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A MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR

I EXPERIENCED ORIENTATION from a parent's perspective this year and I have a lot more sympathy for all those tearful parents dropping their children off at campuses across the country. It's easy to laugh until it's your own child you are walking away from.

On Monday, however, I found myself sending out an email to thank all of the senior administrators, student leaders and colleagues who work hard arranging the orientation weekend here at StFX.

I was impressed with the warmth with which we were greeted from the moment we arrived on campus. We received help unpacking bags into the dorm. We were fed as we stood in line for the registration process, and entertained by a live band. Senior administrators introduced themselves and kept us company as we waited. The president shook every student's hand as they entered to register. The student orientation crew had everybody feeling that they were beginning an exciting new adventure.

The wonderful welcome made it easier for both sides to say good-bye, and there was no sign at the end of the day of the jitters most students were feeling when they arrived. The students had already found a home away from home and the parents felt a little more secure letting go.

StFX truly is a wonderful place. Oh, I'm not saying everything was perfect. Nora ran into some difficulties here and there, but within days she was proud of her house, lost her voice cheering, had made some new friends, loved some of her professors, was unsure of others, and was totally convinced that she had made the right decision in attending StFX.

I think so too.

— Noreen Nunn '92, Director, Alumni Affairs

LETTERS



ALL IN THE FAMILY – With 26 years to the day separating their arrivals, both Rose Cormier and son Michael started as freshman at StFX on Sept. 3. Coincidentally, the first person Rose met that day, James Cormier, later became her husband. Shown here at Orientation '06 are Rose, Michael, and James Cormier.

“SHE STILL HAS THE SHIRT, AND ME”

NOW, SON CARRIES ON TRADITION
I hope all is going well over there at Alumni House. I thought I'd tell you the following story, which Rose and I think is pretty funny. Our son Michael is starting at X this year, and he shows up for his first Orientation events on Sunday, Sept. 3rd, 2006. Twenty-six years ago, on Sept. 3rd, Rose was arriving for her first day at X. The very first person she met was me. She had stopped at Bloomfield to get directions to the Mount,

and I was selling frosh T-shirts. I wouldn't let her go until she bought one, even though she said she'd come back as soon as she was settled in residence. She eventually bought the shirt, and left, directions in hand, fuming that everyone at X better not be that irritating. She still has the shirt, and me. We will have been married 21 years in September. She says it's the most expensive shirt she ever bought – she's still paying for it. We're enjoying the coincidence of dates here.

— James Cormier

BEIJING RING

Dear Noreen,
We recently returned from a wonderful trip to China. We were pleasantly surprised by the number of people in Beijing who recognized our StFX rings and by the many questions we received from others who were interested in the 'X' on the ring. We enjoyed enlightening everyone on the history of the university and the ring.



Dr. John Doyle '72 and Dr. Jo-Anne Taylor Williams '72, '79, '81 in Beijing.

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PRESIDENT'S PAGE

Dr. Sean E. Riley '74

StFX IS A SPECIAL PLACE.

You hear it time and time again from current students and alumni. Evidence of that special nature abounds in the relationships that begin here and span a lifetime. We see it each year during Homecoming when old friends return to campus and reminisce about their student days. This year was no exception with a wonderful turnout, particularly from the Class of 1956 returning to campus for their fiftieth anniversary.

Residence life is part of what makes StFX special. It's changed over the years, to be sure, but the powerful sense of community remains. This fall, StFX added to its residential environment with the extensive renovations of Maclsaac Hall and the opening of Governors Hall, a beautiful new residence aimed at senior year students. Nearly half of StFX's students now live on campus in a range of convenient and comfortable housing options.

Another aspect of what makes StFX special was on display in October at the StFX National Dinner in Toronto. It brought more than 500 of Canada's top business leaders, many from Atlantic Canada, together. They were attracted by the unique way StFX connects people in business, public service, the arts and science.

Improvements to residences and the National Dinner, and our fifth straight number one ranking by *Macleans*, are signs that StFX's positive momentum is not slowing down. In fact, it's accelerating as the national profile of StFX continues to grow.



Dr. Sean Riley speaks to 500 guests at the StFX National Dinner in Toronto on October 4.

Dr. Sean E. Riley '74
StFX President

A HIGH PROFILE WIN

StFX HOSTS NATIONAL HEALTH RESEARCH CENTRE

It's a high profile win. StFX will host the National Collaborating Centre for the Determinants of Health and will receive \$4 million in funding over the next three years from the Public Health Agency of Canada.

An independent committee made up of senior officials from each Atlantic province selected StFX as the host location for the Centre. The Honourable Tony Clement, federal Minister of Health, along with the Honourable Peter MacKay, Minister of Foreign Affairs, and Nova Scotia's Deputy Premier Angus MacIsaac delivered the good news in a late summer news conference at the Keating Millennium Centre.

"A healthier population lessens the demand on our health care system. Understanding what affects the health of Canadians helps us determine the actions needed to improve their health," offered Clement during his first visit to the StFX campus. "Through this Centre, public health experts across the Atlantic region, the country and the globe will provide infor-

mation and develop tools that will help health practitioners and policy makers make better decisions."

The Centre will be a collaborative effort with other universities, regional health authorities, non-governmental organizations and health professionals. It will coordinate research and analysis that will be used to understand how "social determinants" – factors like income, education levels and geographic location – influence health. That understanding will influence future health policies.

"The goal is that the Centre become a clearinghouse of material that is considered to be relevant to public health policy and practice. A public administrator or politician, when faced with the need for evidence when making a decision or implementing a program, will be able to go to a Centre's website or pick up the phone, identify what has been done, view it in accessible fashion and use that evidence to support their decision making," says Dr. Lars K. Hallstrom, StFX's Canada Re-



Left: The announcement of the National Collaborating Centre, from l-r: Beth Sherwood, PHAC Atlantic, the Honourable Tony Clement, Minister of Health; the Honourable Peter MacKay, Minister of Foreign Affairs and MP for Central Nova; the Honourable Angus MacIsaac, Deputy Premier of Nova Scotia and MLA for Antigonish; Dr. Jeff Scott; Dr. Mary McGillivray, StFX Academic Vice President; and Dr. Lars Hallstrom, Canada Research Chair in Public Policy and Governance at StFX.

“A HEALTHIER POPULATION LESSENS THE DEMAND ON OUR HEALTH CARE SYSTEM.”

The Honourable Tony Clement, federal Minister of Health

search Chair in Public Policy and Governance and one of the people who coordinated StFX's successful proposal to host the centre.

"Fundamentally, we will be looking at questions of inequality and how addressing inequalities can improve people's health. Inequalities matter. The burdens of ill health are not borne proportionately across the population. That holds regionally, nationally and internationally of course."

"People can become ill because of a virus or injury but there are also systemic factors that can contribute to a health profile of a community or a subpopulation. These are often things we might not consider

when it comes to health – income, geographic location, literacy, race, gender, sexual orientation and the list goes on. This is well recognized and established by the World Health Organization," he says.

Dr. Doris Gillis, professor in the department of Human Nutrition at StFX, who assisted with the proposal that led Health Canada to select StFX, says this opportunity was years in the making.

"This grew out of the research we've done on the various aspects of health determinants over the years," she explains. "Now we'll be interconnected with national panels and international experts and hopefully have a chance to address some of the really complex issues surround-

ing access to health care today, such as literacy.

"I can't think of a better place for this to be located, because we have so many of our own experts here, and a history of working with the regional health authority to influence practice and policy."

The Honourable Peter MacKay, Minister of Foreign Affairs and MP for Central Nova, says he is extremely proud of StFX for being selected to host the Centre.

"In hosting the Centre, StFX is representing all of Atlantic Canada. I know that StFX is committed to ensuring Atlantic links and working with the other centres that submitted proposals."



Below: StFX President Dr. Sean Riley chats with Minister of Health Tony Clement, Minister of Foreign Affairs Peter MacKay and Bill Casey, MP for Cumberland—Colchester—Musquodoboit Valley.



Above: Ministers Clement and MacKay answer questions from the media during the announcement.



Left: Dr. Doris Gillis, professor in the department of Human Nutrition at StFX.



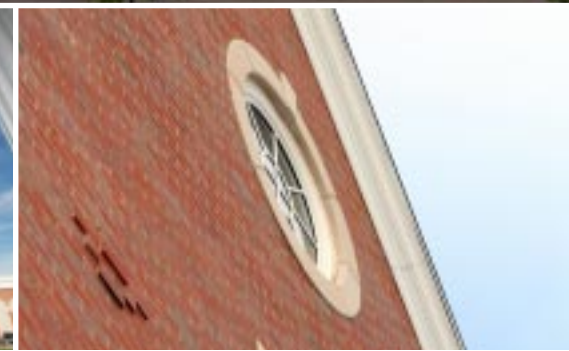
SAY Hello TO GOVERNORS HALL

THE NEWEST ADDITION to the ever changing face of StFX is Governors Hall. The new residence, located next to the Keating Millennium Centre, is aimed at senior students and offers 226 private rooms with en suite bathrooms and individual climate control.

With furniture and amenities that bring to mind a high-end condo, this is a new type of residence experience. But it is one that will retain the tight-knit sense of community that makes residence life at StFX special. Governors Hall's nine communal kitchens have quickly become the social hub of the residence along with the seven lounges scattered throughout the building, complete with leather chairs and big-screen TVs.

"Governors Hall responds to the needs of our students," says Jana Luker, StFX's Vice President of Student Services. "It gives them the independence of living alone and preparing some of their own meals with the convenience of living on campus."

Built at a cost of \$19 million, Governors Hall is part of the more than \$120 million invested in renewing the StFX campus in the past decade. With the addition of Governors Hall, there are now about 2,000 residence beds on campus, making StFX one of the most residential universities in Canada.



