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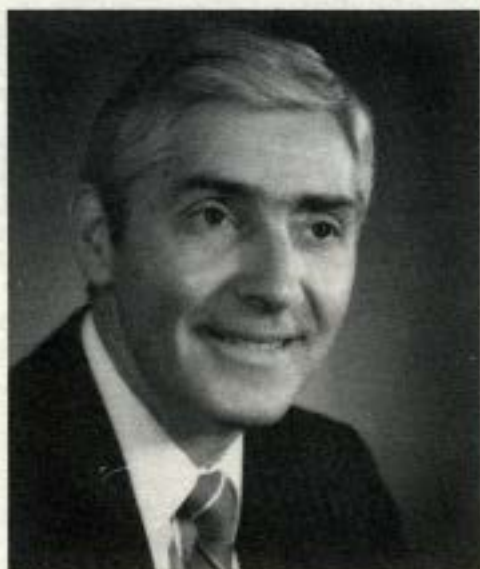
College appoints new Chancellor

Respected educator, former cabinet minister and long-serving politician John R. Sweeney was installed as the new Chancellor of the University of St. Jerome's College in a ceremony that took place on December 8, 1991. The Board of Governors unanimously endorsed Mr. Sweeney's four-year renewable appointment at its October 24 meeting. He is the first layperson to hold the position in the College's 127-year history, succeeding the Most Reverend Anthony Tonno, D.D., Bishop of Hamilton.

"St. Jerome's is proud to have associated with it in a public way a person of John Sweeney's personal character and public achievement," notes College President Dr. Douglas Letson. "He is a distinguished educator whose life has given witness to sound moral and Catholic values, and he is someone who has lived personally the social teachings of the Catholic Church, both as a citizen, and as an exemplary member of the Provincial Government."

Mr. Sweeney was elected as the member of the Ontario Legislature for the riding of Kitchener-Wilmot in 1975, and held the constituency until his retirement from politics in 1990. An effective and constructive critic while on the Opposition benches, he quickly became one of the Peterson government's key cabinet ministers when the Liberals assumed power in 1985.

Mr. Sweeney served as Minister of Community and Social Services, Minister of Municipal Affairs; and Minister of Housing in the Peterson cabinet. He enjoyed a reputation as a caring, competent, and informed minister. Currently, Mr. Sweeney is Planner-in-Residence at the University of Waterloo's School of Urban and Regional Planning. He was recently appointed to the Board of Directors of St. Mary's Hospital in Kitchener, and his effectiveness in government was recognized by Premier Bob Rae's recent appointment of Mr. Sweeney to the Premier's Health Council. He is also a member of the Rotary Club of Kitchener, and Habitat for Humanity (Canada).



The college's new Chancellor: John R. Sweeney.

Photo: courtesy of J. Sweeney

The invitation to serve as Chancellor is a high honour which I have readily accepted," says Mr. Sweeney. "The role of St. Jerome's as a Catholic College within the University of Waterloo, and its ability to reach out to the wider community is a rich resource for both. My association with St. Jerome's has been a most positive one over the years," he adds. "When I was Director of Education for the Waterloo Separate School Board, we jointly established a programme at the College to train teachers in the important areas of Family Life and Human Sexuality. For six years I served on the College's Board of Governors, and came to a fuller understanding of the unique role played by St. Jerome's within the university community. One of my daughters is a St. Jerome's graduate. As Chancellor I hope to advance the objectives of the College in whatever way I can."

"I am delighted with Mr. Sweeney's appointment," adds Board of Governors Chair Mary McLaughlin. "He will truly be an example to the entire College community."

Born in St. John, New Brunswick in 1931, Mr. Sweeney attended elementary school in St. John and Montreal. His secondary education was received at St. Michael's College School in Toronto, and he earned his BA and MEd degrees at the University of Toronto.

Mr. Sweeney was a teacher and principal in the Toronto Separate School Board from 1952 to 1962, and he was Provincial School Inspector from 1962 to 1968. He was appointed Director of Education of the Waterloo Region Separate School Board in 1968, and served in that capacity until his election to the Ontario Legislature in 1975.

Mr. Sweeney and his wife, the former Kay Doran, have ten children and ten grandchildren. Several members of the Sweeney family were present for the installation. During his inaugural address, Mr. Sweeney acknowledged the close relationships shared by the members of his family. "Those of you who know my family know that we are very much a part of each others' lives," he said. "When somebody is in trouble, all the others gather around. When we experience a joyful occasion like this, we share it. Therefore, you will understand when I say that the Sweeney family is deeply honoured by what you have done today, by bestowing on me - and therefore on all of the family - the Chancellorship of this great University."

The installation took place during a special liturgy that saw a number of honoured guests and representatives of other universities bring greetings to the new Chancellor. Among them was Deborah Pecoskie (BA '72), Chair of the Graduates' Association Executive Committee, who told Mr. Sweeney that "the voices of 4,000 graduates welcome you."

The day's celebration concluded with a reception at Notre Dame College.

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Highlights of Mr. Sweeney's inaugural address

"Those of you that have been affiliated with universities know that all great universities have both a heart and a soul. There's no doubt that the University of Waterloo, with which St. Jerome's is federated, has a heart – a throbbing, vital heart that spreads itself well beyond its own campus. But I would suggest to you that it is the Church Colleges, including St. Jerome's, that is the soul of this university."

