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Oh, what a feeling!



This group of College grads had something to shout about (not to mention jump about). Shown following convocation ceremonies, they were in the mood to celebrate. See stories inside.

First fundraising phonathon set for October 8 and 9 – alumni volunteers needed

Over 2,000 St. Jerome's alumni across Canada will be canvassed by telephone on the evenings of Tuesday, October 8 and Wednesday, October 9 in the College's first fundraising phonathon.

Plans for this major campaign are well in place and now all that is needed are alumni and student volunteers.

The goal is to raise funds for undergraduate and mature student scholarships and the College's Alumni Association hopes to increase alumni participation from its current 4.649% level to 10%. "A phonathon is also a great way to make personal contact with alumni and update our records at the same time," adds Alumni Director Rob Donelson.

"Last year College alumni donated over \$10,000 representing a dramatic increase over the previous year's total of over \$3,500," says Donelson. "This increase is due largely to a growing alumni awareness of the funding needs of higher education generally and the needs of St. Jerome's in particular. A number of matching gifts were also made by companies for whom alumni work," he added. The College is working co-operatively with the UW Development Office in this important venture and all funds raised will go directly to St. Jerome's.

"This phonathon marks a major departure from our traditional fundraising approach and we are encouraged by the enthusiastic response we have received from alumni," continues Donelson. "The College's alumni fundraising efforts so far have consisted primarily of a letter from the President, and we have also sent brochures and flyers outlining College programs for which money is needed."

Funds raised in the past have been used for scholarships and for the development of new programs, such as the St. Jerome's Centre for Catholic Experience, the Institute for Studies in

Theological Renewal and the launching of *Grail: An Ecumenical Journal*.

Volunteers

Donelson notes that 35 to 40 phone volunteers are needed each evening. Activities will begin at 6:00 p.m. with sandwiches and refreshments in the Board Room of UW's Needles Hall, where all phoning takes place, and is preceded by a brief training session at 6:30 p.m. This session covers the most commonly asked questions, the College's funding needs, what callers can expect, and how to handle various situations.

Calling begins at 7:00 p.m. and continues to 9:30 p.m. Alumni and student participants will have a chance to win numerous prizes including a trip for two to Florida. Volunteers are

Alumni Fundraising Statistics

As of August 30 each year

| Year | No. of Donors | % Participation | Average Gift | Total |
|----------|---------------|-----------------|--------------|-------------|
| 1981-82 | 30 | 2.05% | \$35.73 | \$ 1,072.00 |
| 1982-83 | 63 | 2.98% | 64.04 | 4,035.00 |
| 1983-84 | 111 | 5.33% | 34.68 | 4,019.57 |
| *1984-85 | 106 | 4.64% | 60.50 | 10,658.75 |

*1984-85 statistics include additional donations of \$4,120.00 in the form of matching gifts.

Glad to be back



Men's Residence Director Frank O'Connor.

Since learning that the position of Director of St. Jerome's Men's Residence was open, Frank O'Connor (BA '80) has found life to be a bit of a whirlwind. Frank's applying for the job and subsequent interview and hiring set in motion a hectic chain of events for Frank and his wife Marian (BA '80). Resigning from their joint position as Executive Directors of Serena Saskatchewan, training successors, saying goodbye to friends and moving some 1,000 miles east with 3 year old Jessica and week-old Justin left the month of May "somewhat overwhelming", says Frank with a hint of understatement.

invited to the College's Common Room for refreshments following each evening of phoning.

"The actual amount donated is not as important as encouraging alumni participation in the campaign," observes Donelson. "As beneficiaries ourselves of a rather special kind of education at St. Jerome's, we need to ensure that today's qualified students are given the opportunity to study at St. Jerome's regardless of their ability to pay."

Can you be a phonathon volunteer on October 8th or 9th? It's an investment of time which will benefit our students for years to come. Just call Alumni Director Rob Donelson - (519) 884-8110, ext. 81.

"We've always wanted to live in the Waterloo area and enjoyed the College community as students," Frank acknowledges cheerfully. "So we're glad to be a part of it again." Both Frank and Marian have friends and family in the area and share a feeling of coming home after a 20 month "adventure in Saskatchewan". Marian, a qualified French teacher, hopes to get some tutoring work in the area.

Frank, a prefect from 1978 to 1980, took up duties as Director of Residence on July 1. He spent the month of June getting acquainted with residence operations with former Director Alfredo Romano.