Whether your memories of campus life evoke the StFX of recent years, when evening plans were confirmed by email, or a time when dates weren't permitted past the residence foyer, the university may now seem like a very different place, with facilities more elaborate than anything graduates from previous decades could have imagined.



RESIDENCE LIFE Today



Everything you want is **here.**"

– KATE WHALEN

But Dean of Students Joe MacDonald ('74) will be the first to tell you that things are not so different from his days as an undergraduate in Tompkins Hall, otherwise known as TNT. Looking across the campus with the first week of the new school year in full swing, he says time and progress in the form of the new Governors Hall, and extensive renovations to Maclsaac Hall, haven't compromised the traditional experience all students share.

"It's amazing, the changes that have taken place to give StFX students some of the finest university accommodations in Canada, but what's also amazing is that some things never change," he observes. "That sense of pride and community our students and alumni carry with them - for many, it starts with living in residence."

After three years in TNT, he can still remember the house activities, the sense of belonging, and the housemates who would become close friends.

"You don't have to live here to feel connected to the place, but for those who do, it's something that never leaves you, something that makes this place so special."

As a second-year arts student, Kate Whalen has already figured that out.

On a Friday afternoon, she is contemplating the start of a new school year in a new residence over a mochachino at the Sidedoor Café more commonly known as Mini Moe's.

"Living off-campus never occurred to me when I decided to come to StFX because I wanted that experience; I wanted to meet

new people and be involved," she recalls of her freshman year at the Mount. "But for second year, I thought moving off-campus might be a good experience, too." She told her father, and with younger brother Matt about to start his freshman year at StFX, he half-earnestly suggested they share a house.

"And then he said, 'Wait a second - why would you want to live off-campus?' I thought, good point. Why would I? Everything you want is here."

Now, after a summer spent literally counting the days to the start of the 2006-2007 school year, Kate is decorating her dorm

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– DELL MURRAY

in the fashionable new Governors Hall. She feels a second year in residence was the right choice, and it’s not just her surroundings — the flat-screen TVs, and the expansive, gourmet-style kitchens where she and her roommate enjoy cooking staples like Kraft Dinner. In the kitchens, or the plush common rooms on each floor, housemates catch up on the day’s events, figure out which shows to watch and meet before intramurals.

“A lot of my friends from high school went to other universities, and when I talk to them, I realize their university experience is totally different from mine,” says Kate, who grew up in Moncton, New Brunswick. “Right away, I was so much more involved in university life than they were, and that has everything to do with the StFX campus community. You feel so comfortable and you want other people to feel like that, too. I know it’s not like that everywhere.”

So does Dell Murray, which is why his post-secondary planning boiled down to “StFX or nothing.”

“It was my first and only choice,” says the third-year Business Information Systems student. “If I didn’t get in here, I wasn’t going at all.”

He had his reasons.

“I knew what I wanted, mainly, a close-knit community I wouldn’t get lost in, and an exceptional scholastic experience,” he says. “I felt like StFX would offer all of those things, and when I got here, I knew it.”



“The way I see it, residence life is **tailored to suit everyone.**”

Living in Fraser played a key role for the Sunnybrae, Nova Scotia native.

“I loved it. From day one I just felt so much a part of StFX.”

Two years later, Dell has chosen to remain in residence, this time in Lane Hall, where he has a private room and enough space to microwave soup or slap together a late-night sandwich for study cravings. “The way I see it, residence life is tailored to suit everyone. If you want to have fun all the time, you can usually find a party, but if you’re the kind of person who hates people breathing down your neck, you can have your space, too.

“Really, I can’t see the point of *not* living on campus,” he says.

Like Dell, third-year Kinetics student Terri Fenton also began her StFX experience in Fraser, where her first night on campus was greeted by fellow Plessis Panthers knocking on her door, introducing themselves and inviting her to Orientation activities.



MACISAAC HALL GETS

EXTREME MAKEOVER

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“For a new student, the on-campus atmosphere here is the best you could possibly have.”

“But I came looking for it,” Terri adds. “In high school, it’s hard to be who you really are, but in university – especially living in residence – you get a chance to meet new people and participate in new things that let you grow and express yourself.”

After two years in Fraser, Terri is spending her third year in the campus apartments.

“I had a great time in Fraser, but the apartments are great, too.”

The best part? “Having a private bedroom, but in a shared space.”

“I like that you’ve always got friends around,” she says, “not just in the four-bedroom apartment-style dorms, but in all of the residences. Now that I think about it, I’ll probably just stay on campus. I want to be close. I want that whole university experience, and if I wasn’t living here, it just wouldn’t be the same.”

“I want to be close. I want that **whole university experience**”

– TERRY FENTON



IN 16 SHORT WEEKS this summer, StFX’s Maclsaac Hall received an \$8.6 million extreme makeover. The legendary residence was gutted down to the beams and rebuilt to create a more modern, comfortable and safe living environment for students.

“There was a time crunch,” says Daryl Baxendale, the project manager, with considerable understatement. “We started the day after the students left at the end of April and put the finishing touches on it before the bulk of students moved in at the end of August.”

“It is essentially a completely new building,” he notes.

The difference is striking. The new Maclsaac Hall echoes the design aesthetic and architectural features of the latest addition to the StFX campus, Governors Hall. Porcelain tile floors in the halls are complemented by dark wooden chair rails, crown molding and accent lighting.

Thanks to the renovation, space in the building is used more effectively and the number of beds has increased to 255. Each room features plenty of storage space and brand new solid wooden furniture that can be easily moved to create a more personalized living space. There are telephone and Internet hook-ups on each side of each room as well as wireless Internet access throughout the building. Electrical and mechanical systems have been replaced and a new sprinkler system installed.

Another feature of the redesigned Maclsaac Hall is new washroom facilities on each floor. “Each shower or washroom is a private stall

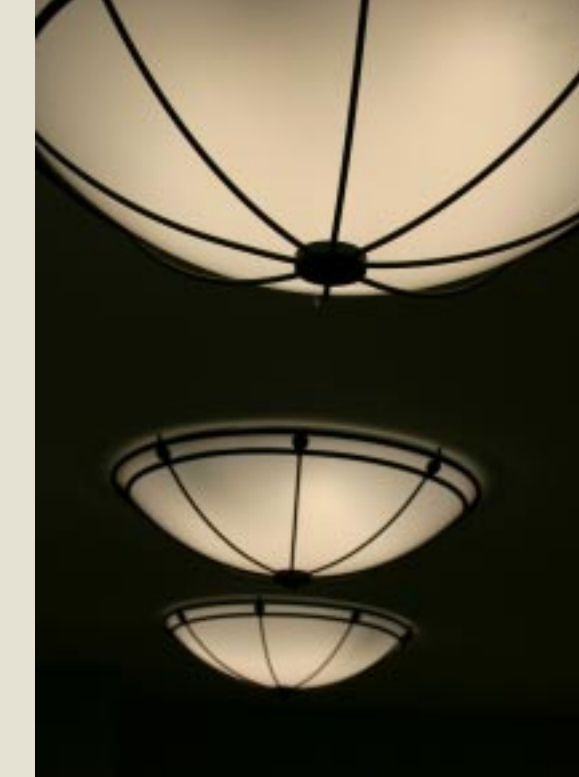
IT IS ESSENTIALLY A COMPLETELY NEW BUILDING

with a full, locking door to ensure privacy,” says Baxendale. Sinks and mirrors are in a common area, shielded by a custom-built privacy screen. Each floor also has several self-contained private washrooms.

Spacious lounges have also been moved to the center of each floor and feature leather chairs and big-screen TVs. French-style doors open to the hallways and to an adjacent study or meeting area.

Increased security is also a feature of the new Maclsaac. Security cards are required to enter the building and these same swipe cards are needed by residents to enter their rooms. A porter’s station has also been added to the Bloomfield entrance of the building as a security feature.

“It’s a new Maclsaac in every sense of the word,” says Dean of Students Joe MacDonald. “It is a great addition to the range of residence options available to students at StFX. We are confident that Maclsaac residents are going to enjoy and respect this new living space.”





StFX'S TURTLE KIDS

HEROS TO THE HALF-SHELL

“A lot of our friends in other universities would be doing their research in front of a computer. We get to experience it first-hand in the field...
THAT MAKES A HUGE DIFFERENCE.”

YOU TRAVEL DOWN THE LONELY ROAD from Antigonish toward Sherbrooke, Nova Scotia. In the early morning mist, you spot a one-lane, wooden bridge. You cross it, wondering if it will hold the weight of your car. You follow a rutted country road for a few minutes before stopping at a camp that would charitably be called rustic.

And that's where you'd find innovative biology research taking place in the form of StFX's 'turtle kids' – three energetic biology students who spent their summer working with the St. Mary's River Wood Turtle Conservation Project to preserve and protect the turtle population in this important watershed.

Marchell Coulombe, Stephanie Bradish, and Haley Burns – the 'turtle kids' as local residents came to call them – logged many hours in the woods this past summer. Each student worked on a separate research project, which they are using for their thesis work in the current academic year.

“There was nothing else we wanted to do,” says Marchell, a Fredericton, New Brunswick native in her final year at StFX. “As an honours student I needed a thesis project. We liked being in the field, working with wildlife, and we're all interested in doing conservation work.”

“It's almost all original research, there's so little known about wood tur-

tles,” says Stephanie, a fourth year student from Toronto. “Every step we take is in brand new, uncharted territory.” Stephanie gathered a reliable estimate of the population in the St. Mary's watershed, believed to have the largest concentration of wood turtles in the world. An estimated 1,500 make their homes in this 1,500 square kilometer watershed that stretches over four counties.

“We're fulfilling our degree requirements, but it's something people can use, something we're passionate about, and it's important to know what we're doing has a benefit,” says Marchell, whose research focused on female turtle nesting sites and behaviours.