"I am particularly impressed by the fact that St. Jerome's has always reached out, has never confined itself to what the public sometimes refers to as the 'ivory tower' ... It is that reaching out to the community, that giving of yourself through your public lectures, through your institutes, through *Grail*, that St. Jerome's shatters the myth that this University is in any way inward looking, or in any way interested only in itself and its own intellectual pursuits."

"The students of this University, the University of St. Jerome's and the wider University, need to graduate out into the world with a sense of themselves and of their own values and their own dignity – yes! But they also need to graduate knowing that, as human beings, they are communal by nature. That means ... that they must be interested in and work, not only for themselves, but for others."

"Our society so desperately needs ... those of us who have had [the] kind of education [that St. Jerome's offers]. Those of us who have had the privilege of this kind of intellectual experience come out of it fuller people and better people and more sensitive people. That's what St. Jerome's stands for, and that's why it was so easy for me to say 'yes' [to serve as Chancellor]. Because what you do and what you are and what you can become, even more so than what you are, is so needed and so valid."



Board of Governors Chair Mary McLaughlin assists Mr. Sweeney with the Chancellor's robe.
Photo by S. Bjorkquist

Prayer for the Chancellor

*All gracious God
Bestow on your servant
John R. Sweeney
The wisdom, fortitude
And good judgement necessary
To provide the leadership and Christian
Witness fitting the Chancellor of the
University of St. Jerome's College.*

*Provide us – faculty, staff, students
Friends, and supporters of St. Jerome's – with
The grace of perseverance as we undertake
The worthy and demanding task of
Educating for the reign of God.*

*Bless us now in all things good and human
And guide our future in your ways.*

We pray in Jesus' name.

Amen.



Deborah Pecoskie, Chair of the Graduates' Association Executive Committee, welcomes Mr. Sweeney.

Photo by S. Bjorkquist

1992 Distinguished Graduate Award

Nominations are now being received for the 1992 Fr. Norm Choate Distinguished Graduate Award. The award honours a St. Jerome's graduate or former resident who has given outstanding service to their community, province or country; career; church; St. Jerome's College and/or its Graduates' Association. Please forward your nomination, along with three references, to Dana Woito by May 1, 1992.

The Seventh Annual Graduates' Association Lecture: pure Malone magic

On Friday, November 15, 1991, the Seventh Annual Graduates' Association Lecture was held in Siegfried Hall. Some 200 people assembled to hear well-known lecturer, catechist and teacher Dr. Mary Malone speak on "Women's Voices in the Catholic Mosaic: Design for a New Creation." With the grace, wit, and insight that have made her a much-sought-after speaker and a distinguished scholar, Dr. Malone set about capturing the minds and hearts of her eager audience.

She began by drawing attention to the title of her lecture and what it suggests.

"It implies," she said, that "the story of our Catholic past is multi-faceted, that women have featured extensively there ... that their voices can offer us clues to our creative survival, and that the recovery of these voices can bring about a new creation in our Church." It also means, she pointed out, "that men and women in the Roman Catholic tradition have had different histories and that we have been flying on one wing, so to speak, or, to use an image of Pope John Paul II, breathing with one lung. ..."

Malone called attention to the historical gap that has resulted from this "half-story". She noted that our history has not only been "falsely defined," but that this "false past" was created by way of a "serious political and religious decision". In effect, this decision has created a history of omission, born as it was of a mindset that claimed "what women did and said was insignificant and that we could know the workings of God, and the history of our salvation, without paying any attention whatsoever to God's workings in and with women."

Malone then introduced her audience to some of the women who, throughout the ages, had given lie to the assumption that women had not made their own significant contribution to the history of our salvation. The task of uncovering the work and the voices of these women is an essential one, Malone told her audience, because these are the key to renewing our present life of faith and community within the Church. "We have constructed a false past for ourselves," she said.

"The present Catholic Church is standing on very shaky foundations because they have never been more than half built. When the foundations are finished, when the building is on a more even keel, when God's will, expressed in the life and teachings of Jesus, is taken seriously in regard to women, then our



Mary Malone captivates audience at the Seventh Annual Graduates' Association Lecture.

(Photo: Courtesy UW Central Photo)

present shaky structure may, in fact, be renewed. This does not imply," said Malone, "that women are holier than men, or more Christian than men," but, she pointed out, it does imply "that the future of the Roman Catholic tradition – in fact the whole of Christianity – depends on recovering both its lungs."

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With that as her starting point, Malone then highlighted five contexts – "out of dozens of possible contexts" – that represented an extraordinarily active response of women to the Christian message as it was preached at particular points throughout history. Each of these contexts also highlighted the "response of the institutional church of the time to an outpouring of women's spiritual energy."

The five areas that served as the focus of Malone's reflections were the biblical context, in particular the recovery of the voices of Mary of Magdala, and Mary the Mother of Jesus; the monastic context, the dramatic rise in the number of women who chose lives of

virginity as monastics; the mystical context, an area in which much research is taking place in an attempt to unearth new translations and interpretations of the writings of these marvellous women of history; the context of Post-Trent activism, or the legacy of the "militant virgins", women like Mary Ward, who proposed new alternatives to enclosed female monasticism, and who fought for new ways of living community as women; and finally, the context of Christian feminism, the ongoing efforts of those women who "work to make us aware of the many ways in which patriarchy has hindered and continues to hinder our response to the Gospel."

