

The plot thickens...

Ken McLaughlin's new book tells the engaging story of the founding of the University of Waterloo

Religious tension, political intrigue, academic mistrust, financial uncertainty—these are the words University of Waterloo President James Downey uses to describe Ken McLaughlin's just-published book about the founding of the University of Waterloo.

"Forty years on, given the success the University of Waterloo has achieved, it may appear that its founding was a simple and natural experiment in work-study education," Downey writes in his introduction to *Waterloo: The Unconventional Founding of an Unconventional University*. "It was anything but."

In his postscript to the book, McLaughlin, a professor of history and former vice-president and academic dean at St. Jerome's College, writes, "When I was first approached and asked to consider undertaking a series of oral history interviews about the founding of the University of Waterloo, little did I realize the adventure on which I was embarking. The idea was both timely and challenging and the project seemed possible. Enough time had passed since the intense emotional division over the separation of Waterloo College (now Wilfrid Laurier University) and its offspring, the Waterloo College Associate Faculties (now the University of Waterloo), that one could hope to achieve a degree of objectivity from the pain and tensions of those difficult years.

"As I was trying to explain this new university's history, my daughter Janet, then age eleven, innocently asked, 'Does every city have two universities?' Her question was not without merit. Coming of age in Waterloo it was entirely reasonable for her to assume that every city would have two universities. (If one includes St. Jerome's College, which in 1959 was incorporated as a separate university along with UW, for a moment in time Waterloo had three universities.) Clearly this was a story worth telling."

What's remarkable about that story, says McLaughlin, who wrote the book while on sabbatical leave, "is the degree to which the values and aspirations of post-war Canada shaped this new university and its students.... The one idea that stands out is the commitment of then-president Gerald Hagey, the board of governors, the early faculty members, and the students who chose to attend the newly founded Associate Faculties and later the University of Waterloo to create a curriculum and a university education that would be relevant to the lives of Canadians in a rapidly changing world.

"Their credo was to establish a university that combined the best in science, technology, and the


humanities, setting a course that looked to the future rather than one based on the past precedents of other universities in Canada or abroad."

McLaughlin himself was one of those early students. "I first came upon the UW campus as a young high school student," writes McLaughlin in his postscript. "There were two buildings then: Chemistry and Chemical Engineering was one, and Physics and Mathematics the other. My first year as a student in 1961 was spent not in Waterloo, but at the Kingsdale Campus of St. Jerome's College in Kitchener." Not surprisingly, an entire chapter is devoted to St. Jerome's central role in the founding of the University of Waterloo.

"By my second year, St. Jerome's had moved its arts program to the UW campus, and the Arts Building (now Modern Languages), with its leaking diamond shaped skylights ever-filled with murky water and the overpowering odour of silicone sealant, the new building and the new campus were almost ready for us.

"When I graduated with an Honours Degree in history in 1965 the university library was still shelved on part of the top floor of the Physics and Mathematics building; the library had two microfilm readers, but essays were still reproduced on Gestetner machines rather than by Xerox photocopiers. UW, however, had acquired its first computer. The future was at hand.

"What I remember most is that Waterloo was an intensely exciting university, but not without its flaws. That sense of excitement and fascination with the university has remained with me ever since."

And though his enthusiasm comes through clearly in his book, it doesn't obscure the story he tells. "Reading Ken McLaughlin is like looking through a clean glass at a clear landscape," writes Downey. "He does nothing to obstruct the view. He simply tells the story with clarity and precision; he lets the people and events he describes speak for themselves." 



Waterloo: The Unconventional Founding of an Unconventional University can be ordered through the University of Waterloo Bookstore at (519) 888-4567, ext. 2902.

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Message from the President

Sometimes, dreams come true

Have you ever wondered how many Catholic colleges and universities there are in Canada? Have you ever wondered how many faculty are employed by these institutions? And have you ever wondered what would be possible by way of national identity, academic innovation, or service to church and society if one could combine Canada's various post-secondary Roman Catholic institutions, including all of their faculty, into one integrated body? It's a dream of collaboration, influence, and service which I have been mulling over for several years now, and which I have urged my counterparts across Canada to mull over as well. It's a dream whose ultimate realization would be known as the Catholic University of Canada and whose immediate prodigy is about to issue forth as <http://usjc.uwaterloo.ca/cccu>, the homepage for the Canadian Catholic Colleges and Universities.

After some two years of discussion and negotiation, the CCCU homepage provides the first visible sign of the collaborative project. In addition to informing the browsing public of the existence of member institutions across Canada, the homepage introduces the numerous faculty who teach and engage in research at those institutions as well as outlining their various professional academic activities and service to the community. Information such as this may well be of interest to prospective students, to fellow researchers, to the media or the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops in search of an expert to provide



Doug Letson, President of St. Jerome's College, conceived of and has promoted the idea of the Catholic University of Canada as a collaborative academic undertaking. Letson is the second St. Jerome's president to take an active role in encouraging co-operation among Catholic post-secondary institutions across Canada. Father Norm Choate, Letson's predecessor, served as founding chair of Canadian Catholic Colleges and Universities.

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advice on a particular topic, as well as to countless others who are simply interested in things Catholic. It is also our hope that the cumulative information available on the homepage will draw academics together for purposes of joint research and that it will suggest opportunities for collaborative academic programmes and, possibly, for a collaborative Catholic University of Canada.

With this in mind, the Catholic presidents from a dozen institutions across Canada met at

St. Jerome's in November to plan future strategies, and in doing so established a committee to develop the first of what we hope will be a number of co-operative courses which we intend to offer on the Net. The first course is planned for the fall of 1999. As a sign of the national nature of the project, the committee consists of Dr. Gerry Killan, President of King's College in London, Dr. John Thompson, President of St. Thomas More College in Saskatoon, and Dr. Steve Furino, Professor of Mathematics and Computer Studies at St. Jerome's who will provide both the professorial insights and computer know-how to help launch our Catholic colleges and universities into cyberspace. The prospects are exciting indeed, and the potential virtually without limit.

A visit to the CCCU homepage makes it clear that the expertise is available nationally for the realization of the dream, and many of us are convinced that some such strategy is essential if we are to retain a Catholic presence at the university level. These are troubled times, times when our future may well depend on our finding new and co-operative ways of doing things. If there is to be a strong Catholic voice in the twenty-first century, we have got to lay the groundwork now.

