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Introducing J.A. Loftus

With his first year of teaching at St. Jerome's behind him, it is high time that grads and friends of the College were formally introduced to our newest faculty member: J.A. Loftus, s.j., Professor of Psychology.

Upon joining the St. Jerome's community, Loftus was named the first holder of the John J. Wintermeyer Chair. Established by the Wintermeyer family, the Chair honours the late John Joseph Wintermeyer, respected Kitchener lawyer, leader of the Ontario Liberal Party from 1957 to 1963, tireless community volunteer, and longstanding friend of St. Jerome's. Wintermeyer's dedication to public service and his belief that higher education should engage one's faith live on in the Chair established in his name at the College.

Loftus' background makes him well-suited to the position: the Wintermeyer Chair was created to allow a prominent scholar to explore topics of importance to the Church in the contemporary world. College President Doug Letson agrees. "The members of the College community are very fortunate to have among them a person of J.A.'s experience, stature, and commitment. He has clearly established himself as someone who works conscientiously and sensitively with people. These are qualities which will serve well both his students in the classroom, and the extended community beyond our campus."

A native of the United States who is now a Canadian citizen, Loftus holds a Bachelor's and a Master's degree in Philosophy from Fordham University, a Master of Divinity from Woodstock College, and a PhD in the Psychology of Religion from Boston University. He was ordained to the Society of Jesus in 1974.

Prior to coming to St. Jerome's, Loftus was the Executive Director of Southdown (Emmanuel Convalescent Foundation), a private hospital providing complete diagnostic, assessment, and treatment services for

religious professionals in need of emotional or spiritual care. In this capacity, he designed and implemented an internationally recognized programme of clinical research, and lectured worldwide on topics relating to psychology, mental health, and spirituality.



J.A. Loftus presents the 10th Annual Grads' Association Lecture in October

Loftus' teaching experience at the undergraduate level comes from Loyola College in Baltimore where he also worked in Campus Ministry, and Boston College in Boston. At the graduate level, he was a sessional lecturer in the Faculty of Theology at St. Michael's College in Toronto from 1988 to 1994, where he taught Psychological Resources for Ministry.

"On the personal side of things," says Loftus, "my move to St. Jerome's has been everything I hoped for and more. The pace of academic life,

and the opportunity for reflection and reading has been refreshing. On the teaching side of things, I was relieved to discover - via Fall course evaluations - that at least I'm not a disaster!" Loftus also considers himself fortunate to have been able to work in his areas of specialization over the past year, teaching courses such as psychopathology, the psychology of religious experience, and human sexuality.

As was hoped with the establishment of the Wintermeyer Chair, Loftus has also been able to maintain contacts within the wider Church community in Canada through consultation with Church leaders and other institutions. His numerous activities outside of the classroom attest to this fact. During the Fall term alone - in addition to being the St. Jerome's Grads' Association lecturer - Loftus has given keynote addresses at the University of Toronto Medical School on "The Nature of the Healing Process", in Buffalo on "Putting Light into Burnout", in Elora on "Research on Sexual Abuse", and at Ryerson on "Spirituality in the Age of HIV/AIDS." In the coming months, he will facilitate week-long gatherings for religious orders, and address an international gathering of Roman Catholic bishops and caregivers in St. Louis, Missouri on the challenges in AIDS ministry. At the same time, he continues to consult widely concerning issues of sexual misconduct.

Now settled in Waterloo, Loftus hopes to unwind a little after his first year at the College, taking a breather over the summer while getting back into two favourite pastimes: playing the guitar and photography. "I have had an exciting and challenging year," acknowledges Loftus, "and the entire community has been so welcoming and open to my presence that I now feel very much at home at St. Jerome's." ♦

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Exploring leadership and laughter in the Church

Nearly 140 grads and friends of the College gathered in Siegfried Hall on Friday, October 28 to meet J.A. Loftus, s.j., newest member of the SJC community and presenter of the Tenth Annual Grads' Association Lecture, "The Challenge to Religious Leadership: or, if I'm in charge around here, why is everybody laughing?" For just over an hour, Loftus shared reflections from his "privileged experience of walking intimately" with many different church leaders during some very troubling times, and invited his listeners to learn with him something about the "glories and pitfalls" of leadership in the Church.

