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Assessing the "man behind the mask" – Lalonde, Desbarats examine the "Trudeau Years"

In one of the most successful events sponsored by the College Alumni Association, over 250 alumni, students and others filled Siegfried Hall on Saturday, January 18, for what was billed as the "first formal public appraisal" of Pierre Trudeau's tenure as Prime Minister.

The Trudeau Years: An Assessment comprised the second annual Alumni Lecture and featured former Finance Minister Marc Lalonde and journalist Peter Desbarats. Lalonde replaced the original speaker, former Cabinet Minister and U.N. Ambassador Gérard Pelletier, who was admitted suddenly to hospital.

The evening was anything but the debate it was intended to be, yet it was immensely entertaining. While Desbarats, now Dean of the Graduate School of Journalism at the University of Western Ontario, found fault with certain decisions taken by Trudeau, his assessment was largely an admiring and personal look at an enigmatic personality. It contrasted with the fact-oriented, but at times humorous, presentation by Lalonde.

Desbarats' contact with politicians gave him the opportunity to "assess the man behind the mask" and he conceded that private occasions with Trudeau were "rare indeed, brief and usually accidental ... He never shared anything of himself, certainly not with journalists and not even perhaps with his closest political colleagues."

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Desbarats' most indelible recollection of Trudeau was of a man who could inspire fear. "By the time I left the Press Gallery in 1980, Trudeau was the only politician that I truly feared," he confessed. "If you asked him a hard question, you would get a tough response; if you asked him a dirty question, you would get a rhetorical elbow in the ribs that would take your breath away. If you tried to make him look foolish, God help you."

Desbarats recalled the time he "dared once to contradict him" during a televised leadership



Assessing the Trudeau Years, January 18. Lalonde (left) and Desbarats (right)

debate. "I still remember the look that came into his eyes. It was like staring at a cobra when you were standing on its tail. Once I asked him about his non-marriage on television and he responded by asking me about mine. You couldn't win," he said. "He knew all the debating tricks, was more intelligent and he was simply better than anyone else."

Desbarats contended that the distinctive feature of the Trudeau years was that Trudeau's personal agenda paralleled the national agenda of the late 1960s and early 1970s.

"His understanding of Quebec was unerring, and it guided him through the October Crisis of 1970." On Trudeau's imposition of *The War Measures Act*, Desbarats said that "perhaps he

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Marc Lalonde

did sacrifice principle at that moment, but the result was the end of terrorism in Quebec, not a bad bargain."

Although his critics may have detested him, they respected Trudeau's ability, Desbarats believes. He likened the former PM to Mackenzie King and Wilfrid Laurier, observing that they were all "great political leaders of complex temperament for whom politics was perhaps a refuge as well as a vocation."

Marc Lalonde, Trudeau's Principal Secretary from 1969 until his own election to office in 1972, traced the philosophical influences and political background of those he called "the Trudeau gang", men such as Gérard Pelletier, Lalonde himself, Jean Marchand and others.

They came out of "the progressive school" of Catholic political philosophy, and were inspired by French philosopher Jacques Maritain. They advocated, according to Lalonde, a "clear division between the state and the Church (with) a recognition of a powerful role for the state ... as a strong instrument for greater economic and social justice."

Living amidst the Quiet Revolution in Quebec in the late 1950s and early '60s, Trudeau and company saw how the state could be an engine for social change. At the same time they witnessed a burgeoning nationalism and political terrorism in their native province.

Skeptical of reactionary politicians such as Quebec Premier Maurice Duplessis, Trudeau and others opted initially for involvement at the social level, becoming teachers, journalists and trade union activists. Their idealism led to pragmatism because, said Lalonde, "for years we were fighting a certain ideology (under Duplessis). Frankly, election after election we were being run into the ground with our ideology, and we felt that something more direct was required."

Despite Quebec's weak presence in the federal government at the time, Trudeau and his confreres were convinced that federalism held the best future for Quebec. "We were not interested in being prophets for the next 20 years. We wanted to act," said Lalonde who served in major cabinet portfolios under Trudeau, including Justice and Finance. This meant entering federal politics, and the Liberal Party seemed the best vehicle for a group who held no strong party allegiance.

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Lalonde discussed the importance of Trudeau's personality in determining his style of government. Trudeau was "very much an inner-directed man, a pragmatist, and what I would call a passionate rationalist."

