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University of St. Jerome's College

A respected academic, distinguished teacher, senior administrator, and certainly no stranger to St. Jerome's graduates, will become the College's next President on July 1, 1989. **Professor Doug Letson**, the 48 year-old professor of English whose teaching career at the College extends back to 1967, is both the first layperson and the first graduate to become President.

At the September 19 meeting of the College's Board of Governors, Board Chairperson Mr. J. Frank Clifford announced that, following a review of candidates resulting from a nationwide call for nominations and applications, Professor Letson will succeed Father Norm Choate, C.R., whose term ends June 30, 1989. "In terms of his service, commitment and leadership in virtually every academic and administrative position at the College, Doug Letson has exemplified his ability, his desire and his allegiance to St. Jerome's College," commented Mr. Clifford.

"The appointment of this first layperson is a milestone in the College's history," he continued. "In welcoming Doug and in paying tribute to Father Choate, we are grateful that Doug maintains the high ideals Father Choate brought to the position of President."

Professor Letson's appointment was unanimously recommended by both the College's Presidential Search Committee, chaired by Professor Kenneth McLaughlin, overwhelmingly supported by the College's faculty, staff, and students, and endorsed by the Provincial Council of Congregation of the Resurrection.

"I'm obviously pleased with the support my appointment signifies both within the College community and within the Congregation of the Resurrection," comments Letson. "I'm very conscious of the fact that I'm walking in the shadow of past presidents who have been widely respected on campus and in the community-at-large, men like Fr. Siegfried, Fr. Finn and Fr. Choate."

Representing St. Jerome's graduates on the Search Committee was Terry Downey (BA '66). "Doug Letson is an imaginative and thoughtful 'citizen' of St. Jerome's," remarked Downey following the announcement. "He has been active in giving the College the visibility it has today. As a graduate I am pleased Doug knows the College from its foundation on the Waterloo campus as a student, and over the years as a teacher and administrator."

Introducing our next President



President-designate Professor Douglas Richard Letson

"To know that students have found something of value in what I say and in how I relate to them is worth more to me than any professional acclamation."

Born November 8, 1939 in Kitchener, Letson attended St. John's Elementary School and graduated from St. Jerome's High School. His association with the Congregation of the Resurrection, founders of St. Jerome's College in 1865, dates back to his high school days.

He graduated with a BA in English from St. Jerome's College in 1962 and went on to earn a Master of Arts degree in medieval English in 1966 from McMaster University in Hamilton. There he studied under medieval scholar Alvin Lee, McMaster's current President.

With an obvious academic bent, Letson pursued doctoral studies in English, Philosophy and Paleography at the University of Toronto's Centre for Medieval Studies. His PhD thesis was on "The Vernacular Homily in Old English Christian Poetry: A Study of Similarities in Form and Image." He was awarded his PhD in 1971.

His teaching career began in 1962-63 at Westgate Collegiate in Fort William, Ontario. He then moved to Hamilton and taught there at Hill Park Secondary School until 1965, after which he worked on his Master's degree.

In 1967 Letson returned to the University of St. Jerome's College as a lecturer in English while completing his doctorate. Since 1971, he has moved through the academic ranks from Assistant Professor to Associate Professor in 1977. In 1987 he was named Full Professor on the basis of his extensive publishing record, teaching excellence and service to the College.

Of his successor, Father Norm Choate expressed his pleasure: "I have worked with Doug Letson for 15 years and I am delighted by his appointment as President." He adds, "In my personal and professional relationship with Doug, I have found him to be consistently a man of faith, intelligence and profound commitment to academic excellence. Doug Letson will be a superb President."

UW campus colleagues also shared in their praise and congratulations for Letson. Faculty of Arts Dean Professor Robin Banks remarked that Letson's appointment "speaks very well for the future relationship of St. Jerome's College and the Faculty of Arts. I have worked with Doug for over a decade and look forward to continuing our very productive relationship. I'm absolutely delighted."

Among Letson's honours and awards is the University of Waterloo's *Distinguished Teacher Award* conferred upon him in May, 1981. (see accompanying article) On receiving this prestigious distinction, he recalls "it was a moving experience for me, especially since it was initiated by students. To know that students have found something of value in what I say and in



A younger Doug Letson began his university studies in English at the College of which he would become President nearly thirty years later. He earned his BA from St. Jerome's in 1962.

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Administratively, Letson has a remarkable record of achievement. He has served as Chairperson of the College's English Department (1971 to 1975), as Assistant Dean (1973 to 1975), as Vice-President and Academic Dean (1975 to 1981 and 1987 to the present), and as Acting President (from Sept. to Nov. 1979). In all these positions he has worked closely with students.