Drawing on his background as a social scientist and former executive director of a hospital for religious professionals in need of emotional care, Loftus addressed the present state of Church morale and its origins. Going beyond the issue of clerical sexual misconduct, he explored the "pervasive shift that has been taking place for decades concerning the very image of a leader, the image of a priest," and invited listeners to review some of those images.

"It is a long way from Bing Crosby and Barry Fitzgerald in *Going My Way*, to Father Guido Sarducci on *Saturday Night Live*," noted Loftus. "Think, for example, of Father Mulcahey on *M*A*S*H*: a 'nice' man who is almost totally out of it. Lovable, but usually useless. Priests these days are often seen as damnably irrelevant - at best!" Since the formulation of self-image and self-esteem for religious leaders is no different than for the rest of us, said Loftus, these images of priesthood begin to go to the root of the problem. We are all intrinsically shaped by what others think of us.

From a psychological point of view, he commented, who *others* say we are can get quickly translated into who *we* say we are. Leaders then begin to believe what they hear; this is evident in just about any profession involving authority, from police and parliamentarians, to physicians, lawyers, and parents. "We are all fragile in this regard," noted Loftus. "But for priests this is a brand new phenomenon. And my subtitle, 'If I'm in charge, why is everybody laughing?' suddenly becomes less funny."

Loftus suggested that a broader cultural shift is also taking place, and that the Church is not alone in facing the dilemma of what to do with the leadership vacuum. "The Church is in the midst of ... a radical social shift at the moment. There can be no sliding through this upheaval."

But Loftus concluded by reminding the audience that the greatest gift we can offer leaders of today and tomorrow is to attempt to walk together in confidence with our ears open. "We are together - leaders and followers - impelled toward a Church of genuine compassion, of openness, and of welcome," he said. "We need to dream powerful and big dreams of inclusion, of togetherness. We need to be able to imagine ourselves as leaders - and then the laughter will die down." ♦

A cassette tape of the Tenth Annual Grads' Association Lecture can be obtained through *Update!* for \$6.00. Please make cheques payable to St. Jerome's Centre for Catholic Experience.



Join us on the canals of Venice ...

Two handsome gondoliers, two weddings, and one long-lost heir to the throne of Barataria - all set to music. Fun and nonsense, you say? Well, you're right. It's Gilbert & Sullivan's *The Gondoliers*, and you're invited to join the St. Jerome's Grads' Association in Stratford on Sunday, June 25 for an afternoon of music, theatre, and good company.

The day's activities have been planned to be of interest to the entire family. "Gilbert & Sullivan is spectacular as far as theatre goes," says English Professor Ted McGee. "There are great sets, costumes, music, dancing, and lots of action. It's the perfect combination to appeal to both adults and children."

While G&S is a definite change of pace from the usual Shakespeare excursion, the Grads' Association felt it was time to take advantage of one of Stratford's other great strengths: its musicals. As with all Gilbert & Sullivan produced at Stratford, the basic material is reworked for a current audience. In this case, it should not only provide great laughs for the adults, but also a wonderful introduction to contemporary Canadian culture for the children.

A couple of years ago, McGee began taking his nine-year-old daughter, Haley, to the theatre to celebrate the end of a successful school year. "Children eight and up would probably benefit the most from an experience like this," notes McGee. "It's the perfect opportunity to provide them with a fun introduction to theatre. The songs stick with the kids, too - Haley is still known to break into a chorus of 'I'm called Little Buttercup' from her earlier *H.M.S. Pinafore* experience - and the storyline is easy for them to follow."

Naturally, with or without youngsters, all grads and friends of the College are welcome to join in this Grads' Association event. All we ask is that you be young at heart!

The agenda for the day is:

Lunch at the Queen's Inn, Stratford, 12 noon
Pre-performance introduction to Gilbert & Sullivan and *The Gondoliers*
Matinee performance of *The Gondoliers*, Avon Theatre, 2:00 p.m.
Post-performance chat with cast members

☐ Yes, I/we would like to attend *The Gondoliers* on Sunday, June 25, 1995.

Name _____

ID # (if applicable) _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Number of Tickets: _____

Price for lunch and the show is \$41.70 per person
(Price includes \$10.00 off the already reduced group ticket rate.)

Please RSVP by **Friday, June 16, 1995** to Leisa Wellsman, St. Jerome's College, Waterloo, ON N2L 3G3
519-884-8110 (phone) or 519-884-5759 (fax).