As for Trudeau's achievements, Lalonde cited national unity as paramount. "Few people have understood that the separation of Quebec from Canada would have gone from the hypothetical to the possible - and maybe the probable - had it not been for the action that Trudeau led during those years." The ending of political terrorism in Quebec, the "irreversible phenomenon" of the *Official Languages Act*, and the increased presence of Francophones in the federal public service were achievements Lalonde attributed to Trudeau.

While Trudeau was often criticized as a "crypto-communist", Lalonde maintained that he was actually quite conservative when it came to state intervention. "Trudeau was pretty well the last to become convinced in Cabinet on issues such as the creation of Petro-Canada and the purchase of De Havilland."



Peter Desbarats

Lalonde cited statistics which set Canada in the context of the world economy, and portrayed our economic and social situation under Trudeau in a favourable light. "By 1984," he concluded, "we had a government that saw Canada through a very difficult period ... and had a more just society than the one we knew in 1968."

Professor Cameta Abbott of the College French Department served as bilingual moderator, and alumnus Terry Downey (BA '66), Chairman of the UW Political Science Department, concluded the evening with a witty word of thanks to our speakers.

A spirited question period followed a coffee break, and questions concerning cruise missile testing and Trudeau's relationship with the media provided further insight into our most fascinating of Prime Ministers.

Cassette tapes of the evening's proceedings are available for \$5 each. Contact the Alumni Office: (519) 884-8110, ext. 81, or mail in the coupon on p. 8.

Grad to be honoured with new award

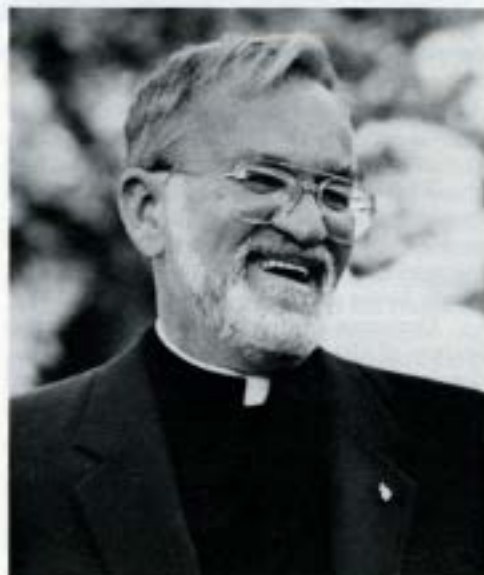
The June 6 - 8 Reunion Weekend will see a St. Jerome's graduate honoured with the first *Father Norm Choate Distinguished Alumni Award*.

This new award will annually recognize a distinguished alumnus or alumna for his or her outstanding service and contribution to one or more of the following areas: the community, province, country, business, industry, education, the Church, social services, and alumni affairs at St. Jerome's.

This year's nominees are Richard Dominico (BA '69), Joe and Stephanie Mancini (BA '81 / BA '82), David Morrell (BA '66), Gail Young (BA '66) and Kathryn Zettel (BA '79)

The Alumni Executive Committee unanimously chose to name the award in honour of Father Choate. He was cited by all members as one who has encouraged and inspired excellence in students and alumni throughout his years as lecturer, chaplain and president.

"Our Alumni Association has never formally recognized one of its members," says



Father Norm Choate, C.R.

Director Rob Donelson. "Yet as we learn more about them through our various communications, it is clear that many are making considerable contributions within their fields of endeavour. The Executive Committee felt the time had come to annually acknowledge a graduate who brings honour to themselves and the College."

The award itself consists of a handsome clear lucite cube embedded with the College crest and resting on a black base. The recipient's name, degree, year of graduation and year of the award will be inscribed on the base. The recipient's photograph will be prominently placed in the College to remind students of the achievements of our alumni.

The Alumni Executive Committee will review all nominees, choose one, and the new award will be presented on Saturday, June 7 at the reunion dinner at Angie's Kitchen in St. Agatha. It will be the focal point of Reunion Weekend activities.

It's time to honour one of our own.

Distinctive new features mark June Reunion

There's something for everyone at this year's expanded Alumni Reunion Weekend, June 6 - 8 in Waterloo. The Alumni Association has added some distinctive new features that should appeal to many grads.

The weekend includes College and UW campus tours, a special mass, a cocktail reception and dinner, the presentation of a new Distinguished Alumni Award and the annual reunion picnic.

And for the first time, a babysitting service will be provided on request to allow alumni "with tots in tow" to attend Saturday night's reunion dinner. In doing so, we hope to encourage alumni to participate in the weekend's activities.