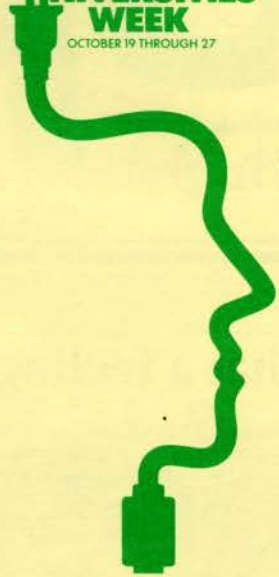
While in the west, Frank and Marian worked for Serena Saskatchewan, an organization of volunteer teacher-couples providing an information service on natural family planning across Canada. Among their duties was the editing of Serena's provincial newsletter, recruiting and training of new teacher-couples, providing teaching materials, fundraising and the organizing of local and provincial meetings, conferences and workshops. They were also responsible for Serena's \$70,000 budget.

Frank says his first priority as Director is to meet with and to serve the 126 students in residence. "I want to continue the well-established traditions of participating in the University Catholic Community, in athletics and in the academic achievements of our students."

"The Director's position has changed a great deal since my student days," says Frank. "The new challenges ahead will, I hope, build on my administrative experience. I want residents to feel they are at home, as I did while a student."

St. Jerome's marks

**NATIONAL
UNIVERSITIES
WEEK**
OCTOBER 19 THROUGH 27



Canadian universities are gearing up for National Universities Week 1985, set for October 19-27. Using the theme "Extending ideas into your community", the week is intended to illustrate the essential role of the university in community, regional and national development.

St. Jerome's plans to mark the week in a number of special ways which will be of interest to alumni. A free public lecture by Hamilton Bishop Anthony Tonnos called *The Extraordinary Synod: What can we Expect?* will be sponsored by the St. Jerome's Centre for Catholic Experience on Friday, October 18 at 7:30 p.m. The Performing Arts Series has scheduled concerts and films for the week.

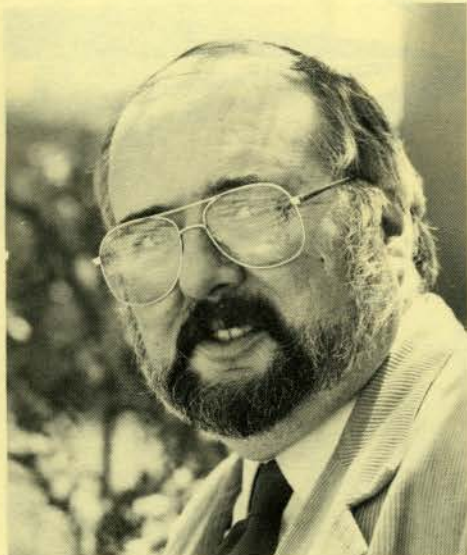
Under the theme "Come See For Yourself", the College hosts a day-long Open House for Ontario high school students on Wednesday, October 23. The day includes special lectures by College faculty, art and audio-visual displays, tours, lunch and opportunities to ask questions about programs, registration and the like.

Alumnus Brian Eby (BA '71), a lawyer in Kitchener, speaks on the topic "Are there too many lawyers today?" in our continuing series of "Brown Bag" seminars. Open House also features a panel discussion by first and second year students offering their thoughts on the transition to university life. What can high school students expect? They'll get first-hand information at Open House '85.

The College's English Department hosts a conference on noted British author Graham Greene on Friday and Saturday. A series of lectures by Greene scholars and two films, *Travels with My Aunt* and *The Human Factor*, will highlight various perspectives on Greene's later fiction. The conference is open to high school and university teachers and the general public.

All in all, National Universities Week is being marked in a big way at St. Jerome's. For more details on these events, contact the Alumni Affairs Office.

Timely course specialty for new prof



Dr. Gerry Stortz

There is a new face in the History Department at St. Jerome's. He is Dr. Gerry Stortz, formerly of Wilfrid Laurier University, and his appointment became effective July 1st and extends to June 30, 1988.

Dr. Stortz specializes in Catholic Church history in Canada. He designed and taught an evening course in this area on a part-time basis at St. Jerome's last year and says that it "is one of the few being taught in Canada, if not the only one". The heightened awareness of the Catholic Church in Canada today as a result of the Papal visit, recent Bishops' statements, and the Ontario separate school funding issue, make this a particularly timely course for students this Fall. He will also teach courses in Canadian business and labour and Canadian political history.

Dr. Stortz holds a BA and MA from the University of Waterloo. His MA thesis dealt with social and political issues in Ontario during World War I. He earned his PhD from the University of Guelph in 1980. His thesis was entitled, "John Joseph Lynch, Archbishop of Toronto: A Biographical Study of Religious, Political and Social Commitment". He has published in the fields of Catholic Church history, Catholic social policies, Irish immigration to Canada, and in the field of urban history and women's studies. Dr. Stortz recently published an historical perspective on separate schools in the first issue of *Grail: An Ecumenical Journal*.