Cheques should be made payable to St. Jerome's College.

The Leading **EDGE**

Still hesitant about depositing your cheques via the bank machine? Are you edging rather than coasting down the information highway? Well, hang on to your hats, says Math Professor Scott Vanstone, because if you think technology has made great leaps over the past ten years, look out for the next ten! And Vanstone ought to know. After all, he's on the leading edge of research that will soon have an impact on all of us – even the avowed “technologically challenged”.

Earlier this year, Vanstone became the first holder of the newly-created Möbius Chair in Cryptography. The creation of such a position at St. Jerome's College was made possible by Möbius Encryption Technologies of Mississauga, a company specializing in the areas of data security and the latest cryptography methods. Established in 1985, Möbius is the brainchild of Gord Agnew of Computer and Electrical Engineering, Ron Mullin of Combinatorics and Optimization, and Vanstone.

For the initial three-year duration of the Chair, the money provided will finance a portion of Vanstone's salary in order to allow him time away from teaching to do further research in the area known as public key cryptography. One of the major breakthroughs in cryptography over the past twenty years, it's an area in which Vanstone has already done a considerable amount of research and development.

Public key cryptography has numerous applications because it allows people to sign an electronic document with a digital signature instead of a written one which can be easily forged. “It has everything to do with security,” says Vanstone. “If I'm doing my bank transactions from my home via computer, I want to make sure my information arrives unintercepted at its destination. Public key cryptography permits this through the use of a private bit of information that I combine with my message to make up my personal digital signature. At the other end, there's a public piece of information that allows the receiver – my bank in this case – to verify that it's me and only me



Scott Vanstone, Möbius Chair in Cryptography

who sent the message. Remember, just because you can't see it, doesn't mean nobody else can!”

Public key cryptography will also be used to secure “smart cards” – bank, credit, and phone cards, for example, that actually have little computers imbedded in them. Such cards would perform the same procedures with which we're already familiar, but the data transmitted would be absolutely secure, bearing the digital signature of the user. To this end, Vanstone is quick to stress that one of the most important things about cryptography is

authenticating with whom you are communicating – not simply keeping secrets. He also notes that we're moving toward having just one card for all transactions. The same card would be used to pay bills, buy groceries, make long distance calls, and withdraw money from the bank. Although some of these ideas have already been put into practice to some degree here in Canada and in other countries, the all-important high level of security is still lacking. Canadian research overall, however, is advancing fairly rapidly in terms of the implementation of this new technology. According to Vanstone, our own Revenue Canada has one of the best security systems in the world, and recently chose Möbius to provide encryption software to commercial tax preparers who file returns via electronic mail.

While Vanstone's vision of the future includes interactive televisions and a host of other new technologies, he also notes that the changes will not take place overnight. After all, the written signature came into British Common Law in the 1600s and has been used ever since. Digital signatures may take a while, therefore, to be fully integrated into the government and legal system. There will certainly be legal ramifications concerning responsibility for electronic signatures and what's been signed.

So what is Vanstone's final word on all this new technology? A simple assurance for the technologically timid. “It WILL be user-friendly,” he promises with a smile. ♦

College bids farewell to Rob Donelson

After almost thirteen years at St. Jerome's College, Director of Development Rob Donelson has decided to move on. In mid-November, the College community bade Donelson farewell and wished him luck as he began a new phase in his career as Executive Director of the St. Mary's General Hospital Foundation in Kitchener. In this capacity, he will be responsible for the hospital's entire fundraising programme, working closely with a volunteer board and hospital administration.

Prior to his departure, Donelson was looking forward to the challenges his new position would offer. “I will be directly involved in maintaining and enhancing the profile of St. Mary's in the community, providing donor recognition, planning special fundraising events, and producing development literature,” he says. “St. Mary's has afforded me a great opportunity to continue to serve this community.”

Donelson first came to St. Jerome's in 1978 as a second-year transfer student from McMaster University in his hometown of Hamilton. In 1981, he graduated with an Honours BA in English and a History minor.

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Rob Donelson

... Farewell to Rob Donelson continued

After a year at Queen's Park, where he was one of seven Ontarians chosen for an internship, Donelson returned to the College as Assistant to the Registrar and first-ever Director of Alumni Affairs.

