

An Autumn Installation

by Dana Woito



Chancellor Peter Naus,
Board Chair Dorothee
Retterath and President
David Perrin: new at last!

photo: Mike Christie

The weather in the village of St. Agatha on Saturday, September 15, 2007 began crisp and cool—announcing that it was, indeed, fall—but grew brighter and warmer as the day went on. Coats and jackets were undone and discarded as the formality of the morning's ceremony gave way to easy conversation and laughter. Such was the temperature—and the tenor—of the installation of St. Jerome's sixth President, Dr. David B. Perrin, and its sixth Chancellor, Dr. Peter J. Naus.

Three hundred people gathered in historic St. Agatha Church. Speakers included faculty, staff, a student and a graduate, as well as representatives of the International Federation of Catholic Universities, the Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada, the Association of Catholic Colleges and Universities in Canada, the Canadian office of the Apostolic Nuncio, and the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate, Perrin's religious order. In all, 52 universities, including the University of Waterloo and the affiliated church colleges, conveyed their greetings and congratulations.

The Very Reverend Paul Voisin, C.R., Provincial Superior of the Congregation of the Resurrection, noted the significance of the venue: in August, the Resurrectionists celebrated the

150th anniversary of their arrival in St. Agatha. Most Reverend Gerard P. Bergie, Auxiliary Bishop of the Diocese of Hamilton, prayed the benediction for the new Chancellor and President. Also in attendance were three past Presidents: Dr. Michael W. Higgins (1999-2006); Dr. Douglas Letson (1989-1999); and Rev. Norm Choate, C.R. (1979-1989).

Naus affirmed his "strong belief that all that we do at St. Jerome's, from the most ordinary day-to-day interactions to the most sophisticated scholarly work, should be informed by the core values of the mission statement—love, truth and justice." Perrin echoed that sentiment, urging the community to think creatively about how that mission is manifested: "We recognize that we must do more than simply maintain what we have if we want to ensure our future. We must constantly renew ourselves, refashion ourselves, and reconstruct ourselves—all the while keeping our vision focused on our fundamental and originating values."

After the ceremony, guests enjoyed a reception at St. Jerome's University that stretched well into what was, by then, a warm, Indian summer afternoon. ☺

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SJU: A positive first impression



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During the past 6 months, I've had the wonderful opportunity to come to know the St. Jerome's University community in ever-greater depth. The first term was wonderful! I had the pleasure of hosting lunches with each and every member of the faculty and staff, as well as several student organizations here on campus; I've had numerous occasions to meet alumni and many friends of St. Jerome's University; and I've been able to participate in a significant number of student-run events. To say the least, all of this has been delightful.

I've experienced a lot more of the heart of the SJU community—a heart that is

committed to engaged teaching and intellectual stimulation, strong student support, and interest in the larger global issues of justice, peace-making, and the living and celebration of life from within a Catholic world view. Indeed, I already have fond memories of St. Jerome's. I feel a sense of family here, that we have a shared commitment to our values, to our various projects and, even more importantly, to one another.

I can recall vividly the first time I was approached by the St. Jerome's Search Committee for the new President. I immediately went to the SJU website and discovered its many features and rich information about the University. I became very excited about the prospect of being involved with such an enriching and vibrant community. And I dreamed about the chance to help build upon its rich traditions and faith-filled past. My initial intuition that involvement with St. Jerome's would be an exhilarating and engaging adventure has not let me down.

Since I arrived I've learned a great deal about the University, about its federated partner, the University of Waterloo, and about St. Jerome's customs and traditions. Granted, I still have a lot to learn, but what has impressed me to date is our vibrant and engaged faculty, our committed and energetic staff, and the consistency with which we

attract students who are eager to make a significant contribution to our society as well as to the larger global community.

In short, St. Jerome's University is a great place to be! I've heard that message from so many supporters of St. Jerome's and now I know it to be true for myself. That feeling is continually reinforced.