This year we're honouring graduates from the classes of 1961 through 1966, who will be marking their 25th and 20th anniversaries. A survey questionnaire was sent to them recently and their enthusiastic response gave us many ideas about how they wanted to celebrate this milestone.

The focus of the weekend is Saturday evening when a special alumni mass will be celebrated at 5:00 p.m. in Notre Dame Chapel. And then it's off to Angie's Kitchen in St. Agatha for cocktails at a reception hosted by current and former Presidents of the College: Father Finn, Siegfried and Choate.

A "country style" dinner will follow and afterwards the first *Father Norm Choate Distinguished Alumni Award* will be presented. We will also honour the 1961-66 grads in attendance with a special gift, and an "anniversary grad" will offer a brief reflection. You'll also be brought up to date on alumni activities for the year ahead.

College and campus tours begin at 1:00 and 3:00 p.m. Saturday and will give alumni a chance to see how the College has grown and changed since their student days. Pre-1973 grads will enjoy seeing the College's "new" library and pre-1982 grads will be impressed with the most recent addition of classrooms, meeting rooms and the 300-seat Siegfried Hall

auditorium. The tours will also include the UW campus, which has likewise undergone significant change.

Sunday at 1:00 p.m. the Annual Reunion Picnic features dozens of creative games and races for children (and alumni) of all ages. A free Bar BQ and refreshments will be provided.

The emphasis throughout the weekend will be on renewing friendships, sharing old times and making contact with the College again. So join us for a great celebration.

Accommodations for out-of-town alumni will be available in the Men's Residence and Resurrection College at reasonable rates. As well, block bookings at local hotels have been made.

Please complete and return the Reunion Weekend Registration Form sent to you recently or call Rob Donelson (519) 884-8110 ext. 81 for details.

Canada's universities will miss her

Sister Rita Patenaude

The end of the school year always brings with it a number of transitions. One that touches the College community this year is the departure of Sr. Rita Patenaude, who has served as National Catholic Chaplain for all Canadian universities for the past six years. Although she's been a part of every campus in the country, we've liked to call her our own and we'll miss her vibrant, creative presence.

Elected by her peers as Canada's first national university chaplain in 1980, she came to the College at the invitation of Fr. Norm Choate. "The position was new and without structure", says Sr. Rita, who had previously been Chaplain at Campion College, at the University of Regina. "Father Choate offered to provide office space and services and has continued to give me and the position very strong support." She was re-elected for a second three-year term in 1983.

Succeeding Sr. Rita is Anne Shore, current Chaplain at the Loyola Campus of Montreal's Concordia University. Shore will continue to work out of Concordia.

Of her six years as National Chaplain, Sr. Rita is proudest of the leadership she sees evolving among Canadian students in organizing the annual National Newman Conference. "What I have observed is a growing sense among students of a ministry that is their own. They have a well-developed understanding of the role of liturgy and ritual."

Sr. Rita has also been instrumental in designing a training program for campus ministers in Canada. "Its original purpose was to serve newcomers to campus ministry by recognizing and trying to accommodate the different experiences from which they come." This



program has also taken on a continuing education role for those currently working in campus ministry.

Sr. Rita logged thousands of kilometres across Canada in travelling to each campus at least once a year. The demands made on a National Chaplain can be as diverse as the campuses she serves. Her role, is not to judge the work being done by the campus chaplaincy teams.

"I am first of all available to them and I try to be interested in and informed about what they are doing. Sometimes we simply update each other, but other times our agenda is heavier. I've done some crisis intervention among ministry teams, and I've been involved in short and long range planning and evaluation exercises." She is frequently called upon to give workshops on liturgy or music, and she serves as a resource person for retreats.

"Although I work alone, I've not felt alone," she says. "I've been able to engage a lot of people to work with me in planning, training and implementing programs to improve the effectiveness of campus ministry in Canada."

Sr. Rita has been strongly integrated into university campus life while at St. Jerome's. She's lived at Notre Dame College and maintained an office in the St. Jerome's classroom building.

"I couldn't see myself working out of an office not linked with a campus - I'd be too isolated. In travelling so much across Canada, St. Jerome's has been more than a place to put a file cabinet. It has offered me a community of persons so good to come home to. At Notre Dame I have found a home - a lively, loving home. The campus ministry has offered a faith community where I have been able to pray, worship, contribute and be nourished."

Of her future Sr. Rita is confident that new directions for her life will emerge once she has had a chance to rest and reflect on her work over the past 14 years. "I've had so many different experiences that it seems important to spend a year integrating what I've learned before I go to another ministry."