We've got big plans for the CCCU Web site. There, for example, you'll find an employment page listing academic employment opportunities at Canada's Catholic colleges and universities; in addition, if you qualify as a professor in one of our institutions, you are invited to post your qualifications on the faculty page. You will also find the beginnings of our electronic library, a catalogue of public lectures available from coast to coast, and links which will take you to the individual homepages of those Catholic colleges or universities in Canada which are online so you can browse through their academic programmes and familiarize yourself with their various outreach services.

On the CCCU homepage, therefore, you will find a dream in the making and documented evidence of a vital Catholic presence at the university level. You will also find a deeply-held conviction that sometimes dreams can come true. On a personal level, it is a satisfying prospect as the countdown begins towards the end of my ten-year presidency at St. Jerome's. ☪

It was a very good year

1996 was a great year for writers and editors at St. Jerome's. Eric McCormack, a professor of English at the College, was nominated for a prestigious Governor General's Award for his most recent novel, *First Blast of the Trumpet Against the Monstrous Regiment of Women*. But in his usual earnest, self-effacing manner, McCormack didn't let the nomination go to his head. "Win or lose," he told the local newspaper, "I'm too old to take the awards personally."

Grail: An Ecumenical Journal, edited by Michael Higgins, Academic Dean at the College, won two awards from the Catholic Press Association: "When Chona Sang," by William Lewis, was judged best short story of the year, and "An Interview with Nino Marzoli, Bishop of Bolivia," by Michael Higgins and Doug Letson, won third prize for best interview. *Grail*, which is published by Novalis, is based at St. Paul University in Ottawa.

Peter Hinchcliffe, a faculty member in the English department at the College and member of the editorial board of *The New Quarterly*, was pleased when the literary journal won the 1996 Gold Medal for fiction at the National Magazine Awards. The winning entry was a novella-length story by Ottawa writer John Metcalf, "Forde Abroad," which appeared in the fall 1996 issue of the journal. *The New Quarterly* is based at the University of Waterloo.



The 1996 St. Jerome's student recruitment campaign, co-ordinated by Dana Woito, Registrar at the College, won two awards from the Canadian Council for the Advancement of Education (CCAE) at a competition open to universities and colleges across Canada. The "English Majors at Work" poster series, which profiles four English graduates and communicates the practical value of an English degree and a liberal arts education, won the silver award for best poster, and the 1996 recruitment poster, which features a student at the College wearing a denim jacket and a College cap, won the bronze award, also for best poster.

According to the judges, the recruitment poster "creates a friendly first impression" for potential students. The English Majors series of posters and the recruitment poster were written by Linda Kenyon of Kenyon & Co. and designed by Tom Bishop of Ampersand Studios, both in Waterloo.

And at the same competition, *SJC Update* won the CCAE silver medal for best newsletter. The judges described *SJC Update*, which is also written by Kenyon and designed by Bishop, as "lively, well-written, and people focussed" with "warm and interesting articles."

We blush! ☺

Victor visits

by Dave Augustyn

"A switch turned on inside of me when I was twelve, and it hasn't turned off," says Victor Malarek, who presented the Thirteenth Annual Graduates' Association lecture at the College in November. "That summer, they shipped all of us from Weredale House—an abusive, mismanaged institution for boys from broken homes in Montreal—to camp because they didn't know what to do with us in the city. The director of the camp beat my brother, Fred, in full view of the counsellors. None of them said a thing. Scared of losing their jobs, they remained silent."

Perhaps as a result of that experience, Malarek, now an investigative reporter

with CBC TV's *The Fifth Estate*, has "a deep and committed passion for change. I feel the responsibility to get involved in issues...to push forward and not stand on the sidelines."

Malarek's career began when he discovered that three detained youth had hanged themselves over the Christmas holidays in 1971. His story forced a full-scale provincial inquiry into the conditions of the detention centre. "The authorities wanted time off at Christmas so they sent the youths to a detention centre. Alone in their cells, frightened and in despair, the youths decided to end their agony. The authorities not only neglected those in their care, they tried to cover up the suicides."

A street kid from Lachine, Quebec, Malarek has written four acclaimed books and won three prestigious Mitchener awards for public service in journalism. In March 1997, Malarek was awarded a Gemini Award in the category of Best Overall Broadcast Journalist in Canada. ☺



Centre for Catholic Experience lectures

Jesus: At the Heart of the Struggle to be Church

February 6, 1998

Can we liberate Jesus from the margins of our own journeys and allow him to be once more at the heart of consciousness as we fashion the church for the next millennium? Margaret Brennan, a member of the Immaculate Heart of Mary Sisters from Monroe, Michigan, will consider this and other questions in the third lecture of the St. Jerome's Centre for Catholic Experience's 1997-98 program.

Encountering God: Scripture and the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola
March 6, 1998

Many years ago now, the late David Stanley, a prominent Canadian scripture scholar, wrote a widely influential book on the use of scripture in the *Spiritual Exercises*. This year's Ignatian Lecturer, Bishop Terrence Prendergast, S.J., will re-visit that work and update its significance for today's spiritual encounter with God. Bishop Prendergast is co-chair of the Anglican-Roman Catholic Dialogue of Canada, liaison bishop for the Canadian Catholic Biblical Association, and auxiliary bishop of Toronto, with responsibility for the Western Pastoral Region.



Equus: Play and performance

by *Ted McGee*

The Stratford Festival gave theatre-goers something to look forward to when it announced that it would mount a production of Peter Shaffer's *Equus* as part of the '97 season. This was a play that took London by storm when first staged in 1973, and two years later the New York production won the Tony Award for Best Play. This was a play by the author of *Amadeus*, which Stratford had produced so elegantly and forcefully in 1995 that it was reprised in 1996 and continued to play to full houses.

But I had more than the average theatre-goer's excitement about the prospect of seeing *Equus* for I have read and re-read, taught and talked about the play almost every year for the past twenty.

Shaffer's own work on *Equus* began in 1971 with the report of a crime, a boy's blinding of six horses, and the feeling it engendered in him. He set out to make that terrible deed comprehensible, and he does, in well-established psychological terms—in the concept of time, the theory of learning, the therapeutic strategies, the formative influence of family, the gradual revelation of Alan Strang's passionate (and passionately religious) secret life.