Having outlined several contexts in which women's voices had sounded, but often went unheard, Malone pointed out the direction we must take as Church, and as community, if we are to design a new creation. Women's voices, she said, must be "heard, not by accident, but by design." She pointed out that there are "enormous feats of imaginative reconstruction demanded of women to move beyond the patriarchal ordering of ritual – everything from the sacred ritual space to the sacred ritual language and music." We must make an effort "to see through" the exclusionary symbols to the powerful richness of the eucharistic symbols themselves – bread and wine broken and shared. "There is 'no need,'" added Malone, "to remind many women of the sacrificial dimensions of Eucharist."

Malone concluded her lecture by calling on women to make the eucharist a celebration of the "consciousness of new ecclesial community," or, as she put it, "the gathering of outcasts and strangers in 'anticipatory fidelity,'" to use a term coined by Roman Catholic theologian Rosemary Radford Ruether. "Medieval women mystics claimed the Eucharist as their own and changed forever Eucharistic devotion. We need to do the same," said Malone. Such a task is not about the issue of ordination, she noted, "but about the dimensions of sharing and thanksgiving which need to be reclaimed and celebrated as the core of Christian life." If we can do this, said Malone, we can be assured that "God will be pleased with us."

Cassette tapes of Mary Malone's lecture are available for \$6.00 each through the St. Jerome's Centre for Catholic Experience, (519) 884-8110, ext. 242.

College mourns loss of Father Norbert Lavigne, C.R.



Fr. Norbert Lavigne, C.R.

Photo by R. Wickens

The entire College community was saddened by the death of Fr. Norbert Lavigne, C.R. on January 15, after a brief illness.

Father Lavigne had a long association with St. Jerome's, both in its present location and at the former Kingsdale campus where he served as an instructor in Economics and as Dean of Men. He was one of the initial members of the St. Jerome's faculty at the Waterloo campus in 1962, and went on to serve in various capacities including acting President, instructor of Economics, and Treasurer. He left the College in 1985 to take a new post as Assistant Pastor of St. Pius X Parish in Brantford. Fr. Lavigne remained in that position until the time of his death.

Father Lavigne was born in Penetanguishene, Ontario on April 17, 1919. He became a member of the Congregation of the Resurrection in August of 1938, and he was ordained to the priesthood at St. Peter's Seminary in London on June 3, 1944. In addition to his tenure at St. Jerome's College, Fr. Lavigne also taught at St. Jerome's High School and North Bay College.

College President Dr. Doug Letson notes that Fr. Lavigne's death marks the close of a chapter in the history of St. Jerome's College.

"The shades of some of the SJC founding fathers have been absorbed into the bricks, mortar, and spirit of St. Jerome's - they will haunt our halls forever. Norb Lavigne's is one of those," says Letson. "Father Lavigne was part of St. Jerome's even before its relocation to the UW campus, and he left for a new posting (retirement was not part of his working vocabulary) only very reluctantly in 1985, when advancing years and the crush of ever-expanding obligations simply caught up with him."

On a more personal note, Letson reflected on those traits that made Father Lavigne such a memorable part of life at St. Jerome's. "Some of us will never forget Norb's aggressive shyness, his affection for the verbal parry, his love of the outrageous. I enjoyed his presence, and after he moved on I was always pleased to see him drop by the College for a brief visit on one of his trips from Brantford. We'll not forget him."

Fr. Lavigne is survived by his brothers Romeo, John, Paul, Allan and Gerhard, and by a sister, Sister Leona, S.P. He was predeceased by two sisters, Margaret and Lola, and one brother, Tony.

The Mass of Christian Burial for Father Lavigne was celebrated at St. Pius X Church in Brantford.

Reunion '92 - Long ago and far away ...

All reunion-goers expect to be transported back in time, to take a trip down memory lane, to reminisce about the "good ole days." But this year's reunion of St. Jerome's College grads will add a whole new dimension to the concept of "going back in time" as it transports its participants into the heart of the Middle Ages. A medieval fair, complete with the music, crafts and culture of the period, will be the central feature of this year's reunion gathering on Saturday, June 6, 1992. The afternoon will feature exhibits and activities for the entire family, the likes of which are more apt to be found in our history books than in our photo albums! The Graduates' Association Executive Committee has engaged the Society for Creative Anachronism - a group of present-day Medievalists - to recreate the spirit of that

long-ago age for contemporary visitors of all ages. A special invitation is being issued to all former thespians involved with St. Aethelwald's Players, that group of graduates whose recreation of Middle Age pageantry created a spirit all its own!

Beginning at 11:00 a.m., Notre Dame College will mark an historical event of a more recent vintage, as it celebrates the 30th anniversary of both residences. In honour of the occasion, Notre Dame will host a late-morning brunch with featured guest speaker Mary Malone. Dr. Malone will address the topic of ecofeminism.

In addition, the ever-popular "Stratford Festival Excursion" will continue with a visit to this renowned Canadian theatre. On the agenda for our theatrical enjoyment this year is Shakespeare's most famous love story, "Romeo and Juliet." The "excursion" will be preceded by an informal luncheon, along with what has become one of the most popular features of the annual Reunion activities: an introduction to the play by Dr. Ted McGee.