While we celebrate our many successes, as a Catholic post-secondary institution in Canada we also need to be thoughtfully envisioning our future. We need to identify the challenges we currently face, as well as those we expect to face in the near and distant future. Short-term and long-term goals need to be identified, planned for, and carefully implemented.

What choices do we need to make now to maintain the excellence for current students and for future generations? With the shifts that are taking place in post-secondary education in Canada, there is much work to be done to find answers to this question. During the next 12 to 18 months St. Jerome's will be consulting alumni, students, staff, faculty and friends of St. Jerome's about how we might envision the University's future. What should St. Jerome's look like in 10, 15 or 25 years? What should be our focus in relationship to our rich past, a changing present, and an as-yet unseen future? We look forward to actively engaging all the supporters of St. Jerome's in these questions.

I have a sense that St. Jerome's University is entering a transformative phase. The future is bright and full of hope—not only for the faculty, staff and students, but for all those whom it touches in many different ways. St. Jerome's has a unique opportunity to be a leader in Catholic post-secondary education in Canada and beyond. With your ideas we can turn this opportunity into reality. I hope you will give your feedback and contribute your ideas when the time comes. Our future depends on as many people as possible getting involved in charting the course of St. Jerome's University.

I wish you and your loved ones a happy, prosperous, and healthy 2008. ☺

David B. Perrin is the President and Vice-Chancellor of St. Jerome's University.

Craig Kielburger: “We get our calling every day.”

by Harry Froklage

At 25, Craig Kielburger has already accomplished a lifetime's worth of good. On September 29, 2007, the young children's rights activist came to St. Jerome's to inspire an audience that included a healthy measure of young people and to receive the Chancellor John Sweeney Award at the St. Jerome's Feast.

In presenting the award, President David Perrin declared, “Young people are changing the world. They are leading us with their energy, their enthusiastic example and their passion for getting directly to the heart of an issue.”

For Kielburger, the issue appeared one day when, at the age of 12, he opened the newspaper. “I wasn't looking for a cause,” he confessed, “I was looking for the comics.” Instead, he read a story about the murder of Iqbal Masih, a teenaged activist for children's rights. The Thornhill native was moved to mobilize his classmates at Bishop Scalabrini Catholic elementary school, raising awareness of child slave labour through petitions, presentations in schools, juice sales and coin drives. That momentum ultimately became Free the Children, an international organization which has built more than 450 primary schools and provides daily education to more than 40,000 children. Its many accomplishments in education, alternative income, health care, water and sanitation have earned three Nobel Peace Prize nominations and partnerships with the United Nations and Oprah's Angel Network.

Still, Kielburger admitted that the daily litany

of local, national and international crises sometimes makes him reluctant to open the newspaper. He once confessed as much to Archbishop Desmond Tutu. “He looked at me and he actually said, ‘College boy, what are they teaching you in school? You're looking at it in entirely the wrong way. The newspaper is God's prayer-list, delivered to your front door every morning.’”

Building on the analogy, Kielburger declared that, for those who are waiting for the right moment or divine intervention to take action on behalf of others, the newspaper is “laid out there every morning as a calling for us.”

“The reality,” he declared, “is that we get our calling every day.”

Kielburger's personal energy and commitment to the cause of “children helping children,” his passionate enunciation of the dilemma facing the world and his accounts of powerful mentors and partners transfixed his audience. He also expressed excitement and support for St. Jerome's Beyond Borders program, which places students in developing countries around the world for a term to work and live in solidarity with marginalized people. Scott Kline, Director of Beyond Borders, and Rebecca Mancini, a recent participant, shared details and personal experiences as part of the program. All money raised at the event will assist student participants this summer.


The co-founder—with his brother, Marc—of Leaders Today and the author of several best-selling books, Kielburger has received the Nelson Mandela Human Rights Award, the Roosevelt Freedom Medal, the Human Rights Award from the World Association of Non-Governmental Organizations and the World's Children's Prize for the Rights of the Child, also known as the Children's Nobel Prize. He is also the youngest person since Terry Fox to receive the Order of Canada. And now he is the most recent recipient of the Chancellor John Sweeney Award, which recognizes leadership by Roman Catholics in education and public life. 



