards for U.S. higher education." The announcement refers to Dr. Birgeneau's "commitment to equity, access to affordable education, curricular innovations and excellent liberal arts instruction [that] are preparing students

to exceed in a global era," and describes him as a "Champion of Excellence and Equity in Education." The honour brings an award of \$500,000 to UofC "to be used for the express purpose, and at the discretion, of the ... winners to fund work that contributes to their academic ... priorities." Bob and his wife, **Mary Catherine Ware Birgeneau 6T2**, have 4 children, Michael, Catherine, Patricia and Michelle, and spend as much time with them as their duties allow.

Caroline Christmann Blainey 6T6 is retired but continues to work at the Wellness Centre of her daughter Justine and son David.

Barbara Johnston Blake 5T2 and her husband Paul have moved from their home of 32 years in Stoney Creek, ON, to new accommodations on the West Mount, Hamilton, ON. Barbara reports that her grandson Thomas, son of **Dan 8T6** and daughter Mary Blake Edmonstone, was accepted into first year at St. Michael's and will be living in residence. She also reports that there are three generations of Johnston/Blake/Edmonstone students/graduates of the College.

Barbara Casey Bowyer 8T9 was inducted into the UofT Sports Hall of Fame this year for her play on the women's field hockey team. Barbara and her husband have three children and a foster child. She has been a foster parent for 11 years and a Foster Parent Trainer for five years with the Peele Children's Aid Society. Barbara is Director of the Edge Catholic youth group in

Orangeville, ON; in June she accompanied a group of LIFETEEN youth on their trip to Steubenville University in Ohio. Barbara and the family live in Orangeville.

Alexandria Jong Chang 0T2 and **Martin Chang (9T4 Trinity, 0T3 UofT Meds)** celebrated two years of marriage on 25 November '07. They have been living in the Boston, MA, area, where she teaches 3rd grade in the Wellesley Public Schools system and Martin is in his fifth year of pathology training at Brigham and Women's Hospital. Alexandria and Martin met while singing in the SMC Liturgical Choir when she was an undergrad.

Larry Cimino 7T3, retired from Eli Lilly Co., has established a new global consulting company. ProConsult LLC (LCi3693@aol.com) will specialize in strategic planning, policy development and implementation of collaborative mental programs to create collaboration among professional scientific associations, advocacy groups, pertinent foundations and other groups associated with the health care industry that will improve mental health-care awareness, education, practice and policy. Larry, his wife, Joan, and their children, Christo, Joseph, Thomas and Sean, live in Carmel, IN.

Carol Curtis 7T3 was appointed to the Ontario Court of Justice (effective 30 Jan. '08) by the Ontario Attorney General. In announcing the appointment, the Attorney General pointed out that Carol was called to the Bar in '78, and since 1979 has had a private practice specializing in all areas of family law, working extensively in the area of child protection, acting

for children as a lawyer on the panel of the Office of the Children's Lawyer, and appearing as an expert witness in family law matters at two inquests into domestic violence. "Madame Justice Curtis was a member of the Family Law Rules Committee," he added, and "has been involved in conducting many legal education programs and has published articles on a number of different family law and child protection issues. As a Bencher of the Law Society of Upper Canada, she has sat on, and chaired, many committees and task forces." Carol will preside in Toronto.

Greg Donaghy 8T6 and **Mary Shephard 8T6**, married in '92 by **Fr. Bob Madden 5T2** and **Fr. Mako Watanabe 8T6**, now live in Ottawa, where Mary (daughter of **Ron 5T6** and **Dawn Egan Sheppard 5T9** and sister of **Michelle 9T4**) is Principal at Mother Teresa Catholic High School and Greg is Head of the Historical Section at the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade. In his spare time, Greg is working on a biography of **Paul Martin Sr. 2T6** and writes, he "would love to hear from any SMC grad who might have family papers (letters or diaries) or bits of memoirs recalling College life in the mid-1920s." Mary and Greg have three children, Katherine, 12, Michael, 8, and Stephen, 7.

