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Grail
An Ecumenical Journal

Journal a 'bold, new quest' for ecumenism

Boasting a distinguished international editorial board and a dynamic, diverse first issue, the College has launched a new Canadian publication. *Grail: An Ecumenical Journal* will be published quarterly with the first issue slated for March 1985.

All alumni have been included in a major promotional mailing sent out in December. "Grail will provide a contemporary probe into issues of current concern and religious importance," says Editorial Board Chairman Doug Letson. "It's designed for the non-specialist and will explore ecumenical insights in the spirit of Vatican II."

"Too often scholars dialogue with scholars, experts with experts," observes Letson. "*Grail* intends to bring the scholar and expert to the generally educated in a language and in a form appropriate to the average citizen."

Grail's first issue includes articles by Vatican affairs expert and author Peter Hebblethwaite and Bishop Remi De Roo of Victoria, an interview with Canadian philosopher and author of *Lament for a Nation*, George Grant, and a book review by former federal cabinet minister, Eric Kierans.

The origins, history and viability of Catholic education are discussed in the *Forum*, a regular section in each issue. Also featured will be occasional poetry and short fiction, as well as a regular section on *Arts and Media* previewing and reviewing some of the best work available on cinema, radio, television and in Canadian art galleries.

Grail's editorial board consists of Fr. Norm Choate, Rob Donelson, Michael Higgins, Doug Letson, Ted McGee, and Ken McLaughlin,

Canadian in its origin, the new journal has an ecumenical editorial advisory board; but it's also international in scope, and includes editorial consultants from England and the United States.

Membership includes Sister Mary-Jo Leddy of Toronto's *Catholic New Times;* Bishop Remi De Roo of Victoria; Fr. Andy Hogan of the Coady International Institute in Antigonish; Peter Hebblethwaite of Oxford, England; theologians Larry Schmidt and Walter Bildstein; sociologists Ken Westhues of the University of Waterloo and Jim Kelly of Fordham University; classicist Mary Malone of the Toronto School of Theology; novelist and composer John Reeves; CBC Producer Damiano Pietropaolo; and Rev. Lois Wilson, President of the World Council of Churches.

Grail will be responsive to its readership, inviting informed reaction and welcoming suggestions for expert analysis.

A one year subscription to *Grail: An Ecumenical Journal* costs the modest sum of $10; two years $18.

Subscription inquiries can be made to *Grail: An Ecumenical Journal*, University of St. Jerome's College, Waterloo, Ontario N2L 3G3 (519) 884-8110.

College library enters computer age

A $60,000 project to computerize the St. Jerome's College library over the next few years is under way. The conversion should benefit library users and enable St. Jerome's to remain a vital part of the UW library system.

"There is a great deal of work to be done before the familiar paper sign-out slip becomes a thing of the past," says Librarian Betty Lanktree. "Information about our collection of roughly 30,000 items has to be entered on the University's data base," she says, "and bar-code labels have to be attached to all our books. With the installation of the necessary equipment, a circulation system could be in place in a relatively short time."

People sometimes view this kind of change with trepidation. However, experience in both academic and public libraries shows they quickly come to appreciate some of the features of an on-line catalogue. For instance, it will be possible to see at a glance whether or not a book is in without checking the shelves.

In the more distant future, computer terminals will replace the card catalogue which is difficult to maintain, space-consuming and limited to one location.

◀ *Hang on to those familiar paper sign-out sheets; they'll soon be a thing of the past. Librarian Betty Lanktree is overseeing major computerization of the College's library.*