These events will be followed by Mass in Siegfried Hall, a cocktail reception, and an award dinner recognizing those grads who

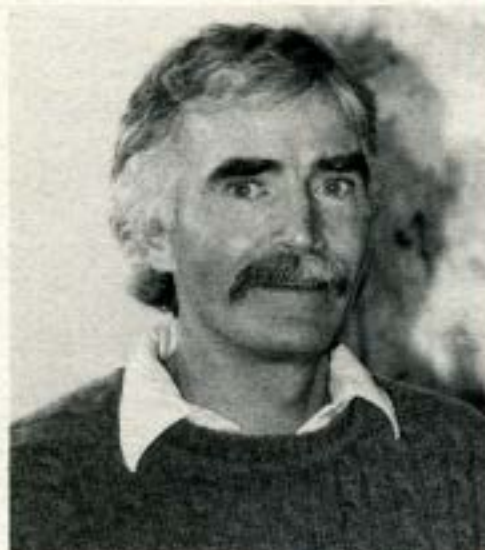
celebrate anniversaries and special occasions. This year's 20-, 25- and 30-year honorees will be the classes of '72, '67 and '62. We'll also take time out to plant a tree and unveil a plaque in honour of the late Fr. Norbert Lavigne, C.R.

Reunion '92 is being held in conjunction with UW's Waterloo Weekend. There will be plenty of places to go, people to see, and things to do! So mark your calendar for Saturday, June 6, and join in the festivities as history and nostalgia combine forces to create more memories, much laughter, and the kind of fun we haven't seen in a long, long time.

"Mead" us in the courtyard. You'll "joust" never believe what we have in store!



New novel for Eric McCormack



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Photo by C. Valeriate

Come the fall of 1992, bookstores will be stocking the latest offering from respected novelist and St. Jerome's professor Eric McCormack. McCormack's new novel, *The Mysterium*, is slated for publication by Viking Penguin sometime in September. The first chapter of the novel appears in February's edition of *Books in Canada*.

A favourite with students, staff, and faculty alike, McCormack's considerable talent has also been acknowledged by readers and critics. In 1989, he was the recipient of the Commonwealth Writer's Prize, and in 1990, he was awarded the Spring Book Award of the Scottish Arts Council, and nominated for the Scottish People's Prize for Fiction.

Of his new novel, the delightfully enigmatic McCormack says only that "it's a mystery," implying that it is as much a mystery to him as to anyone who reads it! When prodded further, he will only say that the novel "concerns a little town where everyone is murdered, every single person," and that the story involves an investigator who sets about trying to solve the mystery. "It doesn't really have any plot," says a laughing McCormack.

The author of *Inspecting the Vaults*, a collection of short stories, and *The Paradise Motel*, McCormack has also published stories in numerous anthologies and collections. His work has appeared *The Oxford Book of Erotic Literature*, *The Oxford Book of Canadian Ghost Stories*, an *Anthology of Canadian Detective Fiction* and a best-selling American anthology of short stories entitled *I Shudder at Your Touch*, as well as in several school anthologies.

McCormack is currently on a half-year sabbatical which will end in July of this year. He is already at work on another novel and says that he can work virtually "any place at all," at least in the early stages of writing, which he does in longhand. Once this is finished, he needs access to a word processor, but he does all revisions by hand on the hard copy and then enters them into the computer. "It's kind of an old fashioned way of doing things," he concludes, but obviously not one which impedes his contemporary spirit of creativity.

Despite the acclaim he has received in literary circles and his continuing publication success, McCormack remains the humble, approachable teacher who has always been popular with students over the years. Many graduates remember him for his jovial wit and his delight in leaving his students with a cryptic comment. Those same students will be glad to know that, while he has found success in the field of publishing, little has changed as far as those memorable McCormack traits are concerned.

He remains true to form in summing up the pending publication of *The Mysterium*. "It puts me in mind of something Harold Pinter once said," he notes. "There's less to it than meets the eye!"

In the current issue of *Grail*

The March 1992 issue of *Grail: An Ecumenical Journal* commemorates the 500th anniversary of the Society of Jesus with a number of articles by and about Jesuits. Included among the selections is an interview with Timothy Healy, S.J., President of the New York Public Library, and a review of the Canadian film *Black Robe*. Also found in the pages of this issue is an essay by Jack Costello, S.J., former editor of the *Catholic New Times* and the President of Regis College at the Toronto School of Theology. His essay, "Finding God in All Things," is based on the First Annual Ignatian lecture, which he delivered at the St. Jerome's Centre for Catholic Experience on November 29, 1991. In it, he discusses St. Ignatius of Loyola's contribution to Christian spirituality, and his articulation of the theme of finding God in all things.

Prof's research wins accolades

A member of the College's Psychology Department was recently honoured for his research by the International Society for the Study of Personal Relationships (ISSPR).



Prof. John Rempel

Photo by C. Valeriate

Professor John K. Rempel's 1989 chapter on "Trust in close relationships," co-authored with University of Waterloo colleague John Holmes and published in the *Review of Personality and Social Psychology*, received the 1992 New Contribution Award of the ISSPR. The chapter was cited for making "a substantial impact on the scholarly activities" of other researchers in this area.

Rempel and Holmes will receive the award at the ISSPR's July, 1992 meeting in Orono, Maine, where Rempel will also be presenting a paper in the same field.

During the past year, Rempel received a two-year \$75,000 grant from the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada to examine how the amount of trust in a marital relationship influences the ways in which spouses interpret, communicate, and negotiate the causes for events in their relationship. This work continues to build on research done since 1985.