Above: Haley (l) and Stephanie (r) in the field.



Right: Marchell and one of her research subjects.



The wood turtle population has been in decline for the past 20 years, and has reached a vulnerable point in North America. It's been listed as a species of special concern.

Haley, of Scotsburn, Nova Scotia is studying the effects of agriculture on the turtle, comparing the types and frequency of injuries between agricultural and forested areas. “A lot of our friends in other universities would be doing their research in front of a computer. We get to experience it first-hand in the field,” she says. “That makes a huge difference.”

Of course, living in a secluded camp with no running water or indoor toilet, surrounded by voracious mosquitoes, isn't most people's idea of an ideal summer vacation. But the 'turtle kids' loved the experience. “It was interesting to live simply,” says Marchell, sounding like a young Thoreau.

“And we had great support from the family,” added Stephanie, referring to the StFX biology department and their supervisor Mark Pulsifer, an assistant professor and regional wildlife biologist with the Department of Natural Resources.

The 'turtle kids' also made an impact at local schools where they taught Grade 4 students about wood turtles. “They say I want to be in science like you girls. You get instant gratification,” says Stephanie with a smile.

TURTLE POWER!

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StFX NATIONAL DINNER

On October 4 more than 500 people filled the ballroom of the Four Seasons Hotel in Toronto to celebrate StFX and the “Codfathers” – top Canadian business leaders from the Atlantic region chronicled in the book of the same name by Gordon Pitts.

Highlighting the ascendancy of some of these business leaders from modest beginnings on the East Coast, The Codfathers also contains a chapter dedicated to StFX. It discusses the university’s extraordinary network with alumni found in the top ranks of business, public service, the arts and science.

Pitts, CTV’s Seamus O’Regan, former Canadian Ambassador to the United States Frank McKenna and StFX President Dr. Sean Riley were all on hand to mark the Codfathers phenomenon.

Many of the Codfathers were also in attendance – names synonymous with excellence and achievement such as McCain, Sobey, Joyce, Verschuren, Dennis, Keating, Eagan, Flood, and Chisholm. Other guests included Bob Rae, Martha Hall-Findlay and Gerard Kennedy, all candidates for the federal Liberal Party leadership.

Frank McKenna, a StFX alumnus and former Premier of New Brunswick, delivered a passionate, humorous keynote address that discussed the powerful sense of community StFX fosters, as well as the impact of the university’s commit-

ment to social justice. Dr. Riley later referred to Frank McKenna as the ‘King Cod’ for his senior role in the worlds of politics and business.

In a full-page article following the event, the National Post referred to the dinner as “one of the major business fetes of the year,” noting that the “energy was electric.” According to the newspaper, the StFX National Dinner is “poised to become a must-do business event.”

The StFX National Dinner was sponsored by Mercedes-Benz Canada, Bell Aliant, BMO Financial Group, Agnico-Eagle and Mr. Allan Markin.

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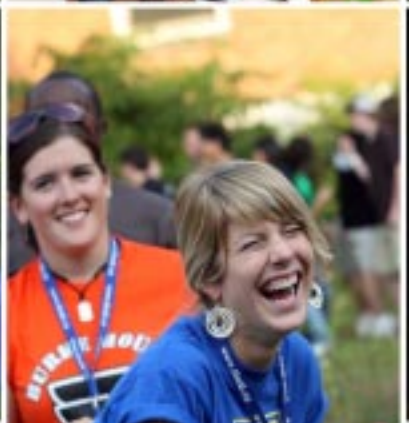
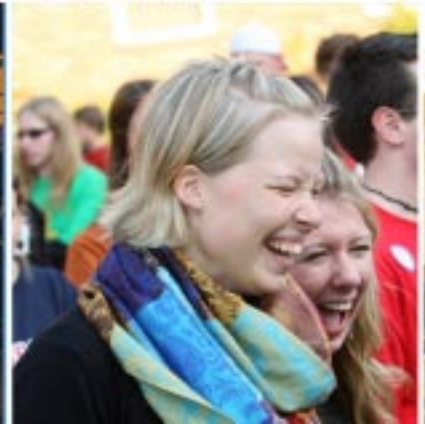
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Orientation '06

NEW STUDENTS ARRIVING AT SIFX in early September quickly discovered why the university is the home of Canada's premier undergraduate experience. Energetic student volunteers, known as the O-Crew, welcomed them with open arms and helped them get settled in their new home. Registration at the Keating Millennium Centre began with a personal greeting from SIFX President Dr. Sean Riley. And the Student Union-organized Frosh Week guaranteed a fast-paced introduction to campus life. Then it was down to business, starting classes and meeting the professors who will become mentors.





StFX BRINGS

Improved Soil Testing

TO THE WORLD

Dr. David Risk, right, discussing his innovative soil testing device with Dr. Lisa Kellman and Dr. Hugo Beltrami in the Environmental Sciences Research Centre at StFX.

At a university that has garnered more than its share of 'firsts,' StFX is adding one more to the list, with inventions that could change the way soil is tested all over the world and also earn the university its first-ever patents.

For Dr. David Risk, an assistant professor of Earth Sciences, necessity really was the mother of invention; the environmental researcher had grown tired of hauling cumbersome, inefficient soil testing equipment to the field, or removing the soil samples from the natural environment to lug them back to the lab. His response was the creation of what appears to be the world's first soil gas transport measuring device, which will help gauge how fast contaminant and non-toxic gases are moving out of the earth onsite; an equally portable trace gas sam-

pling system that will make the testing process cleaner than it's ever been, and an advanced testing tool designed for post-assessment laboratory work.

"These are compact, more reliable devices that would be sold within the research market, to consultants and engineers," he says. "But for me, the idea was not about designing something that would make money; I wanted to provide a better method of testing that others would be able to use. It's really about seeing the utility in your own research."

Once the devices are licensed

by a manufacturer, however, they do stand to turn a profit. Recently, Dr. Risk and the StFX Industry Liaison Office began active negotiations with a company interested in their global commercialization and in the past year, Dr. Risk has received almost \$50,000 from the Office of Economic Development (OED) and Springboard for protection, development, and marketing.

"Certainly the potential is there, but the success will depend on whether or not they get licensed," he says. "If they do, they will totally replace existing devices."

Over the summer, he and several earth sciences students worked to test and perfect the three test systems at the Environmental Sciences Research Centre (ESRC) and machine shop at StFX. The ESRC, along with The Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency (ACOA) and the university's Industry Liaison

Office, have provided ongoing support to finance the patent applications and improve and complete the prototypes that have subsequently captured international attention within the soil research field.

From the university's perspective, the investment has tremendous benefit.

"Supporting faculty innovations can mean additional research funding, increased employment of student researchers, income from licensing fees or royalties, and the potential formation of spin-off companies," says John Richmond, project assistant for the Industry Liaison Office. "On a broader scale, I think it says that while we're a relatively small university, the impact of our contribution to research and the advancement of technology is global, and is raising our profile as an international leader in this area."



For the fifth straight year, Maclean's magazine has named StFX Canada's top primarily undergraduate university. And for the sixth straight year, StFX is tops in alumni support. StFX also has the highest entering student average among primarily undergraduate universities and among all universities in Atlantic Canada.

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While it's sometimes difficult to measure the success of a ceremony, it was easy to proclaim the 2006 StFX Hall of Fame Induction dinner an unequivocal hit.

Held Oct. 6, 200 family and friends of the Xaverian sports community joined the Department of Athletics and Recreational Services to pay tribute to some of the finest individuals and teams to don the varsity blue and white.

Leo MacPherson, Director of Athletics, said the annual induction ceremony evokes the importance of tradition at StFX.

"It's one of our core values, and it is of critical importance that we celebrate our rich athletic history, and use it to help pave the way for future success," he told the crowd.

Together, guests enjoyed a night of vivid reflection, with the inductees sharing fond memories of their experiences with StFX athletics.

Entering the StFX Sports Hall of Fame were six outstanding former student athletes: Margaret Berthiaume, Francis 'Chebot' Cormier, Vince Grant, Gil Green, Neil MacKinnon,

and Theresa MacCuish. All were chosen based on their vast and diverse sporting history at StFX. Joining them in the Hall were three championship teams: 1948-1949 men's basketball squad, the 1965-1966 men's hockey team, and the

1966 football team. Recognized for their significant contributions to varsity sport were three well-deserving builders: Margaret 'Peggy' Gallant, Ed Carty and Derek Wood.

MacPherson called this year's induction ceremony and

dinner "the first step toward an upgraded Hall of Fame."

"We plan on modernizing the look and feel and look forward to the day when we dedicate a room to the Hall of Fame and showcase our wonderful tradition of athletic excellence."



FRONT (L-R): Margaret Berthiaume '80, Theresa MacCuish '95 and Margaret 'Peggy' Gallant '69
BACK (L-R): Francis 'Chebot' Cormier '58, Vince Grant '42, Neil MacKinnon '79 and Gil Green '80

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— Leo MacPherson, Director of Athletics

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XAVERIANS PAST AND PRESENT celebrated all things StFX during Homecoming 2006, which kicked off Sept. 29 with the official grand opening of the university's new Governors Hall residence, and the thoroughly renovated Maclsaac Hall.

Many braved rainy weather to get a glimpse of modern residence life and take in the official ribbon-cutting ceremony. Following that, they continued on to the sold-out Alumni Association's Awards of Excellence Dinner at Morrison Hall, where StFX honoured an outstanding alumni chapter, and several exemplary graduates who have impacted their communities through work and volunteer commitments that embody the Xaverian spirit.

On Saturday, sunshine greeted participants in the 5k Fun Run, and those who attended the Hall of Honour Induction ceremony at the Angus L. MacDonald Library where a physician, adult educator, aboriginal leader and journalist earned a place in the hall alongside some of the university's most illustrious graduates.

