

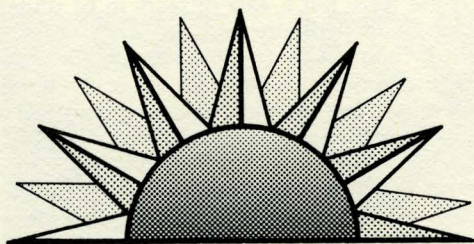
# Update!

Vol. 2, No. 4

March 1983

Waterloo, Ontario  
Canada N2L 3G3

## University of St. Jerome's College



### This Summer at St. Jerome's

The majority of summer courses to be offered at the University of Waterloo this year will be taught at St. Jerome's. A variety of full and half-credit courses in English, history, religious studies, psychology and philosophy will be available, as will the College's special summer programs and institutes.

Courses in religion and politics, women in literature, commonwealth literature, medieval church history, adolescent psychology and western philosophical tradition among others will provide a wide variety of offerings for summer students.

The Studies in Family Life and Sex Education program will run from July 4 to August 12. "This program is aimed at providing participants with a sound understanding of basic issues in human sexuality,

interpersonal relations, marriage and the family. It is an excellent preparation for those who have a crucial role in Family Life programs in the school and in the community," says John Theis, director of the program which is now in its twelfth year. Theis expects about 200 people to be enrolled this summer.

The Institute for Studies in Learning Disabilities will be offered from July 4 to 22, providing courses at the introductory, intermediate and advanced levels, says program director John Orlando. A number of visiting experts will participate in this summer's program.

The Just Society, a credit course to be offered July 4-22 by the Institute for Studies in Theological Renewal, will examine the involvement of the Roman Catholic and Protestant churches in issues of poverty, unemployment and prejudice; their reaction to socialism and capitalism; their social activities in Latin America and their attitudes towards women. Last year's course, The Religious Experience of the Young, was immensely successful, and Institute director Doug Letson expects an equally enthusiastic response to this year's offering.

For more information about summer courses and programs, tuition fees, course requirements and residence, etc., fill out the enclosed coupon.

### Mark your calendars – Alumni Picnic!

The date has been set for an alumni reunion picnic on Sunday, June 26, 1:00 p.m. at Waterloo Park. It has been two years since the College's last alumni gathering, and a picnic is a great reason to come together with old friends and classmates.

The College decided on a single-day event rather than a weekend of activities as has been done in the past. "We hope that this will encourage more people to attend and that they will feel free to bring their families," says Rob Donelson, assistant to the registrar and one of the organizers.

Waterloo Park is adjacent to Seagram Stadium and is an ideal location for the picnic – a large adult and children's swimming pool, baseball diamonds, playing fields, shaded areas, free parking and more.

Don't miss the fun! There will be games and prizes for everyone and free refreshments. Bring your own table, barbeque and chairs. But above all, bring yourself, your family and friends. Let us know if you can attend by completing the enclosed coupon or by calling the College at (519) 884-8110, ext. 81.

### Chapter gatherings in the offing

The College is making tentative plans to sponsor alumni chapter gatherings in Hamilton and Toronto this fall, says Rob Donelson. "We have a large body of alumni in both of these cities, and we feel this is a good starting point for the development of an alumni association," he says.

The chapter gatherings will be an effort to bring the College to the alumni and to reacquaint classmates and old friends. Each chapter gathering will likely consist of a dinner and guest speaker. We hope to have some faculty on hand, and possibly a photo display of college life and information table as well. "These chapter events may also prove to be a catalyst for other alumni sponsored activities," adds Donelson.

More information will be available in the June **Update!** If you would like to suggest ideas for these events or possibly lend a hand in their organization, contact Rob Donelson – (519) 884-8110, ext. 81.



◁ Chivalry lives! Writer-in-Residence Graeme Gibson welcomes with style Canadian poet Dorothy Livesay to a conference on her work held at the college March 4-5. The 73-year-old poet's career has both spanned and is linked to the major cultural and political developments of the twentieth century. A report on Dorothy Livesay and the Evolution of Canadian Poetry can be found inside.

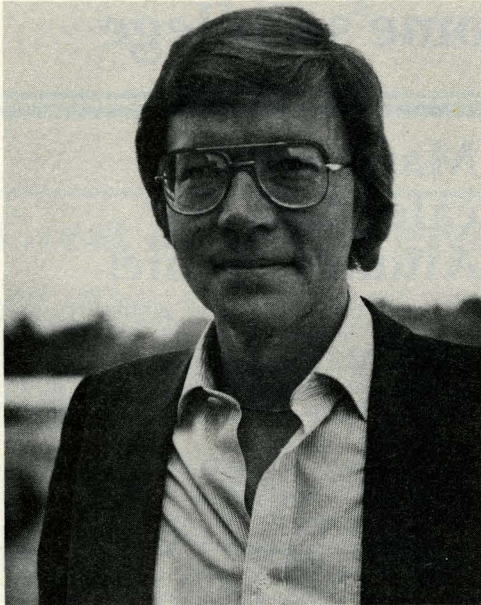
**"The Bishops, the Economy and the University" ... a feature article ... inside**



# Feature Article

## The Bishops, The Economy, and the University

by Kenneth Westhues



*Dr. Kenneth Westhues, former chairman of the Department of Sociology at the University of Waterloo, is a lecturer in the Institute for Studies in Theological Renewal at St. Jerome's. In recent years he has given a course here in Catholic Sociological Thought. For 1982-83 he is Visiting Professor of Sociology at Memorial University of Newfoundland.*

Canadian Catholics barely stirred in 1968, when a conference of bishops in Medellin, Colombia, condemned the status quo in Latin America and called for radical change. That southern continent, after all, is a long way from here. Nor were Canadian Catholics upset when the Polish bishops made common cause with the Solidarity move-

ment. The Polish government, after all, is communist. Even last year, when the U.S. bishops criticized the Reagan administration's preparation for nuclear war, Catholics in the Great North were not perturbed. With our meager weaponry we couldn't even get into such a war, much less win it.