She will begin her "sabbatical" in June on a three-week program called *Mid-Life Directions* offered at a retreat centre in New York State. Participants focus on transitions in their lives in a prayerful, reflective environment. As for the rest of the year, Sr. Rita says that after travelling so much for six years, she'll be placing "a high value on stability - at least for a while!"

We hope it won't be too long before another community is blessed with her generous, creative spirit.

Teacher, scholar and friend: Father John Finn retires

After 41 years in university and high school education, Father John Finn has held virtually every administrative and academic position possible – teacher, principal, scholar, chaplain, registrar, dean and president. He's also been a friend to innumerable students and faculty. Now, at the age of 68 and with a wealth of educational experiences behind him, he's decided to retire and take a well-earned rest.

But it won't be a complete retirement. Father Finn who has had a reduced teaching load for the last three years, will become the archivist for his community, the Congregation of the Resurrection. At the moment, most historical material related to the CRs is scattered among many locations. He hopes to catalogue the voluminous historical documents, photographs and letters, and house them in one location. The archives would become a resource for historians and interested members of the community.

"St. Jerome's College and Catholic education in Ontario are deeply indebted to Father Finn for 41 years of service generously and gently given," says College President Father Norm Choate. "Among the many positions he has held, Father Finn has also been a mentor for me. He was President of the College and my religious superior when I first arrived here in 1964. I am proud and grateful for my association with him."

Father Finn was honoured recently by faculty and staff and presented with a gold watch by Father Choate in appreciation for his many years of service to the College.

"It's been a pleasure to work with him," adds French Department colleague Professor Carmeta Abbott. "He has been most gracious



Fr. John Finn, C.R. (French)

and co-operative at all times and has always struck me as one who is interested in students. He always knows a lot about them – where they come from, their families, their historical ties to the College and to the province – and he often has a witty anecdote about them."

Father Finn received a BA in Honours Philosophy from the University of Western Ontario in 1940, studied theology at St. Peter's Seminary in London, and was ordained a priest in 1943. In 1945 he earned a teaching certificate and taught at St. Jerome's High School (Kitchener), St. John's College (Brantford) and Cathedral Boys' High School (Hamilton). He was Principal at St. Jerome's from 1947 until 1949.

Earning a Master's degree in Romance Languages from the University of Toronto in

1955, he returned to high school teaching for a year until beginning doctoral studies in French at the University of Illinois.

He graduated with a Ph.D. in 1959 and was appointed Assistant Professor of French at St. Jerome's College that same year. (In 1959, the College had a faculty of 12 and tuition fees were \$250 per year. Today, the faculty numbers 30 full-time members and tuition fees are \$1,215 per year!) From 1961 to 1965 he served as Associate Professor of French and Academic Dean. From 1965 until 1972 he was President of the College and during that time he initiated the first expansion of College facilities.

The second floor was added to provide additional classrooms and office space in 1967 and the library construction began in 1972.

During his tenure as President, the College Council was established to give each segment of the College a voice in its governance.

And how does he compare the students from his earliest days at the College with those of today? "I remember students as being more formal in their conduct and their dress during my first years here," he says. "But I think they are essentially the same in terms of their friendliness and initiative."

As someone who has been so much a part of the modern history of the College, Father Finn has been a great resource to the Alumni Office. His knowledge of former students and his keen ability to remember minute details about them is amazing. He still keeps in touch with many alumni.

A priest for 43 years, his knowledge of his community's history is similarly impressive and will serve him well in his new position as archivist. We wish him a long and happy "semi-retirement".

Sabbaticals

Father Jim Wahl (History) plans to finish an article on the founder of St. Jerome's College, Father Louis Funcken, CR, who maintained a lengthy debate during the 1870s with Otto Von Klotz, the Superintendent of Education for Berlin, (now Kitchener.) Between 1872 and 1877, the two men used the weekly *Berliner Journal* to debate the nature of Catholic education and the need for it in a pluralistic society. Von Klotz advocated a solely state-run educational system. Sound familiar? 114 years later, history is repeating itself. Wahl's research is being conducted in German, the principal language of the period in this area. He also plans to study Canon Law at the Angelicum in Rome. His last sabbatical was in 1975-76.



McCormack off to Mexico

Eric McCormack (English) will spend his sabbatical in Mexico, where he plans to work on a novel to be published by Penguin Books. In the fall of 1986, Penguin will publish a collection of McCormack's short stories tentatively titled *Inspecting the Vaults*.

