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The advent of new leadership is a time to celebrate. St. Jerome's has a new President and a new Chancellor, and will hold a Ceremony of Installation for both on Saturday, September 15th in historic St. Agatha Church.

Our new Chancellor is a familiar and respected face at St. Jerome's. Dr. Peter Naus retired from SJU in 1996 after a distinguished 23 year career in teaching, research and administration. He succeeds Richard Gwyn as our sixth Chancellor, and stepped into that role in January, 2007.

Our new President, Dr. David B. Perrin, OMI, taught and served as a senior administrator, including Dean of Theology, for sixteen years at St. Paul University in Ottawa. He has also served as Provincial of his religious order, the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate, as President of the Galilee Mission Centre of Arnprior, and as President of the International Society for the Study of Christian Spirituality. St. Jerome's welcomes him as our sixth President when he assumes office on August 1, 2007. ☺

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An Examined Life

by Dana Woito



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David Perrin has had, he says, “many travels.” After completing an undergraduate degree in chemistry from the University of Western Ontario, the new president of St. Jerome’s traveled to Haiti and spent two years teaching school in an impoverished rural village.

An ordained member of the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate, Perrin spent the first three years of his priestly life, from 1987 to 1990, in parish ministry in Northern Ontario. He pursued graduate work at the Gregorian University in Rome, language studies in Spain and France, and completed a doctorate in theology at the University of Ottawa/St. Paul University

with a focus on spirituality and, in particular, St. John of the Cross. He spent time living with the Taizé community in the south of France and with a l’Arche community—the original community established by Jean Vanier—outside of Paris.

And, for 16 years, he taught at St. Paul University, serving as Dean of Theology for four of those years and as the provincial of St. Peter’s Province of the Oblates from 2002 to 2004.

In all of these different situations, with all the different people he has met along the way, the same theme recurs: the chance to be of service to others and the opportunity to learn about himself and the world. The adventure that awaits him as president of St. Jerome’s is, he says, another chance to contribute and another opportunity to learn.

Perrin’s diverse experience and his understanding of the value of Catholic post-secondary education mean that the learning won’t be one-sided. He brings to the St. Jerome’s community a passionate commitment to Catholic liberal arts education. “There’s a false claim that the life of the mind and a life of faith have nothing to do with each other,” he says. “That’s a false dichotomy that we’ve built into our educational systems. Catholic liberal arts education leads people to the mystery of life, nature, the universe. Once you do this, the rest of human inquiry opens up on its own.”

Perrin was attracted to St. Jerome’s because it fosters an environment that gives rise to this kind of education. “St. Jerome’s is a place where the examined life is a reality,” he notes. “The human scale of the community here, along with the strong teaching tradition, the range of programs, and the academic excellence and student-centredness that mark your daily efforts—these things create an environment that allows all the dimensions of human life to interact in a responsible and critical way. Our young people have the capacity to generate solutions for today’s world; they only need a place that will allow this problem solving to happen. I believe St. Jerome’s is that kind of place.”

Perrin is also excited about the international experiences offered to St. Jerome’s students through the Beyond Borders program. “My experience in Haiti was one of the most formative of my life,” he says. “I discovered during that time how much our own culture informs and structures who we are, so much so that we often don’t get to know our own depth. I believe international experiences for students are so important because they can be transformational.”

Beyond his educational philosophy, Perrin brings other skills to the president’s office. “One of my colleagues says that I’m ‘highly organized—sometimes painfully so!’ ” he laughs. As for his career in education, Perrin says he never thought he’d be a teacher. “But when I was in elementary school, I used to collect all the extra handouts from the teachers and come home and sit my younger sisters down and teach them! I guess I was always meant for a life of learning.” ☪

Interim No More!



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Why is this man smiling? Because, with the arrival of a new President, Myroslaw Tataryn can go back to being the Dean and Vice-President—a role that has been filled on an interim basis by Ted McGee since the beginning of the year. Thanks to Myroslaw and Ted for their hard work and leadership “in the interim.”

Familiar Face, New Role

by Dana Woito

After 11 years of retirement, Peter Naus has returned to St. Jerome's. He still cuts the same striking figure as he did during his 23 years as a professor and administrator. He still greets you with a warm, Dutch-accented 'hello' before engaging you in conversation about a contemporary social issue or sharing a laugh. What is new is his role as SJU's chancellor—a role which benefits from his unique perspective as someone who possesses, not only a wealth of community experience, but also an insider's understanding of St. Jerome's.