The sun held out for the annual Homecoming football game later that afternoon, as 3,500 spectators watched the X-Men tackle Acadia. This was followed by a well-attended post-game reception and a Golden Grads Dinner for the class of 1956. The weekend concluded with the traditional alumni mass and farewell brunch on Sunday.

Alumni Affairs Officer Noreen Nunn said

that while Homecoming events usually draw hundreds of Xaverians to the StFX campus each year, the opening of new residences coinciding with Homecoming 2006 gave many a chance to celebrate and reflect on the university's immense progress.

"It's great to see our alumni come and not only see the changes on campus, but to experience them by getting inside the facilities and talking to the students about what it's like to go to school here in 2006, which is exactly what happened," she said. "This made it an especially memorable weekend for everyone, because along with all of the changes alumni and students were able to share, there was also a sense of tradition imparted – the reality that many of the things they loved about this place still remain."



Left: Hall of Honour 2006 inductees; (l-r) Dr. Ormille Hayne '62, StFX Chancellor and Bishop Raymond J. Lahey, Chief Terrance Paul '77, Alumni President Bill Kiely '67, Mr. Fred Hazel '49, StFX President Dr. Sean Riley '74, Dr. Teresa Maclsaac '57



Phumzile Ndlovu received the 7th Annual Katherine Fleming International Development Award. The award was created in memory of Katie Fleming '85 who passed away in Tanzania in 1999 after devoting much of her life to helping impoverished women and children in developing nations.



CLASS OF '71



CLASS OF '81



CLASS OF '76



CLASS OF '86



Right: StFX Alumni President Bill Kiely '67 cuts the ribbon at the official opening of Governors Hall. (l-r) Mr. Brian Dairon, StFX President Dr. Sean Riley '74, Lori Campbell, Mr. Bill Kiely '67, StFX Chancellor & Bishop Raymond J. Lahey, VP Finance & Operations Mr. Ramsay Duff, Director Facilities Management Leon MacLellan

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ASSOCIATION UPDATE

Bill Kiely '67, President
StFX Alumni Association

PRESIDENT'S REPORT 2006

IT HAS BEEN BOTH A PRIVILEGE AND A PLEASURE

to serve as your association president for the last six years. I am proud of what we have accomplished and humbled by the support of our members and representatives who work on a voluntary basis to provide a voice for our alumni and a network of support for all Xaverians wherever they may find themselves.

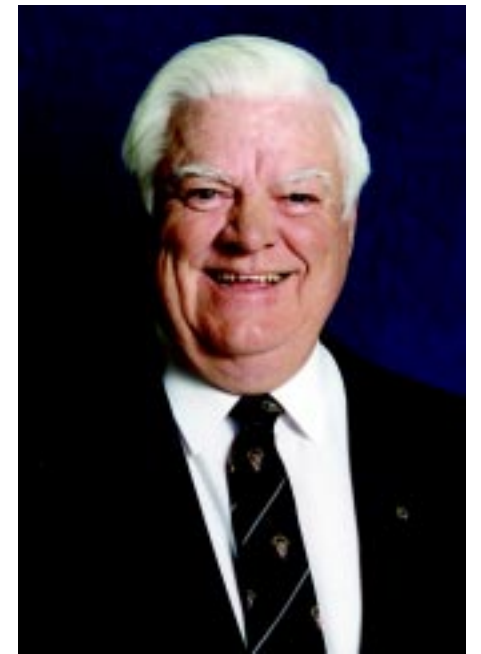
We have worked hard to develop a network of chapters and to provide our volunteers with guidance and support for their activities. Your association is now part of close to one hundred opportunities a year for alumni to gather and get to know one another. We have moved these hard working volunteers onto our board to ensure the voices at our table are working at the grass-roots level of our membership. They have provided a breath of fresh air to our discussions and a youthful perspective we had been seeking. We held two chapter development workshops, bringing our members from across the continent together to share ideas and to discuss plans. Each of these workshops created a new sense of momentum that served to expand our association activities.

Through our SAINT career-mentoring program we have put alumni and present-day students together to talk and to share thoughts about their career paths.

We were introduced to the Xtending Hope project and are engaged in this wonderful initiative designed to support the people of Rwanda and Botswana who are grappling with the AIDS crisis in their countries. Many of our alumni have been closely involved with the project.

Together with university recruitment and admissions, we have focused our attention on our student send-offs. These events are designed to bring local alumni and new and current students and their parents together to share experiences, knowledge and good wishes. Participants (alumni, students and parents) can't say enough about how much goodwill these events provide for the university.

I have enjoyed meeting our alumni as your representative at events across the country. I have had the opportunity to welcome our new graduates to the alumni family at convocations and X-Ring ceremonies. As your association representative on the university Board of Gov-



ernors I have had the privilege of making our voice heard at the heart of university policy making. Most importantly, we have brought the association and the university together to work toward a common vision.

I want to thank all of those who have supported me during my tenure and those who preceded me. My particular gratitude to my fellow board members, the staff of StFX advancement and all of those staff and faculty members on campus who are so supportive of our interest and our work, and the administration and board of governors of the university who so clearly understand the special and unique role of the alumni in an institution like ours.

I would like to take this opportunity to encourage all of those who love StFX as much as I do to get involved with this vibrant community. We have been ranked #1 in alumni support for six years running. Whether we continue to hold that mantle or not means little. We know that our alumni have always been the most supportive in the country. That won't change.

Hail & Health,
Bill Kiely '67, President
StFX Alumni Association

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PICTOU COUNTY



PICTOU COUNTY CHAPTER STUDENT SEND-OFF 2006 — The setting was a warm, sunny mid-August evening. The location was the Museum of Industry in Stellarton. The occasion was the 2nd annual Student Send-Off event, hosted by the Pictou County alumni chapter. In all, 77 people showed up consisting of 36 curious, nervous, but excited freshmen with their parents and siblings, as well as five returning sophomores. Their enthusiasm about life at StFX made the entire event very uplifting. Many thanks to alumni volunteers: George Manos '59, Stephanie Curtis Sood '86, Terry MacIsaac '95, '97, Chrystiane Mallaley '04, Vanessa Boudreau '00, Hilary Amit '79, Lynn Coffin '86, Mary MacLeod '01, '03, Beth MacDonald '05 and Dan Cameron '03. The send-off was a very rewarding experience and one I would suggest to any alumni wanting to get involved and recapture their X-spirit. — Paul Fraser '82, Pictou County Chapter President

LONDON, ON — The London alumni chapter held its annual Student Send-Off event on August 12 at the home of Dr. Drew Smith. Those in attendance consisted of new and returning StFX students, alumni, family, and friends from throughout the southwestern Ontario region. The meal was extra special, particularly for alumni and current students, as Wheel pizzas and donairs were flown in from Antigonish! After the meal, the rest of this beautiful day was enjoyed in the saltwater pool and hot tub. New students present at the event were Chance Conrad, Nick Riva, Ron Addams, and Kim McMillan, as well as returning students Elisha Verduyn and Adam McKechnie. Information on upcoming events, news, and pictures of past events of the London chapter can be found at www.stfxalumni.com. — Troy Stanley '95



l-r: Troy Stanley, Dr. Drew Smith, Leo MacPherson, Mike Cavanagh, and Laura Foreman (captain of women's rugby team) at the X-Women's Rugby reception.

LONDON, ON — StFX Alumni were out in full force to support the StFX Women's Rugby team as they battled their way to a CIS National Championship win at Waterloo. Chapter President Troy Stanley '95 hosted an alumni reception for the team, players and parents on November 3rd. The team said they received such terrific support from parents, friends and alumni that they had home team advantage on the field because of the cheering for X! Special thanks to Dr. Drew



Smith '90 who donated \$2000 in support of women's athletics at StFX.

EDMONTON STUDENT SEND-OFF — On Friday, July 21st, the Edmonton Chapter had a small barbeque and social for new and returning StFX students. The event was a casual affair in the backyard of one of the alumni on a beautiful, warm summer evening. It marked the first time in memory that the Edmonton Chapter has had a new student send-off event.

There are about 14 new students from the greater Edmonton area who are new to StFX this year. In addition, there are about 14 that have returned to StFX.

The barbeque turned out to be a relaxed opportunity for the students to meet each other, and for the new students to ask their final questions of the real experts, their peers who have returned for the year. Acting as 'experts' at the event were Pat Hoyland '09, Stephanie Noga '09 and Jacquie Tober '08.

Included among the new students who attended were the daughters of a few Edmonton alumni: Madeline Driscoll (Paula [McLeod] Driscoll '75), Mikayla Luchkow (Laurie Oakes '79) and Chelsea Mitchell (Michael Mitchell '78).

Pat Hoyland was able to share her knowledge of life as a student athlete with Mikayla (rugby) and Corbin Sharun (football), as well as Corbin's parents.

The next event planned for Edmonton is a pub night for October 21st. For more information, e-mail the Edmonton Chapter at stfxedmonton@hotmail.com, or call Phil Markovich at 780-486-4378.

EDMONTON



l-r: Mikayla Luchkow, Oriana Pysyk, Stephanie Noga, Shirlyn Aker StFX Admissions, Madeline Driscoll and Chelsea Mitchell.

SAINT JOHN, NB — The Saint John StFX Alumni Chapter held its 5th Annual New Brunswick Alumni Golf Tournament and Student Send-Off on August 18, 2006 at the Hampton Golf & Country Club. I am pleased to report that our event was very successful, with 50 golfers participating in the Texas Scramble. For the 5th year in a row we had a beautiful sunny day for our event. We had 82 present at our reception and a BBQ followed the golf. The 17 students in attendance were our guests for the dinner, which included 12 new students and 5 returning students. A number of parents attended as well.