Figueiredo Facts: Rui 7T6 and JoAnn (Tierney) 7T5 celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary with a trip to Hawaii, where they climbed Mt. Mauna Kea (13,000 ft!) **Sara 0T1** and her husband Michael Franca live in Toronto; Sara continues as Communications



Daniela Follegot 9T9 and Jason Deluce were married 26 April '08 in Holy Rosary church, Toronto. Daniela works with the Ontario Securities Commission as Legal Counsel-Investment Funds; Jason is Manager of Technology Solutions with Porter Airlines.

Officer at UofT's Department of Computer Science. **Joe 0T4** graduated with an MA in International Relations from Seton Hall University, NJ, delivered the graduation address and published a paper in the international policy journal *Orbis*; he resides in Washington, D.C., and worked as the Operations Assistant at Hillary Clinton For President National Campaign Headquarters. **Kate 0T2** and her husband, Gregor Wallace, moved to Toronto from Laos to continue their environmental work. **Emily 0T5** moved from New Haven, CT, to Toronto in Sept '07, applied to a graduate program at UofT and married **Phillip Murphy 0T4** in Rochester, NY, Aug. '08. **Steve 0T8** graduated from UofT/SMC this past June with a major in Cinema Studies.; he was a Collegedon and made a film that won "Best Fiction" at the UofT Student Film Festival. **Marie** is in her 3rd year in SMC, has lived in residence and been very active in College life as a member of the student

government and of the women's intramural soccer team; Marie is the sixth of Rui and JoAnn's six children to attend the College.

George Fowler 7T5 and his wife, Cola, live in Woodville, WA. Cola works as a medical transcriptionist and continues to revel in gardening in their acre of both cleared and wooded land. George's English translation of the Indonesian classic novel *Site Surabaya; Kasich Take Sampan* is in the editor's hands; publication is expected soon. He is working on a translation of a Chinese novel (literally translated title, "Grandma's Old Town") and has now a literary agent. He also serves as guide and translator for official Indonesian visitors in the U.S. State Department's International Visitor Program. His older son, George, has been teaching in Japan for almost three years, and his younger son, Hillary, is working with a software company in Redmond, WA.

Deborah Greene 7T0 and her husband, Humfrey Melling, live in Victoria, BC. Deborah continues her government contract work that benefits from her literary talents, and Humfrey is an Arctic researcher. He was one of the scientists that contributed to the Governmental Panel on Climate Change that was awarded the Nobel Prize with Al Gore. Son Nick is in Law School at McGill in Montreal; son Rowan is doing European Studies at UBC, and daughter Juliana has, in Deborah's words, "the job of her dreams" as an aesthetician. In June of '07 Deborah joined fellow **7T0ers Peggy Gosling, Anne Maurer, Katie Fitzgerald and Betty Curtin** for a "mini-St. Joe's reunion" in Peggy's house in Longoio, Tuscany, Italy. Debbie reports, "It was like being 18 again."

Shae Hanford 6T9 retired in August '07 from the Monroe County (Rochester, NY) Law Department after, in her words "28 years of lawyering." She is keeping busy at home with her family, with courses at OSHER Life Long Institute associated with the Rochester Institute of Technology, with developing the family oriental garden and with exploring volunteer opportunities with Third World Non Government Organizations. She and husband Bill Lindenfelser took a trip through Peru and Bolivia, where their daughter, Nerissa, is an intern with the NGO Environment Latin America in Bolivia. Shae and Bill also went hiking in Utah. Their son, Luis, continues as an aide providing at-home care for a young disabled woman.

Mary Claire King Harrold 6T7 and her husband Jim live in Flesherton, ON. Jim is City Manager for nearby Owen Sound. Since '03, Mary Claire has maintained her own law office in Flesherton. Son Matthew, 25, a graduate of the film course at Sheridan College, Toronto, is working in a Toronto film company and also has his own production company.