Professor Letson designed, developed and directed the College's *Institute for Studies in Theological Renewal* from 1982 to 1987. This is an innovative summer programme addressing contemporary religious and social issues.

He has served both the College and the University of Waterloo on numerous committees including the UW Board of Governors and Senate. He was instrumental in the St. Jerome's Structures and Functions Committee which updated the College's Act of Incorporation.

As part of his extensive service to the wider community, he was recently invited to become a member of the Teacher Education Commit-

tee of the Ontario Institute for Catholic Education (ICE), and chaired a subcommittee examining a rationalization of religious education courses taken by teachers and prospective teachers in the separate school system.

Letson has published extensively in the fields of medieval English literature, children's literature and matters of social justice. He has co-edited *Women and the Church: A Sourcebook* (Griffin House), co-authored *Portraits of Canadian Catholicism* (Griffin House), and was named official biographer of Gerald Emmett Cardinal Carter along with colleague Professor Michael Higgins. Over the years he has published in numerous scholarly journals and has also written extensively for more general readers in publications such as *Catholic New Times*.

Professor Letson was the founding Editorial Board Chairperson of *Graill: An Ecumenical Journal*, which has been published quarterly by the College since 1985. The journal recently won four national Canadian Church Press awards.

Of his hopes for the future, Letson says: "I'd like to see the College become even better known as an educational institution whose teachers are open to challenges, sensitive to the needs of students, and who are both knowledgeable and respectful of the tradition from which we have come as Canadians, both Catholic and non-Catholic. We need to be sensitive to our role as a Roman Catholic post-secondary institution of learning on a secular campus in a pluralistic society."

He adds: "the University should provide a prophetic role in society ... it should analyze the past, comment on the present, and take at least an indirect role in shaping the future. I think St. Jerome's does that responsibly through its various programmes, publications, and through the teaching and research of the professors who work here."

Doug and his wife Donna recently celebrated their twenty-fifth wedding anniversary. They have three children Nadine, 18, Rick, 16, and Cheryl, 12; they live in Waterloo.



Doug Letson served as English Department Chairperson and Academic Dean during the 1970s, becoming well-known to students as a thorough and caring administrator.

A distinguished teacher



University of Waterloo Chancellor Dr. Josef Kates presents the Distinguished Teacher Award to Professor Letson at the May 1981 Convocation ceremonies.

In May, 1981, Doug Letson's record of teaching excellence, long admired and appreciated by students and colleagues alike, was publicly recognized by the University of Waterloo. Doug had conferred upon him the prestigious Distinguished Teacher Award. What follows are excerpts from letters of support contained in his nomination dossier submitted by students to the selection committee.

Comments from colleagues

"... he considers that the preparation of classes and the assiduous marking of exams and assignments is a sacred trust ... In word and deed Dr. Letson manifests a serious and continuous concern for integrity in the educational process."

"He is a master of his discipline - a scholar published in the best journals; he creates a wonderful rapport in his classes ... and he stimulates a genuine interest on the part of the most reluctant students. He is a teacher's teacher."

"... a polished lecturer, a dedicated teacher, and a man whose ability to present difficult and sometimes abstruse subject matter interestingly, clearly and authoritatively contributed to the regular filling of his classes to the limit."

"He has been consistent in his goals for the College and a strong advocate for kinds of teaching excellence which few attain ... I have found him to work from three linked presumptions ... fairness in transactions, a genuine regard for student interests and a concern for the welfare of the programs under his care."

"He does not belabour the obvious nor walk the well-worn paths, but attempts to present to his students new insights and novel perspectives."

"Dr. Letson is flexible, open-minded and tolerant of viewpoints different from his own."

"Students and colleagues are in awe of his academic commitment and energy."



Professor Letson seen here turning the sod for the new addition to the College with President Father Norm Choate, C.R. (middle) and then Provincial Superior of the Congregation of the Resurrection, Father Bob Liddy, C.R. (left) in June, 1981.

Comments from students and former students

"His persistent demands for high standards coupled with his respect for each student's ability motivated me and others to strive beyond the average."

"While 'excitement toward his subject matter' and 'concern for his students' are the two qualities I remember best, I would be negligent if I did not mention Doug's sense of humour which he used as a very effective teaching tool."

"He always comes to class laden with reference books, well-prepared and ready to answer the toughest questions. (He) inspires the same preparedness and thoroughness in his students... Doug always gives his students a little bit extra."