But then came the first week of 1983, and a 10-page statement from the Canadian bishops entitled "Ethical Reflections on the Economic Crisis." It was not the work of the entire national episcopate, but only of its 8-member Social Affairs Commission. Some bishops, moreover, publicly disagreed with it. Besides, that short document said little that ordinary Canadians had not already thought: that the unemployment rate is a moral outrage, that Ottawa's austerity program is unjust, and that to place profits before human rights is wrong. Against the background of cries in Quebec and the West to put an end to Canada itself, the bishops' statement indeed sounds tame.

Then why all the fuss? Why the headlines from St. John's to Victoria, the page in *Newsweek*, the cover-story in *Maclean's*, the annoyance of Trudeau, and heated debates in parishes across the land? Clearly not because of the specific ideas proposed. These are no more or less debateable than any other plans for escape from the economic doldrums we are in. The reason for the uproar is simply that the church has entangled itself in the complexities of everyday Canadian life, has come down to earth and pointed out a need for social change. This one little document brought home to Canadians what people in Poland and Latin America already know: that the Catholic Church has at last accepted history, plunged itself into history, that it now pointedly asserts that the City of Man could become through responsible human effort the City of God.

There is a lesson in this for a Catholic university. So long as the church ignored history and portrayed the Cities of God and Man as worlds apart, one of the hallmarks of a Catholic school was reluctance to find fault with existing political and economic realities. These were but a vale of tears to be understood and patiently endured until entry at death into the divine kingdom. Criticism of public policy and attempts at social change were in fact thought dangerous, since a preoccupation with reforming this basically unreformable world might distract a good Catholic's attention from the eternal verities.

Today's Catholic university has a different character. Its mission is to encourage a critical awareness of the status quo, indeed to facilitate and hasten the process of becoming called for in church documents. And true to its tradition, to serve these ends in light of a gospel of peace and justice. This means an end to rote learning and an insistence on the harder discipline of reasoned, creative thought. It means new courses and programs like those at St. Jerome's in the Institutes of Family Life and Sex Education and for Studies in Theological Renewal, and in the Centre for Catholic Experience. The new mission gives a new and critical slant to the classic courses in history, philosophy and literature. Above all, it makes the Catholic university come alive as more truly Christian, and more truly a university.

*Do you have a comment or question about this article? Why not offer your own views on this topic or submit an article on a topic that interests you? Responses from readers will be published in the June Update! Submissions should be no more than 500 words in length and are subject to editing.*

## Faith and justice linked, says Baum

Gregory Baum, the internationally-known Canadian theologian and professor of Religious Studies and sociology at the University of Toronto, gave a talk on "Justice and the Modern Encyclicals" at the St. Jerome's Centre for Catholic Experience on February 25.

In the course of his spirited lecture, Baum provided an overview of the challenges raised in papal encyclicals concerning justice in modern society. He spoke of the new religious experience that has emerged in many parts of the world during the past twenty years.

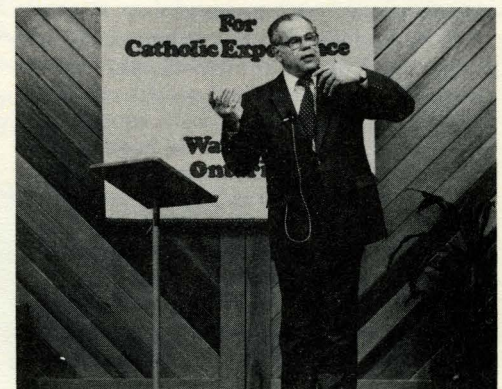
"It is the union of faith and justice; the realization that faith must include social commitment," he said. "Faith and justice are intertwined when we are ready to look upon

society from the perspective of the poor and marginalized. God is seen as just in the scriptures when he is merciful to the poor and oppressed."

Baum acknowledged, though, that our instincts cause us to look at society from the viewpoint of the middle class. But he warned that to view society from the perspective of the poor means that we are at odds with modern culture. He called on people to reread the Bible and discover Christ's call for social justice.

Since 1971, he concluded, the Canadian Bishops have joined other Christian churches to pursue social justice in an ecumenical context. He sees this as a hopeful development. "We cannot change institutions from the top down," acknowledged

Baum. "It is through the grass roots networks that people begin to think and act differently. They eventually move to the top."





# Campus News

## For the love of Livesay – “a major contribution to Canadian literary studies”

The work of one of Canada's most distinguished poets, Dorothy Livesay, was the subject of a two-day conference at the College, Friday and Saturday, March 4-5.



A relaxed moment for poet Dorothy Livesay and Conference chairperson Lindsay Dorney.

*Dorothy Livesay and the Evolution of Canadian Poetry* was the theme of the symposium, which attracted scholars from across Canada and the United States to discuss various aspects of Livesay's poetry, prose, drama and radio-plays. A screening of an NFB film, "Woman I Am," on the life of the poet opened the conference. The 73-year-old poet was on

hand to read selections from her many works, including her latest volume, *The Phases of Love*. Earlier in the day she had autographed copies of the new work at a book-launching party held at the College by Toronto's Coach House Press. The audience also heard tapes of a musical version of Livesay's long, lyrical poem, *Disasters of the Sun*, prior to the poet's reading.