Brenden Hemens 9T5 reports that he, his wife, Kelly, their new daughter, Moira, and her older siblings, Chloe and Paul, returned to Truro, NS, in spring '06. Brenden is the GIS Supervisor and Acting Manager of Forest Inventory, Department of Natural Resources. Brendan wrote, "the Hemens family maintains its commitment to populating the earth with bright, messy people and are expecting their fourth child in late summer '08."

Michael 9T1 and Jerel Henry welcomed a baby girl, Margaret

Joan Beverley, Easter Monday, 24 March '08. Another joyful grandchild addition to the growing family of **Bob 5T2 and Beverley Henry!** Michael is a lawyer with the Toronto firm of Houser, Henry & Syron.

Bridget Ganey Hitchcock 9T3 and her husband Randy, having moved from Sitka, Alaska, to North Carolina, where Bridget received an MPT from Western Carolina University, have returned to Sitka. They rejoice in their son Connor, almost 2. Bridget enjoys her role as mother and devotes part time to her practice as physiotherapist.

Dr. Lawrence Hopperton 7T9 is the founding Director of the Office of Open Learning at Tyndale University and Seminary, Toronto. Lawrence and his recently deceased wife, Dr. Patricia Probert (PhD '94 UofT OISE), raised two children, Geoffrey and Rhiannan.

Henry 7T7 and Carol Codarini Hodson 6T9 had a busy '07: a

cruise to celebrate Carol's birthday, a move to a new home and the arrival of their 3rd grandson—and that was only a few of the exciting events!

Justin Jalea 0T7 has completed his first year of MA studies in Philosophy at the University of Alberta in Edmonton. He was a teaching assistant in the first-year undergraduate introduction to Philosophy course and in the third-year course on St. Augustine. Justin joined two choirs of the Faculty of Music and, as he so faithfully and successfully did while at SMC, was involved in the music ministry at St. Joseph College, the Basilian college affiliated with UofA. He reports that he found both plain, simple hard work and dedication invaluable to his work and recommends them to present SMC undergraduates!

Sylvia Kowal 7T4 received her MBA from Sir Wilfred Laurier University, Waterloo, ON. She has recently joined Humber College Institute of Technology and



The Hon. **Frank Marrocco 6T7**, Judge, Superior Court of Justice, received the degree Doctor of Laws, *honoris causa*, from the Law Society of Upper Canada in a special convocation held in Roy Thomson Hall 19 June '08. The ceremony was presided over

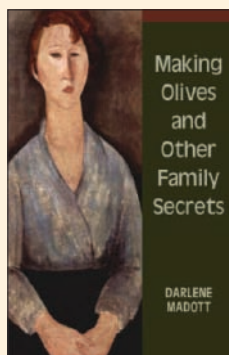
by The Hon. **Edward Then 6T6**, Superior Court of Justice, Regional Senior Justice, Region of Toronto. The citation presenting Frank, Bencher of the Law Society and its former Treasurer, and now Superior Court of Justice Judge, spoke of his "distinguished legal career that spanned 33 years", noted also his contributions to the legal profession and to the Law Society and that his "professionalism, analytical skills and quiet contemplation, which served him well as a lawyer, have also ensured his effectiveness as a judge." Frank and his wife, **Maria, "Mimi", Bucek Marrocco 6T9** live in Toronto; they have three children and are proud grandparents.

Advanced Learning, Toronto, as Director of Marketing and Communications. Son Andrew, 24, graduated in June '07 from SMC/UoFt, son Daniel, 22, graduated in June '07 from UoFt Scarborough. Sylvia reports that "we are trying to keep UoFt in the family," and expresses the hope that son Christian, 17, will also attend UoFt. Sylvia, Andrew, Daniel and Christian live in Toronto.

Sr. Conrad Lauber CSJ 5T6, former Administrator at St. Joseph's College at SMC, directed the Michael Power/St. Joseph High School staff retreat day 25 April '08 at St. Joseph's Morrow Park. Sr. Conrad is involved in the St. Joseph Sisters' Fontbonne Ministry.