Naus accepted the invitation to succeed Richard Gwyn as chancellor, in part, because he believes this is a timely opportunity to think about St. Jerome's role as a Catholic liberal arts university—both in terms of its relationship with the University of Waterloo and relative to pressing global issues. "Universities are always about the business of considering their responses to global issues, but, at St. Jerome's, we must ask ourselves specifically how a Catholic liberal arts university should respond."

In retirement, Naus has intentionally pursued new areas of interest. "I made a deliberate effort to read outside my field of psychology—social commentary, fiction, political economy—things that always interested me but which I didn't have time to devote to while teaching at St. Jerome's."

He has been an active volunteer as well, serving on a number of community boards, including Grand River Hospital, Community Justice Initiatives, and the Independent Living Centre of Waterloo Region. He was also Chair of the Interfaith Pastoral Counselling board, a role that had him facilitate a complex merger with K-W Counselling Services.

But the spirit of inquiry and scholarship persists. A major commitment is his participation in an oral history project documenting the life of the late priest and spiritual writer Henri Nouwen.

Richard Gwyn Steps Down

Richard Gwyn stepped down as fifth Chancellor of St. Jerome's in January after five years in that role. Richard was a very eloquent and active advocate of St. Jerome's, spearheading a conference on Pierre Trudeau's spirituality and the Art & Spirit Festival during his term. His departure does not,

Nouwen had been a personal friend of both Peter and his wife, Anke, since their university days in Holland. "A group of Henri's friends from l'Arche Daybreak decided to broaden the holdings of the Nouwen archives at the University of St. Michael's College in Toronto by collecting first-hand memories and impressions of Henri by people who knew him very well," says Naus.

"The emphasis is on the period in Henri's life that is not as well known in North America—the time he was growing up in Holland and his university training there. When it came to interviewing people in Holland, I was a logical choice for the job." Naus says the work has been fulfilling on a couple of fronts. "I think the information will help researchers better understand Henri as a person and why he had the impact he did," he says. "And personally, I was able to reconnect with people I hadn't seen in 40 or 50 years. That's a benefit I never anticipated when I joined the project."

Naus is quick to acknowledge that his retirement has been "a tremendous gift." He and his wife, Anke, have had the opportunity to spend time with their grandchildren and visit their extended family in Holland. "People always joke about retired couples getting in each other's way. This was never an issue for Anke and me. We've continued to foster some of our own interests, but have found a nice balance between our individual pursuits and what we do together. We are very fortunate." ☺



photo: Bryn Gladling



however, mean that he will be idle. This fall, the first volume of his full-length biography of Canada's first Prime Minister—*John A.: The Man Who Made Us*—will be published by Random House.

Distinguished Graduate Jim Mitchell: Embodying Moore's Law

by Harry Froklage



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In accepting the 2007 Fr. Norm Choate Distinguished Graduate Award, Dr. James (Jim) Mitchell (BSc '66) listed four life principles reinforced during his time as a resident of St. Jerome's: "The importance of goals; the value of passion and commitment; the need for skills and preparedness; and the inevitable role of luck in life."

He was lucky, he says, to have been born three years ahead of the baby boom—"that great post-war breeding frenzy that made us a demographic force and created opportunities and perils throughout our lifetimes"—and even luckier that his forty-one-year career paralleled the burgeoning capabilities of the integrated circuit. "In 1965, Gordon

Moore, the President of Intel, noticed that they were on a path to keep doubling the number of transistors on an integrated circuit about every two years. My career has paralleled what became known as Moore's Law."

"Early on, you learned to think in factors of two because every two years everything had to be twice what it was before—twice as cheap, twice as many transistors. Wherever I looked, there were things that no one had ever used a computer for. You got used to doing new things and having an impact. And I characterize that as luck: the luck of being in that discipline over that period of time. I don't know when something like that will happen again. In the history of mankind there has never been a time when things doubled enough times so that there's a growth factor of two million from 1965 to now."

A Galt boy who graduated from St. Jerome's High School, Mitchell chose to live in the newly built men's residence at St. Jerome's to avoid the distraction of four younger siblings. He subsidized the cost by working in the residence kitchen and lived at St. Jerome's for all four of his undergraduate years.

"I grew up here the first year. I was absolutely on my own. I was paying my own way, and it was tough. But I liked the fact that we were a commu-

nity that really knew each other. Many of the guys I was with in St. Jerome's went through the whole four years here."