In recent years McCormack has published creative work in *Malahat Review*, *The New Quarterly*, *Prism*, *West Coast Review*, *Wascana Review*, *Gamut* and *Interstate* as well as in the proceedings of a "magic realism" conference held at the College last year.

He has read from his work at Toronto's *Harbourfront*, along with such authors as Earl Birney, Chinua Achebe and Dorothy Livesay. Toronto-area alumni may also have heard him read at the Rivoli and Spadina Hotel – two venues for emerging Canadian writers.



Floyd Centore (Philosophy) plans to work on a book on the philosophy of religion. He says he'll be travelling to the Yale University Library to conduct bibliographical research.



News Brief

Summer session begins July 7 What better place to be in the summer than on our scenic campus? We are offering a variety of summer courses beginning July 7 and running to August 15. The traditional summer Institutes in Family Life, Learning Disabilities and Theological Renewal are back, and courses in Canadian, American, and British literature; issues in higher education; the theology of marriage; and aging, dying and death will also be taught. Accommodation in our residences is available. For registration information call, (519) 884-8110, ext. 26.

MacDonald elected CR Assistant Provincial

Father Sudie MacDonald, CR, (Religious Studies) was recently elected to a three year term as Assistant Provincial of the Congregation of the Resurrection's Ontario-Kentucky Province starting July 1.

Fr. Sudie will work with Provincial Fr. Fred Scinto, CR, visiting community houses from Bolivia to Bermuda and throughout Ontario. He'll be developing plans for the CR's provincial chapter this summer and the community's general chapter in Rome in August, 1987.

"I didn't expect to be leaving teaching quite so suddenly, and I will miss it very much. But not the marking," laughs MacDonald. He still hopes to teach at least one half-credit course each year at the College.

One of his priorities is "to renew our mission statement and orient the direction of our community for the foreseeable future. We need to re-examine our apostalates and reflect on the changing role of religious in the Church." MacDonald says that given the changing nature of religious communities in light of Vatican II and depleted numbers, CRs have to become "enablers" - helping all Christians to participate and minister in our community.

This summer MacDonald expects to complete his doctoral dissertation in Patristics (Church Fathers) and Biblical Studies at L'Institut Catholique in Paris, and he plans to defend it in the fall. He has been studying under noted Jesuit theologian Father Charles Kannengiesser, who teaches at Notre Dame.

Alumni discuss careers in medicine, media



Alumni Bill Komer (BMATH '85) left, and Rosanne Pellizari (BA '78) right.

Old Mill + Old Friends = Good Times

It never fails. Get a few St. Jerome's grads into a room and immediately an electricity is generated among them. It never takes long to renew the old spirit we knew as students.

The spark of friendship was evident as 70 alumni met on February 27 at the Old Mill Restaurant for the Alumni Association's second Toronto chapter dinner. All the ingredients for a great evening were in place: the warm ambience of one of Toronto's landmark restaurants, old friends meeting again, recent grads sharing stories with earlier alumni and an opportunity to share a meal with the College's "extended family" of alumni. As alumni recalled their student days and dined on schnitzel, somehow Waterloo County wasn't that far away.

"I was most impressed by the strong feelings for the College held by alumni," said Paul Rucurean (BMATH '79), Alumni Vice-President for the Toronto area. "Their pride in being associated with the College and their special gratitude for what they received at St. Jerome's was very much a part of the evening."

Rucurean brought grads up to date on activities sponsored by the Alumni Association and cited the Fall Phonathon and Trudeau Assessment in particular as successful alumni events. He encouraged all alumni to keep involved and to help build a strong base of support.

Father Norm brought greetings from the College and expressed pleasure in seeing so many members of the Toronto chapter.

Alumni Director Rob Donelson (BA '81) announced the establishment of the new *Father Norm Choate Distinguished Alumni Award*. (See other article)

A special feature of the dinner was a slide show depicting College life past and present. It ran continuously throughout the pre and post-dinner reception and brought laughter and a few embarrassed smiles to the faces of alumni. It seems long hair and bell-bottom pants have gone out of style since graduation!

Coincidentally, many slides were of alumni who attended the dinner. Candid shots of past Awards Nights, residence highjinx, professors and dozens of alumni provided a memorable look back. The evening also saw numerous Toronto-area alumni attend who had previously not taken part in reunion or other activities.