"I remember the human qualities of his teaching and person: his modest, self-effacing manner, his unflagging patience and energy, and his ability to evaluate critically and accurately without sacrificing the self-esteem of those in class."

"The key criteria in the evaluation of any work in Middle English was based on the three Latin verbs *docere*, *delectare* and *mutare*. For a poem or story to be a good one, it had to teach, to delight and to move the reader. I believe that in addition to teaching these and other basic concepts that surfaced in the literature itself, Dr. Letson was able to give them flesh in his very teaching style; for in each course, yes, in each class, I was taught, delighted and moved."

"... a superb lecturer... Besides being an excellent instructor and insightful marker, Doug is available for consultation or discussion both in and out of class."

"(He) possesses a special quality which enables him to relate even the most difficult literary concepts in an understandable way... Professor Letson can relate to the students and... can actually teach them to teach themselves."

"Doug inspires in his students a love for learning and a desire for excellence."

"Dr. Letson is not only a brilliant teacher and an insightful scholar, but is a warm, compassionate human being whose presence enlightens and ennobles us all."

"... an insightful and dedicated professor, a man whose sole concern is to educate well... He is a polished writer himself, a talent which enables him to aid the efforts of the fledgling essayist."

"The demands he makes of himself are comparable to those he makes of his students... He has an innate ability to stimulate students to work hard."

"... helpful in his capacity as Dean... (and)... the best teacher with whom I have studied during my university career, Dr. Letson is the epitome of a caring and effective teacher."

"(He gave me) a sense of self confidence in my studies."

Music, television broaden grad's ministry

Working as a priest in the Diocese of Hamilton is not limited to the pulpit for St. Jerome's grad Mark Curtis (BA '78). Ordained a priest in 1985, Curtis hosts a weekly half hour television show called "Good News" on a Hamilton Cable station.

The show is, he says, "a Catholic magazine" which focuses on topical church issues and ministries. Using an interview format, Curtis has dealt with issues as diverse as AIDS education, refugees, social justice, Christian parenting, late vocations, and ministry to the sick, homeless and youth.

"The programme has been so successful that the station has renewed it for next year and given it twelve new time slots," says Curtis. "Viewers see religious and lay people sharing their life and faith as the show tries to promote diverse vocations within the church." He is now taping new shows which will deal with such issues as the RCIA programme (the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults), prayer, liturgical music, priests in police ministry and others.

The show began as a programme to promote religious vocations but its scope has broadened since then. "I'm gratified by the response both the station and I have received. People have written in with ideas for future topics and possible guests. This is one way the Church can be present in the media."

Curtis, 31, an associate pastor at St. Joseph's Parish in Guelph, also has a longstanding interest in music. Once his evening parish appointments are finished, he works in a local studio on his music and song writing. On his day off each week he performs for school children in the Guelph area. Over the last 15 years, he has recorded three albums and has performed in many parts of Canada and the United States.

Curtis has a particular interest in children's music and adds a spiritual flavour to most of his compositions. "It's one way of praying with children," he says. "My music has a Christian message and it's a lot of fun for the children."

He plans to release a new album this fall, tentatively titled "In the Garden". While registered at St. Jerome's, Curtis studied choral and instrumental music at UW.

The National Liturgy Office of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops recently asked him to present some new music for the upcoming publication of the *Catholic Book of Worship III*.



Fr. Mark Curtis and a young fan.

Summertime and the learning was busy

The beginning of summer meant that more than the temperature was heating up for St. Jerome's College.

An active programme of summer term courses and special institutes commenced July 4 and continued until August 12.

These annual offerings continue to be popular with educators, parents, pastoral workers, health care professionals and others.

In its tenth year, the *Institute for Studies in Learning Disabilities* attracted experts from across Canada and the U.S. to address a variety of issues relating to learning disabilities. Three credit-courses at the introductory and advanced levels were offered.

Once again, *Studies in Sexuality, Marriage and the Family* (formerly the Family Life Programme), mounted the introductory level course, and *Women and the Church* (RS 292 A/B) was offered by the *Institute for Studies in Theological Renewal*. In past years, the College has not been able to accommodate the hundreds of students who have tried to register in RS 292, a timely and popular course.

Regular courses in Twentieth Century Literature; Seventeenth Century Non-Dramatic Literature; the Catholic Church in Canada since Confederation; Introductory Psychology; and the Cult of Mary were also available to full and part-time students.

Add to this the many conferences, retreats and workshops held at the College throughout the summer months, and you'll see that the College never really rests.