University of Waterloo drama students produced "Times Were Different?", one of the poet's 1930 radio-plays. Livesay's literary executor, Dr. David Arnasen of the University of Manitoba, and her biographer Dr. Lee B. Thompson, head of Canadian Studies at the University of Vermont, each presented papers. Arnasen spoke on "The Rise of Modernism in Canada" and Thompson addressed herself to "Livesay: The Poet as Journalist."

Livesay attended all presentations, but in the interests of ensuring a frank appraisal of her work, did not attend a panel discussion at the conclusion of the conference.

Livesay was born in Winnipeg in 1909 and was educated at the University of Toronto and at the Sorbonne. Her father, John F.B. Livesay, was the first general manager of Canadian Press and a journalist of note. Her mother, Florence Randall Livesay, was a popular and prolific writer of prose and poetry. As Livesay pointed out during her reading, both parents had a major influence on her writing. Livesay trained during the

Depression at the School of Social Sciences in Toronto and eventually worked with the Family Welfare Agency in Montreal.

She published her first collection of poetry, *Green Pitcher*, before she was 20. Ten volumes of poetry were to follow, most notably *Selected Poems* (1957) and *Collected Poems* (1972). She is twice winner of the Governor General's Award for Poetry. Livesay's poetry has always been linked with her social activism. She is a founder of Amnesty International (Canada), the Committee for an Independent Canada, and an ardent proponent of women's rights and the peace movement. She was also involved in the Canadian Civil Liberties Union and was an early critic of the Canadian government's internment of Japanese Canadians during World War II.

The Conference was jointly sponsored by the University of St. Jerome's College, the English departments of the University of Waterloo and Wilfrid Laurier University, and the Canadian Studies department at St. Paul's College.

"The many speakers who took part indicates not only Livesay's importance to Canadian literature, but also the renaissance of interest in her work," observed Lindsay Dorney, conference chairperson and a lecturer in English at St. Jerome's. "We are sure this conference has made a major contribution to Canadian literary studies."

*Dorothy Livesay*

## News Briefs

- **CP picks Smith** Peter Smith, Associate Professor of Latin American history at St. Jerome's, recently became the accredited correspondent in South America for Canadian Press. The stories he files from the region over the next few months will be available on CP and other wire services for publication in newspapers across Canada. "I'll be keeping an eye on the Falklands," says Smith. "That region is still a powder keg, given that Argentina is beefing up its military presence in bases close to the Islands."
- **New book by Van Evra** In February Dr. Judith Van Evra, Psychology Department Chairperson, published "Psychological Disorders of Children and Adolescents" (Little, Brown, 1983), an advanced undergraduate text providing both a theoretical and applied approach to the psychological disorders of young people. She provides an historical background to this field, discusses diagnostic issues, focuses on treatment and examines a wide range of specific psychological disorders.

- **College cagers** The Men's Residence is home to two Waterloo Warrior basketball players this year. Paul Van Oorschot and Steve Atkin have been strong all season and played key roles in the Warrior's OUAA Championship win over York, March 5. Not only is Van Oorschot co-captain of his team, but he also maintains a 93% average in his computer science program and a place on the Dean's List. Coach Don McCrae calls Atkin the "power producer of the team," while Van Oorschot is McCrae's "favourite worker". Both players displayed a fine effort in the CIAU final, in spite of their 63-52 loss to the University of Victoria, March 19.

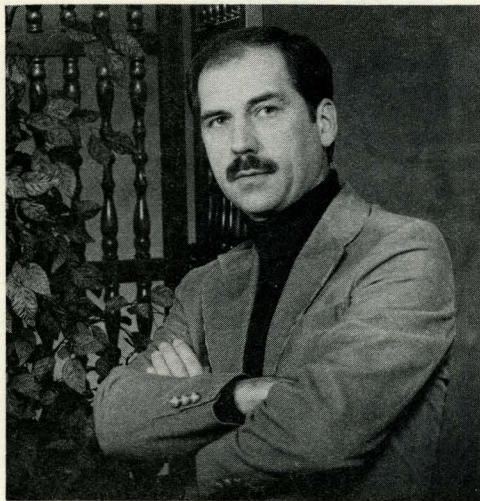
- **\$2,000 more!** The Seventh Annual St. Jerome's-Notre Dame Colleges 1600 km charity run reported on in the December **Update!** exceeded its goal of \$5,000 and actually raised over \$7,000 for the Kitchener-Waterloo chapter of the Multiple Sclerosis Society. Given today's economy, this total makes the students' effort all the more remarkable. Great Work!

- **Prominent Canadians coming to SJC** May 24-25, the College will host "Canadian Culture: International Dimensions," a two-day conference sponsored by The Centre on Foreign Policy and Federalism at the University of Waterloo and Wilfrid Laurier University. Many well-known Canadians will take part, including Claude Ryan, Hon. Paul Martin, Hon. Gérard Pelletier, Sondra Gotlieb, Louis Applebaum and others. The conference will focus on the impact of federalism upon Canada's cultural diplomacy.
- **Uncovering the Ottawa connection** From 1947 to 1959 St. Jerome's College was affiliated with the University of Ottawa. We have been in contact with U of O in order to locate our alumni from that period, and we soon hope to develop a mailing list of their names. Eventually you'll read about them in **Update!** Can you help us? Send any information you may have about this "Ottawa Connection" to **Update!**



# Alumni Profile

## Grad's novel adapted to screen



What would you say about a Canadian-born writer whose first novel is now in its tenth printing in paperback, was published in hardback and paperback in Britain, and has been translated into 13 languages?

You might say, "Great work!"