As many grads are aware, Donelson was responsible for establishing the College's Grads' Association and developing a broad range of activities to involve grads in the life of the College. "I'm really proud of the different projects we now have in place at the College," says Donelson, "especially the relationships I've helped establish between the College, its grads, and the wider community."

Under Donelson's direction, the College's Development and Alumni Offices have both seen great achievements: over fifty new scholarships and bursaries have been created exclusively through donations. *Update!* has won three national awards, a Planned Giving program has been established, and the College has come to enjoy a high degree of financial support from its grads, friends, and staff. Donelson personally considers both the building of the scholarship and bursary fund and the commitment to handicapped accessibility to be among the College's foremost accomplishments in the Development area.

Graduate Terry Downey (BA'66), professor of Political Science at UW, worked closely with Donelson when he chaired the graduate portion of the annual fund appeal in 1992 and 1993. "It was always a pleasure to work with Rob. His enthusiasm, drive and optimism were an inspiration to people, and his approach to graduates and canvassers was very professional. But more importantly, Rob has made a considerable contribution to St. Jerome's by fostering relationships with grads and involving them in the life of the College. In many ways he has laid significant groundwork, and I know the College will reap the fruits of his endeavours for many years to come."

For his part, Donelson notes that he has thoroughly enjoyed his time at St. Jerome's both as a student and an employee. "I've worked with some really fine people over the years at both the College and UW, and I'm fortunate to count many of them as my friends. The whole area of fundraising has grown rapidly since I've been involved in it, and I have the College to thank for finding new challenges for me over the years, and allowing me to pursue new initiatives."

Donelson and his wife, Theresa, live in Waterloo and have three children: Philip, 6%, Riley, 4, and Brianna, who turns two in May. ♦

• News Briefs •

Grads teach at SJC

Three St. Jerome's grads joined the College faculty as part-time sessionals during the past academic year. In the Fall term, Paul Lavigne (BA'69, MA'72), a teacher at St. Mary's High School in Kitchener, taught *History 260: European History from 814-1303*. In the Department of English, Pat Zettel (BA'70), once again taught *Old English I & II*. Zettel, who teaches at Grand River Collegiate in Kitchener, holds a BEd from Western and a DPhil from Oxford. And finally, Becky Lee (BA'91), a PhD student at the University of Toronto, taught *RS 329: Mothers of the Church*, for the department of Religious Studies during the Winter term.

Psychology prof promoted

Psychology Professor John Rempel will be promoted to the rank of Associate Professor effective July 1, 1995. Rempel has been a faculty member at the College since 1989, and the focus of his research is the study of trust in close relationships.

Stratford trip a success

Sixteen grads and friends of the College travelled to Stratford to see "The Comedy of Errors" for the annual Grads' Association Stratford Festival Excursion on Sunday, September 11, 1994. Once again, we were favoured with great weather and a superb pre-performance lecture by our own Shakespearean, Ted McGee.

President re-appointed

The College's Board of Governors announced the re-appointment of President Doug Letson (BA'62) to a second term in office at its October 13 meeting. Letson first became President in 1989; his second term has a duration of four years.

Prof to represent UW

History Professor Ken McLaughlin (BA'65) has accepted an invitation to chair the appraisals committee of the Ontario Council on Graduate Studies, effective July 1. McLaughlin has been the University of Waterloo appointee to the Council for the past two years.

Student wins prize

St. Jerome's student Leanne Borho has won the 1994 ADEFUO Prize given annually by the Chairs of French Departments in Ontario Universities. The \$250.00 prize is awarded on the basis of an outstanding composition written by a third-year student who will be spending a year at a francophone university. Borho, a student in the French Teaching Specialization programme, is spending the 1994-95 academic year studying at the Université de Nantes in France.

Charity Run '94

In October, the College community "extended itself" for Charity Run '94, the proceeds of which went to support Kitchener-Waterloo Extend-a-Family. Over \$5400.00 was raised for the agency, which attempts to foster friendships between those with developmental handicaps and the community at large. This year's Charity Run co-chairs were second-year students Ronan Quinn and Karen Moser, and fourth-year student Angela Seguin.

SJC Math students shine

Two Mathematics students registered through St. Jerome's College have been recognized for outstanding achievement in their Faculty. George Prieksaits, a graduate of West Elgin Secondary School in West Lorne, Ontario, was presented with the K.D. Fryer Gold Medal at Fall Convocation in October. This award is given annually to a graduating student who best exemplifies academic excellence and good citizenship. Prieksaits graduated in May 1994 with an Honours Co-op degree in Chartered Accountancy/Statistics. He has accepted a position with Ernst and Young in London, Ontario.