Alumni President Bill Kiely brought greetings from the alumni association, and updated us on some of the activities of other alumni chapters.

Father Brian Hansen '52 said the grace before dinner.

The winners of the Texas Scramble were Marcus Fitzgerald '03, Tom Keavney '78, Tanner McDevitt '09 and David Grandy '99.

The donors of prizes were acknowledged and thanked by Randy McLellan '90 and Doug MacDonald '84.

VANCOUVER



SAINT JOHN, NB



Special thanks go to the planning committee members who volunteered their time and expertise for the past five years to ensure we have a successful and fun event: Randy McLellan '90, event chair, Doug MacDonald '84, Dalyce Keeling '78, Terry Kilfoil '68, Ed Doherty '70 and Andrea MacLean-Holohan '59. A special presentation was made to the committee members to recognize their contribution to the success of this event.

Surplus funds from our events are donated to the Chapter Roger Franklin Scholarship at the university.

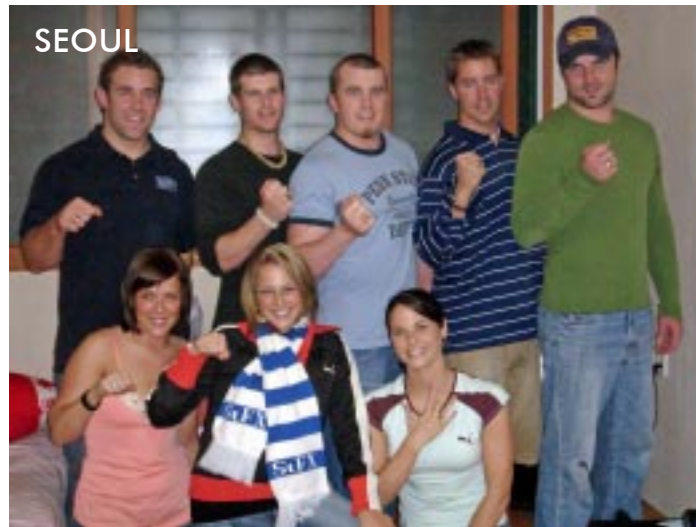
— Andrea MacLean-Holohan, Chapter Chair

VANCOUVER SEND-OFF — The Greater Vancouver Chapter held its 6th Annual Student/Alumni Send-Off Picnic on Sunday, July 23rd at beautiful Jericho Beach Park in Vancouver. The weather was absolutely wonderful, with bright skies, gentle breezes, 'down east' music,

dynamic students and the X family in celebration mode.

The crowd was very large, consisting of new and returning students and their families. The purpose is to bring them together to meet and greet, and exchange information and stories about what is going on at X and the community so they may truly benefit from the X experience.

We were fortunate to have two special guests this year: Noreen Nunn, Director of Alumni, and Shirlyn Aker, Admissions Officer. AJ Beaton's son-in-law, Rodney, was once again the Master Barbequer, and kept everyone well fed. Job well done!



SEOUL
X-grads in Seoul gathered to celebrate Homecoming '05. Front row (l-r): Cassandra Williams '04, Lindsay Haywood '04 and Renee Elliot '04. Back row (l-r): Donald Caldwell '03, '04, Shawn Beaton '02, Devin Austen '04, Stephen Starzowski '02, '04 and Graham MacLssac '02.

urer, Owen Granville '46, who, with wife Carol, served as treasurer and registrar. Assisting were Rosemary Dumais '57 and throughout the dinner, Dick Dumais provided a slideshow of the StFX campus and the students together with candid pictures he took of attendees. Kathy Achorn '71, who established computer lists of local Xaverians, is 'keeper and updater' of addresses for all graduates in Florida; she also conducted both a 50/50 and auction of goodies sent from the university. Note – Xaverian spirit – the

winner returned the money to the club!

J. Joe MacDonald '46 and Kathleen expertly organized the pre-event telephone committee that significantly increased attendance and Xaverian contacts. Dave Parker '61 and Barbara assisted with the program, as did key, ongoing committee member Marie MacDonald '58. Because of increased numbers attending, a donation of \$1,000 for the university's X-Project was possible. It was dedicated in honour of Joan Dillon, and was the largest amount the group ever raised.

The committee needs all alumni (both permanent and temporary Floridians) to note this special gathering at the same time next year (March 3, 2007). So pass the word to make it bigger and better!

MONCTON — Moncton's 3rd Annual Student Send-Off BBQ was held in August. It was a beautiful day, a few rain drops but not enough to dampen our spirits. Alumni President Bill Kiely

During the afternoon, the picnic tables and chairs came together in a large square, and the students talked, asked questions, shared stories and got to know one another. It was a fantastic experience!

In support of our scholarship program, which allows us to award two \$500 scholarships to two students from BC attending X, we again held a raffle of unique prizes. Thanks to the unflinching support of corporate friends such as Alexander Keith's Beer, Allegiant Air, EMI Music Canada, Paul Richard's '69, Canfor Can., Storyeum, Glenora Inn and Distillery and Vancity Credit Union, we were able to make a worthy contribution to the fund. We are truly grateful to them for their support.

Thanks to the planning committee members, the day went superbly, and the picnic was a total success.

Hail and Health
— Jim Bowne

FLORIDA — From the annual X-Alumni-in-Florida group, the news for 2006 is a top-level event. Seventy-eight people attended the gathering.

Top alumnus, President Dr. Sean Riley, honoured us as guest speaker, and his short detour to Florida was greatly appreciated.

John T. MacDonald '58 was both emcee and chair of the outgoing committee for 2006. Following a social hour, the alumni memorial mass was led by Father Ed Grant '53.

The outstanding Heritage Oaks Golf and Country Club again provided an excellent dinner and a congenial setting for alumni activities.

Manning the registration desk was our treas-



FLORIDA



MONCTON



HALIFAX

Definitely off to a great start! The Inaugural StFX Golf Classic held at Glen Arbour Golf Course was a first class tournament that is sure to become a must do event for Halifax alumni. Profits go support StFX Athletics. From l-r: Alonzo Allain (Pepsi), Strat Kane, Greg MacDonald, Archie Morrison, Laird Wilton, Leo MacPherson

and his wife Bernice joined us, along with Mairead Berry & Jennie MacDonald from the Admissions Office. Andrea MacLean-Holohan also joined us from the Saint John Chapter. Although turnout was less than expected, it was still a great afternoon.

Our next event will be an X-Ring celebration on Dec 2, 2006, with details to follow in the near future. The chapter for the Moncton area is relatively new and we are always looking for new members and new ideas. If you would like more information and/or to be added to the Moncton distribution list, please update your contact information with the alumni office, or get in touch with Becky Carruthers '01 at xalumni@nb.sympatico.ca or 506-855-2359.

HALIFAX — The Halifax Chapter continued to build on the positive momentum of the Golden X Inn Road Show in January and the Annual StFX Kehoe Dinner and Auction in March by hosting two successful events during the summer and fall.

On Wednesday, August 23 the Brightwood Golf and Country Club in Dartmouth played host once again to the Halifax Chapter's An-

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CHAPTER NEWS



PEI

Jim Honberger '73 presenting trophy to winning team Sandy Sweet '78, Shawn and Steve Maclsaac (Dan is missing from the picture). The Maclsaac brothers, sons of Dr. Leo Maclsaac '43, donated the trophy to the tournament in his honour.



HALIFAX

StFX students enjoyed the food and the opportunity to meet their peers and alumni at the Halifax Student Send-Off.

nual Student Send-Off. The successful event provided a warm welcome to new StFX students and their families, thanks to the organizing efforts of dedicated alumni Ed and Shelly McHugh, Valerie Bobyk and Carla O'Brien.

The Inaugural StFX Golf Classic, spearheaded by Chapter President Laird Wilton, took place at Glen Arbour Golf Course on September 8. This new golf event, which raises funds for StFX Athletics, served to replace two golf events that previously took place each year in Halifax.

Participants enjoyed a day of golf at one of Atlantic Canada's top golf courses, great activities including a professional massage, a chance to win \$25,000 toward any vehicle at O'Regan's, a delicious steak BBQ and even a slice of pizza shipped in compliments of the Mike at the Wheel Pizza. All participants also took home a limited edition StFX Classic Nike Golf Shirt.

This event would not have been possible without the support of our major sponsors, Pepsi Bottling Group and Molson Breweries of Canada. Participation of other corporate sponsors such as O'Regan's, Meloche Monnex and Glamour

Sources was also key in making our new tournament an overwhelming success.

The Halifax Chapter is very excited to announce that we have completed work on our new website. Special thanks to Paul MacDonald for his excellent work on this project. We encourage local alumni to visit the site for the latest Chapter news and events, such as the upcoming December X-Ring Mass and social, at www.stfxalumni.ca
— Shalon McLachlan '98

PEI — The PEI Chapter of the StFX Alumni Association held its 7th annual golf tournament on June 17 at beautiful Fox Meadow Golf and Country Club in Stratford, Prince Edward Island. It was a beautiful day with a small but enthusiastic crowd on hand.

This was the second year the Dr. Leo Mac Isaac Award was presented to the top team, which was made up of Sandy Sweet and three of Leo's sons – Dan, Steve and Shaun.

This award, donated by his family, was given in honour of Leo MacIssac, who passed away in March 2005. Originally from Sydney, Leo graduated from StFX in 1943, and after studying dentistry at Dal, moved to PEI where he raised 10 children, all of whom have gone on to be successes in their own right. Leo had a full life and loved many things, including StFX and golf.

This award is a fine tribute to an exemplary Xaverian, and an honour for those who will compete to get their names inscribed on it in years to come. The winning team this year, although the Maclsaac's are UPEI grads, were especially proud – for obvious reasons.