And what would you say if the film version of the novel would become Sylvester Stallone's first non-Rocky hit and be tied for the eleventh most successful movie of 1982?

You might say, "Fantastic, tell me more".

And if you knew that this film earned \$46 million in the U.S., is expected to reach \$60 million, has broken twelve international box office records and in most countries rates second only to *ET*. — you might phone home!

The movie is *First Blood*, and it is based on

a novel written by a graduate of the University of St. Jerome's College — David Morrell.

"I can date my determination to become a writer to a Friday in September, 1959 when the television program *Route 66* first came on the air", recalls Morrell. "I used to write imaginary episodes for pleasure." The show had made a lasting impression on Morrell and he wrote to its principal screenwriter, Stirling Silliphant. To Morrell's amusement and surprise, Silliphant replied, and the two continued a correspondence which served as the impetus for Morrell to study and write fiction.

Morrell pursued his interest in writing when he enrolled in an Honours English program at St. Jerome's College in 1962 — a natural field of study for one who was to take his writing seriously. While a student at the College, Morrell wrote for a campus literary magazine known as *Jabberwocky*.

After graduating in 1966, Morrell moved on to Pennsylvania State University, where he received an MA in American literature in 1967 and a PhD in 1970.

Most can only imagine the experience of watching their own creation on the screen. For Morrell the experience was very real — and quite enjoyable. "I had a good time watching it," he says "especially because of the spontaneous outbursts from the audience. They cheered and clapped and became remarkably involved."

Morrell acknowledges that his original novel is different from the movie in some ways. "Stallone, for example, lives at the end

whereas in the book his character dies. Generally the characters were simplified in the movie in order to emphasize Stallone, and I think the action was somewhat more subdued in the film. Overall, however, the film is remarkably close to the plot of the novel, and I think the direction, cinematography, and musical scoring are all first rate."

Today Morrell is a professor of English at the University of Iowa. He teaches modern fiction and American literature. He is married, and he and his wife Donna have a daughter, 16, and a son, 11. He writes at home on a personal computer with a word processing disc. "The time I spend on my writing depends on when I teach; but one way or another I try for at least six hours a day, often seven days a week," says Morrell.

With five novels under his belt and a sixth due in the fall of '83 from St. Martin's-Marek Press, what's next for David Morrell?

"There continues to be the ongoing research for my novels, hence my interest in weapons, outdoor survival, scuba diving and really anything that involves what I'm writing about."

"There's a possibility that another novel, *Testament*, will be filmed this year. Contracts have been signed, but since I waited ten years to see *First Blood* on the screen, I'm not holding my breath, though I am crossing my fingers."

"In the meantime," adds Morrell, "I keep busy working on more short stories, on revisions for my next novel and on a new one that I hope will come out in 1984."

## First Blood — First Rate

*First Blood* by David Morrell is definitely not for the squeamish.

From the moment 'first blood' is drawn by the central character, Rambo, the reader can safely assume that it will not be the last. The action of this overpowering novel progresses on a path of relentless violence and destruction. Its immediacy and vitality, however, make it difficult to put aside.

But it is more than a novel of slaughter and rampage. *First Blood* is also an indictment of America's treatment of her Vietnam war veterans. We are introduced to Rambo, an ex-Green Beret soldier, Medal of Honour winner and survivor of torture in a Vietnam prisoner of war camp. His body shows the physical scars he has endured; the novel is a study of his psychological scars which make it so difficult for him to re-enter society. The path he chooses to follow forces him to "get used to death again."

Rambo has clearly been a drifter since his return from the war. Already he has been run out of "fifteen goddamn towns" and there is no reason to suspect that his arrival in Madison, Kentucky will be any different —

except that the sheriff of Madison, Wilfrid Teasle, is a Korean War veteran, Distinguished Service Cross winner and trained boxer.

Teasle views Rambo as a vagrant and attempts to escort him out of town. But Rambo is tired of being pushed around and, in defiance, scoffs, "I have a right to decide for myself whether I'll stay ... or not. I won't have somebody decide that for me." He is at once arrested and taken to prison. It is here that the title takes on its significance. Rambo slashes and kills a guard and escapes. The ensuing manhunt leaves a trail of death causing authorities to question over and over again, "how many others are going to die before this is over?"

Both characters rely on their war experiences to sustain them during the chase. Morrell displays an astute knowledge of weapons and a keen sense of survival in a rugged landscape.

Throughout *First Blood*, Morrell is really commenting on the horror of war and man's capacity for violence. He convincingly shows the difficulties of reintegrating into society

experienced by many Vietnam vets. He questions society's treatment of them when he observes that Rambo "gave up three years to enlist in a war that was supposed to help his country, and the only trade he came out with is how to kill. Where was he supposed to get a job that needed experience like that?"

As a psychological study, *First Blood* focuses on the thoughts and motives of the central characters. Rambo and Teasle frequently engage in interior monologue, usually at the critical points of the chase where they often question their actions.

They are reminded of their war experiences as the bloody manhunt unfolds. Indeed, their struggle is really a personalized war, a war of wills and a war of sheer physical and psychological endurance. Both men are of a similar breed. They ultimately develop a respect for one another — a respect born out of a strange sympathy for the other's circumstances that comes only from having shared similar experiences.

Morrell's penchant for realism and action make *First Blood* a novel to remember. As popular fiction, it is first rate. *The Editor*



# Campus News

## Merton workshop: insight into an extraordinary man

The St. Jerome's Centre for Catholic Experience sponsored on January 29 the largest gathering ever convened in North America commemorating the late American monk, Thomas Merton. Appropriately, it was the weekend which marked his 68th birthday.