Rose Goll Maggisano 7T0, Administrative Assistant/Researcher in the Canadian Catholic Bioethics Institute centred at St. Michael's, participated in the Canadian Hospice and Palliative Care Conference, "Hospice Palliative Care: At a Crossroads", in the Harbour Castle Hotel in Toronto in November '07.

Bill McGee 6T5 retired from the McAllen Public Library after 22 years of service in McAllen, TX. During that time he also served as Coordinator of the Hidalgo Library System for 11 years and had been facilitating an adult Scripture study group for 3 years. Before moving to McAllen, Bill was a school and public librarian in various cities in Ontario and in two of the Cayman Islands, and was involved in planning/designing new libraries. He will continue to write his monthly Scripture back-



Darlene Madott 7T5 is a lawyer with Teplitsky Colton LLP in Toronto; she works primarily in matrimonial law. She is also a much published author. Her 5th book of fiction, *Making Olives and Other Family Secrets*, was launched in Montreal in spring '08 at the Blue Metropolis Literary Festival and on 4 June in Toronto, at the Toronto Columbus Centre. Apart from the 5 published books, Darlene's work has appeared in several anthologies; her short stories have appeared in a variety of literary periodicals and small magazines across Canada. Prior to entering law school, she worked on the editorial staffs

of *Saturday Night* and *Toronto Life* magazines and did occasional book reviews for the *Toronto Globe and Mail*. Darlene and her son live in Toronto.

ground column for *The Monitor*, a McAllen daily newspaper, and plans to get involved in the kitchen of a friend's delicatessen. Bill and his wife have two daughters, Kathleen, who lives with her family in Hamilton, ON, and Margaret, who resides in Calgary and works for an oil company.

Doug Moggach 7T0, Professor in the School of Political Studies, University of Ottawa, has been appointed University Research Chair in Political Thought; he was a Visiting Fellow at Sidney Sussex College, University of Cambridge, England, in '07 and is at present on a Canada Council Killam Research Fellowship leave. He has given papers recently in Cambridge and in the Italian towns of Padua and Bergamo on German philosophy after Leibnitz. Doug, his wife, Alison Perry, and their two children, Iain and Catriona, live in Ottawa.

David O'Rourke 9T4 received an MA from the State University of New York, Fredonia, and an MEd from the University of Buffalo, NY, where he is pursuing a PhD. David was appointed Superintendent of Schools for the

Silver Creek (NY) Central School District, effective 3 January. The appointment was made after an extensive search and a review of David's long service as teacher and administrator. He and his wife, Susan, live in Silver Creek, NY and have three children, Erin, Caitlin, and Jillian.

Helen O'Rourke 6T0 retired from 37 years of teaching in the Fibre Department of the School of Art Institute of Chicago in Aug. '07. Helen's work focused on dye and print media, including the Japanese techniques of Shibori and Shifu. She has completed a two-and-a-half year project based on her father's memoirs of his early life as a homesteader in South Dakota beginning in 1908. The finished memoir entitled "Prairie Footsteps, from a memoir of J. Mel O'Rourke" consists of two 30 minute DVDs.

Elizabeth Paupst 9T2 is continuing her medical career in Timmins, ON, and appreciates the greater variety of experience she is receiving than during her previous hospital work in Toronto. She practices ER and Family Medicine, does a lot of surgical assisting,

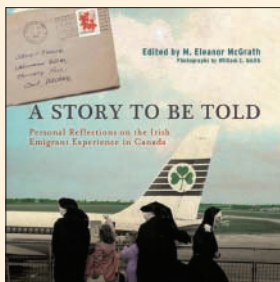
is involved in sessions in internal medicine hospitalist. Liz also serves on the Board of a local women's crisis centre and on the Board of the Timmin's Humane Society. She says that in winter driving a skidoo can make more sense than a car. Last January there were 20-foot-high snow piles!