To say thanks

All St. Jerome's graduates and friends who made a contribution to our Development Fund in the past year are cordially invited to attend a reception in their honour on Tuesday, November 1, 1988 in Siegfried Hall at the College.

Update! wins national honours

Update!, the College's quarterly newsletter published for graduates and friends, recently won top honours in a Canada-wide university competition.

At its annual conference held in Saskatoon in June, the Public Affairs Council for Education, representing Canadian university development, alumni and public affairs officers, named **Update! Best Newsletter for an Internal and/or External Audience**. The award is presented for the newsletter which reflects the highest quality in design and editorial content.

Update! won the same award in 1983 and 1984.

This year **Update!** competed with newsletters from Canadian universities such as York, McMaster, Dalhousie, University of Alberta, Guelph, University of New Brunswick, Memorial University of Newfoundland and others. A team of judges representing the communications field made the decision.

"From my contact with many graduates of St. Jerome's, I've always known how much they value and appreciate **Update!**," commented Editor Rob Donelson. "This award acknowledges the quality of both its content and design. It is our priority to keep graduates and friends informed of news of the College and its graduates, as well as issues facing our church and higher education."

Update! is designed by Monica Lynch at the Graphic Services Department, University of Waterloo, where it is also printed. Most photos used in the newsletter are taken by Catherine Valeriote of Kitchener. Professor Peter Hinchcliffe of the St. Jerome's English Department serves as consulting editor.

Reunion '88 in pictures



Richard Dominico (BA '69) left, George Luciani (BA '71) and Christine Dominico (BA '69) relax and share a few memories.



Gayle Dzis (née Clarke, BA '86) was among the 25-year grads in attendance and is seen here with her husband Morris and Fr. John Finn, C.R. (right).



Bill Goufey (BA '63) was an entertaining and witty MC for the annual Reunion dinner.



Over 70 graduates and their families enjoyed a country style dinner and the chance to reminisce with classmates, teachers and friends.



Kim McGladrey (BA '87) and Neil Ackerman enjoy the sun and a hot dog during Reunion '88's welcoming barbeque.



Prizes for everyone (almost) Glenn Sheculski (BA '82), left, displays his gift certificate while Kelley Teahen (BA '83) and Marc Kealey (BA '83) show off their post-dinner prizes and ham it up for the camera.



Ray Digby (BMATH '83), Paul Rucurean (BMATH '79), Dave Dool (BASC '82) and history professor Fr. Jim Wahl, C.R. attended the cocktail reception in Notre Dame quadrangle prior to dinner.



1968 Class Representative Pat Flynn (BA '68) presented 25th anniversary lapel pins to the class of 1963 in attendance.

Learning Disabilities Programme marks ten years



A Decade of Service to the Institute for Studies in Learning Disabilities - Professor John Orlando.

A keynote address by a leading authority on dyslexia (reading disorders) helped celebrate the tenth anniversary of the College's Institute for Studies in Learning Disabilities on July 4.

Dr. Margaret Jo Shepherd, a professor of special education at Columbia University since 1963, spoke on "Learning Disabilities: A Field in Transition" to over 200 students registered in the popular summer programme.

Shepherd is renowned for her research and publications on dyslexia and is a respected international lecturer in the field. She has served on numerous national and international committees examining the problem of dyslexia and its remediation.

"Special education for the learning disabled is in a crisis situation in the United States," she said. "There has been a dramatic increase in the number of children identified as learning disabled." Shepherd feels that many of these cases are instances where people are looking for assistance for their child's problem, which might not include being learning disabled.

"Learning disabled is a category that is being used to provide supplemental work for any child that needs it," she explained. To reverse this trend, Shepherd is working with other experts to accommodate students in the classroom.

Professor Shepherd has revamped our thinking on learning disabilities," says Institute Director Dr. John Orlando. "We were honoured to have a speaker of her stature to address the various phases our understanding of learning disabilities has undergone, and the new directions we need to take."

Founded in 1979, the Institute for Studies in Learning Disabilities is an intensive programme of three courses at the introductory and advanced levels. It annually attracts teachers and health care professionals, including a growing number of educators who already have specialized training in the field.

Professor Orlando and Associate Director Dr. Judy Van Evra hope to offer a fourth level practicum course in learning disabilities to enable students to work in a clinical setting.

This year's courses addressed such issues as visual factors in learning disabilities; neuropsychiatric factors in reading disabilities; language development and impairment in children; and the learning disabled child in the regular classroom; among many other topics.