But while Alan's deed becomes comprehensible in the play, the very foundations of Dr. Dysart's beliefs are shaken. The case stirs up "subversive questions," questions that challenge his work and marriage, his values and integrity. The play

begins with Dysart's personal upheaval and it ends there: "I need—" says Dysart at the close, "more desperately than my children need me a way of seeing in the dark. What way is this? ... What dark is this?" Framed by Dysart's soliloquies as it is, *Equus* is his play.

The Stratford production emphasized this aspect of the play by casting Brian Bedford, one of the "stars" of the Festival company, as Dr. Dysart. Bedford's Dysart was surprisingly comic—providing wry, sometimes self-deprecating, sometimes satiric, humour. As a result, this production extended the play's consideration of laughter by prompting considerable laughter in the audience.

The staging also intensified the emotional power of the story. For audience members seated on stage, the increasingly intimate revelations of Alan and the raw physical power of the actors playing the horses had an unforgettable immediacy. The passion with which Alan worshipped *Equus*, his "god-slave," was captured by a revolving platform that formed part of the set, a platform that spun round faster and faster as Alan came to the climax of his ritualistic ride on *Equus*.

These elements of the production—the comic touches, the power of the actors' bodies, the value and versatility of the simple set—taught me things about the play that I had never seen, might never have seen. For most of this year's students, it was the representation of the horses that they appreciated for the first time. With their highly stylized, bright, tough headgear and hooves, they became what Shaffer wanted, "a stable of Superhorses to stalk through the mind," to make comprehensible Alan's passionate worship, and his terrible deed, and his tumultuous impact on Dysart. 🐾

Why Wah?

Charlene Diehl-Jones, a professor of English at the College, has just published a book on Canadian poet Fred Wah. Asked why she's interested in Wah, she says that in his writing, and particularly in his book *Music at the Heart of Thinking*, which was the subject of her thesis, "Wah torques language in very provocative ways, edges towards what I was trying to articulate about the otherness of language, the way language is always also carried by the signifying power of the voice."

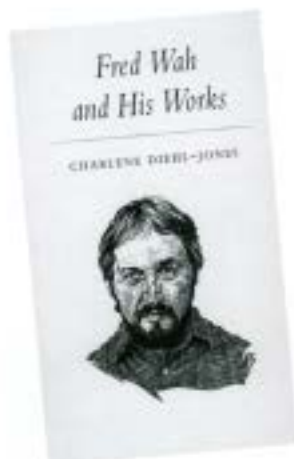
Diehl-Jones' monograph, *Fred Wah and His Works*, is part of a series of books published by ECW Press in Toronto. Canadian Writers and Their Works, as the series is called, "fills a desperate need for a comprehensive information bank on poets and fiction writers in Canada," according to the *University of Toronto Quarterly*.

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Photo: Doug Hall

Ted McGee, a professor of English at the College, is a member of the Board of Directors of the Stratford Festival. In November '97, he gave a group of 60 St. Jerome's grads and students a "refresher course" on Equus, a play he's taught for twenty years, before a matinee performance of the play at Stratford. Here are his thoughts on the play and the performance.



"The collection is invaluable because it brings together biography, bibliography, general criticism, and detailed analysis of each writer's work." Each monograph has the same structure: there's a biographical section, a section on tradition and milieu, a section on critical context, then a section on the writer's works.

"Wah has always been really experimental," says Diehl-Jones, "in his styling and also in his sense of the connection between writing and living. Many of his books have been published by really small presses, sometimes self-published, run off on those ancient awful mimeographs and then decorated thoughtfully. He's always been really involved in making writing a possibility where he is, not getting swept into that Canadian notion that real writing happens elsewhere. I admire that about him." 🐾

Exploring the boundaries

Christopher Burris, who recently joined the Psychology department at the College, says that St. Jerome's is the ideal place for him.

"I've always tended to be interested in those things that are a little bit bizarre," he says.

"St. Jerome's has given me the opportunity to teach unusual—and in my opinion, very fun—things. It's implicit in the identity of St. Jerome's to see itself as an alternative to, for example, what might be found on main campus."

One of the unusual things Burris will be teaching is a senior seminar on psychological defense mechanisms. "It's an age-old Freudian idea, that we have ways of dealing with threats to the self," says Burris. "A lot of people have tried to debunk this idea, but there are other people who are trying to test some of the implications of this idea in the lab. I'm very interested in trying to integrate lab-based research into the literature on defense mechanisms. If defense mechanisms are a defensible idea or concept, can we actually find hard laboratory evidence for them?"

And next year, Burris hopes to teach a course on the psychology of evil. "It's still fairly hazy, it hasn't quite taken form yet," he admits. "But I think my background gives me a fairly broad foundation to look at the phenomenon of evil. My background in social psychology has given me some sense of how the individual and the group relate to each other and looks at things like aggression and obedience and conformity. Clinical or counselling psychology has given me a sense of so-called abnormal behaviours and variations, including things like sadism and anti-social personality. And my background in the psychology of religion has given me a sense of things like mystical states, possession states.

"This is going to be a difficult course," Burris says, "because shockingly enough, there's not a lot of literature out there in mainstream psychology, not a lot of lab-based investigations of the phenomenon of evil, even though there are pockets here and there. Again, I'd like to integrate the lab-based findings as much as possible with some of the broader writings within psychology and within various world religious traditions as well. The fact, for example, that different religious traditions have different conceptions of evil and different prescriptions or approaches for addressing evil have psychological implications as well."

Burris has been teaching in a variety of contexts for ten years now. He began teaching at Grace College in Indiana while he was working on his MA at nearby Ball State University. His first experience in the classroom marked a turning point in his career.

"It was my intention to go in the direction of counselling at the time," he recalls, "but when I walked into the classroom it clicked that teaching was what I was best suited—and certainly most wanted—to do."

Instead of doing a PhD in counselling, as he had planned, he did a PhD in social psychology at the University of Kansas, Lawrence. The title of his dissertation was "Effect of Marginalization

on Religious Group Identification among the Intrinsically Religious."