"Thomas Merton: A Monk for All Seasons" proved to be a "celebration of the life of an extraordinary man," as one participant aptly described the day-long workshop. About 300 people took part in talks and discussions which centred on the life of this influential Catholic monk, author, poet, social activist, photographer and mystic. The program included an exclusive screening of a CBC *Man Alive* film "A Monk on the Run," which contained footage of Merton taken hours before he was accidentally electrocuted while on a speaking tour in Bangkok, Thailand in December, 1968.

Guest speakers included Donald Grayston, Rector of All Saints Anglican Church in Burnaby, B.C.; Monsignor William Shannon, professor of Religious Studies at

Nazareth College, Rochester, New York; Deba Patnaik, a close Indian friend of Merton and Director of Third World Studies at Oberlin College, Ohio; and Centre Director Michael Higgins. Talks dealt with Merton as peace-maker, as contemplative, as poet, and in the concluding presentation, as visual artist.

A Roman Catholic monk who converted to Catholicism at the age of 23, Merton lived from 1915 until 1968. Much of his life was spent in the Trappist Monastery at Gethsemani, Kentucky. It was here that he lived as a contemplative, withdrawn from the world, but not isolated from it. Merton saw in his silence "a foundation for action and joy."

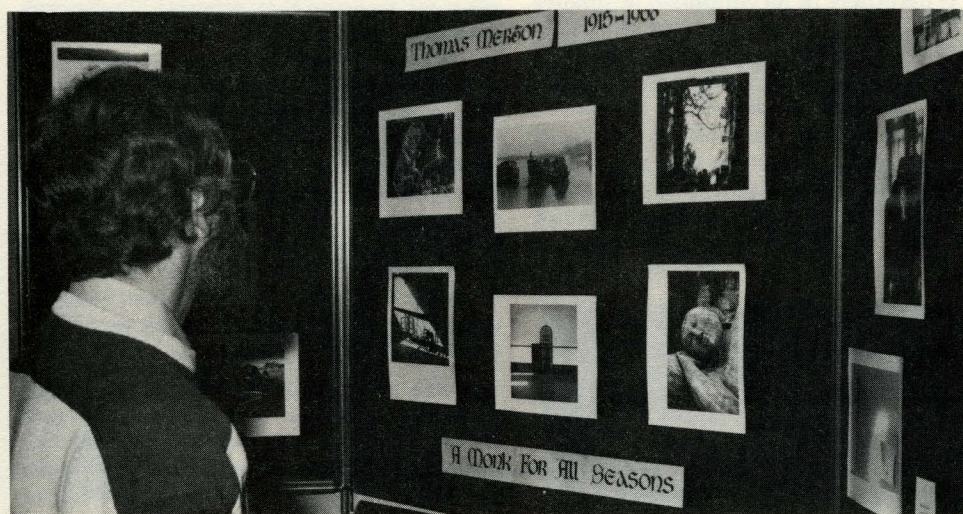
His prolific writings remain a rich legacy and his views on nuclear war, civil rights and the role of religion in the twentieth century were truly prophetic. "Judging by the overwhelming response to the workshop," says Higgins, "this could well become an annual event."



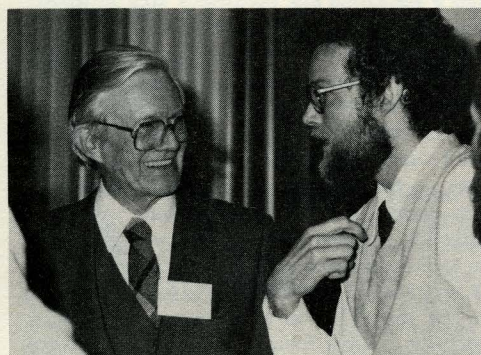
Michael Higgins spoke of Merton as poet and made particular reference to the late monk's final poem, the lengthy and fragmented "The Geography of Lograire".



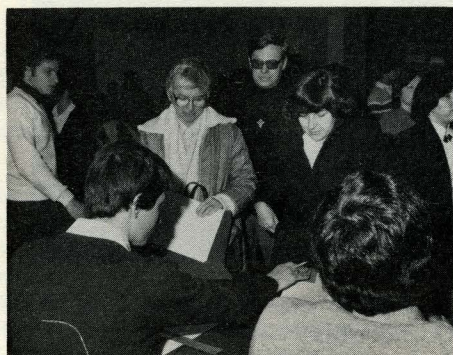
Left to right: William Shannon, Deba Patnaik, Donald Grayston and Michael Higgins.



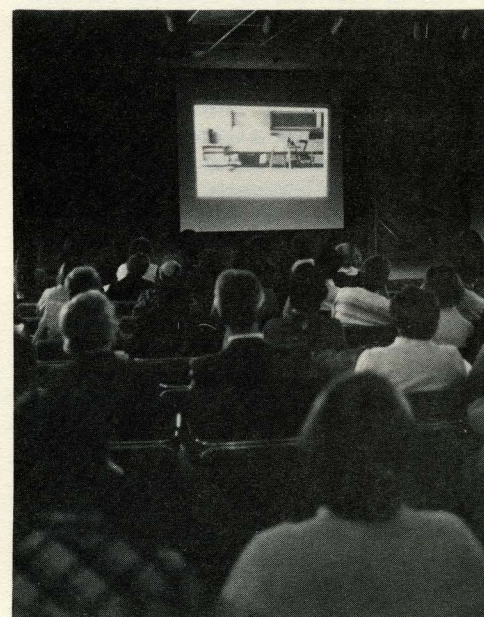
A display of some of Merton's own photographs provided another view of his diverse life.