The Institute was established ten years ago as a result of consulting work being done by Professor Orlando within the local separate school board. It became clear that additional training in learning disabilities was needed by teachers. In recent years the Ontario Legislature has committed educators to providing opportunities for the exceptional child in our schools and communities.

The news and Gucci shoes

For regular readers of the *Globe and Mail* among the audience of St. Jerome's graduates and friends, there was a feeling of expectation and excitement prior to *Globe* columnist Stevie Cameron's delivery of the annual Grads' Association Lecture.

Most of the crowd of nearly 60, who battled one of the winter's worst storms on March 23 to be there, came to hear her explain the merits and necessity of personal journalism. It is a part of the media which meets with both approval and offence among the Canadian public.

Cameron is the investigative reporter who broke the story on Trudeau's final patronage appointments, the Mulroney's lavish redecorating spending, and the PM's penchant for Gucci loafers.

Cameron argued that spending habits, family scandals, alcoholism and sexual practices are fair game for journalists and such information advances public awareness.

She discussed the changing complexion of parliamentary news coverage now that many more reporters are women. "The House of Commons is less an 'old boys' club' today than it was in the days of Diefenbaker and Pearson," she noted.

She also provided some interesting comparisons between U.S. and Canadian libel laws. "Canadian newspapers are prohibited from printing statements which cannot be proven," she noted. Such is not the case south of the border. In Canadian libel cases, there is a "reverse onus" on newspapers to prove a statement true.

This causes "libel chill", Cameron continued, a situation in which many newspapers will not print a controversial story because they cannot afford a potential lawsuit. "Freedom of the press is a misnomer in Canada," she said.

This situation is especially true of smaller newspapers which, lacking expensive legal services, often do not print potentially damaging stories. "Investigative work is also expensive," added Cameron, who had recently returned from an assignment in Italy trying to track down the Mulroneys' former decorator.

In defending her story on the Mulroneys' use of PC Canada funds to redecorate their homes and to purchase jewelry, Cameron perhaps made her most convincing point. "If it were their own money, no one has a right to report on it. But it is fair to say how public money is spent."

"Teachers require up-to-date knowledge in the theoretical and practical aspects of special education, and identification and remediation of learning disabilities," says Professor Orlando. "Our programme provides that training."

At the conclusion of this year's programme, Professor Orlando was presented with an award acknowledging his leadership and service in the field of learning disabilities.



Stevie Cameron on 'personal journalism'

News Brief

"A good read at a good price" is what you'll find in *The New Quarterly*, co-edited by St. Jerome's English professor Peter Hinchcliffe. "You'll find new names, new genres and new voices in *The New Quarterly*. The journal publishes interviews, essays, short stories, and poetry by both new and established writers," observes Hinchcliffe. "It is one place to find up and coming Canadian writers." Publication costs are partially supported by St. Jerome's College. Subscription rates: \$12 for one year or \$22.00 for two years. Contact Peter Hinchcliffe for details.

In our next issue ...

- **Providing the personal touch** - A portrait of Registrar Kevin Donelson (BA '78)
- **The play's the thing** for actor and director Joel Kaiser (BA '79)
- **Meet Notre Dame's new Residence Administrator** - Sr. Julie Lattner, SSND (BA '73)
- **Not in a pickle** - Brian Smith's (BA '86) creative imagination in advertising has won him international recognition
- ... And more!

Social justice, spirituality blend for '88-'89 Centre Series

T rue to its tradition of blending issues of spirituality and social justice, The St. Jerome's Centre for Catholic Experience in Waterloo has drawn together a diverse and distinguished array of speakers and topics for its seventh annual series of lectures and mini-courses.

Addressing such issues as peace, spirituality, church and state, Church authority, marriage, and feminine spirituality among others, the 1988-89 Centre programme features four lectures, a workshop and three non-credit mini-courses. Fall '88 offerings follow:

The Cross and the Crown examined the social doctrine of the Roman Catholic Church "in action" on October 12, 19 and 26 at Sacred Heart School in Kitchener. Speakers included St. Jerome's professors Mary Malone and Doug Letson, as well as Working Centre founders and St. Jerome's graduates Joe and Stephanie Manicini.

An ecumenically-collaborative effort with

the Peace and Conflict Studies Programme at Conrad Grebel Mennonite College in Waterloo opens the Centre's 1988-89 lecture series. **Public Theology and the Canadian Peace Movement** is the inaugural lecture to be given on Friday, November 4, 1988 in the Chapel of Conrad Grebel College.

Guest speaker is Fr. Donald Grayston, an Anglican priest and Director of the Shalom Institute, a national ecumenical organization concerned for the integration of spirituality with education for justice and peace ministry.