Second-year Honours Math co-op student Tammy Paton was also recognized this past fall with the Mathematics Faculty's Proctor & Gamble Inc. Award for most outstanding first work report. Paton, a graduate of Sir Winston Churchill Secondary School in St. Catharines, spent her first work term this past summer at the Toronto-Dominion Bank in downtown St. Catharines. The winning report with a timely subject, *Saving for School: An Analysis of the Options*, was chosen from nearly 500 submissions and brought with it a \$100.00 prize.

Men's Residence changes Directors

It seems that the month of November was one of change at St. Jerome's. The College community found itself saying goodbye not only to Rob Donelson, but also to Residence Director Steve Sabourin. Sabourin graduated with an Honours Geography degree from UW's Faculty of Environmental Studies in 1986, and after a brief stint as a supply teacher, moved to Mississauga as a sales representative for Ralston Purina Canada. In July 1989, the North Bay native found himself heading back to St. Jerome's to become Conference Coordinator and Director of the residence he had lived in during his student days. In February 1993, he also added Director of Maintenance to his duty roster.

During his five years at the College, Sabourin oversaw a number of initiatives to improve the quality of life at St. Jerome's. He played an important role as project manager during the construction of the elevator, and was involved in both the redesign of the College parking areas and the addition of walkways and ramps to improve accessibility for persons with disabilities. As a member of the Personal Safety Committee, Sabourin directed changes to the College landscape to eliminate unsafe areas, then oversaw the installation of new lighting and emergency phones.

But for Sabourin, more important than the physical plant improvements were the changes in relationships that he encouraged in the men's residence. "From having lived in residence myself, I knew that each year there's a whole new crop of young men, each of them with very different personalities, coming together to form a community," he says. "Seeing them come in, shy and wet behind the ears, my aim was to make sure that their residence experience would be a positive one. To this end, I put my greatest effort into demanding and encouraging respect from the guys: respect for each other, for me, and for the residence itself. Today, I believe that the residence enjoys a very positive reputation as a place to study and have fun - without the fun getting out of hand."

Celeste Reinhart, Director of Residence at Notre Dame College, worked closely with Sabourin during the last two and a half years, and echoes these same sentiments. "Steve valued each resident and encouraged them to respect themselves and others. He gave people the freedom to learn from life experiences and he strove for dialogue in conflictual situations. As a colleague, Steve was tolerant, professional, and fun to be with."

Since November 18, Sabourin has been the Account Manager for the Mississauga branch of Hadco Corporation, a U.S. firm based in Salem, New Hampshire. With over 2,000 employees worldwide and gross sales of \$230 million last year, Hadco is a leading supplier of circuit boards to various sectors of the electronics industry. At present, Sabourin is responsible for eight active accounts with branches of companies such as IBM and AT&T. "I deal mostly with buyers and

engineers," notes Sabourin, "making sure that things go as smoothly as possible to ensure both quality and on-time delivery of our product."

And while Sabourin doesn't at all miss the hour and a quarter commute from Burlington to Waterloo, he does say that he enjoyed the opportunity to give something back to a community which gave him so much as a student.

Since Sabourin's departure, a new hand has been on the helm of the J.R. Finn Residence. He is Darren Becks (BES'94, Planning), a native of Sault Ste. Marie and four-year veteran of residence life. During those years, he was once president of the House Council, twice prefect, and twice summer Conference Coordinator. As a result, he has a great sense of connection and commitment to the men's residence.

"I'm really looking forward to the new opportunities that this job offers," says Becks. "Although I've had a fair bit of experience in the day-to-day working of the residence and conferences, the responsibility for the maintenance of the College is a new aspect for me, and one which I'm sure will provide a lot of challenges."

Over the past three years, Becks had a chance to work closely with Steve Sabourin, who became both a mentor and a good friend. According to Becks, Sabourin offered both challenges and encouragement that helped him then and will continue to help him in the future. "I feel prepared - especially in being able to relate to the prefects - although it's difficult to say this early on specifically what I'd like to achieve. I guess I'm too new yet to the other side of the desk!" Becks also notes that whatever he accomplishes in the residence, he will most certainly not do alone. He sees himself as part of a team which includes the residents, the House Council, the prefects, and residence assistant Judy Reidt.