Born in Hamilton, Dr. Stortz grew up in Guelph and lives there with his wife Karol Ann and daughter Emily Marie. He has covered political leadership conventions for numerous independent radio stations, and he also wrote a series of historical vignettes on Ontario premiers broadcast throughout the province in 1982-83. Among other interests, Dr. Stortz is President of the Canadian Catholic Historical Association.

Sisters return with warm memories

Among the over 3,000 UW students who graduated at this spring's Convocation were two nuns from Tanzania whose stay in Canada was sponsored by the School Sisters of Notre Dame.

Sister Anna Rose Mdalingwa, a Notre Dame sister for 14 years and Sister Theresina Kindole, a member for 6 years, received Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Environmental Studies degrees respectively at the May 23 ceremonies. They lived at Notre Dame College since 1982 and prior to that spent two years at Notre Dame Academy in Waterdown earning their Ontario high school diplomas. They returned to Tanzania in June to begin teaching at one of their community's high schools in the city of Iringa.

They readily admit how strange they felt upon their arrival in Canada knowing little about our climate, people or way of life. But they quickly found in their new "home" at Notre Dame College a supportive community of sisters and students. "Every one was so helpful during our stay", says Sr. Anna Rose. "People were not hard to approach and were always willing to help." While they both speak English and Swahili, students assisted them in furthering their command of English since "we couldn't speak as fast as our professors and students."

The warmth of the people here contrasted with the cold Waterloo winters. "We are return-

ing with many photographs of the snow, and particularly the severe ice of 1985," remarks Sr. Theresina. They even developed a taste for hockey and smilingly admit a liking for the Edmonton Oilers - and Wayne Gretzky.

Grateful for an opportunity to study in another culture, the sisters agree their education will be helpful to others in their homeland. "Tanzania needs educated people with a variety of skills. It won't be difficult for us to return because we feel we have a job to do," admits Sr. Anna Rose.

The presence of these two cheerful nuns showed many of us how little we know about Third World countries. The sisters are not sure Canadians generally understand Third World development problems. "Those who have been there often concentrate only on the negative," comments Sr. Theresina.

"People in our country know they are poor but don't know how much others have," adds Sr. Anna Rose. "Yet they are happy and easily satisfied and are willing to share what they have. They sometimes lack the confidence needed to help themselves."

The educational experience in Canada of Sisters Anna Rose and Theresina was not limited to themselves alone; everyone within the St. Jerome's community who knew them also learned a great deal. We were enriched by their presence, and we wish them well.



Two sisters from Tanzania: Sr. Anna Rose Mdalingwa (left) and Sr. Theresina Kindole (right).

Give Mother Nature an honorary degree

There's a strong feeling among alumni that Mother Nature is definitely not a graduate of St. Jerome's College. That was made abundantly clear during our Alumni Reunion, June 15 and 16, as rain poured throughout the weekend. The word is, she might co-operate with good weather if we gave her an honorary degree.

But even Mother Nature should know that it takes more than a little rain to dampen the spirits of St. Jerome's grads. True to form, the show went on and, under the circumstances, the Reunion was a success for 60 alumni and their families in attendance.

The outdoor alumni concert was moved into Siegfried Hall and an enjoyable evening of music was provided by such alumni and friends as Art Thomas, Glenn Chatten, Steve McKernan, Paul Ecker and Dave Weiss. Their energy and enthusiasm brought back many pleasant memories of folk masses and coffee houses so important to life at St. Jerome's. The sparse but appreciative crowd of about 30 people made enough noise for a group three times that size.

Sunday morning's liturgy was well attended by alumni and their families. Fr. Norm Choate's eloquent homily drew comparisons between the Alumni Association and Jesus' parable of the Kingdom of God being like the



Alumnus Art Thomas (left) was his melodic self during Saturday's alumni concert in Siegfried Hall. He was part of a show that included Glen Chatten (right) who recently recorded an album of his own original songs.



The Parachute Club: Alumni Association Vice-President for Hamilton, Peter Curtis (BA '78), organizes children under a giant parachute in a game that really got off the ground.

planting of a seed. The seed sprouts and grows night and day of its own accord, says the gospel reading, until a rich harvest is reaped. He remarked that the College's effort to establish an alumni association is very much like planting seeds and nurturing them.