On Saturday, November 5, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., in Siegfried Hall, Grayston teams up with Sister Rita Patenaude for a day-long workshop entitled **Spiritual Resources for Social Compassion: Living Justice, Making Peace**. Patenaude is the former national Catholic Chaplain for Canadian universities who was based at St. Jerome's for several years. She is a programme associate at the Shalom Institute. Lunch and materials are included in the work-

shop's \$25 registration fee (\$20 seniors/students).

On the heels of the U.S. Presidential election is the lecture **Congress and the Crozier** to be given on Friday, November 25, 1988. Jointly sponsored by the St. Jerome's Graduates' Association, the Centre welcomes Jesuit priest Father Robert Drinan, lawyer, theologian, columnist and former U.S. Congressman. (See accompanying article.)

All lectures are free of charge and take place from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. Each is followed by a break and question period.

The St. Jerome's Centre for Catholic Experience is jointly sponsored by the University of St. Jerome's College, the School Sisters of Notre Dame, the Sisters of St. Joseph of Hamilton, and the Congregation of the Resurrection.

For more details, contact Centre Director Michael Higgins, at the College - (519) 884-8110, ext. 58 or 30. A winter term schedule will be published in the next *Update*!

About reunions

M any doomsayers predicted that this year's reunion would be a major disappointment after last year's 25th anniversary of St. Jerome's and Notre Dame Residences. They said that nobody wanted to see each other every year. That nobody would be there. That there'll never be another reunion like last year's.

Well, they were almost right. There'll never be another reunion like last year's. Each one is different - that's what makes them great. But you'd really have a hard time convincing the 70 graduates, spouses and friends in attendance that nobody was there or that annual reunions are unnecessary.

Each reunion brings together different people with interesting lives. Even those who attend regularly are amazed at how much has happened in only one short year. Many start out by saying "Oh, not much has happened since I last talked to you," then after some time fascinating stories surface.

As far as numbers go, 70 or 700, it's really irrelevant. Everyone who goes enjoys themselves. No one complained about the poor attendance, not even the baseball teams. In fact, probably the only complainers are those graduates who didn't bother going. But then again, they were probably the same people who would stay in their rooms on pub night until "enough people showed up".

Maybe one day everyone will realize the value of the larger community of St. Jerome's College and join us at our reunions. Until then they can tell themselves that nobody goes and that they're not needed every year. But they're fighting a losing battle if they try to pull that one over on the graduates who do go. They go and they have fun. Everyone, every year.

John Curtis, (BA '83)
Debra Curtis, (BES '84)

Congress and the Crozier next Grads' Association Lecture

H ot on the heels of the 1988 United States presidential elections, the St. Jerome's College Graduates' Association will host its annual lecture featuring the foreign policy advisor to presidential hopeful Michael Dukakis - a Jesuit priest and former Congressman, **Father Robert Drinan, S.J.**

"Congress and Crozier" is the title of the lecture to be given on Friday, November 25, 1988 at 7:30 p.m.

The lecture takes place in C.L. Siegfried Hall and will be followed by a break and question period. Admission is free and all graduates and friends of St. Jerome's are welcome.

This event is being jointly sponsored by the SJC Grads' Association and the **St. Jerome's Centre for Catholic Experience**.

In his talk, which will undoubtedly reflect upon the outcome of the upcoming presidential elections, Drinan will address the role that the Roman Catholic church in the U.S. has sought to fulfill in recent years. He will speak about the various and controversial episcopal pastorals on nuclear war, the economy and the rights of women.

A Congressman from 1971 to 1981, Drinan will also assess the role that religious issues have played in the campaign for the Presidency.

Drinan, a priest of the Society of Jesus since 1953, is presently Professor of Law, Georgetown University Law Centre in Washington, D.C. He specializes in international human rights, constitutional law, civil liberties, professional responsibility, and arms control. He was Dean and Professor of Law at Boston College Law School from 1956 to 1970.



Father Robert Drinan, S.J.

He is the author of numerous books including: *Cry of the Oppressed - The History and Hope of the Human Rights Revolution*, *God and Caesar on the Potomac: A Pilgrimage of Conscience*, *Beyond the Nuclear Freeze*, and *Vietnam and Armageddon*.

A lawyer, theologian, editor, and columnist for the *National Catholic Reporter*, Drinan holds nineteen honorary degrees.