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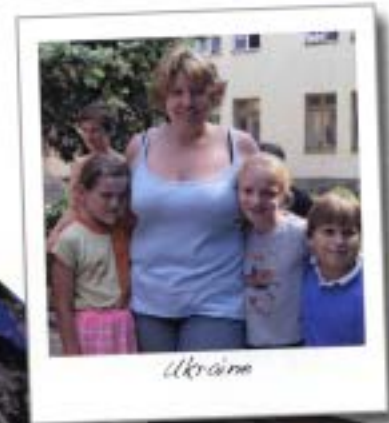


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Beyond Borders participant Rebecca Mancini shares her experiences of working in Kenya at the St. Jerome's Feast.

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Water projects



These are some of the places where students will be working and some of the things they will be doing this year as participants in Beyond Borders, a unique service learning program offered by St. Jerome's University.

To participate, students must raise 60% of their costs. St. Jerome's raises funds to provide the remainder. To help them, we need you.

Reach out. Help a student encounter the developing world. Support Beyond Borders, an educational experience in global transformation.

For more information about Beyond Borders, visit www.sju.ca/beyondborders.html

"I did not expect to change or save the world...and I didn't. But I never could have anticipated how this experience changed me."

Ashley Metzloff
Beyond Borders participant, 2007

"I learned more from this experience than from any other experience I have ever had."

Sarah Noonan
Beyond Borders participant, 2006

Christine M. Donaldson: Up for a Challenge

Christine M. Donaldson (BMATH '89) has a couple of new jobs. She's the new Graduates' Association representative on the St. Jerome's Board of Governors. She's also the recently appointed Vice-President, Finance, for Onex Corporation, one of Canada's largest and most successful private equity firms.

She's up for both challenges. "I need," she confesses, "a fair bit of variety."

The daughter of a senior executive at Procter & Gamble, Christine spent her childhood moving around Canada and the United States. The only constant was the fact that she always attended Catholic schools. As she finished high school at Nicholson Catholic College in Belleville, a guidance counsellor suggested that Christine and her friends, Kathy Soden and Paul Holland, check out St. Jerome's as a place to "do math."

Those friendships connected Christine to St. Jerome's. "I didn't get into [Notre Dame residence] because I was in co-op, and I had no classes at St. Jerome's. I went there to see Kathy or Paul." She was impressed by the campus and the community spirit she experienced during those visits.

Following a career path guided by her desire to make a difference, Christine began at KPMG, moved to Commonwealth Hospitality Inc., and then became Corporate Controller at NEXACOR Realty Management.

That was when a headhunter approached her about a position at Onex, the legendary private equity firm launched by Gerald Schwartz in 1983. "Three times Onex came to me, and it was on the third time that I said 'yes'. I have a view that things happen for a reason and thought, 'Although I may not know why at this moment, I'm supposed to take this job.' And so I did."

She became Director of Finance, working as part of a team that acquired and revitalized other enterprises, many of them "carve outs" from larger companies. A workday that begins on

the phone during her 7:00 a.m. commute sees her bringing new acquisitions up to speed on a complex range of financial and operational issues.

"Carve-outs are used to what we call the 'mother ship' doing all their tax reporting, all their financial reporting, all of their banking, all their technical, complex accounting." The long hours she has committed to making these operations self-sufficient—"There is," she laughingly acknowledges, "no balance in my life"—were rewarded with her recent promotion to Vice-President, Finance.

She accepted the invitation to join the SJU Board of Governors because "I have been very fortunate in my life and I was looking for some way to give back." And give back she has, revising the university's investment policy and serving on the Presidential Search Committee in 2007.

Christine has also taken steps to address SJU's most urgent fundraising priority—the need for scholarships and bursaries—by establishing The Joseph and Rosemary Donaldson Scholarship/Bursary in her parents' name. "My parents were big believers in education," she says. Leading the way with a personal gift of \$25,000, Christine also secured a pledge of \$25,000 from Onex and more than \$25,000 from other supporters.