"Trust acts as a guiding framework for how people will interpret things that happen in their relationship," says Rempel, "but it is an under-researched area. If we can gain a better understanding of how trust matters in a relationship, therapists and others will be better able to focus on this issue with a view to strengthening it."

Rempel's research involved over 100 couples with varying years of marriage experience. His work is ongoing and he is seeking additional volunteers to participate in the study.

Rempel, an Assistant Professor of Psychology, has taught at St. Jerome's College since 1989. He holds a PhD in social psychology from the University of Waterloo, and he did post-doctoral research at the University of Texas at Austin. He becomes Director of the College's Sexuality, Marriage, and the Family Programme on July 1.

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Annual Fund Appeal launched, André Anderson named chair

The College has launched a major appeal to raise funds for several projects which will have a significant impact on the quality of education it provides. Leading the overall effort as Annual Fund Chair for 1991-92 is Mr. André Anderson of Waterloo, a recently retired Vice-President of The Mutual Group, and a respected member of the local community. He has accepted the position enthusiastically.

"I am delighted to help the College in its development appeal as Chair of the Annual Fund," remarks Anderson. "I have been associated with St. Jerome's for many years and I know the quality of education it provides. I am also aware of the contributions to our local community and to our church made by the College's faculty, staff, students, and graduates."

Mr. Anderson retired from The Mutual Group in March, 1990. Born and educated in Quebec City, he joined the company in that city in 1946, and held several administrative positions in Quebec and Ontario throughout

his career. He was appointed Vice-President (Individual Insurance) in 1980, and senior Vice-President, Individual Division in 1985. Since his retirement, Mr. Anderson has served as a special consultant to the Life Insurance Marketing and Research Association.

"We are honoured and grateful that a person of André Anderson's stature in the local community has agreed to assist us in our annual development fund appeal," acknowledges College President Dr. Doug Letson. "His longstanding commitment to the College, his interest in our progress and strength, and his credibility within the Catholic community will bolster our case for support. Under André's leadership, I am confident we will meet our goals."

Active in the Kitchener-Waterloo community, Mr. Anderson has served on the fundraising campaigns for St. Mary's Hospital and the Waterloo Recreation Complex. He is a longtime member of the President's Committee at St. Jerome's, and a



André Anderson, Annual Fund Chair.

Photo: courtesy of The Mutual Group

member of the University Catholic Community.

Mr. Anderson and his wife Raymonde live in Waterloo. They have three children, two sons and a daughter, and five grandchildren. Their son Claude graduated from St. Jerome's in 1978.



Terry Downey is chairing the graduate portion of the College's Annual Fund.

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St. Jerome's graduate Terry Downey (BA'66) of Waterloo will chair the graduate portion of the College's Annual Fund Appeal.

Downey will head a team of 25 graduate volunteers, including volunteers in California, Washington, and Ottawa, each of whom will personally visit 3 to 5 selected senior St. Jerome's graduates to enlist their financial support of various College projects. All remaining graduates will be contacted

Terry Downey heads Grads' Appeal

through the University of Waterloo's mail/call programme in the months to come.

Currently Associate Professor of Political Science at the University of Waterloo, Downey has a long history of involvement in College life. With his wife Margaret (née Brown, BA'67), he is the recipient of the 1990 Fr. Norm Choate Distinguished Graduate Award. He has written for the College's quarterly, *Gmail: An Ecumenical Journal*, and has been an active participant in Graduates' Association activities over the years, including reunions and career programmes for students.

"Terry Downey is one of our distinguished and committed graduates," observes College President Dr. Doug Letson. "He has been a living example of the ideals for which St. Jerome's stands, and we are pleased to have him lead our effort to garner our graduates' financial support and to extend our educational mission."

A recipient of the University of Waterloo's *Distinguished Teacher Award* in 1988, Downey is also active in the local community. With his colleague Bob Williams, he worked tirelessly to implement a municipal ward system in Waterloo, a system which

will be in place for this year's municipal elections.

He has presented briefs to parliamentary committees on such issues as free trade, and regularly provides advice and assistance to senior citizens' and community groups across Ontario to aid in their understanding of the intricacies of public policies and institutions.

"St. Jerome's provides a very attractive student-centred environment. The College stresses the quality of teaching, and boasts an impressive faculty of publishing scholars," says Downey. "There is also a quality of teaching at St. Jerome's that takes place outside the classroom in the residences, through campus ministry, and in many other ways. Students are part of a community and are invited to be involved."

"I'm involved with the Annual Fund because as a parent, and as a graduate of St. Jerome's, these values are important to me. I want to help ensure that this quality is maintained, but I know that this takes money," he adds. "I'm hopeful that other graduates will reflect on their years at the College and will see fit to support us through this special appeal."

Annual Fund projects 1991-92

A Long-Range Planning Committee has identified several projects for which the College is seeking the financial support of its graduates and members of the Catholic community-at-large in 1991-92.

"The projects reflect an emphasis on students and service to students," remarks College President Dr. Doug Letson. "New faculty hirings to ensure excellence in the classroom, an improved scholarship/bursary programme, library renovations, and an elevator for the handicapped will have a direct impact on the quality of education we provide for our students well into the 1990s and beyond."

The College is seeking funds to hire new faculty in Catholic Studies to maintain manageable class sizes, to enhance its existing Religious Studies course offerings, and to aid the new Master of Arts in Religious Studies (Religious Education option) programme being planned.