"It is an honour to have a speaker of Father Drinan's calibre give the annual Grads' Association Lecture," comments Director of Development Rob Donelson. "He continues a growing tradition of excellence among our lectures that includes, Bishop Remi de Roo, the Honourable Marc Lalonde, Peter Desbarats, the Honourable David MacDonald and Stevie Cameron."

Writeback

(The following letter was received by Fr. Norm Choute.)

One of my most loved native sayings goes like this: "those people whose nuts are cracked for them by benevolent spirits shouldn't forget to be humble." But for this purpose I choose to be grateful and, indeed, thankful to all and sundry who made me 'a dream' at St. Jerome's. Dreams come true for most people, but here I'm the dream for me.

The opportunity that was offered to me and the years I spent in this family-love-knit institution couldn't have been better anywhere. And now, as I look ahead, poised and possessed, all I spit out is St. Jerome's. The spiritual and temporal enlightenment I have gained at St. Jerome's will define my future, and the world-view I project beams St. Jerome's. Not only did you offer me the opportunity for personal development, you also uncovered the deep sense of community love that was buried in me. I haven't just come to understand and appreciate different cultures, I now do understand my culture better.

I'm proud to say that I belong to St. Jerome's, and properly so considering the personal friends that I've made here. And I promise that one day when I return to my native home, the "tree" of St. Jerome's will be planted there. I also promise to stay connected day or night.

I wish I could do what Africans do on such occasions, go around and shake hands with everybody involved in my life at St. Jerome's. But I still can do what Africans would have done, give the thanks to the chief who would pass it down to his people. I would be most

grateful to the President in this regard.

I wish that St. Jerome's will continue to be the great community it is, that it will grow bigger and that faculty, staff, students and the community in general will have everlasting happiness.

Thank you very much and may God bless you all.

Yours sincerely,
Ohene Boakye-Yiadom

Editor's note:

A native of Ghana, Ohene was sponsored by the College throughout his undergraduate years. He received his honours BA in political science in May, and is attending Carleton University for graduate studies this year.

The reunion weekend has once again come and gone and here I am writing you to tell you how much I was looking forward to attending the weekend with my family and friends from St. Jerome's. As luck had it, my son came down with chicken pox, so we were not able to attend.

I just wanted to take this opportunity to tell you how nice it is to "keep in touch" with the friends I went to St. Jerome's with and also with what's going on at the College through *Update!*. It feels like yesterday that I was there.

Once again as a grad of '78 I was really looking forward to the reunion, but I'll have to wait until next year.

Lois Mercanti (née Coretti, BA '78)
Hamilton

News Briefs

Scholarship winners Fourth year student Joan Orr of Fort Erie, first year student Leslie Anne Horton of Waterloo and third year student Barbara Ward of Waterloo were recently named recipients of the St. Jerome's College Graduates' Association Scholarship. Three other recipients were named in 1987-88, and Joan, Leslie and Barbara are the first of the 1988-89 academic year. Joan's award was valued at \$400, while Leslie and Barbara received \$300 each. These awards are made possible by donations received from St. Jerome's graduates.

Still serving students For the past 15 years, Mrs. Joy Brown has served the students of St. Jerome's College in the Coffee Shop. On many a cold morning she's been there to provide a hot cup of coffee and a friendly smile to shivering students, and her coffee shop has been a favourite meeting place. She received a special award in recognition for her dedication at last Spring's Awards Night. In response, Mrs. Brown made a major donation to the College Library for the purchase of new books and equipment. Her generosity exemplified the diverse and lasting ways she continues to serve the College community.

Staid and predictable are not terms anyone who has ever listened to Stan Fogel lecture would use to describe his view of literature and literary criticism. In a new book entitled *The Postmodern University: Essays on the Deconstruction of the Humanities*, Fogel deliberately seeks "to disrupt clichéd and verified ways of reading and teaching." His targets are university structures and practices, the organization of the humanities, the language and style of literary criticism and critics, as well as propriety in the academy. In a humorous and somewhat ascerbic style, he pokes fun at all of these.

Published by ECW Press of Toronto, *The Postmodern University*, follows *A Tale of Two Countries* in which Fogel recently examined Canadian and American contemporary critical theory.

Sabbatical plans English professor Peter Hinchcliffe will spend the 1988-89 academic year working on a book on Alfred Lord Tennyson's poetry, particularly the English poet's famous *In Memoriam*. Hinchcliffe did much of the research in England during his last sabbatical in 1980-81, and he hopes to complete the project this year.

Where are they now?

'66 **Gail Young (née MacDonald) (BA '66)** recently became Manager of Personnel Operations at IBM Canada Limited's Consilium Place Branch in Scarborough. She holds a position on the Communications Committee of the University of Waterloo National Alumni Council.