The growing interest in alumni activities is a positive step. So why not get your friends together next time the Alumni Association sponsors an event? Old friends and good times can be the perfect recipe for a fun evening.

A passage to India



Toni Delabbio of Campus Ministry

Director of Campus Ministry Toni Delabbio will spend part of her summer in Darjeeling, India working as a volunteer in a Canadian Jesuit-sponsored medical clinic.

"I've always wanted to visit a Third World country and experience a culture different from our own," says Toni. "The Church has asked us to create 'a preferential option for the poor' and I think for my work in campus ministry, I need to sensitize young people to these issues. I need the personal experience to raise my own consciousness."

Toni, who holds a BSc in biology, has experience as a nurse's aid and has taught high school science. The Indian clinic, though staffed by medical professionals, requires volunteers with some health care experience.

Toni flew to Thailand on May 15 to spend a week in Bangkok with friends and, after three weeks in India, will visit Hong Kong.

This winter three grads returned to give career talks to students as part of the Alumni Association's *Brown Bag Seminar* series.

Rosanne Pellizari (BA '78) and Dr. Bill Komer (BMATH '85) returned January 29 to provide two perspectives on the medical profession. Paul Bowen (BA '81) discussed *Liberal Arts and the Media* on February 26.

Pellizari, a third year medical student at McMaster University, spoke of the time she spent in India and on Northern Ontario Indian reserves after graduation as the major influence on her decision to enter medical school. The pressing need for better health care in these areas and her desire to do something about it, led her to McMaster's innovative medical school. Her admission into the program from what is considered to be a non-traditional background for medicine, was welcome news for arts students attending the seminar.

Komer, a recent graduate of the University of Western Ontario's Medical School, spoke of his training and the constant need to keep up with new developments in medicine by reading. He entered medical school from a background in mathematics. Both Pellizari and Komer spoke of the risks involved in medicine and how they would handle ethical questions.

Paul Bowen gave the students an insider's look at television news and outlined the diverse experience he's had with CKCO-TV and CTV since graduating. He began working with CKCO-TV in Kitchener as a co-op student but soon was hired full-time in various capacities. Today he's a senior on-air producer with CTV in Toronto. Paul noted that while he didn't have any specific training for television news, he was able to combine communication skills developed in his arts program with an ability to learn on the job.

Both seminars showed students that there are many different careers available to arts and math grads. The *Brown Bag Seminar* series continues next Fall. If you would like to take part, call the Alumni Office at (519) 884-8110, ext. 81.

The biggest celebration of the year

It only took 19 years, but St. Jerome's may finally have solved the perennial problem of Awards Nights which seem to stretch to an interminable length. And it was done in grand style on March 21 when over 300 students, faculty and staff packed the Berkeley Room at Kitchener's Bingeman Park. (Even a number of co-op students returned from their work terms to join the festivities.)

A revised format for the awards presentation saw most athletic honours presented prior to the dinner following the cocktail reception. The smooth flow of the evening was helped along by two able emcees: Professor John Theis and student Nan Forler. Additional athletic and academic awards were presented after dinner.

There was a certain timelessness to the 1986 Awards Night as familiar names of alumni now inscribed on trophies were read aloud. Baccarani-Lance, Tessier, Huszar-Poremba, Muto-Wever and Densmore. And the same sense of anticipation experienced by students and their raucous cheers were repeated once again. Any graduate would have felt right at home.

Special awards were presented to faculty and staff members who have reached milestones in their careers. Father John Finn was honoured on the occasion of his retirement this year. (see separate article)

Frank Erdelyi, College maintenance worker for the past 20 years, was recognized and Mrs. Joy Brown, hostess of the coffee shop for 13 years, was again honoured for her continued service and commitment to students.

The Men's Residence House Spirit Award and the Notre Dame Award were won by this year's Charity Run co-chairpersons, Rob Ayer and Nan Forler. Academic awards were presented to graduating students Brian Patton (English),



The Winners' Circle: Award winners (l to r) Mike Matthews, Sheila Brown, Brian Patton, John Shewchuk and Mary Walton

John Shewchuk (History), Carol Ann Sorentino (Mathematics), Mary Walton (Philosophy), and Sheila Brown (Religious Studies).

The *College Awards*, which recognize academic standing and contribution to College life, were presented to Student Union President Mike Matthews, English major Jamie Roberts and R.S. major Mary Walton. The *Zach Ralston Award*, honouring the top student who has also made a noteworthy contribution to the major

aspects of College life, was awarded to Sheila Brown. Sheila is an active member of the University Catholic Community's worship committee and writes for the inter-Church College newspaper, *The Laurel*.