In addition, to reaffirm the College's commitment to teach Canadian literature and to do research in that field, funds are being sought to hire a new faculty member in the English Department.

As the cost of a university education continues to rise, St. Jerome's is committed to the principle of accessibility, and therefore intends to seek support to build the Scholarship/Bursary Fund. The existing fund does not generate enough interest to meet our commitment to students.

An independent assessment has recommended that the College Library undertake renovations to provide additional study and collections space, to enhance its technological capabilities, and to improve lighting and security.

The College also wants to install an elevator to allow physically handicapped persons accessibility to all courses and services. At present, only one basement classroom, Siegfried Hall, and some washroom facilities are accessible, but all upper floor classrooms, washrooms, administration and faculty offices, and the Library are not.

Taking the law into her own hands

St. Jerome's graduate Margaret Voll (BA '74) didn't set out to establish a family tradition. It just happened that way. A 1974 graduate of the Honours Philosophy programme, Voll knew that her next step would be into law school. So, in September of 1974, she entered Osgoode Hall, where she obtained her LLB degree in 1977. She was called to the Bar on April 6, 1979. That began what was to be something of a family tradition in the legal field. Two of Margaret's sisters - Cathy and Karen - followed in her footsteps and are now lawyers as well. Margaret secured the family tradition even further when she married fellow lawyer Colin Westman. Together, they opened their own law practice in Kitchener in 1982. They were joined in 1983 by another lawyer, Elizabeth Elstner.

Margaret and her husband remained partners until July of 1990, at which time Colin was appointed to the Provincial Bench, Criminal Division. While Colin undertook his judicial duties, Voll and Elstner were joined by another St. Jerome's graduate, Ana Santos. Voll, Elstner and Santos now comprise the only all-female law firm in the City of Kitchener.

"There are large firms that have more women," says Margaret, "but we are the only all-female law firm of this size." Margaret's legal focus is primarily that of family litigation, handling such sensitive issues as divorce, custody and child welfare.

Margaret's initial attraction to law was as pragmatic as it was idealistic. "I wanted a career where I could be totally capable of supporting myself," she says. "As I was growing up, I kept looking at women and realizing that they needed an extra edge. I felt law could give me that. Of course, I also thought it would be challenging and interesting, and I was attracted to the possibility of having a career that would enable me to be helpful."

Margaret grew up in Kitchener and attended St. Mary's High School. Her community involvement is strong. From 1986 to 1988, she chaired Catholic Family Counselling Centre, an organization that offers marriage, family, and individual counselling, as well as child and play therapy, prevention programmes for children, credit counselling and employee assistance programmes.

She is also currently a Board Member of Parents for Community Living, a Christian-based group that establishes homes for mentally and physically disadvantaged adults. Unlike group homes, these residences

provide individuals with the assistance of support couples and attempt to tie in local parishes as a connecting support base. The organization's efforts are in the early stages, but Margaret believes their work is promising. One home has already been established in Kitchener, and plans for others are in the works.

Margaret also sits on the Board of the Natural Family Planning Centre of Waterloo Region, and the St. Francis Parish Council. She served from 1983-84 as a Board Member of the Corporation of the City of Kitchener Planning Committee. Of her active involvement, Margaret says, "I am always happy to be involved in community work."

Most recently, Margaret's community work has brought her back to the College. She was named to the College's Board of Governors in May 1991. "I'm flattered to have been invited to sit on the Board," says Margaret. "My memories of St. Jerome's College are fond ones, and I hope I can make some kind of contribution."

When she's not busy practicing law or actively engaged in her many community involvements, Margaret can be found working out at the local Y. She and her husband also enjoy travelling, and are still talking about their trip to Israel last August. Margaret and her husband make their home in Kitchener.

Coming Up

The St. Jerome's Centre for Catholic Experience concludes its tenth anniversary with an innovative and intriguing "conversation" between two female mystics.

Saturday, April 25:
Holy Dalliance: Julian of Norwich and Margery Kempe Converse

Susan Scott and Becky Lee offer an imaginative re-creation of the encounter between the renowned anchoress Julian of Norwich and the infamous Margery Kempe. This workshop will explore the range of concerns evident in the writings of these extraordinary women, as well as their delightful ordinariness.

Susan Scott and Becky Lee are lay women and students of theology with a special interest in women's spirituality.



A new face in the Registrar's office



The College's new Registrar: Dana Woito.

Photo: courtesy of UW Central Photo

Since July 15, 1991, there's been someone new sitting behind the desk in the Registrar's office. She is Dana Woito (BA '84), the College's new Registrar and Director of Student Services. Dana succeeds Kevin Donelson, who left the College in February of last year to pursue a career in teaching.

An Honours English graduate of St. Jerome's, Dana also holds an MA in English from the University of Waterloo. She comes to the College with wide communications experience in media, government, and university administration.

For the year prior to her appointment at the College, Dana was Manager of Promotions at Vision TV, Canada's faith and ethics television station based in Toronto. Here she had responsibility for all programme promotions, and liaison with the press and with cable stations across Canada. Before this, she served as Promotions Coordinator at Vision.

Her governmental experience includes work as Programme Information Officer for the Ministry of Community and Social Services at Queen's Park in Toronto. She was also Senior Writer covering social portfolios for the Government Members of the Ontario Legislature, prior to joining the Ministry of Community and Social Services.