'70 **Tom Ciancone (BMATH '70)** is Lead Instructor in the ESL/Literacy/Numeracy programme of the Metropolitan Toronto Board of Education and is also a professional woodworker. Tom lives in Toronto.

'73 **André Bélanger (BMATH '73)** recently joined the Ottawa sales office of Control Data as a Senior Systems Analyst.

'74 **Eloise (née Wallner) Coleman (BA '74)** was married in June in Vienna, Austria to Tom Coleman. Eloise is currently the Co-ordinator, Case Management, Government of Ontario Pay Equity Commission in Toronto. Tom is Associate Secretary to the Ontario Cabinet.

'76 **Gerald Potter (BA '76)** works as the manager of Programme Services for the Workers' Compensation Board in Hamilton, where he recently moved.

'77 **Paul McGinley (BSc '77)** and his wife Luanne (née Moser) welcomed their first child on July 4. Mark William James was born at St. Mary's Hospital in Kitchener.

'78 **Rev. Jim Donohue, CR, (BA '78)** graduated from Catholic Theological Union in Chicago with a Master of Arts in Theology in the Spring, 1988. His thesis was on "The Role of the Community in the Sacrament of Reconciliation." Jim will be studying now at The Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C., pursuing doctoral studies in sacramental theology.

'80 **Len McDonald (BMATH '80)** and his wife Janet were delighted to announce the birth of their son Brian Allan on July 12. He is a brother for Rebecca and Nyssa. The McDonalds make their home in Brantford where Len teaches at St. John's College.

Marian (née Van Berlo) O'Connor (BA '80) and Frank O'Connor (BA '80) recently established a Brant County Chapter of SERENA, a national organization that advocates natural methods of family planning. The O'Connors are certified to teach the sympto-thermal method which is based on observing the natural signs and symptoms of fertility in a woman.

'81 **Therese Ferguson (BMATH '81)** and her husband Thomas recently moved from Newmarket to Walkerton.

'82 **Stephanie (née Macdonald) Mancini (BA '82)** and **Joe Mancini (BA '81)** founders of the Working Centre and St. John's Soup Kitchen in Kitchener, recently received a strong endorsement from the United Way of Kitchener-Waterloo. The Working Centre was approved



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as the 35th member agency of the United Way. The agency will participate in the 1988 United Way campaign scheduled for the fall and will receive funding commencing in January, 1989. Citing the solid community support for a service of the Working Centre, the United Way has approved a grant of \$10,000 for 1989.

'83 Susan Dunkley (BA '83) recently became Administrative Assistant in the Department of Computer Science at Trent University in Peterborough. She is a member of the Board of Directors of the Canadian Institute of Management and is midway through its management training programme. She formerly held a similar position in the UW Faculty of Mathematics Grad Office.

Marc Kealey (BA '83) and Sandra Filetti (BA '86) were married on July 9 in Oshawa. Sandra

is a teacher at St. Monica School in Pickering and Marc is a Special Assistant to the Rt. Hon. John Turner, Leader of the Opposition.

'84 John Brioux (BA '84) continues to bat a thousand as Promotions Manager with the Toronto Blue Jays.

'85 Mary Lou Dunnigan (BES '85), a teacher at Our Lady of Good Wisdom School in Orleans, Ontario, married Jim Rogers on August 13. Jim is also an elementary school teacher and he and Mary Lou are living in Ottawa.

'86 Darcy Brioux (BA '86) recently became an account executive with MDC Sports and Event Marketing Corporation in Toronto. He formerly worked as a sports co-ordinator at Seneca College.

Karin Eby (BA '86) is attending the Faculty of Education at Lakehead University in Thunder Bay. Since her graduation, Karin has taken additional social work courses and has volunteered as a homework helper with the Big Sisters organization of Kitchener.

Caroline Keogh (BA '86) is enjoying a new career as a sales representative for Royal LePage Real Estate in Kitchener.

Some of our best



At the end of the last academic year, the following awards were presented: (l to r, front row) Gaylaine Passera (French), Sam Garcea (College Award), Beate Schmittner (Sociology). Back row (l to r) Karen Grignon (Religious Studies), Ruth Aitchison (Psychology), Gemma Cox (Zach Ralston Award), and Sara Pendergast (English).

Other Departmental Award winners included Andrea Noonan (History), Chris Fietoli (Math), Steve Laughlin (Philosophy). College Award recipients included Rob Ayer, Sarah Donnelly, Steve Laughlin and Andrea Noonan.

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