The happy participants and generous sponsors raised \$500 for the StFX Athletic Endowment fund.
— Sandy Sweet

TORONTO — On Sunday, August 20, a gathering took place for first year students heading to StFX in the fall from the Toronto area. New students, as well as parents and guests, gathered at the Duke of Argyle in downtown Toronto for a send-off celebration. StFX graduates living in Toronto, current StFX students and Mark Kolanko from the StFX Admissions Office interacted with new students and parents. The new students impressed all of the alumni with their quick responses to the StFX trivia. Special thanks to the recent StFX graduates and current StFX students for the help and warm and welcoming presence at the gathering!

It has been an honour representing the StFX Alumni in Toronto over the past two years. It is with great pleasure that I communicate that Martha Black '01 will be taking over the role of Toronto Chapter President. Martha has been very involved with alumni events and will be a great person to lead our team in Toronto!! I would like to take this opportunity to thank our alumni team in Toronto and StFX University for all the help and support in rejuvenating the Toronto Chapter over the past two years. If you would like to become more involved with the StFX Toronto Alumni Chapter, please send an email to stfxalumni_toronto@yahoo.ca

Sincerely,
— Becky Doyle '99

ANTIGONISH — The 15th Annual Father Kehoe Golf Classic took place Friday afternoon, July 28 at the Antigonish Golf & Country Club. Twenty-eight teams enjoyed sunny weather for the scramble, which saw Jim Grant's team from Antigonish take home top low-gross honours (58) as the tournament champions. Joining Jim were Duncan Chisholm, Wally Cooke, Jack MacDonald and Phonse Gillis.

The first low-gross team was Lugs Rae's team from Halifax. Winner of the Irene McFarland Memorial trophy for overall low-net winners was



ANTIGONISH



ROME

Front row-l-r: Bernard O'Connor, Vernon Boutlier, 2nd row: Theresa Duann, John Dan Cameron, Dr. Charles W. MacDonald Back row: Joe MacDonald, Frank M. Machin, Leila O'Rourke Machin, Luke Dempsey, Allan Cameron

Bill Kiely's team from Antigonish. Accompanying Bill were Phil Hughes, Lance Bolluck, Dave Austen and Alec MacIsaac. Bob Hale's team from New Glasgow was the first low-net winner.

The tournament is a major fundraiser for StFX Athletics with all proceeds going towards the Kehoe Athletic Endowment Fund.

Regards,
— Geoff Spencer, StFX Athletics

ROME — The Verne Boutlier guided Italian pilgrimage to Italy and Rome included a reception and dinner for StFX alumni at Istituto Maris Bambini overlooking St. Peter's Square in Vatican City. The group of 19 included six Nova Scotian Xaverians who were joined by Roman residents, Dr. Bernard O'Connor and Fr. Luke Dempsey OP, a former Xavier Junior College Professor. Dr. Charles W. MacDonald, a 1959 graduate and retired professor at UCCB delighted the event with a narration of his private papal audience with Pope Benedict XVI, his former teacher.

UPCOMING EVENTS

FLORIDA

Saturday, March 3, 2007 – Annual Florida alumni gathering. Watch for details in the mail!

MONTREAL

Friday, June 8, 2007 – Montreal Golf Day at the Cadiac Golf Club. Watch for more details. Contact David Ronan '59 at (514) 694-3387 or david.ronan@sympatico.ca

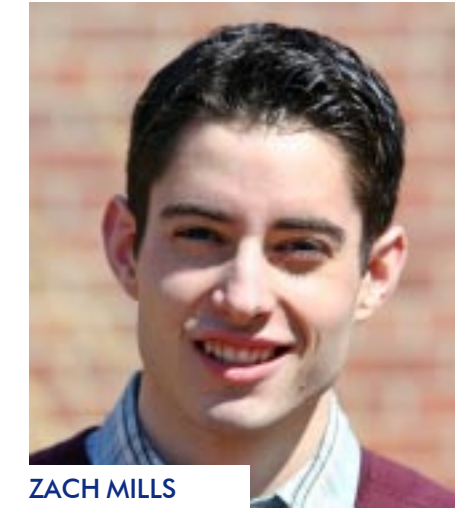
TORONTO

Saturday, June 16, 2007, Toronto StFX Golf Tournament at the Kleinburg Golf & Country Club. Shotgun start at approximately 1 pm. Dinner to follow. Mark your calendars now for next year!! Contact Bill McDonnell at 4bigmac@sympatico.ca

ALUMNI RECOGNITION AWARDS 2006



TITO DAODU



ZACH MILLS



KRISTIN SHEA



JENNIFER JACKSON



JAMIE HURST

EACH YEAR THE StFX ALUMNI ASSOCIATION recognizes four StFX University students who combine high academic standing with involvement in campus and/or community activities. Each award is \$1500 and is awarded to one student in each of the four years of study: freshman, sophomore, junior and senior. These awards are intended to recognize students who have made a significant contribution to campus life and have benefited from their experience at StFX. Applicants are asked to submit a 1,000-word essay describing what influence they think their experience at StFX will have on life after graduation. The award winners read their essays at the fall Homecoming Hall of Honour ceremony in October.

KATIE FLEMING'S MEMORY LIVES ON IN WORK OF COADY GRADUATES

By Dave Bernatchez '85



"As a StFX alumnus I am proud to say that my university is making a real difference in the world through the work of the Coady International Institute."

— Dave Bernatchez '85

Above: Dave Bernatchez (right) met with Coady graduate Viness Lourens '02 (middle) and her mother in Nkandela village where she runs programs to reduce illiteracy, promote education, and stimulate income generating projects among rural women.

This spring, I had the very fortunate opportunity to travel to Africa as part of a Coady International Institute delegation to Zambia and Ethiopia. While I had always dreamt of going to Africa "one day," I never believed it would be this soon, nor for a purpose that is so meaningful to me, and many of my friends and classmates.

On May 19th, our six-member delegation left for the two-week expedition to visit Coady graduates and partners. Along with having the opportunity to experience the beauty of Africa and its people, I was looking forward to seeing the positive contributions being made by Coady graduates, and in particular by recipients of the Katherine Fleming International Development Award.

My dear friend and classmate Katherine Fleming '85 passed away in 1999 at the age of 35 while working in Tanzania. That year, a group of us from the classes of 1984-1986 decided we would create the Katherine Fleming International Development Award in memory of Katie, who had devoted her life, through her work with UNICEF, to improving the lives of women and children in Africa.

For the past six years, as part of StFX Homecoming celebrations, we have presented a \$5,500 (now \$8000) bursary to a deserving female student from sub-Saharan Africa attending the Coady International Institute's Diploma in Development Leadership. The recipients include four extraordinary Zambian women, Idah Mukuka and Emily Sikazwe from Lusaka, Constance Hambwalula from Ndola, and Viness Lourens Mangoye from Nkandela.

Idah, Emily, Constance and Viness work tirelessly with their communities to prevent the spread of HIV and care for the infected and affected; to

end discrimination against women and the disabled; and to reduce illiteracy, promote education and stimulate small enterprise development among rural women.

Our week in Zambia was very full and fast paced as we visited each of these wonderful women and met people in the communities where they work. We saw with our own eyes how community development programs are helping people overcome the hardships that are a part of everyday life in Zambia.

It was sobering to see how poverty affects every aspect of a person's life – from their health, to their access to education, to their ability to earn an income. But I came away hopeful after witnessing the achievements made thus far, and seeing examples of the indomitable spirit and energy of these four dedicated women and the communities that hosted our delegation.

One of our goals for the Katie Fleming Award was to honour her memory by supporting other women in the work she loved. This experience reaffirmed my belief that the investments we make in supporting the leaders of community based development will make significant, positive impacts in the lives of women and children in Africa. After having met the recipients both in Canada and in their own communities in Zambia, I can confidently say we've achieved that goal.

The Katie Fleming Award enabled each of these women to travel to Antigonish to study at the Coady Institute where they learned practical skills and approaches for achieving positive and effective community-driven development.

As a StFX alumnus I am proud to say that my university is making a real difference in the world

through the work of the Coady International Institute. It is uniquely positioned to provide leaders in developing nations with the tools they require to become "masters of their own destiny" – to become self-reliant and to build better societies for themselves and future generations.

It was a great honour and privilege to represent StFX and the Coady Institute on this trip to Zambia and Ethiopia. It was a rich learning experience, one that I will carry with me always, especially as I continue my duties on behalf of the Katie Fleming Bursary, and as a volunteer for the Coady Institute.

Dave Bernatchez '85 is a Petroleum Landman from Calgary. He is a member of the Coady International Institute's Capital Campaign Leadership Team, the StFX Board of Governors and a member of the Katherine Fleming International Development Award committee. Other members of the delegation included Dr. Sean Riley, Mary Coyle, Director of Coady International Institute and University Vice President; Antigonish physician, high school friend of Katie's and Coady donor, Dr. Lesley Ruggles; Coady volunteer Donna Rappard; and Janet MacDonald, Admissions Officer at the Coady.



Right: Idah Nambeya Mukuka, 2005 recipient of the Katherine Fleming International Development Award, inspires people in her community to prevent the further spread of HIV/AIDS, to go for regular testing, to seek treatment, and to form support groups.

B R A G

P A G E

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X-grads Fay MacDonald (above) and Ian MacDonald (with his band) are currently teaching English in Korea. Ian's band recently participated in a 'battle of the bands' in Seoul and won.



Siblings Ian ('95) and Ellen ('01) Campbell at the summit of Mt. Kilimanjaro (5895 m), Tanzania, March 2006.



On March 30, 2006 X-alumnus Lisa MacLeod '97 became the youngest Member of the Provincial Parliament in Ontario and became the first woman to represent her riding of Nepean-Carleton in the Ontario Legislature. Lisa was elected with the highest percentage of any opposition MPP at Queen's Park (57.6%) when she replaced former MPP John Baird (who currently sits in the federal cabinet as Treasury Board President). Lisa presently serves as the Associate Critic of Municipal Affairs and Housing in the Official Opposition (Progressive Conservative) and sits on the Public Accounts Committee.