Burris continues to explore the margins, the edges of things, in both his teaching and his research. "If I can point to any one theme or any single idea that has really captured my attention lately it's this idea of boundaries," he says.

"I think that how humans deal with boundaries is the underlying thread between my various interests right now."

One of the many research projects he's engaged in at present, for example, explores the subtle differences between Canadians and Americans in terms of national identity, how that links to self image, how they feel about themselves and their countries. "It's really fascinating," Burris says. "On the surface, many things seem similar, but you go underneath and there's a very different concept of national identity, and that has real implications for how people feel about themselves."

Burris, who is from the United States, knows first-hand about subtle differences between Canadians and Americans. His wife, whom he met at a conference for the scientific study of religion while she was working on her MA at Wilfrid Laurier, is from London, Ontario.

For a time, they weren't sure which country they'd settle in. Burris was applying for jobs in both Canada and the States while his wife was working on her dissertation at Western. "It was a toss-up," he says. "We didn't know which person needed to go where."

They moved to the Waterloo area at the end of August, just before Burris began teaching at the College. "We're finally beginning to get settled now," he says. ☺

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Christopher Burris, the newest faculty member in the Department of Psychology at the College, is drawn to things that are "somewhat off the mainstream."

Being there is what Melinda Szilva does best. Which is a good thing, because as associate chaplain at the College her main job is to provide a welcoming place where members of the community can come to talk.

"Most of my day is spent with students who drop in to talk about issues," says Szilva. "But the chaplaincy ministers to faculty and staff as well. We provide a respite from the crazy world, a place where people can come if they're struggling with something in the day, and hopefully leave feeling renewed, feeling a little bit more energy."

Being there

Szilva, who graduated from Carleton University in 1992 with a Bachelor of Arts in Religion, remembers what it was like to be a university student. She grew up in a family that had a strong faith life.

"Church was very much a part of our life," she says. "When we reminisce about childhood, church is woven into the fabric of our lives. I took religious studies because I was really curious about why so many people across the world believed so many different things about what I believed was one God."

It was while she was at Carleton, a secular university, that Szilva first began to appreciate the importance of campus ministry. "Many of my friends were saying 'I never really thought about whether there was or wasn't a god before, but suddenly I'm thinking about it.' I think it's really important for someone to be there for students, to be able to say, 'Okay, you want to talk about it? Let's talk about it. No, it's not weird to be thinking about God for the first time when you're 19 years old.'"

But Szilva thought that she was too young to embark on a career in campus ministry. "I thought of it as something I could work towards. I thought that years down the road,

when somehow I had acquired a lot of wisdom and knowledge, it was something I would do."

Shortly after moving to Waterloo with her husband Jeff, who had found a job as a career advisor

at Wilfrid Laurier, Szilva bumped into an old friend who was a graduate of St. Jerome's. "I just ran into Father Jim Link," he told her, "and Melinda, he's looking for you—he just doesn't know it. You have to go see him." So she did.

One of the things they talked about was the importance of campus ministry. "When you go off to university, you're free to form your own belief system and your own values and your own religious tradition. You're not with your parents anymore. If you're going to want to maintain your faith, then you have to do it because you



Photo: Ron Hewson

Melinda Szilva, the newest member of the chaplaincy team at St. Jerome's, knows what her most important job is.

want to. I think there's a wonderful, freeing experience when university students find their own faith and claim it as their own, and then take it with them into whatever community they go to when they leave here."

Father Jim invited Szilva to come to mass at the College, "and that was it! I got involved in a bunch of different things," she says. "I volunteered with the Student Catholic Community, and when the College had an opening in the chaplaincy, I was ready to make the commitment to the College. It just all seemed so right. I really felt that God was pushing me, gently pushing me."

As associate chaplain, Szilva continues to be involved with the Student Catholic Community. As well, she works with other members of the University of Waterloo Chaplaincy Association, which offers marriage preparation weekends, Remembrance Day services, and other special events.

She is also involved in the workings of the "pseudo-parish" at the College. She leads a women's prayer group, attends council meetings, and takes part in planning the liturgy and participates in it. One of her main responsibilities is baptismal preparation. She meets with parents, talks to them about baptism and the baptismal ceremony.

"It's long hours, and it's pretty intense work," she admits. "One of the big challenges is not to get caught up in all the things we have to do. Because our most important job is to be there for people, to be present, and be focussed." ☪

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Think big Now think bigger

When Conrad Hewitt says "I'm doing research in mathematical cosmology," it sounds simple enough. But when the new faculty member in the Math department starts to elaborate, you begin to get a sense of the scope of his work.

Rather than modelling something like water flowing through a pipe," he explains, "I'm trying to model the large-scale structure of the universe. I don't care about a particular black hole, the earth going around the sun, those kinds of things. I'm more concerned with the actual spatial structure. Why are there galaxies? How are the galaxies distributed relative to each other? Roughly, on a large scale, what's happening at the moment?"

He admits that the equations involved in such modelling are very complicated, and that you have to make many assumptions to make any progress. But cosmologists are making progress. "At the moment," he reports, "the universe appears to be expanding, so the question is can we develop simple mathematical models in which the universe is expanding? And in these models, does the universe expand forever, or does it collapse on itself?"

"Many people think that the universe should re-collapse. They have philosophical reasons for thinking that's a neat solution. We appear to have come from a 'big bang,' some kind of initial singularity, and we seem to be expanding away. Many people believe that the universe should re-collapse, a 'big crunch,' if you will. But at the moment, there doesn't seem to be enough matter around to do that."

But Hewitt is more interested in actual spatial structure, in how the galaxies are distributed, than in the evolution of the universe. "If you were to freeze time right now and move around the universe, would you find the galaxies distributed evenly? I'm interested in evolution as well, but I'm also interested in the homogeneity of the universe, in the kinds of models that allow you to look at that."

After completing his MSc at the University of Aberdeen in Scotland, Hewitt came to Canada to do his PhD with John Wainwright, a world-renowned cosmologist in the Department of Applied Mathematics at Waterloo. "I didn't particularly intend to stay," he admits, but he married a fellow graduate student and settled in Waterloo, where he and his wife live with their two small children.

Since graduating, Hewitt has been teaching at the University of Waterloo, first as a post-doctoral fellow then as an assistant professor. He was instrumental in developing a tutorial centre in the Faculty of Mathematics, staffed by graduate students and senior undergraduates

who provide assistance to first- and second-year students.