Michelle Shephard 9T4, daughter of **Ron 5T6** and **Dawn Egan Sheppard 5T9**, sister of **Mary Shephard Donaghy 8T6**, and prize-winning national security reporter for the *Toronto Star*, published *Guantanamo's Child: The Untold Story of Omar Khadr* with John Wiley of Canada, Ltd. The book was launched 27 March at a reception in the Cosmopolitan Hotel in Toronto; the reception, covered by TV and print news media, was well attended by family, SMCers and other friends. The book is described as "a sweeping narrative that reconstructs the life of Omar Khadr from his childhood ...based on extensive research and interviews with those connected to Khadr's case throughout Canada, the United States, United Kingdom, and Pakistan, as well

as...at Guantanamo Bay.”
(see p. 22, “Worlds Apart”)

Stephen 9T4 and **Zandra Zahorodny Smith 9T3** celebrated their tenth wedding anniversary in summer '07 and welcomed their 5th child, Stephanie Rose Zahorodny Smith, 7lbs 4oz, 30 July, a sister for Zachary, 8, Sadie, 6, Zoey, 4, Simon, 2. Stephen is Vice-Principal at St. Stephen's School, Bowmanville, ON, works with the Safe Schools Committee, coaches at the school and plays hockey. Zandra returns to teaching kindergarten half-time in Holy Family School, which, she reports, “has a daycare in the building two doors down from my room!”

Robert “Mick” Spillane 6T0 completed a commemorative cen-



Eleanor McGrath 8T9, an Investment Advisor with RBC Dominion Securities, has recently collaborated with photographer William C. Smith in the publication of *A Story to be Told: Personal Reflections on the Irish Emigrant Experience in Canada*, Liffey Press, Dublin, Ireland. The result of Eleanor's passion for Irish culture and the history of its people, the book, with impressive photos, recounts the stories of 129 individuals of varying Irish backgrounds: North, South, Protestant, Catholic, Jewish, who emigrated during the years 1940 to 1999.

ennial anniversary book celebrating Riverdale Collegiate Institute's history of service in education in the city of Toronto. Including pictures of and commentaries on secondary school life in the 20th century, the book presents multiple facets of the Collegiate, reaching back to its founding in 1907, speaking of Riverdale's scholarship, its music, art, drama, public speaking, sports and its contribution during the war years. A 50-page section contains fascinating anecdotes related by some of the school's 20th-century alumni. In June, Mick travelled to Pittsburgh, PA, to join **Peter Leo 6T6** to watch one of the Stanley Cup playoff games in Mellon Arena. Peter, a columnist with the *Pittsburgh Post Gazette*, and his wife, Sylvia, have two children, Stephen and Jane. Mick and his wife, **Annette Convey Spillane 6T3**, live in Toronto; they have two children, John and **Annette Spillane Carter 9T2**.

Michael Stasyna 0T4 and Kristi Phillips (UofT '03) were married 17 Jan. '07 at Mount Coubari Catholic Church in Castries, on the island of St. Lucia. They met in Australia in '02 while students in the UofT International Student Exchange Program. Michael and Kristi live in Toronto; he works with New Life Capital Corporation, an investment company. Kristi is with the pharmaceutical company Anapharm.

Stephanie Strong Syasyna 0T0 and Chantz Strong were married in November '07. They reside in Ottawa, ON, where Stephanie works in federal funding for the arts.

John Twohig 7T2, as a member of the outstanding '71-2 UofT Varsity Swim Team, was inducted into the UofT Sports Hall of Fame