A small gathering of X-alumni at the home of Linda (Chisholm) Ross in Arisag, Nova Scotia. Pictured (l-r) are Jim Picard '75, '76; Bonnie (Chisholm) Picard '75; Catherine (MacIsaac) Ross '73; Linda (Chisholm) Ross '73; Raylene (Cochrane) MacEachern '73, '74; Billy MacEachern '72, '74 and Eileen (Foley) MacDonald '74, '75.



During a recent visit to PEI in last week, Steve Engyel's ('84) daughter Mackenzie (class of 2014) and son, Nikolas (class of 2012) were very successful in catching a few fish. Between the two of them, the kids caught 15 good sized cod off North Rustico PEI in the space of 3 hours. Steve's tally – two that were not even worth putting in the picture!



Lynn MacAulay '04 with StFX's Leo Gallant at the Nova Scotia Chartered Accountants Convocation, held in February 2006. Lynn, along with Kara Cameron '04, David Potter '04, and Leigh Ellen Walsh '04 were all successful writers of the 2005 Uniform Evaluation (UFE), the last major hurdle in earning the designation of Chartered Accountant. The recent X-grads were thrilled that Leo was able to attend their convocation as he was such a fantastic professor and role model for them during their time at X.

NEWS EXCHANGE

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70's

Donald Simon, June 6/06



Brent '77 and Helen (Tokaruk) Bannerman

Jack Xavier, March 23/06



John '84 and Lisa O'Donnell

Gabriel, Mar 4/06 & Sarah (10)



Karen VanDusen '88 and Tom MacPhee

Mckenna Louise, Aug 3/02 and Jake Francis, July 21/05



Brent Arsenault '91, '92 and Sonja Meyer

William J. MacEachern '72 and Raylene (Cochrane) MacEachern '73 retired from teaching in June, 2006, having spent 32 years in Alberta, two years in Fort Vermilion and the rest in Lac La Biche. Bill's career was mainly spent as principal for 20 years and Raylene taught mainly primary grades. Immediate plans include spending four months at home visiting family and friends in Antigonish and Glace Bay. Future plans include moving closer to Calgary where daughter, Kelly Benson '97 and son, Jeff '01 reside. Email them at raylenemaceachern@hotmail.com

Dr. Mary Lou Smith '76 has been appointed Chair of the Psychiatry Department at the University of Toronto.

80's

Delores Boudreau '82 has just released her second full-length CD entitled *Finally Home*. Delores' X-Ring is clearly visible on the cover photo of her CD jacket. Delores extends an invitation to fellow alumni to visit her website at www.deloresboudreau.com

Steve Engyel '84 is currently working as Quality Control & Compliance Specialist at Bank of Montreal Direct in Toronto. He can be reached at steve.engyel@bmo.com

Vicky Smallman '88 has entered political life as the municipal candidate for the Kitchissippi ward in Ottawa. SIFX friends are welcome to help Vicky and her campaign. Please visit her at www.smallman.ca

Paula Gillis '88 has been living and working in Switzerland for the past four years. She was recently promoted to Lead Consultant, Enterprise Content Management at blue-infinity, a Geneva-based technology infrastructure and systems integration company. As her work takes her all over Europe, she would like to hear from any X-grads based in Geneva or around the western European area interested in creating an Alumni chapter, European edition. Her email address is: paula_gillis@hotmail.com. She would also love to hear from friends from '88 and '89.

Tony Watson '88 was appointed head of Asia debt research earlier this year. Tony is an Executive Director at Morgan Stanley. He lives in Hong Kong with wife Sharlene and

daughter Morgan. The family hopes to be in Antigonish and catch up with friends over Christmas this year.

Tom McKenna '88 would like to congratulate **Tim Lang '87** and his wife Jennifer Mills, on the birth of their son, Mathew Lang, born July 10, 2006. Timothy has already challenged Mathew to a forty-yard dash - Tim won, allegedly. Congrats Tim and Jen!

Krista MacDonald '89 recently accepted a new position as Service Manager with Xwave in Halifax, NS. She also achieved her PMP (Project Manager Professional) certification in September, 2005. She is living in Old Town, Lunenburg with partner Kevin and dog Morgan. She would welcome emails from any of the Chillis Chicks at Krista.MacDonald@xwave.com

90's

Andrew Beazley '91, '92 is now a products manager at Musicstop. He plays bass with fellow X grad, **Mike Diabo '88**, and the Urban Surf Kings www.geocities.com/sunsetstrip/4053/ **Stephanie Caldwell '94** transferred to a high

school outside Chester, teaching English and music. They live in St. Margaret's Bay. They invite music grads from the late '80s and early '90s to drop them a line at andrewstephanie@eastlink.ca

Karen Nancarrow '92 is living in Cambridge, ON with her two children, Anneke, eight, and Molly, six. She is teaching with the Waterloo Region District School Board and specializes in learning disabilities for kids from grades 2-6. She would love to hear from old friends at karen_nancarrow@wrdsb.on.ca

Lewis MacKinnon '92 released an all-Gaelic recording titled, *A' Seo* (meaning "Here" in Gaelic) in July 2006. The CD, a five-year project recorded with singer/songwriter Dave Gunning as Assistant Producer features MacKinnon's interpretations of Gaelic Scotland and Nova Scotia traditional song compositions, two Run Rig tunes, including two original compositions. A booklet inside features pictures of Inverness miners and a write-up on minority language rights. Lewis is busy these days assisting with teaching TIP gaelic classes. Check out his website: www.lewismackinnon.com

Ross Finley '94 is now

Oct 22/05



Cindy (Gardiner) '95 and Scott Whitton

working as an editor with Reuters in London, UK. He can be reached at ross.finley@reuters.com

Lisa (Wilsack) '94 and Jeff Kearney were married July 3, 2004 at Melmerby Beach, Pictou County, NS. Lisa works for Air Canada and Jeff is a firefighter with the City of Saint John, NB.

Duncan MacEachern '94 joined the IT Department of the MIT Investment Management Company (MITIMCO) in May, 2006. Formally the MIT Treasurer's Office, MITIMCO is responsible for the stewardship of MIT Corporation's financial resources. Duncan would like to hear from friends in Lane Hall, MacNeil House and Chillis. E-mail: dmaceachern@mit.edu or duncan.mac@earthlink.net

Michelle (Cole) Gallagher '95 is currently teaching at Leo Hayes High School in Fredericton, NB. She married Mike Gallagher in June, 2004 and had a son, Samuel, in August, 2005. She would love to hear from the girls of the B.Sc. Nutrition class of '95 at michelle.gallagher3@hotmail.com

Camden Tijssen, Sept 1/05



Heidi MacDonal '96 and Stephen Sayle

Mike Carrigan '96 and **Sherri (Simmons) '99** were married in the Dominican Republic on August 9, 2005.

Heidi MacDonal '96 and Stephen Sayle welcomed a son, Camden Tijssen MacDonal Sayle, on September 1, 2005. They are currently residing in Doha, Qatar and can be reached at heidimac6@hotmail.com

Peter Lapsley '98 recently moved to New York to begin a Masters in Fine Arts Program at Parsons, the New School for Design in Greenwich Village. The program is an intensive two-year MFA course for which he was awarded several grants. Peter is now living in Manhattan and would love to hear from any alumni in the area. He can be reached at peterlapsley@hotmail.com

Andrew John Campbell '98 graduated from Dalhousie Dental School in 2003 and married Alison C. Damarodas, DDS on May 20, 2006 in New Braunfels, Texas. Andrew is presently doing post-graduate work at Washington Hospital Center in Oral and Max-

August 6/05



Sara Swartz and Steven Hawley '96

illofacial surgery. Alison is presently doing post-graduate work at the University of Maryland Hospital Center in Pediatric Dentistry. They live in Odenton, Maryland, and friends can contact them at andyjcamp@yahoo.com

Elaine (Green) Schmalz '99 married Mark Schmalz on August 24, 2002. They welcomed their son, Luke Josiah, on March 3, 2006. They continue to reside in Regina, SK. They would love to hear from old friends at markschmalz@accesscomm.ca

Angela Tate '99 married Dr. Robert Kennedy on July 23, 2006 in Sherbrooke, NS. Angela is still in St. John's, NL working on her MD and PhD.

Jason '00 and **Jackie (Goobri) Dayman '00** are still living in Inuvik, NT where they have been since graduation.

Sophie Jan, June 7/05



Allison DeBow '95 and Alex Keaveny

Cameron Jones '01 and **Christa Arsenault '03** now live in Greenville, NC where Cameron works in the trauma ICU and is pursuing his Masters degree in Nursing at East Carolina University. Christa works in the Post-

April 8/06



Beverly McLean '97 and Todd Russell

Anesthesia Care Unit at Pitt County Memorial Hospital. Email them at cmjones1977@hotmail.com

Jeff MacEachern '01 received his Bachelor of Science degree in Chemical Engineering at the University of Alberta in 2005. He is working with Trican Well Services, Calgary and can be reached at JMacEachern@Trican.ca

00's

Andrew MacLeod '02 and **Cara McGrath '03** were married on July 2, 2005 in Halifax. They are currently living in Calgary, AB.

Mariana (Capbert) '02 and **Andy '97 Thibaudeau** welcomed their first child, a son, Andrew Ernest David Thibaudeau on October 25, 2005. He is the first grandson for both **Ernie Capbert '62** and **Dave Thibaudeau '62**. Mariana and Andy are currently living in Toronto. Andy continues to work for IBM Canada; Mariana is a stay-at-home mom and loving it!