"Part of the reason for setting up this centre was to try to remedy some of the problems that were arising due to teaching large classes," he explains. "It allowed students to get one-on-one help, which just isn't feasible to expect from a professor who is teaching 120 students."

Asked whether plans are in the works to establish such a centre at St. Jerome's, Hewitt replies, "I don't think there's a need for it here. Classes are smaller here, and we're dealing with just 80 students rather than 120. If students need help in mathematics, there are three of us here, and one of us is usually around."

Though research and teaching-related activities take up most of Hewitt's time, he still manages to find time for one of his favourite hobbies: English literature. "I'll find an author I like and I'll read as much as I can. For a while, I was reading Dickens, then there was a period when I was reading Thomas Hardy. I do enjoy reading," he says. "I read to relax."

Not a bad thing to do when you have the entire universe on your mind. ☺

Conrad Hewitt, the new faculty member in the Mathematics department at St. Jerome's, isn't interested in small things like the earth orbiting the sun.

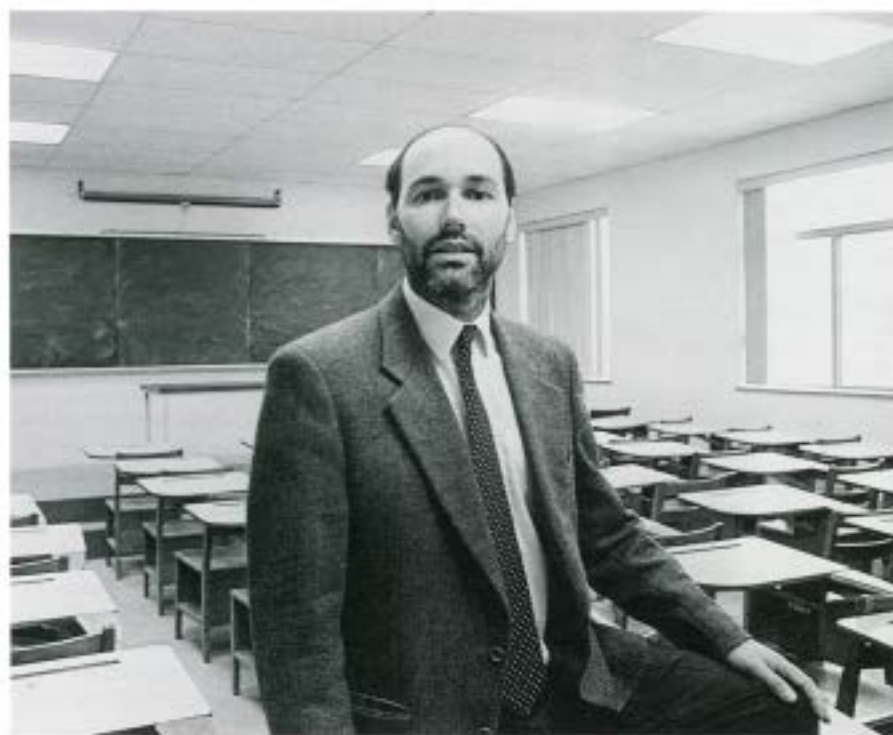


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All aboard

The recently re-structured Board of Governors at St. Jerome's College welcomes seven new members

Building a better board of governors is hard work. Just ask Frank Clifford, Gary Draper, Charles Fedy, and Deborah Pecoskie, members of an ad hoc committee on governance at St. Jerome's which presented its final report to the Board of Governors at the College earlier this year. Before coming up with their recommendations, they spent a year surveying other institutions, conducting interviews with people who have served on the Board at the College in various capacities, and meeting to discuss the pros and cons of various options.

"Most of those interviewed expressed a wish to be more involved in decision-making and indicated a willingness to invest more time in order to come to grips with particular issues," they noted in their final report. In response to this finding, one of the Committee's main recommendations was that the Board adopt a committee-based system of governance which would include a committee of the whole made up of all members of the Board; six standing committees to address broad areas of concern such as building and properties, external affairs, finance, and human relations; and ad hoc committees to deal with specific issues.

While the Board is the body charged with the overall governance of the College, its work is carried out primarily at the policy level, not at the level of management. The daily functioning of the College is the responsibility of its officers of administration. The Board is responsible for matters such as appointing auditors, approving budgets, sabbatical leaves, and continuing contracts, and reviewing reports on appointments, promotions, enrollment, and admissions. But the Board's overarching and primary function is to consider questions that relate to the institution's pursuit of its mission.

"We've had detailed discussions in the last while about how many practising Roman Catholics an institution ought to have in its faculty component in order to be able to maintain its Catholic identity," says College President Doug Letson. "Within the spirit of the papal document on post-secondary education, at least 50 percent of faculty members should be practising Roman Catholics. So how do you do that, and what does it mean? That's been a matter of some debate."

And then there's the problem with the name: the University of St. Jerome's College. "It's tricky," Letson explains. "You've got high

schools that call themselves colleges, and community colleges, and university colleges—students don't know what to make of it. When St. Jerome's was established back in '59, the word 'college' wasn't wholly univocal, but it wasn't as complex as it is now. The University of St. Jerome's College is a mouthful, and it takes some explaining."

The recent re-structuring of the Board was undertaken in part in response to a change in the St. Jerome's College Act which received Royal Assent on December 19th, 1996. The Act that established the University of St. Jerome's College on March 5th, 1959 called for a Board of Governors composed of members of the Congregation of the Resurrection, the order that founded St. Jerome's. In the early '70s, lay members were added to the Board, but the majority of Board members were always Resurrectionists.

In 1986, the Act was revisited and significant changes in the governance of St. Jerome's were enacted. The position of chancellor, which had been held by the Bishop of the Diocese of Hamilton, was now open to anyone, and the office of president would no longer be open only to Resurrectionists.

In 1987, John Sweeney became the College's first lay chancellor and Professor Doug Letson, the College's first lay president. Majority membership on the Board, however, remained with the Congregation of the Resurrection.

As the general movement towards lay control of Catholic institutions continued, it became clear that the structure of the Board itself needed to be reconsidered. In 1996, with the approval of the Congregation, the Act was revised again, reducing

legislated Resurrectionist membership on the Board to the Provincial Superior or his delegate.