No stranger to St. Jerome's, Dana served as Secondary School Liaison Officer for two terms in Fall 1986 and 1987. She visited over forty Ontario Secondary Schools each year to make presentations on the College. She has also served as Assistant to the Director of Residence at St. Jerome's, and Assistant to the Managing Editor of *Graill: An Ecumenical Journal*.

An active freelance writer, Dana has written for the *Toronto Star* and for Prolific Profiles, an independent publicity company in Toronto.

College President Doug Letson welcomed Dana's appointment. "I was certainly pleased to see that the long, detailed, and highly competitive search for Kevin Donelson's successor to the Registrar's position at St. Jerome's culminated in the recommendation to appoint one of our graduates, Dana Woito," says Letson. "Dana's knowledge of the College community, her verbal and oral skills developed in the progress of her English studies and honed in the rough and tumble reality of the media world at Vision TV, her days on the road as Kevin's liaison assistant, her ready smile, keen wit, and native good sense admirably suit her for the position. We all look forward to working with her."

"Returning to the College after my years in Toronto feels like 'coming home,'" says Dana. "I have always loved the academic environment, and my relationship with the College has been characterized by a special sense of belonging. I look forward to the challenges that accompany this position, and I hope that I can continue to provide the service and the personal attention which I experienced as a student here."

Among her community involvements, Dana served for four years on the St. Jerome's College Graduates' Association Executive Committee, and has been a volunteer for the National Broadcast Reading Institute, an on-air reading service for the visually impaired.

The position of Registrar and Director of Student Services encompasses the areas of full and part-time student admissions, high school liaison, student records, registration, academic counselling, scholarships, general public relations, convocation, and the College's Graduates' Association activities.

College expands development efforts

The restructuring of the Registrar's position to include Graduates' Association programme activities has meant that Rob Donelson's position has changed, enabling him to assume full-time development responsibilities. He will continue to be responsible for fundraising among graduates.

"Constantly shrinking government funds directed towards the province's universities – Ontario is ninth out of ten in per capita post-secondary funding – has pushed the responsibility for supporting the system more into the hands of graduates and friends, and more into the laps of the universities themselves," acknowledges College President Doug Letson.

"Rob Donelson has now had better than five years of experience in the development field, and the demands on his time have inevitably pushed him into full-time development. Although he was clearly reluctant to give up some of his former responsibilities with the Graduates' Association and *Update!*, Rob knows better than most of us that his undivided time and many talents are sorely needed in the Development Office. The modern university in Ontario simply can no longer function without a full-time commitment in the fundraising area. St. Jerome's is certainly fortunate to have someone at the helm with Rob's expertise, energy and dedication to the College."

"The St. Jerome's community has benefited significantly by the participation of its graduates in the life of the College," says Donelson. "It has been both rewarding and energizing for me to work with such generous and committed people."



Rob Donelson: full-time development work for the College.

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No business like show business

Graduates who tune into CBC Newsworld might have spotted a familiar face among the network's roster of hosts. St. Jerome's English professor Stan Fogel recently joined the ranks of Canadian television interviewers when Newsworld debuted its new arts and culture show "On the Arts." Seen from coast to coast every Saturday at 6:00 p.m. and Sunday at noon and 11:00 p.m., "On the Arts" profiles noteworthy film, television, and theatre personalities, artists, and authors, reports on new developments in these fields, and reviews recent stage, screen, musical, and literary offerings.

Fogel shares the hosting duties with co-anchors Liz Braun, Brian Johnson and Gary Michael Dault. While he has covered some of the show's stories on film and has interviewed actors such as Rod Steiger, Fogel's major focus is on books and authors. In this capacity, he gets what he feels is one of the biggest perks of the job: access to contemporary authors and books that are "hot off the presses." For a professor of English, this is a little like being the proverbial "kid in a candy store."

Like all jobs that seem too good to be true, however, there are some drawbacks to life in the haven of literary delights, the most significant of these being time. Fogel notes that during the International Authors Festival held annually at Harbourfront in Toronto, he read fifteen books and conducted as many interviews in a two-week period. That, even for a seasoned English professor, is a lot of reading.

Fogel came to the attention of the "On the Arts" producers by way of David Gilmour, host of Newsworld's former arts show, "Gilmour on the Arts." Gilmour had become acquainted with Fogel when the St. Jerome's professor appeared as a panelist on TV Ontario's "Imprint" and on CBC's "The Journal". When Gilmour decided to leave his hosting duties at Newsworld, he recommended Fogel to the producers of the new show.

Fogel sees a kind of comparative relationship between his hosting duties and his work in the classroom. "It's interesting to see the constraints of a different medium," he says. "Television is so condensed, so different from teaching. On television, there is no discussion of the technical merits of a book, its format, or of literary theory." Still, he sees the benefits of such an endeavour. "Books have disappeared from public view," he notes. "For 12 minutes each week, this show puts literature in the most widely accessible medium." While this may not be a long time,



Professor Stan Fogel (front) is joined by co-hosts Liz Braun, Brian Johnson and Gary Michael Dault for CBC Newsworld's "On the Arts".

Photo: courtesy of CBC Newsworld

it is clear that Fogel sees it as a not-insignificant effort to highlight the value of the written word.

While the show's producer keeps him abreast of what is "hot" in contemporary literary circles, Fogel is also given the opportunity to search out things that he finds interesting. Toronto's two big literary festivals, the Harbourfront Authors Festival and Winterfest, are rife with opportunities to hear new works being read and to meet authors. These events keep Fogel particularly busy, but countless opportunities also arise throughout the year to talk with authors about their latest works.