"We approach this effort," he said, "with faith and hope, secure in the knowledge that seeds must be planted so that our goals can be achieved." It was a refreshing reflection on our alumni association. The steady drizzle outside caused more than one alumnus to comment that many seeds planted that day had plenty of moisture to nurture them.

Following mass the rain stopped long enough to get the free barbeque going and some

imaginative games for the children organized by alumni Peter Curtis and Paul Rucurean. Other games were held in the Men's Cafeteria for the approximately 40 kids who seemed unbothered by the weather.

Sadly, the widely publicized photograph to be taken at the cairn in St. Agatha was cancelled, but the hope is to try again next year.

Timing of the Reunion (Father's Day) and the inclement weather likely kept many alumni away. These and other factors have been taken into consideration by the Alumni Executive Committee in its plans for Reunion Weekend next year. If we give Mother Nature an honorary doctorate in climatology we may have better weather for future reunions.

Is there a doctor in the class? Yes!

A member of this year's graduating class in Mathematics has also earned the right to be called "Doctor". No, he didn't receive a PhD, but he did earn a Doctor of Medicine degree from the University of Western Ontario.

Bill Komer, 24, entered the mathematics program at St. Jerome's in 1979 as a recipient of the prestigious Founder's Scholarship. His high aptitude for math and science enabled him to complete a three-year math degree in two years - a remarkable achievement for a student who was also a member of the UW cross-country team and who held a part-time job. He was consistently among the top math students at St. Jerome's and at UW.

"But I was $\frac{1}{4}$ credit short of earning my BMath degree in 1981," he recalls. Since he wanted to apply to medical school anyway, he



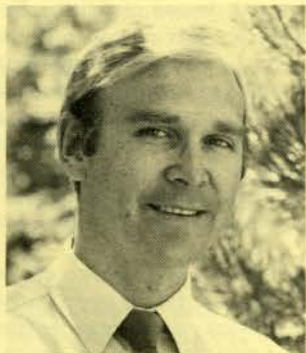
later had the missing $\frac{1}{4}$ credit transferred from his medical program at Western to his math degree here. This allowed him to graduate in May with both his BMath and MD degrees.

Bill's interest in medicine began while a student at Kitchener's St. Jerome's High School, where math and science were among his best subjects. He graduated from high school in the enviable position of having many doors open to him.

"I had a tough time deciding between math and medicine," he now says, "but I always wanted a strong background in math. By doing a math degree I was also able to take science courses which helped prepare me for medicine."

Bill was accepted into Western's medical program in 1981. While there, he received a research grant to study fetal breathing and body movements. He is now interning at London's Victoria Hospital and hopes to pursue his interest in psychiatry and internal medicine.

Back on familiar turf



Don Strickler

In his student days Don Strickler spent his summer months as a grounds maintenance worker at the University of Waterloo. He never thought that one day he'd be working for one of the Colleges whose lawn he so carefully trimmed and watered. But that's exactly what happened and today he finds himself back on familiar turf.

Strickler, 36, became the College's new "Comptroller" on June 4. He succeeded Father Norbert Lavigne, C.R., who has retired as Treasurer to assume his duties as associate pastor at St. Pius X Parish in Brantford.

Don is originally from Waterloo and received a BA in Economics from Wilfrid Laurier University in 1972. He has one course to complete for his RIA designation and he brings to the College considerable financial management. He worked with RCA Electronics in Mississauga, as a controller with Beatrice Foods in Kitchener for 2 years, and most recently as a senior financial officer with Degussa Canada Ltd., a company in Burlington which sells precious metals, chemicals and intricate medical equipment.

Don's new role will be to manage all business aspects of the College and to participate as an advisor in administrative and departmental budget-setting activities. His staff is made up of accountant Brother Don Taylor, C.R. and assistant accountant Anne Boehm.

Don finds the academic environment a pleasant change from the business world. "St. Jerome's is a smaller operation than what I'm used to," he says, "and the financial concerns of education are different from those of business. The emphasis in education is not on profits or pleasing the shareholders, and I'm finding at St. Jerome's that the concern is more service-oriented toward students."

That's not to say that Don won't find opportunities to use his considerable business experience at the College. On the contrary, tighter budgets and diminished financial resources indicate that he is the right man for the times.

Don is also glad to be working close to home, and he won't miss the commuting from Waterloo to Burlington. A sports enthusiast, he hopes to resume his involvement in coaching local minor sports. Don and his wife Anne have two children, Scott, 6, and Tracy, 11.

In the short time he has been at the College, Don has shown that grass doesn't grow under his feet - and that's great for a Comptroller.