Resurrectionists are still eligible to serve on the board as community-at-large members.

"At this point, in addition to Father Lorford Keasey, the Provincial Superior, we have two other members of the Congregation of the Resurrection on the Board—Father Charlie Fedy and Father Bob Liddy—serving as community-at-large members," Letson notes. "They're both long-standing members of the Board, very knowledgeable about and interested in post-secondary education." College chaplain Father Jim Link, C.R., is also on the Board as an *ex officio* member.

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As a result of the re-structuring, seven new community-at-large members have been elected to the Board, joining Fedy, Liddy, and four other community-at-large members who served on the Board prior to re-structuring.

Nadina Jamison, a St. Jerome's graduate with a BA in history, replaces Deborah Pecoskie, now a community-at-large member, as the graduate representative on the Board. After graduating from St. Jerome's, Jamison completed an MA in Canadian history at York University and is currently working in the development office at York. Nadina also volunteers for several non-profit organizations.

Clare Beingsner, who was born and raised in Kitchener, attended St. Jerome's High School and then St. Michael's College in Toronto, where he graduated with a gold medal in science. After post-graduate studies in metallurgical engineering at the University of Toronto, Beingsner became an assistant professor in the Department of Mechanical Engineering at the University of Waterloo. In 1967, he became a co-owner and the vice president of B&W Heat Treating. In September 1977 he was named a Fellow of the American Society for Materials International for his "outstanding contributions to the heat treating industry and for providing an exemplary linkage between industry, university, and government."

Barbara Howe, also born and educated in Kitchener, attended St. Mary's Elementary School and St. Mary's High School. After graduating from Stratford Teacher's College, she began teaching for the Separate School Board in Kitchener, completing her BA at St. Jerome's as an adult student on a part-time basis. Howe, who recently retired after 30 years in education, was both a classroom teacher and a principal. In June 1997 she received the J.F. Clifford award for contributions to Catholic education in Waterloo Region. Her commitment to peace, education, and community building were particularly commended.

Sandy Ingham, also a St. Jerome's graduate, studied English at the College, graduating in 1976. She received her Teacher's Certificate in 1978 from the University of Toronto and in 1988, began teaching English as a Second Language to adults through the Waterloo Region Separate School Board. She took a year off to teach English as a Foreign Language in France and a second year off for maternity leave, returning to teaching ESL in 1991. Ingham is currently on leave and is continuing her studies in English at the University of Waterloo.

Rabbi Jordan Pearlson is the spiritual leader and founding rabbi of Temple Sinai Congregation in Toronto. Pearlson pioneered the CBC interreligious radio dialogue and has served as the first and only rabbi on the National Religious Advisory Committee of the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation English Services Division. In addition, he has been a columnist for the Saturday edition of *The Toronto Star* for several years, and corresponding editor for Christian-Jewish Relations. Pearlson has a certificate from the Engineering School, Tufts College, a BA in economics and psychology from Northeastern University, and a Doctor of Laws from Northeastern University School of Law. He also holds BHL and MHL degrees from

Hebrew Union College in Cincinnati and was honoured with a Doctorate of Divinity from the Cincinnati School and with an appointment as Distinguished Alumni Scholar-in-Residence at the New York-based Hebrew Union College/Jewish Institute of Religion.

Joe Sinasac, who lives in Burlington, Ontario, is the publisher and editor of *The Catholic Register*, a 104-year-old weekly newspaper owned by the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Toronto.



Photo: Ron Howson

Before moving to the *Register* in 1995, he worked at the *Kitchener-Waterloo Record* for 15 years, in a variety of journalistic positions, including editorial writer and books editor. Sinasac has a BA and an MA in history from the University of Waterloo and a diploma in journalism from St. Clair College in Windsor, Ontario.

Donna Ward, a family physician, established a medical practice in Kitchener in 1977. Currently, her practice is focussed on family and palliative care. Born in Toronto, Ward attended St. Joseph's High School in Islington. She received her Bachelor of Science degree from St. Michael's College and completed her medical degree at the University of Toronto Medical School.

College President Doug Letson is pleased to have these new members "on board." "They bring to the College a broad range of expertise," he observes. "I think it has improved the depth of debate that takes place at Board meetings."

In his letter of welcome to new members, Board Chair Brian Eby recalls feeling both excitement and fear when he first joined the Board. "It was exciting being part of decisions that were necessary to the continuing operation of a school with a magnificent history far older than one hundred years, now a university known for its excellence in teaching and scholarship on the contemporary higher education scene," he remembers. "It was frightening for the same reason."

"There is every reason to believe that your experience as a Governor will be much the same as mine," Eby reassures the new members. "Your fear will dissolve as your participation increases and with every issue met and resolved. The excitement will increase to exhilaration for the same reason." ☪

A gathering of Board members, from left to right: Joe Sinasac, Sandy Ingham, Barbara Howe, Donna Ward, Jonathan Waterhouse, Nadina Jamison, Clare Beingsner, and Chancellor John Sweeney.

Do you know a distinguished grad?

Nominations are being accepted for the 1998 Fr. Norm Choate Distinguished Graduate Award. Named in honour of one of the College's past-presidents, the award was established by the St. Jerome's College Graduates' Association to recognize St. Jerome's graduates who have made an outstanding contribution to their career or field of endeavour; their community, province, or country; their church; or the College. Please forward your nomination to Dave Augustyn, Co-ordinator of Graduate Affairs at the College, by March 1, 1998.

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He's distinguished

The recipient of the 1997 Fr. Norm Choate Distinguished Graduate Award is **Christopher Gadula**



(BA'74, **Recreation and Leisure Studies**). Chris is currently Senior Vice-President with Kasten Chase Applied Research of Mississauga. Since 1995, Chris has served on the Board of the Addiction Research Foundation of Ontario. He is also one of two Board members serving on the eight-member restructuring transition team overseeing the amalgamation of the Clarke Institute, the Queen Street Mental Health Centre, and the Donwood Institute.

Friend and colleague William Biggar, Senior Vice-President at Barrick Gold Corporation, describes Chris as "a man of high integrity and honesty, a leader who has distinguished himself in business and community dealings...while exemplifying true Christian conduct and values."