For someone who works to enhance value in her professional life, this is value enhancement of a different kind. Christine is ensuring that deserving students can acquire the education they need to become as successful and motivated as she is. ☺



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SJU News

The Residence Councils in **J.R. Finn Hall** and **Sweeney Hall** conducted two successful fundraising campaigns this fall, raising over \$1,400 for the Betty Thompson Youth Centre, and sponsoring two families over Christmas through the Salvation Army's Christmas Bureau with another \$1,200. Residents helped deliver gifts and a Christmas meal to the families.

The 2007-2008 John J. Wintermeyer Lecture at the St. Jerome's Centre was delivered by the University of Waterloo's Dean of Arts **Ken Coates**. Coates, a well-known historian specializing in the history of the Yukon and the Canadian North, spoke on "Losing the Arctic? The Role of the North in Canada's Future." The lecture was taped by **CBC Radio** for inclusion in its popular *Ideas* series.

Kieran Bonner (Sociology) served as co-investigator on a major health-focused research grant during his sabbatical. The project, *City Life and Well Being: the Grey Zone in Health and Illness*,

involved presentations in Edinburgh; Williamsburg, Virginia; Oxford, England; and Guelph. He also presented papers on research done for the *Culture of Cities* project in Limerick, Ireland; Ottawa; Niagara Falls; and Toronto and published several articles. He served as an external examiner for four Ph.D. students, and wrote on the Northern Ireland peace process for *The Record*.

Tristanne Connolly (English) coordinates the Canada Council Reading Series, a longstanding tradition at St. Jerome's. The 2008 calendar year begins with readings by Tamas Doboz, Alayna Munce, and Patrick Lane.

Norm Klassen (English) is currently completing a translation of Peter Martyr's *In Epistolam S. Pauli Apostoli ad Romanos ... Commentarii 10-16*, a 16th-century commentary on St. Paul's Epistle to the Romans. An article, "Yit was there joye": Chaucer's Tonal Achievement in Parliament of Fowls, 92-294," will appear

Still Frosh After All These Years



Reunion organizers **Mary Drozd-Lutka** and **Kate Hano** (front right) and friends.

Interested in hosting a reunion of friends and classmates? We want to help! Contact **Harry Froklage**, (froklage@uwaterloo.ca)

They promised to dance and dance they did. Ten years after they arrived at SJU as the Frosh of '97, they still remembered every move of their frosh dance. And they didn't stop there: conga lines, Celtic reels and rousing choruses of "Home for a Rest" were the order of the evening as nineteen grads and their significant others gathered on September 29, 2007 to celebrate the ten-year anniversary of their initiation into university life.

They came from as far afield as New Brunswick and Seattle to share dinner, memories and news of their post-SJU lives. The intrepid team of organizers, **Mary Drozd-Lutka** (BA '01)

and **Kate Hano** (BA '03, MA '06), welcomed their friends back and led the conga line.

Afterwards, **Shannon Buchanan** (formerly Anderson, BA '01) characterized the close links that were formed all those years ago: "That's the beauty of St. Jerome's—you don't just make friends, you find family."

The event was part of University of Waterloo's Homecoming, celebrating its 50th anniversary. For a full gallery of event photographs, visit www.sju.ca/graduates/past_events.html.



Nary a misstep: **Christopher Evans** (BMATH '02), **Mary Drozd-Lutka**, **Daina Clackett** (née Sanderson, BSc '00; OD '04), **Angela Wilson** (née Martin, BMATH '03) and **Carolyn Neugebauer** (née Eickmeyer, BMATH '03) reenact the frosh dance.

next year in a collection of essays to honour Professor Peter Erb and an article on Chaucer's Pardoner will appear in the journal *Notes and Queries*. Klassen pursues his long-standing interest in concepts of virtue and in medieval humanism in his current work in progress, a study of natural and transcendent light sources in painter Ambrogio Lorenzetti's work "The Good City-Republic."