A refreshing break for one of the day's speakers, William Shannon of Nazareth College in Rochester, N.Y., and a chance to mingle with some of the 300 participants.



People from Kirkland Lake, Niagara Falls, Hamilton, Toronto, Kitchener-Waterloo and other communities registered for the workshop, the largest Merton event ever held in North America.



Deba Patnaik discussed "Merton's Visual Imagination" with a slide presentation of original photographs. "Dull and seemingly useless objects were transformed by Merton into icons and given a sense of individuality," said Patnaik.



# Campus News

## "A university education is worth more than dollars," says President

*The following is the conclusion of a two-part interview with the President of the University of St. Jerome's College, Fr. Norm Choate, C.R. Fr. Norm, who celebrated the third anniversary of his installation as President on March 23, concludes the interview by offering his thoughts on students and on the unique relationship he has maintained with them over the past three years.*

**Update!:** *Some people will argue that a BA degree is really not worth too much today. How do you respond to that?*

**Fr. Norm:** The data still shows that university graduates are still the most employable segment of the population. It may take students graduating in these times a little longer to get started, since job recruiters are not lined up at the university gates as they were ten years ago. But they all get started. I have never heard a university graduate tell me that he or she regrets their time in school . . . it used to be said that a university education is a good investment because your earning power will probably increase dramatically. Today that economic advantage is shrinking. There are a lot of people who make more money than many university graduates when first starting their careers. But I think a university education is worth far more than simply the dollars; the quality of a person's living is enormously important.

**Update!:** *Are you in favour of universities introducing their own standard entrance requirements, as in the case of the University of Toronto?*

**Fr. Norm:** That's an example of the emerging tiering in universities. Let us assume that Toronto is what it says it is, the most elite university in Canada. If it is, then I think it's quite legitimate for U of T to use that kind of screening method. The assumption is that U of T is going to attract more and better students with a very high academic ability. So it can afford to introduce another level of competition. That's legitimate if there are alternative schools to which students can apply. I don't believe that every student has a right to go to Harvard or to go to Oxford. . . . But I think it's terribly important for this country to do everything we can to ensure that every man or woman who has the academic ability and interest has access to university education.

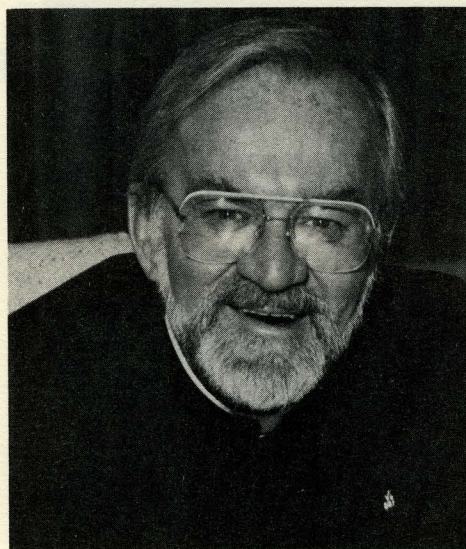
**Update!:** *Do you see any extension of co-operative programs at St. Jerome's in the next few years?*

**Fr. Norm:** I wouldn't find it terribly desirable, but I don't know that in the long run we will have a whole lot of choice in the matter . . . But I can also make a counter ar-

gument. One of the things that is happening in university education in Ontario and in Canada is that student accessibility is being limited. I think we can expect to see that continue for the next few years. St. Jerome's College is not an elite school; it's not in our tradition and history. For 120 years this school has been educating the sons and daughters of blue collar workers. It may well be that in the future co-op programs might be the vehicle for their education. In the ideal liberal arts education, I don't think of co-op as the best situation, but I think it's an excellent form of professional education. But if the question is maintaining accessibility for middle and lower middle class students, then we'll do what's necessary to maintain it.

**Update!:** *Turning to alumni affairs, what do you feel is the state of our alumni association? What are your hopes for its future?*

**Fr. Norm:** I think that the alumni association is definitely in its childhood or infancy, and I think that its development will take a number of years. My hope is that there will be a very strong alumni association as time goes on, both for the benefit of the alumni and the benefit of the College. I have no doubt that there will come a time when I will have to turn to the alumni for financial and for moral support of the College. I have already done so, but I will have to do it in an even more vigorous and direct manner.



**Update!:** *Our alumni recently received a WATFUND appeal. How will St. Jerome's benefit from this fund-raising campaign?*

**Fr. Norm:** We have thus far received about \$17,000 in contributions. A very small part of that has come from the alumni. The bulk has come from faculty, staff and members of the

President's Committee who are associated with St. Jerome's (those who have donated \$1000 are recognized by the UW President). If the campaign realizes its goal, the benefit will be \$750,000 for the College. That will almost pay for our recent addition. Other things that we hope to be able to do are outlined in the WATFUND brochure including staffing and research support for our various institutes. And we must find a way to build up our scholarship funds so that we can support some needy students.

**Update!:** *You've been President of St. Jerome's for about three years. You've overseen the building program, the opening of the St. Jerome's Centre, the establishment of a new Institute for Theological Renewal this past summer. What's next?*

**Fr. Norm:** I think there are several things that are next. I continue to encourage the faculty not only in their teaching but in their research and scholarship. The next step, beyond my words of encouragement, is to try to put some vehicle in place for realizing that support in a concrete manner. I don't even know at this stage what that looks like but I know that it will cost money. Because we are a Catholic liberal arts college which is part of the University of Waterloo which is part of the provincial university system in Ontario, I think we need to look at our focus and to look at our values, and our own orientation. There is an enormous advantage in being part of this system, but there is also an enormous danger — the danger of being 'swallowed up'. We must therefore continually refocus and regain our identity as a Catholic liberal arts college.