Among the novelists recently interviewed by Fogel are Julian Barnes (*Talking it Over*, *Flaubert's Parrot*), Diane Middlebrook (*Anne Sexton: A Biography*), and Marianne Wiggins, best-known for her reputation as Salman Rushdie's ex-wife, but a successful novelist in her own right.

Fogel has also taken advantage of the teaching opportunities presented by the interviewing job. He often draws on his conversations with authors for ideas to present to his classes, and the Teaching Resource Office at UW recently provided him with a grant to do a video composite of the writers he has interviewed.

Despite the perks of attending book launches, press screenings, and event openings, and even though he's enjoying the experience immensely - "it's great fun," - Fogel sees his media career as a sideline and not something he would want to pursue full-time. "I prefer academia," he says. "I prefer the time it offers you to write, to think."

Where are they now?

'67 Steve Flott (BA '67) and his wife, Fran O'Brien, are pleased to announce the birth of their second child, Allan Richard, born on January 24, 1992, a new brother for Jeannie, 4. Steve and Fran practice law in the Washington area and make their home in Arlington, Virginia.

'70 Sr. Barbara Paleczny, S.S.N.D., is currently pursuing a PhD in theology in the social ethics department of the Toronto School of Theology. Her studies focus on structural causes of poverty, feminist concerns, and Bernard Lonergan's method in theology.



'71 Fred O'Brien (BA '71) is Chairman of the International Federation of Environmental Health, a world federation of Organizations representing professionals engaged in the protection of the environment in the interest of

public health. He is also editor of the Federation's International Journal of Environmental Health, Director of the International Centre for Environmental Health, and a lecturer with the Dublin Institute of Technology. He and his wife have 10 children, 8 sons and 2 daughters. They make their home in Limerick, Ireland.

'73 Joan Beecroft (née Wolfson) (BES '73) recently relocated to Owen Sound from Northern Manitoba with her children Keith, 11, and Laura, 7. Joan is a teacher, and she would enjoy hearing from any former UW and St. Jerome's friends who live in the area.

'76 Dr. Donna Lamping (BA '76) recently accepted a position with the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine in London, England.

'77 Mary Jane Gutoski (née Koehler) (BA '77) teaches English and Theatre Arts at East Elgin Secondary School in Aylmer, Ontario. She and her husband, Don Gutoski, have moved to the country to begin reforestation work and start a tree nursery for Carolinian species.

Patricia Kwiatkowski (BA '77) is the principal of Immaculate Heart of Mary Elementary School in Stoney Creek.

'78 Gerry Cockburn (BES '78) and his wife Maria (née Lajoie) (BMath '80) welcomed the birth of their third child, Philip Gerard, in March 1991, a new brother for David, 5, and Norah, 3. Gerry is presently working for the Dufferin-Peel R.C.S.S. Board as a Religious Education/Family Life Consultant. Maria is head of the Mathematics Department at Cardinal Leger Secondary School in Brampton.



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'80 Dean Mooney (BA '80) received his PhD in Clinical Psychology from the University of Detroit on July 17, 1991. He is a psychological consultant for the Windsor Board of Education.

'82 Vera Laan (BMath '82) married Jim Keutsch on April 20, 1991. She works as a Controller at Bickson Seeton in Toronto.

Tim Mallon (BES '82) is the Assistant Head of Social Sciences at Brother André Catholic High School in Markham. He is married and has two boys, ages 3 and 6.

Reverend John Vallier (BA '82) is an Associate Pastor of St. Jude Parish in Grand Rapids, Michigan, and the Spiritual Moderator for Native Americans in the Diocese of Grand Rapids.

'84 Jean Pierre Quintal (BA '84) is a lawyer with the firm of McCann and Sheppard in Pembroke.



'86 Ben Boachie (BA '86) recently incorporated his own insurance and financial services company in Newark, New Jersey.

'87 Kim Ackerman (née McGladrey) (BA '87) is a program worker at the Alzheimer Day Program in Orangeville. She is married to Neil Ackerman, and spends much of her time writing poetry for various offbeat Canadian magazines.

Michelle (née Mallett) DiEmanuele (BA '85) and Tony DiEmanuele (BA '85) welcomed the arrival of their first child, Elizabeth Ida Mary, born January 26, 1992. Michelle is currently on maternity leave from the Ontario Training and Adjustment Project, where she is Manager of Operations. Tony is Director of Advertising for United Co-operatives Ontario.

'88 Michael Barry (BA '88) and Annette (née Gargarello) Barry (BSc '90) married on December 29, 1990 and are living in St. Thomas, Ontario. Michael received his BComm degree from the University of Windsor in 1990, and is now the manager of the Aylmer Branch of The Royal Bank. Annette received her BEd degree from Western in 1991 and teaches at St. Joseph's High School in St. Thomas.

Jo-Ann Zettel (BMath '88) is the Manager of Marketing Research for Telecom Canada in Ottawa. She lives in Chesterville.

'90 Larissa LePage (BA '90) is in her first year of teaching at St. Jean de Brebeuf elementary school in Brantford.

In Memoriam

We report with sadness the passing of St. Jerome's graduate Phyllis Lomas (BA '82) in November of 1991. The College extends sympathy to the entire Lomas family.

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