English professor **Ted McGee**, a member of the Education and Archives Committee of the Board of the Stratford Festival, will give a table talk and write the program notes for the Festival's production of *Romeo and Juliet* this summer. He'll also give six lectures on the Festival's 2008 Shakespeare productions for the Life Long Learning Association of Wilfrid Laurier University. The Oxford University Press landmark edition of *Thomas Middleton: The Collected Works and Companion*, to which McGee is a contributor, was recently released.

Ken McLaughlin (History) has co-authored the newly revised edition of *Waterloo: An Illustrated History 1857-2007*. The updated volume's book launch was part of the City of Waterloo's 150th anniversary celebrations. The "Legacy of Leaders" celebration—the City's recognition of 150 community leaders—included several St. Jerome's names including **Donna Ward**, **Michael Higgins**, **Doug Letson**, **Fr. Cornelius Siegfried, C.R.**, and McLaughlin himself.

David Seljak (Religious Studies) is completing his research project on "Secularization and the Separation of Church and State in Canada: Multiculturalism and Human Rights." The project is funded by a \$10,000 research grant from the Strategic Policy, Research and Planning Directorate of the Multiculturalism and Human Rights Program of Canadian Heritage.

Looking for Wonderland

Artists, writers and musicians responded to an invitation to exhibit their work at the SJU Art Gallery with a dazzling array of creative work. The exhibition of work by graduates, current students and friends, entitled "Looking for Wonderland," ran from October 12 until December 7, 2007.

Besides the work pictured here, the following artists were featured: **Charmaine Champion** (music); **John Curtis** (BA '83—pen and ink); **Christine Donovan** (oil painting); **Christine Dominico** (BA '69—watercolour); **Richard Dominico** (BA '69—fiction); **Kimberly Fiscalini** (BA '02—photography and pencil sketching); **Lorraine Green** (quilting and needlework); **Fr. Robert Héту** (BA '79—photography and poetry); **Lucia Hogeveen** (fabric art); **Cara Kelterborn** (music); and **Catherine Paleczny** (BA '00—sculpture). ☺



Christine Donovan and **Virginia Eichhorn**, curator, with photographs by **Andrea Skelly** (BA '07).



Hand-bound-and-printed books by **Jarrett Morrison** (BA '98).



Jeff Woodrow (BA '02) submitted a video and sketches created for the song *porcupine* by The Phonemes. Jeff also exhibited illustrated t-shirts created for his line of Joy Apparel.

Toni Serafini (Sexuality, Marriage and Family Studies) will present her research on validity and test-retest reliability at the Society for Research on Adolescence conference in Chicago in March 2008.

Chaplain **Melinda Szilva** is serving a secondment to the Canadian Catholic Campus Ministry (CCCM) and the Canadian Catholic Students Association (CCSA) until June 2008.

Sr. Martha Fauteux of the School Sisters of Notre Dame is assisting the Campus Ministry team until Melinda's return.

Academic Dean **Myroslaw Tatarzyn** attended the International Federation of Catholic Universities (IFCU) conference on "The Catholic University: Challenges of Yesterday and Today, Building the Future" in Lisbon, Portugal. The conference brought together representatives of the senior administration of over 150 Catholic universities from every continent. Tatarzyn observes that "although many came to the meetings assured of the uniqueness of their situation, I believe the overwhelming sentiment at the conclusion was that questions of mission

and identity are [being examined at] Catholic universities in countries all over the globe."

Retired professor of psychology **John Theis** has published *Fathers and Sons—The Blessing and the Wound*. This reflects on his role as a son and as a father and explores issues discussed by the many men he has counselled over the years.

Nic Zunic (Philosophy) and **John Greenwood** (Human Sciences) will launch a new Human Sciences third-year course—Great Dialogues: the Sacred and the Profane—this winter. In September 2007, Zunic delivered three talks centred around "Imago Dei: Deepening Our Scientific, Philosophical, and Theological Understanding of Our Creation."

Fr. Norm Choate, C.R. Distinguished Graduate Award: Call for Nominations.

Each year, St. Jerome's University and the SJU Graduates' Association honour a graduate who merits the term "distinguished". Whether through professional accomplishment or community involvement, these graduates exemplify the best of St. Jerome's influence and values.