Cathy Shannon 6T0 led, in her appropriate words, the “Belles of St. Michael's—Class of 1960” on a memorable trip to Jamaica. Cathy and classmates **Patricia Monaghan Hatch**, **Jean Carmichael Loftus**, **Maureen Kelly Sheedy** and **Barb Aprile Harrison 6T1** (recently deceased), were welcomed, entertained and given tours by Jamaicadwelling “6T0 Belles” **Joanne Schenk Diamond** and **Sheila Denoes Hart** and her husband Tony. Cathy writes, “the beaches and the ocean water are spectacular!”, and a wonderful time was obviously had by all. January 2008 in Negril, standing (l to r): Barb Aprile Harrison, Sheila Denoes Hart, Joanne Schenk Diamond, Cathy Shannon, Patricia Monaghan Hatch and Maureen Kelly Sheedy; seated: Jean Carmichael Loftus

in spring '08. John and his wife, **Kim Maybe Twohig 7T3**, practice law, live in Mississauga, ON, and have two children, Connor and Patrick. John has also served as an alumni member of the University of St. Michael's Senate.

Garnet Wieland 7T1 completed his administrative leave following five years as Head of UBC's English Department and returned to the department in July to resume teaching and to take on some further administrative work. Among his activities during his leave was the presentation of two papers at the annual major Mediaeval Conference at Kalamazoo, MI. His wife, Norma (Vic 6T7), is in her second year as Assistant Dean of Arts, Student Services at UBC and is looking forward to her administrative leave. Their daughter, **Alexandra SMC/UofT 0T5**, completed her MA at the University of Coventry,

England, and has returned to the UofT as a PhD student.

Rev. Thomas Wilson MDiv 8T0 was ordained a transitional deacon in the Episcopal Church Saturday, 7 June '08 at St. Paul's Episcopal Cathedral in San Diego, CA. Tom lives in Chula Vista, CA, and expects to be ordained priest in late December '08 or in January '09.

Stelio Zupancich 8T3 was inducted this year into the UofT Sports Hall of Fame for his leadership on the Varsity Blues Hockey Team. In his speech at the induction ceremony Stelio remarked, “I always considered Fr. Gardner a little part of the magic of the UofT hockey tradition.” Stelio is Vice-President-Real Estate with TD Commercial Banking. He and his wife have a 17-year old son who is, says Stelio, an avid soccer player; they live in Kilbride, ON, about an hour west of Toronto.

REST IN PEACE

Belyea, Rev. David CSB	4T9
Bianchi, Rev. Carlo A.	4T3
Black, Paul. F.	5T7
Bradbury, Tom J.	3T9
Bradley, Eileen	3T8
Bridges, Sr. Jo-Anne IBVM	6T8
Chochia, Theresa P.	4T8
Clancy, Lieutenant Colonel John A.	4T1
Comery, William F.	5T3
Cullen, Doreen G.	4T9
Devaney, John L.	4T9
Donato, Giuliana	8T6
Donohue, Peter Kenny Joseph	4T6
Duso, Lorenzo	6T3
Edmondstone, Thomas G.M.	5T1
Flynn-Baum, Shirley	4T4
Gosman, Suzanne (Koch)	6T8
Graham, Mary Louise (Porter)	6T3
Harrison, Barbara (Aprile)	6T1
Hickey, Rev. John J.	4T8
Holden, Genevieve C.(Crossland)	4T7
Hornell, Jane H.	4T3
Hourigan, William E.J.	4T8

Hunter, Francine (Galli)	8T3
Kavanaugh, Gerard P.	3T8
Lewthwaite, Robert J.	6T6
MacKenzie, James C.J.	4T3
Manning, Rivlyn J.	8T7
Maurer, Rev. Armand CSB	3T8
McDermott, Edward P.	4T9
McLaughlin, Robert J.	5T1
McWilliam, Joanne E.	5T1
Morgan, Maureen	5T7
Molinaro, Lidia P.	5T2
Moreau, Charles J.	4T5
Nalich-Goulbourne, Helen	9T0
O'Keefe, John Christopher	8T8
Pagnutti, Theresa Jane	7T2
Parrott, Frederick J.P.	5T7
Raftis, Rev. J. Ambrose CSB	4T5
Saunders, Shelley	7T2
Shaker, George	4T7
Sullivan, M. Lynne	7T2
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Reverend David Esmond Belyea CSB 1927-2008

Many students and friends of Father David Belyea will be sad to learn that he died on February 22, 2008. He graduated from St. Michael's College in 1949 and, following theological studies at St. Basil's Seminary, was ordained on June 29, 1953. He subsequently earned an MA in philosophy from the University of Toronto and, after studies in Rome at the Angelicum of the Dominican Pontifical University



of St. Thomas Aquinas, was awarded an STD in 1959.