Mitchell initially registered in chemistry and physics, but the novelty of the computer drew him to math and engineering. In the summer of 1965, he and fellow undergraduates Gus German, Richard Shirley and Robert Zamke created the WATFOR (WATERlooFORtran) compiler—a radical step forward that compiled programs much more rapidly, allowing budding programmers to learn quickly and independently. WATFOR was adopted by educational institutions around the world and immediately put UW on the map.

Mitchell went on to receive his doctorate from Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburgh, and began his career at Acorn Computers (U.K.), moving on to become President of the Acorn Research Center in Palo Alto, California and a Xerox Fellow at the Xerox Palo Alto Research Center.

Since 1988, he has been a senior researcher and administrator with Sun Microsystems in Palo Alto. He has been the Vice-President of Technology & Architecture in the JavaSoft Division, Chief Technology Officer—Java Consumer & Embedded products, and Vice-President in charge of Sun Microsystems Laboratories. In 1980-81, he was Senior Visiting Fellow at the Cambridge University Computing Laboratory, and in 1997 he received the J.W. Graham Medal in Computing and Innovation from the University of Waterloo.

Currently, Mitchell is a Sun Fellow and Vice-President of Sun's High Productivity Computing Systems Research project, leading a team that includes some of Sun's most senior and accomplished researchers and engineers.

His career truly has paralleled the doubling effect predicted by Moore's law, but one singular impression remains from his time at St. Jerome's. As he told his fellow graduates at the 1960s reunion on July 7, 2007, "This place and this experience taught me that life should be lived with passion and commitment, that risks are worth taking, that one should 'lean into one's fear'. Besides, it is much more fun that way." ☪

The Class of the Sixties



photo: Harry Froklage

Front Row: Margaret Downey (née Brown, BA '67), Nancy Golding (née McGinn, BA '67), Mary Fran Wallace (née Walter, BA '67). Middle Row: Peg Feehely (née Kirley, BA '70), Lois Kraemer (née Wolsley, BA '67), Susan Koval (née Crothers, BSC '68), Barbara Samson-Willis (née Samson, BA '67), Gregory Hogan (BA '67), Diane Allen (BMATH '67), Elizabeth Lawless (née Dorris, BA '66), Jerry Lawless (MSc '67), Marc Ruest (BA '67). Back Row: Terry Downey (BA '66), James Feehely (BA '69), Jim Mitchell (BSC '66), George Martin (BA '67), Ronald Green (BSC '67), Thomas Skvorc (BA '69), Virginia Vickers (BA '69), Carolyn Pegg (née Lavigne, BA '67), Carl Davey (BA '68).

It began as a conversation between friends before last Christmas. Margaret Downey observed that it had been forty years since she and Mary Fran Wallace graduated from St. Jerome's College, and Mary Fran agreed that a reunion of old friends and classmates might be fun.

Six months, several phone conferences, a flurry of emails and a day of feverish decorating later, 21 graduates and sundry spouses gathered in the St. Leon White Room and became reacquainted over dinner. Some had not seen St. Jerome's in thirty years; others attended Mass there the week before. All remembered their time as students in the then-new residences and classrooms with nostalgic delight.

The same themes recurred: the small classes; being a "day hop"; binge bridge games; the St. Aethelwold Players;

men and women separated by a phalanx of nuns at football games; beloved mentors like Fr. Zach Ralston and Sr. Leon White.

Greg Hogan remembered Fr. Zach admonishing residents who ventured out, "Never leave a man behind!" Carolyn Pegg recalled passionate discussions about Vatican II and the way that "being at a small Roman Catholic university in the 60s" shaped her faith. Carl Davey confessed that he was one of a party of pranksters responsible for rolling a massive snowball in front of the door to the women's residence one winter's night forty years ago.

Everyone left with a smile, a list of new email addresses, and a word of thanks to Marg and Mary Fran for organizing a great success. ☺

SJU News

Robert Sproule, Gary Mousseau and Sara Pendergast (BA '88) have stepped down from the SJU Board of Governors. Newly appointed to the board are **Kevin Burns** and **Bruce Antonello**.

The St. Jerome's Centre for Catholic Experience celebrates its 25th anniversary this year. Launched in 1982, the Centre has featured lectures by many prominent individuals over the years, including Henri Nouwen, Jean Vanier, Romeo Dallaire, Sr. Helen Prejean, and Karen Armstrong. Newly appointed Director, **Scott Kline**, is currently organizing a celebratory 2007-08 season.