For more information, or to nominate a deserving graduate, visit <http://www.sju.ca/graduates.html>.

100 Years of Vigilance

by Carolyn Dirks

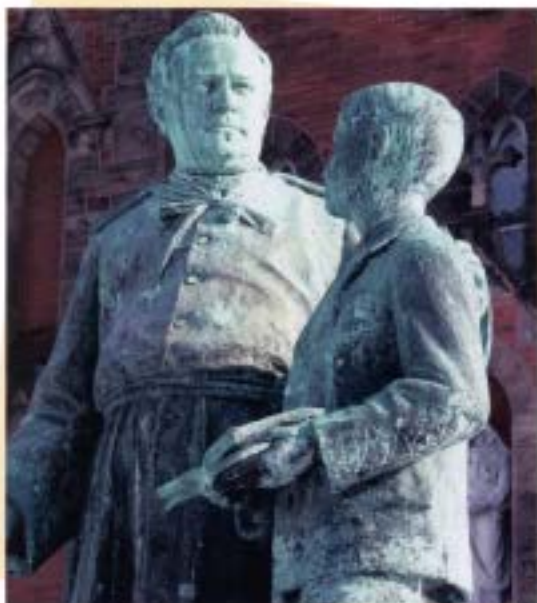


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"Never did St. Jerome's witness a celebration so gorgeous and splendid... Nature itself smiled beneficently upon the scene, and in the bright sunshine of ideal summer weather, the decorations presented a rich and pleasing appearance..."
(*The Schoolman*, Sept. 1907).

One hundred years ago, on August 7th, 1907, the alumni of St. Jerome's College gathered to unveil a monument to the College's beloved founder, Louis Funcken, C.R., and assist in laying the cornerstone of a new college building.

The bronze statue, the work of Italian sculptor Raffaele Zaccagnini, was a "simple, yet elegant" statue of Fr. Louis with a young student. Next day, amid even greater pomp and ceremony, the cornerstone of the new Duke Street building was put in place. Until it closed in 1990, the building was the home of St. Jerome's High School and a Kitchener landmark.

In 2006, after extensive renovations that left the historic exterior intact, the building reopened as Wilfrid Laurier University's Lyle S. Hallman Faculty of Social Work. ☪

Over the years, the Funcken monument overlooked several locations and now stands in front of Kitchener's St. Mary's Church.

CRs Mark 150 Years in Waterloo Region

The Congregation of the Resurrection, St. Jerome's founders, marked a significant anniversary with a special mass at St. Agatha Church on August 12, 2007. With the arrival of Fr. Eugene Funcken in St. Agatha on August 14, 1857, the CRs began a ministry that would touch and shape the lives of many over the next 150 years.

In 1864, Funcken was joined by his brother, Louis, who founded what would later come to be known as St. Jerome's the following year.

Among the many celebrations to mark the anniversary was the launch of *In the Hope of Resurrection*, the latest book by retired SJU history professor Rev. James A. Wahl, C.R. ☪



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Resurrectionists from around the world celebrate mass and 150 years in Canada.

Grad Notes

'70 After nine years, **Greg Humbert** (BA '70, English) has "semi-retired" from the Catholic Health Association of Canada (CHAC). He and his wife, Jennie, began construction this past summer on their dream home on the shores of Tomiko Lake, site of their much-loved cottage retreat. "Over the winter," says Greg, "I will do all the finishing." Greg's friends can reach him and get a building update at greg.humbert@hotmail.com.

'75 **Sister Maureen McGoey**, SSND (BA '75, Arts) was elected to serve on the General Council for the School Sisters of Notre Dame at the General Chapter held in Sao Leopoldo, Brazil in October, 2007. She will serve a five-year term in Rome along with sisters from Germany, Brazil, Poland and the USA.

'84 **Leeanna Pendergast** (BA '84, English & History) was elected a Liberal M.P.P. for the riding of Kitchener-Conestoga in the 2007 Ontario provincial election. Before being elected, she served as vice-principal at four high area high

schools and as an education consultant for the Ministry of Children and Youth Services. She has been appointed Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister Responsible for Women's Issues.