Anita Ploj accepted the gavel as the new Student Union President for 1986-87. Then the dancing began as it has for 18 previous Awards Nights. Even some of the music was no doubt played before.

First life member for Campus Rec

That healthy 65 year-old Swede we always used to hear about might be left wheezing by Frank Erdelyi, 65, who retires as one of the College's maintenance workers June 30. He's the reigning table tennis champ at the University of Waterloo and he displays an agility and speed characteristic of a man one third his age.

When his mother died during the Great Depression, Frank was forced to find work to help support his family. He hasn't stopped since. He's rolled steel, woven cloth, blown glass, mined coal, made bricks, farmed, chauffeured millionaires and done literally dozens of other jobs. "I've never been without a job in 55 years," he says proudly.

His work at St. Jerome's has been no less diverse having worked in many areas including electricity, plumbing, painting, locksmithing and welding.

Born in Hungary, Frank came to Canada in 1950. He and his wife Julia have been married



for 40 years and have a son and daughter in Waterloo. Prior to coming to St. Jerome's in 1966, he worked as a custodian at K-W Hospital and was building superintendent at the Kitchener YMCA.

His contribution to UW's Campus Recreation Program was recognized by Director Peter Hopkins at the College's recent Awards Night. Frank was given a life membership in the program, the first person to receive the honour. He is sure to get a lot of use out of it.

Although he has mixed feelings about retiring, Frank plans to pursue his photography hobby and hopes to learn how to use a computer. He'll also be defending his table tennis crown for years to come.

Frank Erdelyi at work

Love at first byte



Convinced that all students need to become computer literate, St. Jerome's has entered the computer age dramatically over the past year.

A new computer lab has been constructed in what was formerly Room 20 in the College basement. Windows and a new heating and cooling system were installed, and even the old Oriental mural remembered by alumni was painted over to make way for colourful computer graphics. Today seven IBM PCs, five Volker-Craig terminals and two printers are being used extensively by students in both arts and mathematics.

The computer lab is a valuable addition for a number of reasons. "Computer science is undoubtedly one of the strengths of the University of Waterloo," says President Father Norm Choate. "To maintain our identity as a College community, I felt it necessary to provide that resource for our students."

Math Department Chairman Scott Vanstone adds that "for the first time, the College is now able to offer computer science courses to first and second year Math students. Previously these courses were taken on the main campus."

Vanstone also hopes to see the College develop a computer augmented learning (CAL) program. "This could be applicable in such areas as language courses and psychology experiments. Computer technology can be applied to all disciplines," he says. Students will be hired for the summer to write software packages for College courses.

The lab complements other College areas now using computers. The accounting system in the business office is fully computerized, and all library books are being barcoded to integrate our facilities with those of the main campus. Word processors have replaced typewriters in all secretarial offices, and Department Chairpersons and the Registrar now have office terminals for accessing student records and schedules in a matter of seconds. Even the College publication *Grail: An Ecumenical Journal* is typed on computer and transmitted by telephone modem to Toronto for typesetting. And all subscription billings are done on computer.

"While the installation of computers enables us to do more, it does not save us money," adds Father Choate. "It has added greatly to our operating costs because once capital costs are incurred, maintenance costs continue."

Initial capital expenditures on the computerization program are estimated at \$150,000. They have involved wiring, revamping the air conditioning system, installing a Sytek cable hook up with the UW main frame plus equipment and maintenance costs. Watfund monies designated for St. Jerome's have paid for the project costs to date.

To complete the lab, Father Choate plans to apply to the provincial government's Excellence Fund allotted to Ontario Universities.

"We need to continuously upgrade the College," observes Father Choate. "I think this lab is one way we can achieve that goal."

About your candidates

RETURNING MEMBERS

Next year's executive committee has a strong nucleus around which to build. Among those members who have been nominated and acclaimed for a second term are:

Ginny (Leon) Jans (BA '61) - Kitchener/Waterloo/Guelph Rep.

Ginny is a special education consultant at St. Agnes School in Waterloo and has worked in this area for the last 13 years. Along with her husband Graeme, she operates an import business and sells among other things, a novel tubular packaging system known as *cylopak*. Ginny is a co-organizer of the special reunion for the classes of 1961-66 this year.