Alumni Association plans big year ahead

The College's 10-member Alumni Executive Committee met at Resurrection College on July 6 for a day-long review of the Association's past year. It was a productive day which provided a chance to reflect on our achievements and disappointments and to plan for the year to come.

Activities of the past year included the alumni lecture by Bishop Remi De Roo, the development of a statement of purpose, the drafting of a response to the College's Structures and Functions Committee, Reunion Weekend, Alumnite at the Performing Arts Series, a reception for new graduates and planning for our first fundraising phonathon.

It was a year for the volunteer committee to get to know one another and to size up the needs and expectations of alumni. Their enthusiasm throughout the year and at the Review Meeting augurs well for the future. Read on about some of the Alumni Association's plans for you.

Guess who's coming to dinner?

Alumni chapter dinners are back and will be held in three cities this year.

Kitchener-Waterloo area grads will meet at the newly-renovated Walper Terrace Crystal Ballroom on Friday, February 7, 1986. Alumni Ginny Freeman (BA '81) and Mary-Jo O'Brien (BA '80), both of Waterloo, are making arrangements for this second chapter dinner. The Walper's exquisite decor and well-earned reputation for fine cuisine will combine for a great evening with old friends.

And Hamilton area alumni will be glad to know that their second reunion dinner is set for Wednesday, April 9, 1986 at Steele's Restaurant on Jarvis Street in Hamilton. Executive Committee members George Luciani (BA '71) of Hamilton and Peter Curtis (BA '79) of Dundas are busy organizing this major regional event.

A second reunion dinner is also planned for Toronto. Watch *Update!* for a date and time for this popular event.

So join us for the 1986 edition of Alumni Chapter Dinners. Look for more details in the next *Update!*. Invitations will be sent in advance to all grads in those areas. But of course, all alumni are welcome regardless of where they live.

Alumni Recognition Program

Do you know a graduate of St. Jerome's College who has brought honour to themselves, their profession, Church or College? If so, plans are now underway to develop an Alumni Recognition Program at St. Jerome's College. The purpose of the program is to recognize a College alumnus each year for his or her distinguished contribution in one or more of the following areas:

- 1) Service to the community
- 2) Service to the Church
- 3) Service to St. Jerome's College and/or its alumni
- 4) Leadership in education, business or industry

Watch the next issue of *Update!* for final details on this award and on how you can nominate an outstanding graduate of St. Jerome's College.

"Exam Survival" Kits

The Alumni Association plans to distribute "Exam Survival Kits" to residents of St. Jerome's and Notre Dame Colleges prior to final exams in April. The project provides parents of our residents with a chance to send their son or daughter a package of goodies (juice, fruit, candy, etc.) as a token of support during the pressures of exams. The kits will be a welcome surprise for students and a great way for the Alumni Association to raise money for scholarships.



Your Alumni Executive Committee: (Front row, l to r) Ginny Freeman (V-P, K-W area), Mary-Jo O'Brien (and Rachel), Ginny Jans. (Back row, l to r) Paul Rucurean (V-P, Toronto), Rob Donelson (Alumni Director), Greg McKernan, Mike Schnarr (President), Steve Flott, George Luciani. Absent - Peter Curtis (V-P, Hamilton).

An educator in more ways than one

In the life of an impressionable undergrad, a good professor can have a lasting influence never to be forgotten. Such a professor will still bring to mind a quiet chuckle, a recollection of an especially good lecture, a tough exam or a casual conversation over a coffee between classes. Warm memories of warm people – indisputably a vital part of one's education. All of us are enriched by having known such professors and we continue to hold a special place for them in our memories.

For many alumni, one such professor was Dr. Ruth Levitsky who taught in the College's English Department from 1964 until her retirement in June, 1978. She taught at a time when there were not many women teaching at UW, let alone St. Jerome's. In the words of present Dean Dr. Peter Naus, "Ruth Levitsky provided an ideal role model for all students. She was a superb scholar and teacher characterized by her dedication to maintaining high academic standards in class and her concern for helping students meet those standards."

In her 14 years at St. Jerome's she taught many students. Richard Dominico (BA '69) remembers that "her love of Shakespeare was contagious and her lectures really made you think. She got the best out of her students by making them rise to new challenges."

Doug Letson, then English Department Chairman and later Academic Dean, recalls another aspect of her contribution to the College. "The development and flourishing of English at St. Jerome's is in no small way a tribute to the industry, generosity and personableness of Ruth Levitsky. She always seemed to have time for her students and was well known for welcoming them into her home for a social evening and a little Shakespeare or Marlowe."