'92 **Dan Milkovich** (BA '92, English) says hello to old floor-mates and classmates. Dan's been teaching high school English at Mentor College in Port Credit since 1994. He lives in Burlington with his "lovely wife Carolyn." Dan was recently honoured with OFSAA's Leadership in Sport Award for coaching high school rugby over the last 15 years.

'95 **Sue McCullough** (née Terrett BA '95, Religious Studies) writes that she is the current "rector of the Anglican parishes of Holy Trinity in Lucan and St. James in Clondeboye" where she has ministered since 2003. Through some strange clerical error, her sister has been receiving her copies of *Update*. "I'm sure that my sister will miss the mailings, but I sure will appreciate getting them after all these years!"

Coffee at SJU: Then and Now

Coffee is a staple of life at St. Jerome's. Professors wax philosophical over a cup of java. Students need that caffeine jolt to fuel all-nighters. It was ever thus.

Vintage SJU grads fondly remember the Coffee Shop and the ubiquitous Mrs. Brown. As of September, 2007, however, current students are enjoying a whole new "java experience"—and it's a lot more high tech!

Introducing The Atrium, SJU's newest student hangout. Undertaken in partnership with Chartwells (Compass Group)

and designed by The Walter Fedy Partnership, The Atrium occupies the former Union Station but has a newly built addition that overlooks Choate Common.

A wall of windows face the Common; an electric fireplace provides a cozy point of focus. A flat-screen TV broadcasts SJU and UW news and events, and, with full wireless access, laptops abound. But some things remain the same: friends, conversation, and a place to share a good cup of coffee. ☕



Mrs. Brown was a familiar face in the Coffee Shop for many years.



Atrium staffer, Courtney, provides friendly service.



The Atrium from Choate Common...



...and Choate Common from the Atrium.

'97 After six years as the Director of the Office for Worship in the Diocese of London, **Christina Ronzio** (BA '97, Religious Studies) is changing locations—but keeping the title. On October 1, 2007, she began to head the Office for Worship for the Diocese of Cleveland. The move went well and her first official duty involved attending a talk by Cardinal Godfried Daneels. He was, she says, "excited to find out I was from Canada."

'99 **Brenda Bartosek** (BA '99 Religious Studies, Women's Studies, SIPAR) followed her degree with a post-graduate diploma in Addictions: Treatment and Prevention from Georgian College. She recently moved from Guelph to Windsor, where she works as a Problem Gambling Counsellor. Her son, Leon, 24, has completed three tours of military service in Afghanistan and is scheduled to return again in February 2008. She has, she tells us, "the honoured task and delight of raising a beautiful precocious granddaughter who just turned six." With that, she notes, "I'll have to wait until retirement to get back to my further goal of a PhD!"

'00 **Catherine Merritt** (née Wilton BA '00, Economics) and **Jason Merritt** (BMath '00, Mathematics Teaching Option) announce the arrival of their daughter, Julianna Elizabeth. Julianna arrived on January 18, 2007 weighing in at 8 lbs 13 oz. Catherine, Jason and Julianna reside in Waterloo. Catherine is on maternity leave from her job at the Economical Insurance Group. Jason is the head of mathematics at Glenview Park Secondary School in Cambridge.

'02 **Sarah Greatrix** (BA '02, Psychology, SMF) recently graduated from law school in Windsor and got married. She is currently articling in Kitchener-Waterloo.

Frosh Community Service Day

Last September, Frosh week was more than just new friends and toga parties. SJU frosh—198 in all—spent a day volunteering for such local service agencies as PRIDE Stables, the Working Centre, the Food Bank and the Laurel Creek Conservation Area in the University's first Community Service Day. 🌱



Students sort food at the Food Bank of Waterloo Region.



PRIDE Stables provides riding lessons for children with disabilities.



Dana Woito's and Ted McGee's groups embark for the Humane Society and Generations Thrift Store.