'67 In 1993, **Larry Draho** (BA'67, **Geography**) retired as the Director of Planning with the City of London. To keep his mind active, Larry returned to school; he joined his daughter Lisa, and both earned their BEd from Western in 1995. When Larry is not working as an occasional teacher, he enjoys painting and playing golf. Larry and his wife Joan live in London.

'72 In April, 1997, **Lomer Rooney** (BA'72, **Religious Studies**) became the parish priest at Our Lady of the Annunciation, the only English-speaking parish in Hull, Quebec. A classmate of Fr. Jim Link, SJC's chaplain, Fr. Lomer remembers his time at St. Jerome's as "four of the best years of my life."

'78 In August, **Martha** (née Winter, BA'78, **History**) and David Anton moved to Thailand. David is working with General Motors and Martha, who is enjoying "the new adventure," is home with their four children.

'79 **Marussa** (née Cherwonogrodzky, BA'79, **Russian**) and **Paul "TP" Mahony** (BA'79, **History**) live in Attleboro, Massachusetts. In June, 1997, TP became the publisher of *The Woonsocket Call* newspaper in Rhode Island, and is working on a seven handicap in golf.

'89 **Kelly** (née Hawke, BMath'89, **Computer Science**) and **Claude Quesnelle** are enjoying their life "tremendously" in Fort Collins, Colorado. Kelly works for a computer company that sells Unix systems while Claude labours away on his post-doc at Colorado State University.

Alex Goralczyk and **Nancy Gray** (BMath'89, **Mathematics**) welcomed a second son, **Luke Nicholas**, on April 20, 1997. Ryan, Luke's older

brother, is now four. The entire family lives in Smiths Falls, Ontario. Nancy can be contacted at ngag@falls.igs.net.

'90 **Anne** (née Stalker, BA'90, **History**) and **Jason Roth** welcomed their first child, **Alexander Joshua**, on February 29, 1997. Anne teaches grade five in Brampton and Jason is the accounting services manager for Westburne of Mississauga. The Roths, who are approaching their fifth anniversary in July, 1998 live in Brampton.

'91 **Chris** and **Diane** (née Richard, BA'91, **Sociology**) **Gouge** welcomed the birth of son **Logan Vincent** on December 28, 1996. Diane is the sales and marketing co-ordinator with Arvin Ride Control Products of Toronto. The Gouge family lives in Brampton.

Kevin Tighe (BMath'91, **Actuarial Science**), an associate consulting actuary with Buck Consultants, Ltd. of Toronto, became a Fellow of the Society of Actuaries (FSA) in April, 1997. Fellowship, the highest professional recognition an actuary can achieve in the U.S. or Canada, represents several years of study and the successful completion of a series of exams. Kevin is now one of only 2,000 FSAs in Canada.

Nancy (née Winterburn, BA'91, **Sociology**) married **Durwin Tulloch** on September 1, 1996 in an outdoor ceremony. Nancy, who sits on the board of the Algoma District Lung Association, still works with her parents at the Auberge Eldo Inn, Blind River. Nancy would "love to hear from NDC friends" at Box 201, Iron Bridge, ON P0R 1H0.

'92 **Tina Arorash** (BA'92) recently graduated from Harvard University with a Master's of Arts in Psychology. Tina lectures in psychology at the Bermuda College and works as a full-time counsellor. Known at work as the "Internet MacMomma," Tina is constantly "surfing." You may contact her at tarorash@hercules.bercol.bm.

During a beautiful thanksgiving weekend ceremony in Siegfried Hall, **Chris Brouillard** (BA'92, **History**) and **Christine Coyle** (BMath'92, **Mathematics**) celebrated the sacrament of marriage on October 11, 1997. After photos by Laurel creek, they held their reception in the St. Jerome's Community Centre. Both are studying at U of T: Chris towards his Master of Religious Education and Christine towards her Master of Divinity while on leave from teaching with the Durham board.

Marhee and **Michael Clifton** (BA'92, **Philosophy**; UW MA'94, **Philosophy**) welcomed **Hannah Jean** on September 6, 1995—the same time their son **David**, who now attends kindergarten, discovered how to imitate the "Power Rangers." When he isn't studying for his LLB at the U of T, Michael is a reporter and assistant editor (English) with *The New Canadian*.

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Carlos Heleno (BA'92, English) married Sara Mastroianni on June 3, 1995 in Hamilton. Both Carlos and Sara work at Bayview Glen, a private school in Don Mills. Carlos teaches grade seven and Sara teaches senior kindergarten. The Helenos have begun the "ten-year commitment to paint our new house" in Don Mills.

Laura (née McDowell) and **Mark Hinsberger (BMath'92, Mathematics)** celebrated the birth of Thomas, their first child, on April 20, 1997. Mark teaches math with the Simcoe County Board of Education. The Hinsbergers were married July 8, 1995 and live in Orillia.

"I remember my St. Jerome's days like they were yesterday," says **Greg McMullen (BA'92, Political Science)**. After Greg completed an MBA from McGill in 1995, he lived in Holland on an exchange programme. Greg now works as a senior business analyst for the Bank of Montreal, primarily focusing on mbanx.

"It's great to see all the activity happening with SJC grads," writes **Natalie Aitchison (BA'93, Psychology)**. For her part, Natalie has visited Los Vegas, Vancouver ("I love it there!"), Texas, Jamaica, and Chicago. When grounded, Natalie works as an administrative assistant with the Equion Group in Toronto, and lives in Mississauga.

Diane (née Emery, BMath'93, Mathematics) was married to Philip Mathia in August, 1996. Both have been teaching with the Kent County Roman Catholic Separate School Board for four years. In July, 1997 Phil and Diane became parents to a baby girl, Jacqueline Marie. Diane can be contacted at mathia@kentre.on.ca.

"Yes, in fact, we are the Fab Four!" writes **Audra (née Minchin, BA'93, Social Development)** and **Paul Zamora (BA'94, Religious Studies)**. Cailyn Mary, a sister to Hannah Joan, debuted on August 16, 1997. Paul started teaching at Notre Dame College School in Welland in September, 1997, and Audra works part-time as a massage therapist. The Zamora family recently moved into a house in Welland.