Dr. Levitsky has been kind enough to take the time at Update's request to offer a few reflections on her own life, education and time at St. Jerome's.

Ruth Levitsky remembers ...



Dr. Ruth Levitsky pictured in February, 1985 at the ceremonies marking her becoming a Canadian citizen.

I suppose I majored in English primarily because I saw this course as a way of combining work and entertainment, since I had, from my first year in school, loved reading. When the time came for me to choose my area of concentration for the Ph.D., I originally thought it would be the 18th century, more specifically Jonathan Swift. Before I had proceeded far in this direction, I discovered that the famous Shakespeare scholar, Hardin Craig, was on campus. I went to his office to ask

permission to audit his course, explained to him that I had already had a course in Shakespeare in my undergraduate years and another as part of my preparation for the master's degree, and that I didn't want to write the exams and essays for his Shakespeare course because my major field was to be 18th century.

"My dear young lady," said Dr. Craig, "I am not interested in your major field. I'm interested in your soul; you may register for my course in Shakespeare." I did so – and later, for his Spenser, his Non-dramatic Literature of the 16th-17th centuries, his Non-Shakespearean Drama of the 16th-17th centuries and his Medieval Drama. Eventually, of course, he directed my dissertation, which was on the theme of patience in Shakespeare. I remain convinced that both Hardin Craig and Shakespeare did something for my soul which Swift could not have done.

After teaching three years at the University of Missouri and one at Rutgers University in New Jersey, we moved to Canada, where my husband Igor had an Associate Professorship in the Slavic Department at the University of Waterloo and I an Assistant Professorship at Guelph. When, after a couple of years, Dr. Larry Cummings asked me to join the staff of St. Jerome's, I was delighted, for it meant that at last my husband and I would be on the same campus. In addition to my Shakespeare course (which I taught every year), I usually taught one course in freshmen English each year, and in alternate years, a course in 18th century literature. Except for the Shakespeare, the course I enjoyed most, however, was one which I myself devised: "The Art of the Essay."

My hours in the classroom were, for the most part, pure pleasure. I enjoyed the opportunity which St. Jerome's offered of watching a student grow from the timorous, semi-articulate freshman to the graduand with a

well-earned air of self-confidence, an appreciation of good literature, and an ability to express him/herself with some degree of felicity. Because these accomplishments were manifested in essays and exams, I even enjoyed marking papers! The only aspect of the profession I did not enjoy was attending meetings and serving on committees. During these twelve years at St. Jerome's, I somehow found time to do considerable research, publishing in *PMLA*, *Shakespeare Studies*, *Shakespeare Quarterly*, and *Dalhousie Review*.

I always knew I should be unhappy about ending my career, but I was totally unprepared by the abysmal depression – the feeling of utter uselessness which I experienced upon retirement. One compensation which retirement brought, however, was the time to read: what a pleasure to be able to follow up an idea no matter how many hours must be spent in the library; what a treat to read without a pencil in my hand!

Another compensation was the time to travel. Our winters were now spent in California and Arizona, and in spring and summer we took automobile and coach tours throughout the American Northwest, not to mention trips to B.C.'s own beautiful islands. Our first cruise after retirement included stopovers on the Greek islands, on the Greek mainland, and in Istanbul – a thoroughly enjoyable trip. The pleasures of our second cruise – to Alaska – are overshadowed by Igor's tragic accident at the end of it. On July 3, 1984 we docked in Vancouver harbour and were preparing for debarkation when Igor fell down a short-flight of well-carpeted steps, breaking his neck at the highest possible point – an injury which left him a quadriplegic, with no voice, and wholly dependent upon a respirator for breath.

The subsequent 12 weeks, during which he suffered all sorts of complications (including pneumonia, intestinal obstruction, bed sores, and loss of hearing) do not bear dwelling upon. And yet there were some precious moments which I treasure – moments when the two of us sat alone surrounded by the machinery which kept him alive and felt a closeness which we had never before experienced. He left us on September 23, since which time life has been for me primarily a matter of sheer survival. Many friends here and elsewhere continue to be most kind, and my daughters – Zoë in Comox, B.C., and Joy in San Diego – are a source of much comfort. Since September I have traveled to Missouri to visit my family and to Georgia and North Carolina to visit friends (including Zach Ralston).

Recently I have started two projects: a reworking of an old *ms* on some religious concepts in Shakespeare and a kind of autobiography which I call "The Education of a Small-town Girl." Besides being a therapeutic exercise for me, the latter will be a record which my children and grandchildren may enjoy. Who knows, I may publish it. It will, directly or indirectly, contain references to many years as a professor at St. Jerome's, for my contact with the staff and the faculty there as well as with the many delightful students was decidedly a part of my education.