A New Face in Residence



Sweeney Hall dons Amanda Montague and Marg Ellsworth with Natasha (right).

"I'm a nerd," says Natasha Jennings (BA '06—History). "I love everything about school." That self-professed love will doubtless serve Jennings well in her new capacity as SJU's Assistant to the Director of Residences and

Facility Operations. "While this position provides me with a different perspective on the student experience," she says, "it still operates within an academic context, and that's something I enjoy and appreciate."

After graduating from St. Jerome's, Jennings spent a year at Nipissing University in North Bay earning a Bachelor of Education degree. "It was an amazing experience," she says. While contemplating her career options, she was attracted to the St. Jerome's residence position and the opportunity to be close to her home in Stratford. "I'm excited about all the opportunities here. I love interacting with the students. I love the community. St. Jerome's is a great place to be." 🌱

SJU Gallery



St. Jerome's Centre Turns 25

A number of past directors of the St. Jerome's Centre for Catholic Experience gathered to celebrate the Centre's 25th anniversary on September 21st. Along with founder, **Ft. Norm Choate, C.R.** (front right) are (back row) **Scott Kline**, the current director, **Douglas Letson (BA '62)**, **David Seljak**, **Michael Higgins**, **John Theis** and (front row) **Megan Shore (BA '99)**.

2008 Graduates' Association

Members of the SJU Graduates' Association Executive check out the new Atrium café. From the left: **Carolyn Eckert (BA '94)**, **Melissa Latour (BA '05)**, Development Coordinator **M.J. Gaudet**, **Patti Tusch (BA '80)** and **Ashley Dietrich (BA '05)**. Missing are **Mark Greco (BAsc '04)** and **Glen Lombard (BA '06)**.



photo: Andrew Mills

Niagara Grads Greet David Perrin

From left: **Emilio Raimondo (BES '86 & BARCH '87)**, **James Richardson (BA '79)**, **M.J. Gaudet**, **Michael Power**, **Mary-Theresa Power (BA '80)**, **Ken Forgeron (BES '75)**, **Dr. David Perrin**, **Joanne Rome (BA '94)**, **Sharon Forgeron (BA '75)**, **Dave Augustyn (BA '95)**, **Carol Berkhout (BA '95)** and **Gary Talosi (BMATH '71)**.



The First Class of Arts Graduates

As part of celebrations for the University of Waterloo's 50th anniversary, the Faculty of Arts invited members of the first graduating class back to campus. Among those attending were SJU graduates **Gary Gerth (BA '61 History)**, **Ginny Jans (née Leon—BA '61 Psychology)** and **Clem Bruder (BA '61 Philosophy)**. **Barry Bullis (BA '61 History)** was there as well but missed the photo opportunity.

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UW Honours "Legacy of Leaders"

As part of its 50th Anniversary Celebrations, the University of Waterloo honoured 50 graduates who have made significant voluntary contributions to the university. St. Jerome's graduates **Cynthia Dittner** (BA '86 Chartered Accountancy and Mathematics), **Patrick Flynn** (BA '68 English) and **Deborah Pecoskie** (née Warren—BA '72 Sociology) were among those honoured at a gala dinner at UW President David Johnston's home on September 28th.

Ottawa Grads Meet the New President

From left: **Roger Fowler** (BA '66), **Raffaele Cocucci** (BMATH '98), **President David Perrin**, **RoseMarie Morris** (MA '69), **Melissa Latour** (BA '05), **John Cuddihy** (BASC '03) and **George Martin** (BA '67, MA '71). Also attending were **Anita Ploj** (BA '87), **Kelly Nolan** (BA '05) and **Amanda Kita** (BMATH '05).



Richard Gwyn Receives Honorary Doctorate

Richard Gwyn, who recently stepped down as SJU Chancellor, received an honorary Doctor of Letters from the University of Waterloo at the fall convocation on October 20th and addressed the assembled graduates. Pictured on that happy occasion are the current Chancellor, **Peter Naus**, President **David Perrin**, **Richard Gwyn** and Academic Dean **Myroslaw Tataryn**.

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