"In the few months that he has been here, Darren has proven that he's up to the challenge," comments College President Doug Letson. "His background has prepared him in an enviable way to step into Steve Sabourin's office, and the transition in the residence with the prefects and residents has been an easy and natural one. I am confident that in the coming years Darren will carry on Steve's well-established tradition of continually improving the quality of residence life."

As for the near future, Becks is anticipating two things: going through his first admissions cycle and welcoming new residents to J.R. Finn, and becoming a Big Brother. The latter is something he has always wanted to do, and now that he is working and settled in K-W, he feels the time is right. "For the past four years I've concentrated on my extra-curricular residence activities and my studies," he says. "Now it's time to give something of myself to the community." ♦



Steve Sabourin
(Photo by S. Furlin)



Darren Becks
(Photo by C. Hughes)

Former SJC English Prof heads into retirement

Those of you who attended St. Jerome's in the early days will most certainly recognize the name Larry Cummings. In 1961, shortly before the move from Kingsdale to its present location, Cummings became the first full-time layperson ever to teach at the College. Cummings stayed until 1971, and was largely responsible for building the strong English department SJC enjoys today.

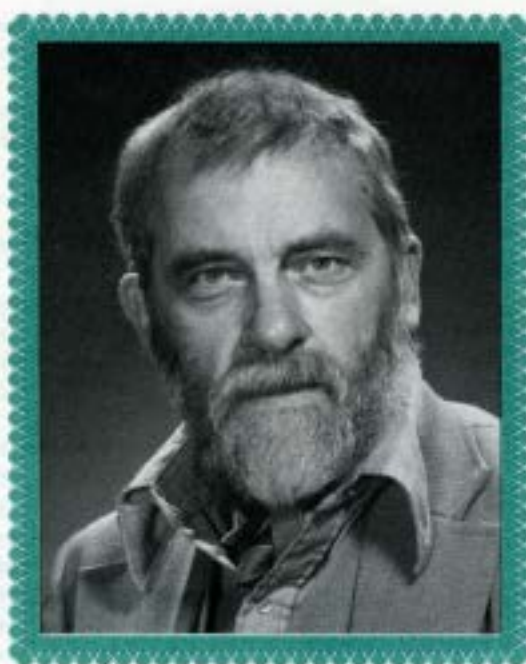
Following his World War II service in the U.S. Navy, Cummings was entitled to go to College according to the G.I. Bill of Rights, which made provisions for education for all veterans. He decided to major in English, completing his BA at Washington University (Missouri) and his MA at the University of Missouri. On scholarship, Cummings then returned to Washington to do a PhD in Medieval & Renaissance Literature and American Literature.

After teaching in the western States for a while, Cummings decided he was due for a change. "In those days, it was still a bit exotic to go to Canada – actually it's still a bit exotic for me! – but I never anticipated staying longer than one or two years." Cummings also expected that perhaps Canadian students would be more disciplined and academically prepared than their American counterparts. According to him, they were.

"I was initially attracted to St. Jerome's for several reasons," says Cummings. "First of all, the fact that it was a Catholic institution run primarily by priests appealed to me. I imagined myself living some sort of monastic life with time to study and think. I also knew that the fathers wanted to build a strong English department at the College, and I felt I could do that."

Cummings succeeded at this latter task by creating a department which holds a prominent place in the history of UW, and he credits Sisters Leon (English) and Stella (Latin) with being its "founding partners". It was Cummings, however, who set about the chore of hiring top-notch teachers. He was responsible for bringing in such people as Murray MacQuarrie, and then through him, Peter Hinchcliffe. Having taught with both of them in the States, he succeeded in hiring Ruth Levitsky and Lindsay Dorney. David Keppel-Jones soon followed. He even gave up his Old English course so that one of his first students, a young Doug Letson, would have an opportunity to teach it and other things.

Although his creation of a department went very well, his hope for a "monastic" life fell by the wayside. Shortly after Cummings arrived at St. Jerome's, he found himself at his first faculty meeting. It was not only a first for him, but also for the fathers. "They straggled in, not at all used to the idea," notes Cummings. "But the meeting had been necessary, and Father Lavigne innocently suggested that we form a committee. When I inquired why, he responded,



Larry Cummings in 1979

Cummings also has fond memories of his first students. "They were intelligent, disciplined, very hard-working, and proud to be St. Jerome's students."