Fr. Belyea taught at St. Michael's College from 1959 to 1986, followed by an assignment for ten years to Holy Rosary Parish in Toronto. In his university classes and his counseling, Fr. Belyea introduced his students to great literary works by the likes of Camus, Dostoyevsky, Shakespeare and Salinger along with the authors of sacred scriptures.

He was relentlessly inquisitive and inspired his students to ask questions and seek answers. They knew him to be challenging, intelligent and learned, but also patient, humorous and a compassionate, realistic listener and counselor.

Reverend Armand Augustine Maurer CSB 1915-2008

Father Armand Maurer, a native of Rochester, New York, passed away on March 22, 2008. A member of the SMC Class of 1938, Fr. Maurer was ordained in 1945. He attended the Pontifical Institute of Mediaeval Studies and the University of Toronto, receiving an MA from UofT in 1943 and a licentiate in Mediaeval Studies from the Pontifical Institute in 1944, adding a PhD from UofT in 1947.

Fr. Maurer spent most of his working life at the Pontifical Institute, where he taught and researched from 1949 to 2008. He was world-renowned as a historian of Mediaeval Philosophy and in 1966 was elected a Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada.

Greatly respected by his peers, Fr. Maurer was a wise man, without guile, a man of stature both physically and intellectually. He was also an exceptionally good human being.

James Ambrose Raftis CSB 1922-2008

The Pontifical Institute of Mediaeval Studies has lost one of its most eminent teachers and researchers with the passing of Father Ambrose Raftis on April 20, 2008. Born on a small farm in Arthur, Ontario, Ambrose Raftis became a citizen of the world. He was a man of great stature both physically and academically. As a Professor and Fellow at the Pontifical Institute of Mediaeval Studies from 1954 to 1996, he pioneered an innovative approach to medieval social and economic history that was admired by and influenced many international scholars.

Fr. Raftis pursued his undergraduate studies at St. Michael's College, receiving an Honours BA in Political Science and Economics in 1945. He was ordained on June 29, 1948, following which he began his long and distinguished career of study, research, teaching and administration. He received his *Doctorat en Sciences Sociales* from Québec's Université Laval in 1951 and a PhD in History from Cambridge University in 1954.

Of his teaching, one of his early students said, "What he did was create an atmosphere of open-ended inquiry that went in several different directions. All of it, in one way or another was affected by an 'attitude' which posited that every individual life is worth taking seriously, that every person mattered."

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Wayside Shrines

By Paul Muldoon

I

Small town after small town
I might easily have gone down on my knees
by each white cross or posy in its tin
and resigned myself to the fact
a cord of wood may yet be stacked
between two living trees.
Even an acorn tastes bitter
to the runt of the litter
when it begins to feel the squeeze
yet those pigs had seemed content
in their profound disgruntlement.

II

Had I had more than a glimpse of a lake
through a break in a plateau,
had I not suddenly had to brake
for Apollo wrapped in polythene,
I might have been emboldened
and gone with the flow.
Even a road resists being led to water
like a lamb to the slaughter
at Isaac's Truck & Tow
yet smoke had risen with next-to-no fuss,
calm above the calamitous.

III

Now as gas prices soared
another billboard had held out *Injured?*
before it all but implored
1-888-WE-CAN-HELP.
I caught the yelp
from a clothesline of a plaid work-shirt.
Even a bald-faced bullock may falter
as it mounts an altar
that's little more than a pile of dirt
yet a storm-window took a stance
against what it could barely countenance.