On July 15, 1995 **Charles Cummins (BMath'94, Computer Science)** married Maria Edwards (UW BSc'94) in her hometown of Deseronto, Ontario. Charles "loves his job" as a software developer with Switchview in Waterloo—which creates and sells Telemanagement Software. In July, 1997 Maria joined MITRA, a high-tech medical imaging firm. The couple lives in Waterloo.

Joanne Rome (BA'94, Psychology) received her MSc in Speech and Language Pathology from Syracuse University in December, 1996. After consulting (and working out of her car) in Buffalo for eight months, Joanne landed a job as a speech language pathologist at the Niagara Peninsula Children's Centre, travelling from school to school.

Mark Weber (BA'94, Psychology) married Sheri Wideman at Silverlake Mennonite Camp on June 21, 1997. Mark joined the Mennonite Savings and Credit Union in June 1995 as the manager of member relations. He earned an MA in social psychology from McGill in June, 1997 and is currently working on his MBA at Laurier. Sheri earned a BA in East Asian Studies from McGill in 1995 and is currently "brushing up" on her French (*se remettre au français*) at St. Jerome's.

"There's no turning back now..." said **Leon Briggs (BMath'95, Actuarial Science)** when he booked his flight to Trinidad. Leon, who hadn't seen family or friends for a few years, left for home on October 2, 1997 to find work in Trinidad.

Many SJC and NDC friends helped **Cathy (née Flachs, BA'95, English)** and **Bryan Muegge (BSc'95, Physics)** celebrate their marriage on September 27, 1997 in Walkerton. In June, 1997 Cathy completed her BEd (English and Individual and Society) from Western and works as an occasional teacher. Bryan is a co-ordinator at Campbell Soup in Listowel. The "high-school sweethearts" live in Palmerston.

Donald MacIntyre (BMath'95, Mathematics) married Edith St. Laurent on July 26, 1997 in Oshawa. Donald is an accountant with Hurren, Flett, & Sinclair in Pickering. They live in Courtice, Ontario.

Over the last six months, **Clayton Grassick (BASC'96, Computer Engineering)** studied theology at Schloss Mittersill in Austria, the thirteenth castle in the Alps. Following graduation, Clayton taught computer science at a boarding school in Pokhara, Nepal for eight months. Now back in Winnipeg, Clayton sends greetings to everyone, "especially Poki and Kerwin."

He's distinguished, too

Bill Downey (BA'95, Fine Arts) was appointed the 1997 Artist in Residence for the City of Kitchener.



During his tenure, Bill displayed his art at the Reflecting Studio at Kitchener City Hall from May 22 to October 19, 1997, taught several classes, provided demonstrations, and led a children's day camp which focussed on art. "There are two parts to art," says Bill, who devotes himself exclusively to his career as a visual artist. "I'm responsible for the first, which is

to create; the second part involves someone experiencing the art—only then is it complete." Featured in many solo and group exhibits in K-W and Toronto, Bill was commissioned to produce the donor portrait for the Frank and Gladys Voisin Intensive Care Unit at St. Mary's General Hospital in Kitchener. Bill also recently painted Wintergreen, which depicts St. Jerome's Community Centre on a mild winter evening.

Hey SJC grads!

Have you moved? Changed jobs? Married? Any additions to the family? Help us keep your fellow grads informed by filling out and returning this form. We'll publish your news, along with a photo, if there's room, in SJC Update.

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Danielle (née Searles, BA'96, Psychology) and Darren Becks (BEs'94, Planning) were married on August 2, 1997 in Waterloo. After completing her BEd from Brock in 1997, Danielle began teaching grades one and two at St. Bernard's in Brantford. Since November, 1994, Darren has been the Director of Residences at St. Jerome's. The Becks recently moved to Paris, Ontario.

Phil Volpe (BAsc'96, Electrical Engineering) works as a software engineer with RWD Technologies Inc., a software consulting firm in Columbia, Maryland. "It's interesting work. I get

a chance to work on a team with clients and to do some travelling." Phil says hello to the guys from residence.

In Memoriam

After a courageous year-long battle with leukaemia, **Colin Guthrie (BA'93, Anthropology)** passed away in England on September 1, 1997 at the age of 27. "Colin will be remembered for the amazing strength, integrity, and courage he displayed in all areas of his life and in the face of his illness," writes friend Krista Ward (UW BMath'94, Mathematics). Donations are being accepted at the Princess Margaret Hospital/Ontario Cancer Institute in Toronto in Colin's memory.

Joan Harper Jonker (BA'90, English), April 30, 1997

Brenda McWilliams (BA'88, Sociology), September 25, 1997

Downstairs dudes unite



The 1991-92 "Downstairs Dudes" held their five-year reunion in Walkerton, Ontario on Saturday, August 23, 1997—the night of Brian Muegge and Cathy Fiachs' stag and doe. The DDs pictured here: (back, left to right) **Carlos Heleno (BA'92, English)**, **Shawn Mirander (BMath'96, Computer Science)**, **Kerwin Johnson (BAsc'96, Electrical Engineering)**, **Oscar "Hoover" Papel (BMath'95, Mathematics)**, **Antony "Ant" Mureika (BES'96, Geography)**, **Mike "Skippy" Marchesan (BA'95, History)**, **Cam Kingsburgh (BES'96, Environmental Studies)** (who was really from third floor), **Dave "Augy" Augustyn (BA'95, Political Science)**; (front, left to right) **Bryan "Bry-Guy" Muegge (BSc'95, Physics)**, **Sony Xavier (transferred to U of T)**, **Mike "Zinger" Zingarelli (BES'95, Environmental Studies)**, and **Joe Vincec (BA'96, Political Science)**.

Upcoming grad events

Employment Skills Workshop

Strategies for finding work, presented by those who do the hiring

Saturday, February 28, 1998
8:30 a.m. – noon
St. Jerome's Common Room

14th Annual Graduates' Association Lecture: "The Future of Social Democracy"

Alexa McDonough, National Leader of the New Democratic Party

Friday, March 27, 1998
7:30 p.m.
Siegfried Hall, St. Jerome's
Free admission. Everyone is welcome.

Third Annual SJC Wine Tour

Saturday, September 12, 1998
8:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.
Visit great Niagara wineries and vineyards



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