**Update!:** *You have a unique relationship with the students of this College. You are known to be a very popular president, and students enjoy spending time with you. How would you describe your relationship with students and how does it sustain you as President?*

**Fr. Norm:** The simplest and easiest answer is that it sustains me because I like students. I have always enjoyed the company of students and I still do. It's not difficult to spend time with people whom you like! Secondly, they are a source of refreshment to me because they are really not concerned about the things that I worry about in the course of any given week — budgets, for example. They are not even aware of a lot of the issues in higher education, so they refresh me by introducing me to the concerns of their lives. And thirdly, it's very easy in a job like this to forget why you do the job. This is a teaching institution. Teaching always focuses on students, people who learn. Because I am constantly preoccupied with organizational issues of one kind or another, it is very helpful for me to continue to be looking at, talking to, laughing with, listening to the people who are what St. Jerome's is all about: the students.



# Alumni News

## Where are they now?

1962

**Rev. William "Bill" Strachan** (BA '62) was ordained a priest for the diocese of Sault Ste. Marie in 1966 and has been stationed at various parishes since then. He is presently pastor of St. Gregory's Church in the Soo and enjoys sailing. He remembers Fr. Lavigne "Kicking guys out of residence for infractions – a punishment much enjoyed by the victims", he says.

**Howard Schmidt** (BA '62) is Head of the History Department at Warton District High School. Howard and his wife Marilyn (nee Liss, a member of the SJC class of '63) live in Owen Sound and have a son, 12, and a daughter, 9. Howard is the founder of the Bruce History and Social Science Teacher's Association.

1965

**Danny Bishop** (BA '65) taught in Barrie and Hamilton and is now Vice-Principal of Notre Dame College School in Welland, a position he has held since 1978. Dan coaches football and is past-president of the Welland Minor Basketball Association. Dan and his wife Bernice have three children ages 15, 14 and 12.

**C. Ian Kyer** (BA '72) practises law with the firm of Fasken and Calvin in Toronto. He received an MA in History from UW and a PhD and LLB from the University of Toronto. He has received a research grant from the Osgoode Society to enable him to write a book on the history of legal education in Ontario.

1973

**Bill Webster** (BA '73) Following his graduation from SJC, Bill received a BEd from the University of Western Ontario in 1974. He

taught elementary school in London until 1976 and now serves as a guidance counsellor at St. Martin's High School in Mississauga. He is married to **Ruth** (BA UW '73), also a teacher, and enjoys skiing and coaching volleyball. Bill and Ruth have two daughters aged 4 and 2.

**Judith Benninger** (BA '73) received a Master of Library Science from the University of Toronto following her graduation from SJC and is currently a librarian with the Calgary Public Library. She was formerly with the Northwest Territories Library Services. Judith is an active puppeteer in her spare time and also enjoys calligraphy, needlework tennis and hiking.

1976

**Mary Ellen (Eckert) Vanden Broek** (BA '76) teaches Grades 4 and 5 in Mt. Forest, Ontario. She is married and recently gave birth to a baby girl.

**Julie Ann (Barker) Horne** (BA '76) received a BEd from Western in 1977 and taught elementary school full-time until her first child was born in 1979. She now works occasionally as a temporary and substitute teacher. Julie and her husband David enjoy curling and own horses. They have two children.

1980

**Phyllis Maher** (BA '80) counsels and tests clients at the Webster County Mental Health Centre in Webster Springs, a region of West Virginia with severe poverty and unemployment. Phyllis received an MA in Psychology from Duquesne University in Pittsburgh. Living so close to the mountains, Phyllis likes to hike and cross-country ski and she does photography for a nearby publication.

**Marian (Van Berlo) O'Connor** (BA '80) received her BEd from U of T in 1981 and taught French for the York Region Separate School Board for one year. She is married to **Frank O'Connor** (BA '80) who works in sales with Kemi Corporation. In May 1982 Frank and Marian became parents with the birth of their daughter, Jessica. They now live in Hamilton and are active in community athletics.

1981

**Ron Mendes** (BA '81), a deacon with the Spiritans (Holy Ghost Fathers), is the Diocesan Youth Co-ordinator and General Secretary of the Diocesan Youth Commission on the Island of St. Vincent. Ron will be ordained a priest in his native Trinidad in the spring of 1984. You can drop him a line at Co-Cathedral Presbytery, P.O. Box 860, St. Vincent, West Indies.

**Jane Smith** (BA '81) is now teaching grades 1 and 2 at St. Raphael's Elementary School in Malton after receiving a BEd from Queen's University in 1982. Jane coaches basketball at her school and participates in a creative dance class.

As a prefect in the Men's Residence, **Michael Cockburn** never really thought of himself as a law enforcer. But when he graduated with a BES in 1980 he decided to train to become a police officer. Today he is a Constable with the Peel Regional Police Force and finds his work challenging. In his spare time, Mike is a volunteer with the Dufferin-Peel Separate School Board. Mike was married in the summer of 1982 to **Susan Kardos** (BA '81). Susan received a BEd from Queen's University in 1982 and today teaches at St. Charles Garnier Elementary School in Mississauga. The Cockburns are expecting their first child in May and when not busy with pre-natal classes, like to cross-country ski.

**Mike Reilly** (BA '81) is teaching grades 5 and 6 at St. Mary's Elementary School in Port Credit. He also received a BEd in 1982 from Queen's University. He coaches athletics at his school. Mike recently experienced some good fortune when he won a car with a single raffle ticket. We would wish Mike happy motoring – but he sold the car!