SJU Professor **Steve Furino** (BA '82) of the Faculty of Mathematics was presented with the Distinguished Teacher Award at the Math Convocation on June 15th. Steve, who has taught since 1989, was recognized for his innovative teaching strategies, his ability to empower students and his enthusiasm for his subject.

Cristina Vanin (BA '81), associate professor of Religious Studies and Sexuality, Marriage, and Family Studies, has been appointed

Associate Dean and will continue to serve as the Chair of the Department of Religious Studies. Cynthia Struthers (Mathematics) steps down as Associate Dean as she leaves for a sabbatical.

Steven Bednarski (History and Medieval Studies) has been appointed Director of the Medieval Studies program.

Scott Kline (Religious Studies) is part of a team which received \$64,000 from the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada. Their project is entitled "Rethinking Intervention and the Role of Christian Aid Organizations." Kline has presented papers at two conferences: "Rethinking Humanitarian Intervention and the Responsibility to Protect" at the Society of Christian Ethics conference in Dallas, and "The Responsibility to Protect as the New Doctrine of Intervention in the Ecumenical Movement" at the 2006 Meeting of Societas Ethica and the Society for the Study of Christian Ethics at Oxford University. His recent publications include "The Ambivalent Role of Religion in the South African Truth and Reconciliation

An important friendship:

SJU and UW@50



A temporary version of the St. Jerome's lion behind the men's residence.

Dr. Kenneth McLaughlin, a graduate of St. Jerome's (BA' 65) and professor of History at SJU since 1975, has written a commemorative history of the University of Waterloo for its 50th anniversary. *Out of the Shadow of Orthodoxy: Waterloo@50*, is a unique and beautifully illustrated reflection upon the distinctive characteristics and accomplishments of our federated university.

Among the compelling stories McLaughlin recounts is that of an important friendship between the founder of the University of Waterloo, Dr. Gerard Hagey, and the President of St. Jerome's College, Fr. Cornelius Siegfried, C.R. As the following excerpt illustrates, that friendship translated into critical support for a new University of Waterloo at a decisive moment:

President Hagey's personal friendship and close working relationship with St. Jerome's President, Fr. C.L. "Cork" Siegfried, cemented the important role of the colleges within the University of Waterloo. Without the original and unqualified support of St. Jerome's, Hagey freely admitted that the University of Waterloo may not have had provincial support....

Commission," with Megan Shore, in *Peace and Change: A Journal of Peace Research*.

Fourth-year SJU student **Jasmin Hofer** (Applied Studies Honours German) is one of the winners of the national Wes Nicol Undergraduate Business Plan competition. Along with UW student, Ashley Smith, Jasmin submitted a winning business plan for Energrow, a company which designs and builds presses to process soybeans, producing livestock feed and an oil that can be converted into fuel.

Vera Golini (Italian Studies) contributed an "Afterword" entitled "Why a New Anthology of Italian Canadian Voices" to a new book edited by Caroline Morgan Di Giovanni called *Italian Canadian Voices: A Literary Anthology: 1946-2004*, (2006, Mosaic Press).

In the years immediately following World War II...the President of St. Jerome's College, Fr. Michael Weiler, was anxious for St. Jerome's to be part of a Catholic University of Canada centered on the University of Ottawa, and in 1952 St. Jerome's expanded its academic programs with a \$1 million building program in the Kingsdale area of Kitchener. New courses were planned in the experimental sciences, positive psychology and business administration. All of this was set aside when Fr. Siegfried moved to support the establishment of a new university in Waterloo. Although some criticized his decision, Siegfried stood unequivocally with President Hagey in the movement to be an integral part of the University of Waterloo.

When the idea for a separately incorporated science faculty affiliated with Waterloo College was first discussed by the Cabinet of the Ontario Government, the Minister of Education informed President Hagey that without St. Jerome's support it would not have cabinet approval. Siegfried's determination that St. Jerome's federate with a new university rather than with Waterloo College pushed the university idea forward, and without his insistence the story of the University of Waterloo would have been written very differently. In a letter to C.P. McTague [M.P.P.], Siegfried explained that "St. Jerome's College is prepared to support and actively to encourage any satisfactory plan whereby the two existing colleges (Waterloo College and St. Jerome's College) could cooperate with each other, with any other local body and with the

SJU students **Adam Halpert** (Psychology) and **Sarah Noonan** (Religious Studies) have been selected for the Students for Development Program, an international internship program funded by the Canadian International Development Program (CIDA) and the Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada (AUCC). They will participate in a collaborative program between Canadian universities and higher education organizations in developing countries in Africa, the Middle East, Asia and Latin America.