"I just want to try it!" In the end, Cummings became very involved, supporting the fathers and often finding himself in the role of spokesperson.

Cummings also has fond memories of his first students. "They were intelligent, disciplined, very hard-working, and proud to be St. Jerome's students. They knew it was a good English department," he says. "Of the very first English class on this campus – there were only three students in an advanced class – one student went to blackest Philadelphia to do social work, another now teaches at UW's School of Architecture, and the third is a very prominent American novelist."

In 1963, Cummings founded the theatre group known as St. Æthelwold's Players, named for the Benedictine monk who founded Western drama. Students from various disciplines took part and produced many successful Medieval and Early Renaissance plays. "It was a good time and a lot of work," notes Cummings. "But more importantly, it really helped St. Jerome's by bringing people together and making them

feel a proud, corporate identity." 1969 marked the end of St. Æthelwold's Players, but it went out with verve. In November of that year, Cummings co-ordinated a Medieval Drama conference that brought many respected scholars to the College.

In April 1971, Cummings felt it was time to resign from St. Jerome's. According to him, the acceptance of Church reforms by the College no longer coincided with the Roman Catholic traditions he held as sacred and necessary. "I didn't at all want to hurt the fathers, for whom I felt a great loyalty and warmth, yet I knew it was time for me to go."

In the years before he left SJC, Cummings had already taught a few courses on the main campus. So when the director of the newly-founded School of Architecture wanted someone to set up courses in the Humanities within the school itself, Cummings was invited to meet the challenge. The Dean of Arts, however, requested he remain part-time in that faculty, and thus Cummings has held a cross-appointment to English and Architecture for the past 24 years. During this time, he has taught

courses in both faculties to countless numbers of students. So what does retirement hold for Cummings? "I'd like to read some books and do a little gardening. And I'd like to be a better fisherman," he adds a bit wistfully. Cummings also relishes the opportunity he will have to think about his own writing – verse, plays, and fiction – some of which has been published or performed in the past. "Of course," he laughs, "people have also been after me to do various projects for them. The unfortunate truth is, I'm more apt to get theirs done than my own!" ♦

The Planned Giving Committee of St. Jerome's College invites you to the third in a series of informal talks on Estate and Financial Planning Matters



"Preserving What's Mine"

with PAUL DENOMME, B.A., C.A.

Tuesday, May 16, 1995

7:30 p.m.

Common Room, St. Jerome's College

Admission is free, but registration in advance is preferred. Please call (519) 884-8110 to register. Refreshments will be available.

A federal budget, a provincial budget, and a personal income tax return. These things apply to all Canadians. So too should financial planning for the future, says Paul Denomme, St. Jerome's grad (BA'70) and presenter of the upcoming talk, "Preserving what's mine." A partner at KPMG Peat Marwick Thorne in Waterloo, Denomme has been practising public accounting for the past twenty-five years, dealing primarily with small owner-managed businesses, but also helping individuals with concerns about tax returns, management consulting, and financial planning.

"I'd like this session to appeal to a broad range of people," says Denomme. "Most often, people get bombarded from all sides when there's a budget - what the budget said and how it might impact on them. But I'd like to get back to general concepts - back to the 'how-tos': 'how to keep more of what's mine'." Denomme believes that most people today have a lot of difficulty absorbing change - especially changes to taxes, financial products, and investment strategies. "People hear about changes in the budget and all of a sudden they're off and running in a direction that may be good for a particular tax change but is not consistent with an overall plan aimed at the future."

Denomme also notes that people are becoming more concerned with the idea of long-range financial planning because they do not believe that the government will necessarily continue to look after them. In light of this, Denomme would like to begin his talk by having participants "size up" where they are at this point in their lives, making them realize that they're part of a larger world, and therefore that their planning has to encompass what is happening in the larger world. "Take, for example, the forty to fifty age group," he says. "Two things are

going to happen to them. First of all, they're going to be given a significant amount of wealth over the next ten to fifteen years from the older generation. Naturally, the first generation wants to make sure that this wealth is passed on at the least cost, and the second wants to make sure it's received at the least cost. There are ways to plan now to make sure that costs are reduced at both ends. Secondly, we know that the government is going to be taking more away from us. They've already been hinting at the fact that the baby boomers have perhaps caused some of our current financial troubles, so they're likely going to be targeted as the first ones to pay."