George Luciani (BA '71) - Year Rep 1970-74

George is Chairman of Student Services at St. Thomas More High School in Hamilton and is active in coaching athletics there. He has drafted a proposal for the development of expanded alumni chapters for St. Jerome's which the committee hopes to implement in the next year. More about that in the next *Update!*

Paul Rucurean (BMath '75) - Toronto and Area Rep

Paul serves as Personnel Manager for A & P/ New Dominion in Toronto and has responsibility for personnel procedures, employee records, payroll, health and safety and hiring. He was the principal organizer of the February Toronto alumni chapter dinner. Paul and his wife Ella have two year-old twin girls.

NEWCOMERS

A number of nominations have been received and the following newcomers have been acclaimed for the position indicated:

Sharon Forgeron (BA '75) - Niagara Region Rep

Sharon is working on a Master's degree in speech pathology at Buffalo State University. She has previously worked as a teacher at the Harmony Developmental Centre in Niagara Falls. Sharon is married to St. Jerome's alumnus Ken Forgeron (BA '75) and they have two children, Luc (4) and Maggie (2).

Bill Klos (BA '60) - Year Rep for 1960-64

Bill teaches English and Dramatic Arts at St. Jerome's High School in Kitchener and has directed the major dramatic productions there. Bill is an "Ottawa Connection" grad having graduated when St. Jerome's was affiliated with the University of Ottawa. He would like to see the Alumni Association build more contacts with this group.

Paul Tratnyek (BA '75) - Year Rep for 1975-79

Paul is Chaplain at St. Benedict's Junior High School in Cambridge where he also teaches Religious Studies. He and his wife Teresa have one daughter. Paul is currently a member of the Liturgy Committee at St. Aloysius Parish in Kitchener and he's working on his MA in liturgy part-time at Notre Dame University in

Alumni Executive elections

The first two-year term of our Alumni Executive Committee comes to an end on June 1 and that means it's time for another election to take place. Our thanks goes out to the entire committee for their time and energy in helping to get our Alumni Association firmly established.

As volunteers, their commitment was un-failing and each brought a unique perspective to our work. Thanks to their efforts, we now have in place an annual alumni lecture, regular career seminars for students involving alumni, a regular series of chapter dinners, a scholarship program for undergraduate and mature students and a heightened awareness of the College among its graduates.

In helping to lay the groundwork for a strong, responsive alumni association, we are indebted to the following "retiring" members:

Mike Schnarr (BA '76) served as President and was effective in providing leadership to our group during these early days of our coming together.

Peter Curtis (BES '78) was Vice-President for the Hamilton Region and brought to our group invaluable organizational skills developed as Director of Community Services in the Township of Flamborough.

Mary Jo O'Brien (BA '79) brought her insights into liturgical form to our committee and enabled us to provide a spiritual dimension to alumni activities.

Ginny Freeman (BA '81) served as Kitchener-Waterloo Vice-President and she co-organized with Mary-Jo O'Brien the KW chapter dinner. She frequently served as secretary and added a literary quality to our written reports.



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Indiana. He plans to finish his degree this summer.

Sharon McCarthy (BA '85 - Year Rep for 1985-89) teaches with the Dufferin-Peel Separate School Board and lives in Burlington.

CONTESTED POSITIONS

Two positions on next year's executive will be contested. To vote you can complete the ballot form on p. 8 and return it by June 20. All alumni are eligible. Judging by the quality of each candidate, the Alumni Association will be well served by any one of them.

1980-84 Representative

Greg McKernan (BA '81) has served on the alumni executive committee for two years as the representative for 1980-84. He currently teaches at Father Henry Carr High School in Rexdale where he is also active in coaching athletics.

Dana Woito (BA '84) is presently working on her Master's degree in American Literature at the University of Waterloo. Her major area of study is the novels of William Faulkner. In September she will begin a sessional contract as high school liaison officer for St. Jerome's.

Hamilton/Wentworth/Brant County Areas

John Curtis (BA '83) is Promotions Coordinator at Westcliffe Mall in Hamilton. He has responsibility for organizing all advertisements and promotional activities for mall merchants. He is an active cartoonist and recently provided a workshop on cartooning for elementary school students in Hamilton.

Joan Grundy (BA '84) teaches religion at St. John's College in Brantford. Joan received her BEd from Brock University in 1985. She co-directs the choir at St. Pius X parish in Brantford where she is a member of the Liturgy Committee. Joan is a former don at Notre Dame and a peer minister.

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 Joan Grundy (BA '84)

1980 - 84 Representative

- Greg McKernan (BA '81)
 Dana Woito (BA '84)

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