Myroslaw Tataryn, Interim President, was selected by the Canadian Catholic Historical Association to receive the 2007 Paul Bator Award for his article "Harvesting Heritage Seeds in Prairie Soil: The Role of UKRAINSKYI HOLOS in the Formation of the Identity of the Ukrainian Greek Orthodox Church of Canada," which was published in *Historical Studies*.

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provincial government to improve their education services. It is the opinion of St. Jerome's College that the most desirable arrangement would be a federation of Waterloo College, St. Jerome's College and a third college under non-denominational control, all sharing a university charter independently of any existing university. If the principle of federation has the approval of the Ontario Department of Education, I am confident that it would receive support from the people of this area." He also explained to Dr. W.J. Dunlop,

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Ontario's Minister of Education, that "No satisfactory agreement for sharing facilities can be made, unless both colleges operate under the same university charter." "St. Jerome's," he said, "preferred that a university charter be granted to this area simultaneously with the establishment of a non-denominational college, rather than the plan proposed by Waterloo College which would have the new college affiliated with Western University." Siegfried's foresight and the needs of St. Jerome's College led to the creation of a separate, independent university, and Siegfried was a key architect of the federation agreement that shaped the soon-to-be-created University of Waterloo. In light of the ultimate failure of a federation agreement with Waterloo College, the friendship and support of "Cork" Siegfried is all the more important. 🍀



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Carol Acton (English) presented a paper entitled "Women (and Men) of the Aftermath: Women's Fiction and Postwar Trauma in the 1920s" at the Experience of War in the Space Between 1914-1945 annual conference, at the United States Naval Academy, Maryland, in June.

Interim Academic Dean **Ted McGee** (English) had an article entitled "Mysteries, Musters, and Masque: The Import(s) of Elizabethan Civic Entertainments" published in *The Progresses, Pageants, & Entertainments of Queen Elizabeth I* published by Oxford University Press. Ted's long-standing involvement with the Stratford Festival continues, and this summer he offered talks about *The Merchant of Venice* and a luncheon table talk about the dramatization of Harper Lee's *To Kill a Mockingbird*.

Kieran Bonner (Sociology and Sexuality, Marriage and Family Studies) was the keynote speaker for the Ireland Fund of Canada. His talk, entitled "You Can't Have Your Cake and Eat it Too!" Bewley's Café and the 'New' Dublin," will be published in the *New Hibernia Review*. He presented seminars on "The Grey Zone of Health and Illness: the Case of Alcohol Consumption" at the University of Edinburgh and the National University of Ireland and participated in the Association of Core Texts and Courses conference, offering a seminar on "Gadamer, *The Phaedrus*, and the Grey Zone between Medical Science and the Art of Healing."

Departures

Ex libris St. Jerome's...



photo: Dana Wolto

One of Carolyn Dirks' final projects before leaving SJU was a gallery of historic portraits of past Presidents—in this case, Rev. Theobald Spetz, C.R.

From the library of St. Jerome's to Needles Hall at the University of Waterloo, **Carolyn Dirks** has officially made her way "across the creek."

After 17 years in the SJU library—the last eight as Librarian—Dirks has accepted the newly created position of University Records Manager at UW. The position, established largely in response to the demands posed by the provincial Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FIPPA), was too much for a cataloguer/archivist/librarian to resist.

"I started my work in libraries 30 years ago as a cataloguer," says Dirks. "Organizing things is my strength, and that's what this job is about," adding that, "there's something very appealing about the challenge of building something from the ground up."

Dirks is beginning by visiting all the corners of the campus to find out what the issues are. "People with all the best will in the world simply don't know what to keep and what to throw out," says Dirks. Her job is to help by putting policies and procedures in place to deal with documents from creation to disposal.

It's a huge undertaking. Invoices, minutes of meetings, performance reviews, emails, text messages: Dirks will design and implement a retention policy so that people know which documents should be kept, archived, or trashed.

Despite the rewards of a new challenge and a new workplace, Dirks still finds herself using the pronoun "we" when referring to St. Jerome's.

"I miss the people at St. Jerome's, and I miss being in the library—getting new books and journals for our collection, helping faculty with their research projects. And I still feel like St. Jerome's is my spiritual home."