Once people have "sized up" where they are in their lives, Denomme will share some very basic things which help identify goals - immediate, short term and long term - and achieve them. He will consider things that may have been on people's tax returns, and, without getting into specific products, investment strategies. Denomme's aim is to keep the talk relevant to all people, whether they are young couples saving for the future, parents planning for their children's education, young graduates with debt load, or older people managing their assets in retirement.

"You can see some threads developing here as far as the government's philosophy goes," says Denomme. "It's going to be very much a pay-as-you-go society, with the role of the family being important. The implied message is 'Don't expect the government to support you.' The theme of 'preserving what's mine' is future-oriented, but requires action today. My hope is that those who attend the talk at St. Jerome's will get a jump start on formulating their preservation plans." ♦

Where are they now?

'77 Marny Beale (BA'77) is the Principal at St. Luke Elementary School in Mississauga. Since October 1994, she has been the Catholic Elementary School Principals' Counsellor on the Ontario Provincial Catholic Principals' Council of Ontario. Marny is also a member of the task force responding to the Royal Commission on Learning.

'79 Edward Cloutier (BA'79) has been named vice-president of Banyan Systems Inc. of Westboro, Massachusetts, the leading worldwide supplier of software and services for enterprise networking. Edward will continue to oversee operations for Canada and Latin America from Banyan's Canadian headquarters in Mississauga.

'81 Rick and Terry (née Cahill) Sisk (BA'81) have moved from Calgary to Vancouver, where Rick continues to work for Dal-Tile of Canada. The Sisks also have an addition to their family. Jennifer was born December 20, 1993, and is adored by Katelyn, 8, Michael, 7, and Daniel, 3. Terry stays at home "to count heads and organize the homefront."

'82 Roy Boivin (BES'82) obtained his Ontario Nursing Licence in 1992 and is a Licensed Practical Nurse at Botsford General Hospital in Farmington Hills, Detroit. After working nine years in geriatrics, he now works in the area of geropsych. Roy's wife, Pamela, is a hairstylist, and the couple has one child, Cassandra, age 3. The Boivins live in Windsor.

James Peluch (BA'82) earned his Master of Social Work from Wilfrid Laurier in 1984, and his LL.B. from Western in 1991. In January 1995, he began practising law in Guelph. Residents of Kitchener, James and his wife, Debra, have a three-year-old daughter, Denais.

'84 Andy (BMath'84) and Donna Ingriselli welcomed Laura Colleen on February 18, 1995. Weighing in at 7 lbs, 5½ oz., Laura is a new playmate for big sister Julie. Andy is a network analyst at The Mutual Group in Waterloo.

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'86 Colleen (née Crow, BMath'86) and Lewis (UW BES'84) Morgulis celebrated the birth of a daughter, Sierra Ellen, on February 20, 1995. Sierra weighed in at 8 lbs. 9 oz., and is welcomed by big sisters Elizabeth, 6, and Siobhan, 2½. Colleen is the Mathematics Department Head at Paul Dwyer High School, and Lewis is a planner with the Durham Board of Education. The family lives in Oshawa.

Karin Eby (BA'86) was incorrectly identified in the previous issue as being a teacher at St. Theresa School in Elmira. Karin no longer teaches there, but writes that she is looking forward to returning to teaching in the future. We apologize for the error.

'87 Rita Racanelli (BA'87, MA'90) and Ron Cherkewski (UW BSc'89) were married October 1, 1994 in Mississauga. Rita continues to work for the University of Waterloo, while Ron is an engineer at Conestoga Rovers in Waterloo. The couple spent their honeymoon in Western Canada, and now reside in Waterloo.

'91 Gerald (BMath'91) and Victoria (née Thirakul, UW BMath'89) Yeung and their one-year-old son, Benjamin Thomas, live in Los Angeles, California. Gerald is an Associate Actuary (ACAS) at Farmers' Insurance Group in the Workers' Compensation area.

'93 Brett Miller (BES'93) graduated from the Faculty of Education at the University of Ottawa in May 1994. He currently lives in downtown Ottawa, where he is a supply teacher for the Ottawa Board of Education.

Attention Graduating Classes of 1965 & 1970!

You are invited back to Waterloo to celebrate the anniversary of your graduation. The following activities will be taking place on Saturday, June 3, 1995:

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