Role models needed for women students, says new prof

A new professor in the College Mathematics Department has set some clear goals for herself.

"I think role models are important for women students," she explains. "In my experience there were not many female mathematicians to serve as role models," says Dr. Cynthia Struthers, fresh from receiving her PhD in Statistics from the University of Waterloo in May. She is one of five women teaching full-time among a St. Jerome's faculty of thirty, and is one of only a handful of women professors within UW's Faculty of Mathematics. For that reason she feels women need to be encouraged to do post graduate studies in mathematics.

"I hope I can encourage more women to go on to graduate school in mathematics since I have struggled with this decision myself," she says.

After receiving a Masters degree in Statistics in 1977, Dr. Struthers says she wasn't sure



New addition to the Mathematics Department: Dr. Cynthia Struthers.

she was "cut out" for doctoral work. She was offered a full-time teaching position in the Dean of Mathematics office and quickly found she liked it. "Teaching helped my confidence, and the introductory courses I taught helped me really get to know the material. But I knew I needed more than a Masters degree, so I decided to go for a PhD."

Among her research interests Dr. Struthers is particularly concerned with analyzing "survival data", i.e. data arising from the biomedical field. She is seeking better methods of analyzing such data to determine the most effective treatment for diseases.

Dr. Struthers is looking forward to teaching smaller classes here at the College. "It is important for me to get to know the students and to interact with them." She joins Professors Scott Vanstone and Father David Mowat, C.R. Her husband Ian Golden is an NSERC research fellow in the UW Faculty of Mathematics.

Smiles, tears and accomplishment mark Grad '85

This spring's convocation saw 72 St. Jerome's students receive BAs and 15 obtain BMath degrees. In addition, three of our alumni received Masters degrees: Tim Paleczny, (BA '77) and Ed Tell, (BA '69), each earned their Master of Arts and Mary Jane Zettel, (BMath '84), received her Master of Mathematics degree. As always, convocation was a memorable blend of smiles, tears and a sense of celebration of achievement.

Following a morning mass attended by over 200 graduands, parents, faculty and staff in Siegfried Hall, the celebration continued with a lunch in the men's residence cafeteria. At 2:00 p.m. the impressive 50th UW Convocation ceremonies began in the Physical Activities Complex. College President Father Norm Choate, on behalf of the UW Senate, administered the oath of office on Jeffery Page Rein Wadsworth, who was installed as the University's new Chancellor.

A wine and cheese reception hosted by Registrar Kevin Donelson was held outdoors in the College quadrangle after the convocation ceremonies. The new alumni received ceramic steins embossed with the St. Jerome's crest as a memento of their years at the College.



Seated with College President Fr. Norm Choate at this year's Arts Convocation is distinguished Canadian author Margaret Atwood. Atwood received an honorary degree and delivered a witty convocation address in the form of a poem.

Where are they now?

'63 Tom Sexton was a seminarian at St. Jerome's from 1959 to 1963. After graduation he did further studies at Villanova University and graduated in 1964. He has been teaching English and coaching cross-country at the high school level for twenty years in Elkins Park, Pennsylvania.

'72 Aniela d'Avernas (BA '72) graduated this past spring from the School of Education at Laurentian University. She will be working as a French Immersion teacher at St. Anne's School in Peterborough this September.

'75 Frances (Schillings) Robertson (BMath '75, BA '76) and her husband Ron (BMath '75) recently gave birth to their third child, Paula Maria Cora, a new sister for Mark and Peter. The Robertsons live in Oshawa, where Frances is a mother who also tutors students in mathematics on a part-time basis, and Ron is an industrial electrician with General Motors.

'79 Pam Currie (BA '79) received a Master of Library Science degree from Western in 1980 and is working as a Reference Librarian with the Chatham Public Library.

'83 Debby Karaz (BA '83) has just returned from a year of travelling in Europe, which included an extended stay in France learning the language and living with a French family. She also studied in Switzerland at the L'Abri Christian Study Centre. Prior to her European trip, Debby spent nine months with the Katimavik program and also worked with L'Arche homes for mentally and physically handicapped adults. She reports that she is still an avid runner and cyclist.

'84 Connie Pare (BA '84) lives in Waterloo and is working as a customs broker with Russell A. Farrow Ltd. in Cambridge.

Marika Pok (BA '84) assumed a new teaching position in September with the Halton Separate School Board at Assumption High School in Burlington. Marika, who will be teaching grades 10 and 11 religion, recently finished her BEd at Western and graduated on the Dean's Honour List.