That said, however, Dirks acknowledges that the decision to take the new position was almost made for her. "The Australian government are leaders in the field of records management," she says. "And they have invented a model records management system that's called the 'Design and Implementation of Record Keeping Systems.' Its acronym? DIRKS. "What more can I say?" she asks with a grin. ☺

The Hawk Flies North

After seven years as Darren Becks' right hand person and mother hen of the residences—official title: Assistant to the Director of Residences/Conference Coordinator—**Cris "The Hawk" Hawkins** is moving on.

Her husband, Dr. Trevor Smith, has accepted a position at Nipissing University and they, along with sons Spencer and Justin, are moving to North Bay. Cris reports that she will be seeking her next employment opportunity, "at an appropriate time in the future." ☺



photo: Gerry Langin

David, Norah and Philip, Maria is presently working at St. Augustine S.S. in Brampton as a guidance counsellor while Gerry, having taken early retirement, has purchased the Williams Coffee Pub at Dundas and Trafalgar in Oakville. Gerry would love to treat St. Jerome's friends to coffee and exchange memories of the 'pub crawls' of the late seventies and early eighties! Gerry and Maria can be reached at gvcockburn@gmail.com.

'92 **Jane Schreiber** (BA '92, History) is employed by the Bredin Institute in Edmonton, Alberta as a Facilitator/Employment Counselor. She is married to Derek and has two children: Katherine (13) and Benjamin (11).

'93 **Toni Serafini** (BA '93, Psychology) has accepted a two-year contract at St. Jerome's as an Assistant Professor in Sexuality, Marriage and

Grad Notes

'56 **Willibrord "Will" Otto Bachmeier** (BA '56) was a Philosophy associate at the Kingsdale campus of St. Jerome's College in 1956 and later pursued Religious Education studies at Seattle University. While he retired from his career as an addiction counselor in 2005, Will continues to work in this field part time. He served as regional vice president on the board of the National Addiction Professionals in the United States for two terms in 2001 and 2005. Will and his wife, Doris, live in Minot, North Dakota and have one daughter, Sarah, aged 27. Will is interested in hearing from Kingsdale-era grads and can be reached at will@minot.com.

'78 **Gerry Cockburn** (BES '78, Environmental Studies – Geography) & **Maria Cockburn** (née Lajoie – BMATH '80, Applied Mathematics) have been educators with the Dufferin-Peel CDSB for 23 and 22 years respectively and have three children;

Arrivals

Tracy Penny Light

Tracy Penny Light, the newest member of SJU's Sexuality, Marriage and Family Studies program, sees every new venture as an opportunity to be met with gusto.

Her formal graduate work in history led to innovative scholarship examining the art and science of teaching and learning, particularly in interdisciplinary studies and the use of technology. Previously, Penny Light held concurrent positions in UW's Office of Learning Resources and Innovation and in the Department of History as an adjunct professor.

A pilot project with history professor Ken McLaughlin in the use of online discussion groups led to Penny Light's involvement with a Learning Initiatives Taskforce, newly established by Dean, Myroslaw Tataryn. Recognizing SJU's commitment to excellence in teaching, Penny Light helped craft a successful proposal to the Carnegie Academy for the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning (CASTL).

Still, Penny Light remains "an academic at heart." She is delighted to bring her expertise in the history of gender and sexuality to the SMF program. Her previous position required extensive travel, so she's looking forward to "being in one spot for a while" and spending time with her husband and two daughters enjoying "the community we've come to love."

"I have wonderful colleagues at UW, and I look forward to continuing some working collaborations with them, while settling into the community here at St. Jerome's. This truly is the best of both worlds." ☺

Family Studies to cover several sabbaticals and a maternity leave. After graduating from St. Jerome's, Toni pursued graduate studies at the University of Guelph, receiving both an MSc and PhD.

'94 Paula Wilhelm (née Petsche BA '94, English) has relocated to Minnesota with her family. Having established an etiquette consulting company in Ontario, Paula continues to write for print and e-zines stateside. "My SJU friends and I get together at least twice a year with our growing families at summer and winter hotspots...conversations are like we've never left campus!" Paula can be reached at info@goodmanners.ca.