## Calling the Class of '63!

This year marks the 20th anniversary of the graduation of the class of '63. They have been contacted by mail, and many have replied with information about what they are now doing. We'll have a feature on them in the June Update! Watch for it!

John Joseph Calnan  
Vincent James Calzonetti  
Theresa Gayle Clark  
Hubert Omer Den Tandt  
Roger Joseph Dufresne  
James George Gleason  
William Gerald Godfrey  
Paul Joseph Heffernan  
Lawrence Anthony Hymers  
Marilyn Viola Liss  
(Mrs. H.C. Schmidt)

Louis Anthony Mataresse  
Sharon Anne Murphy  
(Mrs. S.D. Geens)  
William Maurice Murphy  
Patricia Anne Nowack  
(Mrs. J. McNeil)  
David Jerome Sehl  
Richard Joseph Weiler  
Michael John Whitney

Thanks to everyone who has written to us with news for the "Where Are They Now?" section. If you haven't written yet, why not drop us a line? Tell us where you are, what you're doing and what you think of what we're doing. Why not send a picture, too? A head and shoulder shot would be fine, a good sharp print of you would be finer. Photos will be returned on request. Black & white preferred.





**The University of  
ST. JEROME'S COLLEGE**  
**Waterloo, Ontario**  
**N2L 3G3**

## Great debates a great success!

Over 150 high school students and their coaches descended upon St. Jerome's February 24 for the 1983 Central Western Ontario Regional Debating Finals. Teams from eleven Waterloo County high schools were represented.

Students matched wits on two topics: 'Resolved: that the influence of technology in the world be reduced' and 'Is technology the master rather than the servant of man?' Top junior division honours went to the team from Kitchener Collegiate Institute, while a strong second place showing came from the St. Jerome's High School team also of Kitchener. Senior division honours were claimed by the Waterloo-Oxford team.

All winners received plaques or trophies donated by the College, and each participant received a commemorative certificate. The day ended with a packed house for dinner in the men's residence cafeteria, a lively exhibition debate by the UW debating club, and the presentation of awards to the happy winners.

Top junior debater, Shung Chieh, receives trophy from College English professor Eric McCormack, as registrar Kevin Donelson looks on.

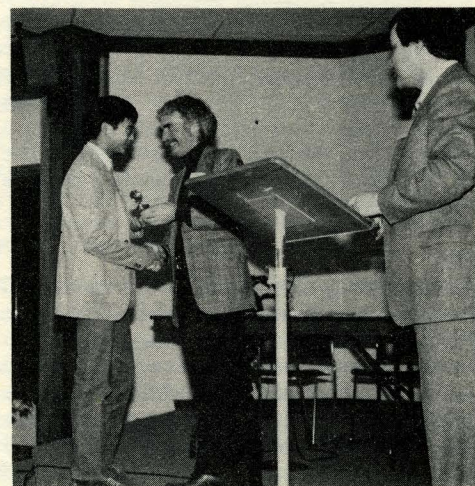


photo: Lou Capolla

**Update!** is published quarterly and mailed free of charge to all alumni, students, faculty and friends of the College for whom we have reliable addresses. If your address has changed or if you would like to receive information from the College, please complete and mail the enclosed coupon. We welcome letters for **Writeback** and general alumni news for **Where Are They now?** Drop us a line!

Editor: R.J. Donelson  
Consulting editor: S.A. Jones  
Photography: R. Wickens  
Layout: D. Keller

- **Community service** Both the Notre Dame Women's and St. Jerome's Men's Residence continue their active community involvement. Notre Dame hosted a day for Big and Little Sisters of Kitchener-Waterloo on March 12. They were treated to a lunch, tours of campus museums, computer facilities and observatory, movies – undeniably a day of fun. The men hosted a Big Brother - Little Brother Fun Day for the third consecutive year on March 5. Over 30 Little Brothers took part in a day of movies, magic, a wrestling match featuring "The Executioner" and "Mountain Man" Volpe, tours and lunch.

## Writeback

I thought I'd send some information for your Where Are They Now? section. I really enjoy reading news about the good old days at St. Jerome's and hearing about old friends. Keep up the good work!

Mary Ellen (Eckert) Vanden Broek (BA '76)  
Mt. Forest, Ontario

I was *thrilled* to receive the recent issue of **Update!** while spending Christmas with my parents in New Jersey. Since leaving Canada I have often wondered how things were at St. Jerome's. It was terrific to read about the opening of the St. Jerome's Centre, as it was just under construction when I left. Thanks so much for keeping me informed of life at SJC and the new life-circumstances of old friends. It's nice to know that, although many of us have drifted so far, **Update!** brings us together throughout the year. We're with you in spirit!

Phyllis Maher (BA '80)  
Webster Springs, West Virginia

Like others who have written in to Writeback, I'd like to congratulate you on a very fine newsletter. Receiving and reading it brings me back to my years at SJC with a smile and fond memories. Although some 3,000 miles prevents me from visiting SJC, your Campus News articles keep me in touch with events so that I feel a sort of continuity with SJC. I'd like to include a little something in the Alumni News page and am enclosing same. All the best for the New Year,

Ron Mendes (BA '81)  
St. Vincent, West Indies

It's been great receiving the **Update!** and keeping in touch with the people and many events at St. Jerome's. It sounds as though the College is as vibrant and exciting as ever. Keep up the good work, **Update!** I enclose some accurate addresses of alumni.

Paul "T.P." Mahoney ('79)  
Toronto

**Remember . . .**  
to send in the enclosed coupon. We'd love to hear from you!

**ALUMNI PICNIC**  
**JUNE 26**  
**WATERLOO PARK**