Paul Muldoon is the Howard G.B. Clark '21 Professor at Princeton University and Chair of the Peter B. Lewis Center for the Arts. In 2007 he was appointed Poetry Editor of The New Yorker. His most recent honours include the 2003 Pulitzer Prize for his poetry collection Moy Sand and Gravel (2002), the 2004 American Ireland Fund Literary Award, the 2004 Shakespeare Prize, the 2005 Aspen Prize for Poetry, and the 2006 European Prize for Poetry. In April this year, Mr. Muldoon read from his work to a capacity crowd at SMC's Robert Madden Hall as part of the Celtic Studies Speakers Series, followed by a lively Q & A period and tea.

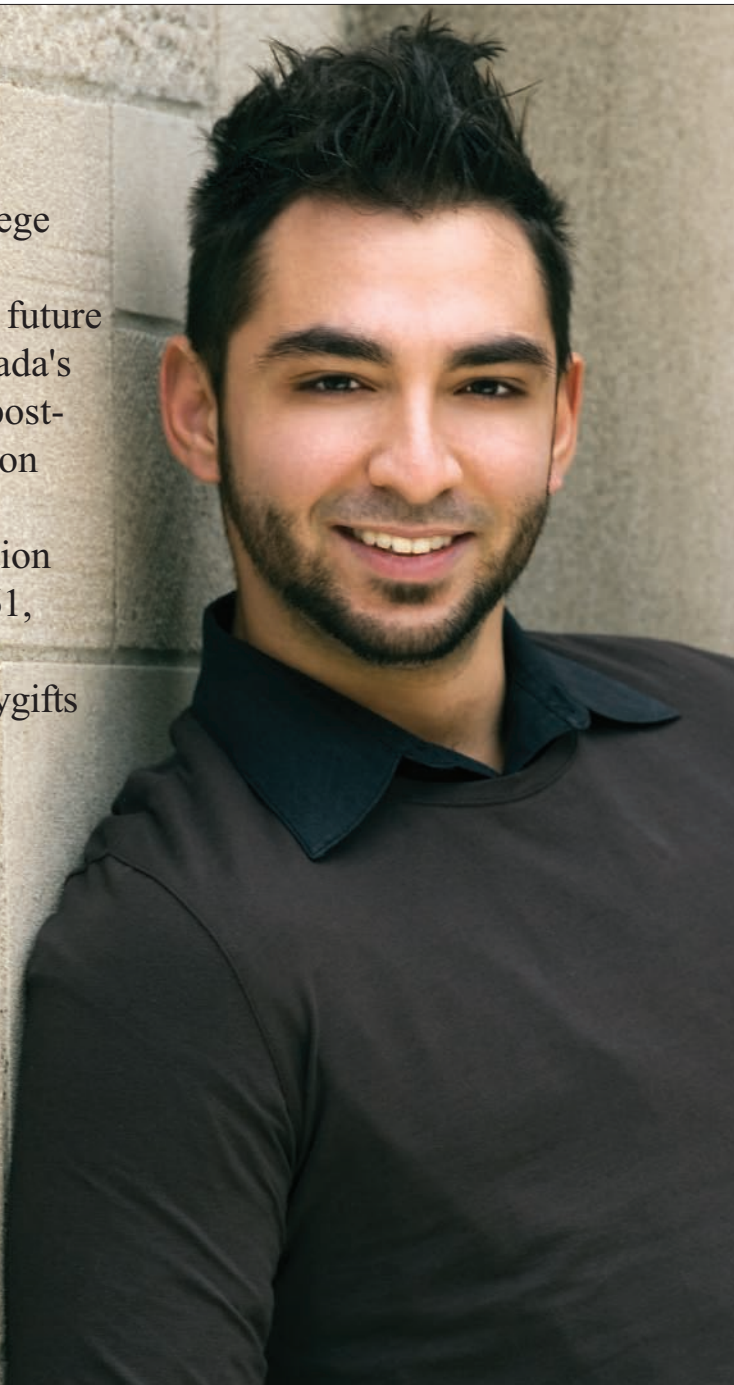
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