'99 Denise Kocher (née Oswald, BA '99, Sociology & History) obtained her law degree from the University of Western Ontario in 2002 and was called to the Ontario Bar in July 2003. Denise is

Suzanne Patfield

Suzanne Patfield's normally easy smile looks strained. "The auditors are here," she says, before giving in to a wry chuckle. Last year, St. Jerome's new Director of Finance and Accounting was a member of that very audit team. Now, she's on the other side of the ledger. "It is stressful to be the audited and not the auditor. I know what they're looking for, and I want it to be perfect!"

A graduate of UW's School of Accountancy, Patfield began working for KPMG fulltime in 2003. She specialized in not-for-profit organizations and her introduction to St. Jerome's came in 2004. "It's been my experience that the people who work for not-for-profits have a certain kind of commitment that you don't always find in other types of organizations. I felt that about St. Jerome's." When Don Strickler, her predecessor, mentioned that he would be retiring early, "I knew I would be happy working here."

Patfield laughingly acknowledges that she's "not a typical bean counter. I taught figure skating for many years to people of all ages and all skill levels; I think that I am, at heart, a teacher. I want people to understand what we're doing. And I'm pretty much an extrovert with a real nutty side. I love to laugh!"

A city girl, Patfield has embraced a new lifestyle in rural Waterloo Region. With her husband and son, she is enjoying the space, the quiet, and the opportunity to "get my hands dirty." ☺

now an associate at Sorbara, Schumacher, McCann LLP where, she reports, "many of my colleagues are also SJC grads", and where she practices corporate and commercial law. Denise married her husband, Michael, in the summer of 2000 and, on August 7, 2004, they welcomed their first child, Paige Marie Kocher.

'04 Cathleen McKague (BA '04, English and Drama) tells us, "I've been keeping busy!" Following graduation, she spent a year teaching English in Tokyo, Japan before returning to the University of Toronto for her B.Ed. She spent four weeks in India in May 2006 for her Teacher's College Internship, working with street kids and orphans and teaching English, then went directly to Ghana and helped build a school and worked with orphans. She is currently a supply teacher for the Waterloo Catholic



photo: Chris Hughes
Tracy Penny Light



photo: Chris Hughes
Suzanne Patfield

Grad Profile: Keeping the Pros on Their Toes



Roger practicing vision drill with former Canucks' goalie Johan Hedberg.

It's a long way from Room 307 in SJU's Finn Hall residence to the workout room at Vancouver's GM Place. But Roger Takahashi (BSc'89 – Science and BSc'91 – Kinesiology) sees some similarities between residence life and his role as Strength and Conditioning Coach for the Vancouver Canucks.

"We eat, sleep, and work together. The bonds formed by this type of relationship are great and last a lifetime. I still keep in contact with players that I worked with years ago just as I keep in contact with friends from my days at SJU."

Room 307's location was also life-altering. "When I first moved to SJU, I was in Science and the guys across the hallway from me were in Kinesiology. I had never heard of Kinesiology and thought it looked interesting. If I had not come into contact with these guys, I may not have taken a Kin degree after my Science degree. And, of course, without the Kin degree, I would not be where I am today."

Where he is today is right at the heart of the Canucks' organizational determination to be one of the best-conditioned clubs in the NHL. Four years ago, he succeeded Peter Twist as Strength and Conditioning Coach. Prior to his appointment, the B.C. native spent ten years in



Roger oversees current goaltender Roberto Luongo's strength training.

rehabilitation and sports-specific training, including stints at Team Canada's Olympic Orientation Camp in 2005 and a year with the British Columbia Hockey League's Langley Hornets.

Now, he oversees the nutrition, strength and conditioning programs of players throughout the Canucks' organization—all 70 of them, including draftees playing for affiliated teams like the Manitoba Moose and the Victoria Salmon Kings. It's a year-round responsibility, but success is measured twenty minutes at a time.

"When I watch the players on the ice, it's personal," Takahashi is quoted as saying. "When we beat a guy one-on-one, or one of the guys is getting pushed around in the corner and he still comes out with the puck, or he's in front of the net and getting cross checked but holds his ground, I see success."

But is it success enough?

"A picture of the team with the Stanley Cup. That's what I want." 🏆

Grad Notes



Cathleen McKague

District School Board, coaching three teams for the KW Synchro Club, swimming herself and winning medals—she won gold in a Provincial competition and qualified for the Nationals—and writing a novel. This

summer, Cathleen reports, "I'll be talking a three-week course in English literature at Oxford and then touring around Europe."