'85 Gail Douglas (BA '85) completed her BA in Religious Studies as a mature student. She plans to work on her master's degree under the prominent theologian Matthew Fox at the Institute for Creation Centred Spirituality at Holy Name College in Oakland, California. Gail writes that as a mature student she appreciated "the quality of courses and instructors and the personal interest taken in me by faculty and staff."

Saturday, July 6 was a great day for a wedding, or two, or three. Just ask three College alumni: **Brian McGahey** (BA '79) was married in Kemptonville, Ontario to Michele Tellier; **Paul (T.P.) Mahony** (BA '79) was married in Williamsville, New York to Ellen Piersol; and **Ed Condon** (BMath '83) tied the knot in London, Ontario with Morag Anderson (BMath '85 - UW). Best wishes to them all!

We'd love to hear from you!

We know we have a very interesting family of alumni. The trouble is, we don't really know too much about them. In each issue of *Update!* we try to feature an alumni profile as well as an alumni news section called *Where Are They Now?* Alumni keep telling us that this is their favourite section of *Update!*

Help us continue that spirit of community and friendship we all shared as students. Complete the coupon below and send it to Rob Donelson, Director of Alumni Affairs. Let us know what you're doing and help us update our records at the same time.

- YES! I want to be a fundraising phonathon volunteer on
- Tuesday, October 8
- Wednesday, October 9
- YES! I'd like to be a runner in the 10th Annual SJC/NDC Charity Run Nov. 1, 2, 3. Please contact me at the number below.
- I am a graduate or former resident from 1961 through 1966 and I'd be interested helping plan a Reunion. Please contact me with more details.

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What's new in your life? _____

The high road

"Be secure in the knowledge that you have chosen the high road in life, but one that will challenge your intellect, spirit and emotions," said College President Father Norm Choate in his address to this year's graduating class at the annual Convocation Mass held on May 23. He spoke of the appropriateness of commemorating graduation with the eucharist. "At the Last Supper, Jesus said goodbye, but He also initiated a new beginning for His followers. So too, you say goodbye to friends and teachers today and begin a new stage in your life."

Commenting on the privileged position of those who are educated, Fr. Norm reminded graduates that they have opportunities to influence the lives of other people. "To contribute to the unity of humanity you must choose the path of co-operation and sharing rather than competition and winning." To achieve this, he said, requires a clear vision and a willingness to invent new methods of co-operation and sharing.

And the reason for taking this 'course for life'? "Because it is right, just and fair and arguments against it are merely reasons for doing nothing. This course is not always applauded, for it is not the way of the world. Jesus' words often made people nervous for they were radical and revolutionary." To choose this path and to pursue it faithfully is "to live secure in the knowledge that you are principled and that you have given the peace of Jesus to others," he said.

Attention Classes of '61 through '66

Think back to your days at St. Jerome's. Don't some of those faces, names and escapades lure a smile to your face every now and again. Be honest! Didn't you just think of someone or something - a recollection made a bit hazy by the wash of time? Yep, thought so! You've probably caught yourself wondering what ever happened to old "what's his/her name." Don't fight it - you're mildly curious, aren't you?

Why not find out next June 7 and 8?

Ginny (Leon) Jans (BA '61) and Steve Flott (BA '67) of the Alumni Executive Committee are writing to all grads and former SJC/NDC residents from the years 1961 through 1966 to see if they are interested in coming to Waterloo

for a Reunion. Plans are not fixed as yet and all suggestions are welcome.

Watch for Ginny and Steve's letter and let them know if you'd be interested in attending or helping plan this exciting event. You can also fill out the coupon on page 8. Next June, when you're cracking up at all those crazy antics you thought (wished?) you'd forgotten, you'll be glad you did. Reply today!

Still running after 10 years

Two of the founders of the annual St. Jerome's/Notre Dame Charity Run will join in opening ceremonies and run the first lap as this year's run gets underway on November 1.

Mike Bak (BA '77) of Oshawa, and Chris Manning (BA '77) of Edmonton have agreed to return to the College to help students celebrate ten years of "running for charity". It's hard to believe ten years have gone by and Mike and Chris will provide a unique historical link for current students.

Student organizers have also invited alumni to participate as runners during this weekend long event, November 1-3. Founded in 1975, the Charity Run has become a College tradition. Local charities have received over \$40,000 in funds raised by students.

A charity will be selected by students once the term gets underway and the run "machine" of dozens of student volunteers will be set in motion. If you'd like to make a donation to this year's run, send it to the Alumni Office. And if you'd like to participate as a runner, complete the coupon on this page.

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