Passings

Rosemary Voll (BMath '82, Mathematics) passed away on March 30, 2007 in her 48th year. Rosemary won the Mathematics award upon graduating and pursued a career in telecommunications before establishing her own computer training and desktop publishing company. Among other family and friends, Rosemary will be missed by her sisters and brother who are also SJU graduates: **Margaret Anne** (BA '74, Philosophy); **Kathleen** (BA '79, Psychology); and **Robert** (BMath '79, Mathematics).

Team SJU builds Habitat for Humanity

On July 12 and 13, SJU grads, students, faculty, and staff descended upon the current build site for Habitat for Humanity Waterloo Region to landscape, hang drywall, lay laminate, and install siding. Collectively, Team SJU also raised over \$4,000 for the build.



Front: Tasha Glover, Becky Thompson, Amy Nero, Steven Bednarski, M.J. Gaudet, Nikki Bakes, Abigail Pais, Joanna Chan, Ashley Dietrich. Back: Jessica O'Connor, Mark Modolo, Sarah Jansma, Dave Tapuska, Rosanna Rigo, Andrea Oliveria, Mary Jac Tell, Ted McGee, J.P. Pretti, Linda Brox, Harry Froklage, Bob Skura, Cristina Vanin, Sarah Noonan, Danielle Viau. Fr. Jim Link. Missing: Carl Moraes, Rob Donelson, Melinda Silva

Frosh of '97: It's Time to Re-Unite! Saturday, September 29, 2007

Frosh, orientation leaders and dons from 1997 are invited back to SJU for a ten-year anniversary dinner. **Kate Hano (BA'03)** and **Mary Drozd-Lutka (BA'01)** are hosting a reunion dinner, complete with a reenactment of the Frosh Dance. The reunion is scheduled to

coincide with UW's Homecoming '07, so you'll be able to meet friends, share memories and participate in UW's 50th Anniversary Celebrations. Contact M.J. Gaudet, Development Coordinator at mjgaudet@uwaterloo.ca for more information.

Two Gatherings of Grads



Director of Development and Graduate Affairs **Harry Froklage** was able to connect with a number of SJU grads during a trip to Vancouver in February, including **Dino Zincarini (BA'96)**, **Catherine Rawn (BA'03)**, and **David Morton (BMath'94)** and...



...**Mary Chiam (BMath'01)**, **Jarrett Morrison (BA'98)** and his wife, **Caroline Lindholm**, **Mike Pretti (BMath'99)**, **Ronald Hagler (BA '55)**, **Michael Straus (BA'87)**, **Jennifer Harasemchuk (née Meacoe - BMath'06)**, and **Patricia McNeill (née Nowak - BA'63)**.

Hey SJU 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 SJU Update.

Name (Please include birth name) _____

Address _____

Telephone _____

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Degree/Year/Program _____

Are you working?

Job title _____

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Address _____

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Are you married?

Spouse's name _____

Degree/Year/Program _____

What's new in your life?

(Enclose additional sheet if necessary)

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SJU Gallery



Awards Night 2007

John "Mike" Little received the **Zach Raiston Award** from **Myroslaw Tataryn** and **Andrea Charette** at the annual SJU Awards night, held on March 23. The **Betty G. Headley Senior Essay Award** was presented to **Denis Clarke**. Also recognized were **Kyle Dore** and **Carissa Will** (Community Contribution Award), **Amanda Grobbecker**, **Michael Mitchell**, **Cassandra Roach**, and **Andrea Skelly** (University Life Awards), **Ted Fleming** (Todd Earl Award), and **Rebecca Mancini** (D.R. Letson Community Service Award).



It Doesn't Look Like Much Yet...

...but, by September, the new coffee shop and atrium being built here will be up and running. SJU is partnering with Chartwell's (Compass Group) to provide students with healthy food and beverages in an inviting café environment.



photo: Chris Hughes

The Laughing Philanthropist

Dr. Peter Warrian (BA'69) shares a light moment with UW President **David Johnston** and Provost **Dr. Amit Chakma** before addressing university administrators and foundation directors on the subject of "A New Architecture for Universities and Foundations" at SJU on April 11. Warrian, who is the Managing Director of the Lupina Foundation, spoke as the Chair of Philanthropic Foundations of Canada (PFC).



A Touch of Commedia

Students in **Vera Golini's** course, *Great Works in Italian Literature*, participated in a celebration of Carnevale at the Cortina Club in Kitchener this past February, wearing costumes from the *Commedia dell'Arte* tradition.



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