Kegan Wade, Aug 8/03 and Bree Allison, Sept 1/05



Kelly (MacDonald) '97 and Dean MacLean '97, '99

Michelle (MacNeil) '94 and **David Brown '95**

March 9/06



Michelle (Hudson) '97 and Shane Ferneyhough '97

Mary Estelle, Mar 15/05 and Jack Peter, Apr 8/04



C.J. (Jamieson) '98 and Kevin Healy

Jack (4) and Jaimieson (2)



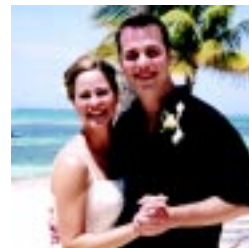
Tanya (Pelly) '98 and Richard Tobin '95

Payton Dow, April 10/06



Travis '99 and Jennifer (Crosby) '97, '99

April '05



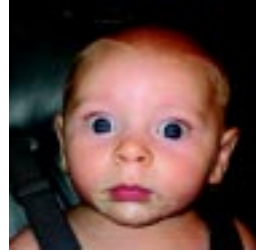
André Elizabeth Planetta '99 and Chris Victory

August 24, 2002



Elaine (Green) '99 and Mark Schmalz

Luke Josiah, March 3/06



Elaine (Green) '99 and Mark Schmalz

July 9/06



Christian Deveau '99 and Chesca LeLievre

Oct 1/05



Trish and Craig '99 St. Amour

Oct 2005



Katie Corrigan '99 and Peter Bell

July 23rd, 2006



Angela Tate '99 and Dr. Robert Kennedy

Aug 9/05



Sherri (Simmons) '99 and Mike Carrigan '96

Aug 13/05



Angie (Reid) '00 and Russell Zavitz

July 29/06



Matthew '00 and Karen MacLeod

Nicholas (3), Nathan (2) and Jordan (7 mos)



Jackie (Godori) '00 and Jason Dayman '00

Joseph Khelbe, Mar 20/06



Johanna (van Berkel) '00 and Brad Dewar '04

Andrew Ernest David, Oct 25/05



Mariana (Capbert) '02 and Andy Thibaudeau '97

July/04



StFX Alumni in attendance at the wedding of Monique (Wood) '02 and Travis Carr '02

Oct 3/05



Christa Arsenaault '03 and Cameron Jones '01

The enclosed picture was taken outside our hotel in Beijing and as you can see we are proudly wearing our StFX rings.

Incidentally, my mother, Elizabeth Taylor, is a member of one of the first graduating classes to wear the ring. Our son, Jonathan Taylor Doyle, who graduated in 2002, also proudly wears his X-Ring. Many of our sisters and brothers, their spouses and children are also graduates of the university.

Hail and Health
— Dr. Jo-Anne Taylor Williams '72, '79, '81
— Dr. D. John Doyle '72

THANKS FROM THE GIRLS OF '56

In the name of my colleagues, the girls of the 1956 class, I would like to thank Gloria Menard. We acknowledge all she has done to keep the link between us girls. Everyone she could reach was kept updated for all the different events or other situations.

A very special thanks for all her concern and interest towards 'X' and her classmates.

Warm thank-you Gloria from us all.
— Estelle Renault '56

X-RING IN COMMAND

Hi Noreen:

My brother John (Class of '73) was appointed as the Commanding Officer of the 1st Battalion of the Royal Newfoundland Regiment in a ceremony in St. John's, Newfoundland on September 17, 2006.

Lieutenant Colonel J.D. MacDonald was born and raised in Cape Breton, NS. In his civilian career, Lieutenant Colonel MacDonald is employed with the BMO Bank of Montreal as District Executive Assistant for Newfoundland and Labrador. He is married to Valerie McGrath of St. John's and he has three sons, Craig, Daniel and Patrick.

— Elaine (MacDonald) Christensen '81

THANKS FOR THE BUGS

Recently, our newest Laboratory Supervisor was cleaning up some long-stored items, and came across a small but noteworthy collection of insects. On the box is the label, "Donated by: Ms. Danielle Allard, BSc 1974." It is quite likely that this collection has been in storage, unknown to me (entomologist and curator in the department here) for over 30 years! I would love to hear from Ms. Allard so I can let her know that not only has her donation been found, but it will be used in future years' courses.

— Randy Lauff
StFX Dept. of Biology
rlauff@stfx.ca

OBITUARIES



BILL FOLEY

StFX MOURNED the passing of retired Chemistry professor and former department chair William 'Bill' Foley on Sept. 15 at the age of 97.

A StFX alumnus, Dr. Foley spent almost four decades teaching Chemistry at the university, where he went on to assist in the design of the former science hall and help lead the department in the role of chair during the 1950s.

Throughout his career, Dr. Foley directed research in Chemistry, authored dozens of scientific publications and touched the lives of countless colleagues and students. Retired Biology professor Dr. Leo P. Chiasson knew Dr. Foley as both a professor and colleague, having taken courses with him early in his academic career.

"Bill was a very good educator," he recalled. "He was the type of person who, if you had information on any subject, he was quite ready to take it and talk about it with you. He would always take the time to discuss things with students, but, if you were someone who wanted to argue and didn't know what you were talking about, he certainly wasn't afraid to say so."

Dr. Foley is survived by his wife, Gertrude, six daughters and one son.

HAGUE JUDGE RONALD ST. JOHN MACDONALD



A MEMBER OF the class of 1949 who became a world-renowned expert in human rights has died. Ronald St. John Macdonald passed away Sept. 7 at age 78. His tremendous contributions to the legal profession and in particular his work to protect human rights in international law were recognized by StFX with the conferring of an honorary degree in May, 2003. Macdonald was judge of the European Court of Human Rights from 1980 to 1998 and for several years was Canadian representative to the United Nations.

StFX REMEMBERS FR. BERNARD M. BRODERICK '35

by Barry R. MacKenzie '07

THE 26TH OF MARCH, 2006 witnessed the passing of a great and noble Xaverian. Fr. Bernard M. Broderick was no less than that. A graduate of the Class of 1935, Fr. Broderick was an exemplary Xaverian, living his entire life according to the principles of our university motto, the pursuit of "whatsoever things are true."

Born in Restigouche County, New Brunswick, on the 9th of December, 1913, he was a son of the Irish immigrant Michael Broderick, and Cape Breton native, Isabella MacDonald. In 1935, he received his Bachelor of Arts degree from St. Francis Xavier University.

Fr. Broderick served in parishes in Campbellton, Chatham, Nelson, Nackawick and St Margaret's, New Brunswick, and also taught for many years at St. Thomas College in Chatham. He was the recipient of an Honorary Degree from St. Thomas University.



The Province of New Brunswick honored Fr. Broderick with the Minister's Award of Heritage. He was an avid supporter of Social Justice programs.

In 2004, a number of fellow Xaverians and friends, in partnership with the Chaplaincy Department, gifted Fr. Broderick with an X-Ring, commemorating his 70th graduation anniversary. He wore it with pride until the day of his death.

Lost & FOUND

LOST
Woman's '96
Man's '02
Woman's '02
Woman's '03
Woman's '04



DECEASED

Dr. William Foley '31, Hon. degree '78
M. Marguerite (Belliveau) Boudreau '33
Jean Pineo Moeller '40, '67
Stanley Alfred Francis Edwards '41, Hon Deg '88
Sheila (Barry) Belliveau '43
Dr. John F. Burke '44
Liam L. McKeough '46
Fr. John MacLeod '47
Cecil LeBlanc '48
Gloria (MacDonald) McKenna '48
Frederick Joseph Rahey '49
Donald A. Cameron '49
Judge Ronald St. John MacDonald '49, Hon. degree '03
Desmond Hallissey '51
Rev. D. Finlay MacLellan '52
Paul T. Robinson, Sr. '52
Jacques A. Lefebvre '56
Robert Joseph Connolly, Sr. '57
Edward Thomas O'Hagan '58
James Cornelius MacKinnon '61
Joan Marie Peck '64, '76
N. Blaise MacDonald '66
H. F. "Boe" MacIntyre '69
James Gerard Clarence (Clary) Wilbur '69
Sr. Evelyn Mary (formerly Sr. John Elizabeth) Healey '71, '72
Thomas "Tom" Arsenaault '72
Charlotte Hazel (Grant) MacIver '72
Charles Dunn, Hon. degree '83
Derrick William Wong '84
Iain Joseph Gillis '97
Catherine Isabel "Cassie" Chisholm, former staff
Clarence Henry DeWolfe, former staff
Michael G. Samson, former staff
Lillian Westenenk, former staff

CORRECTION

Due to an editing error, the summer '06 issue of Alumni News incorrectly listed Sr. Marie Tomney '67 as deceased. We sincerely apologize for the error.

X Update

Have you moved, changed careers, been promoted? We'd like to hear about it.

NEW!!
Update online at
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EDITOR'S NOTE:

This story comes to us from Danny Gillis '76

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AN X-RING, A COCKFIGHT AND A GOLD-TOOTHED SMILE

THIS IS THE STORY OF AN X-RING THAT JUST SLIPPED AWAY – literally! — while I was doing my laundry.

It was 1986 – a decade after my graduation from StFX – and I was living in a small tribal village in the southern Philippines. I was assigned there by Scarborough Missions and was living among the Manobo people, assisting in whatever meager ways I could. Along with my ministry came the often difficult task of trying to live like the people. The Manobo are hunters and gatherers who had seen their centuries-old lifestyles change forever because of twenty years of non-stop deforestation caused by the Marcos dictatorship. I learned their language, attended their festivals, hauled water from the river, gathered and chopped my firewood, cooked my food over an open fire and went to bed when the stars came out, same as my friends, the Manobo.

I also learned to wash and scrub and dry my clothes in the Filipino style, down by the riverside. A couple of hours after one of those tiring excursions, I noticed my X-Ring was missing. I dashed back to the river and pawed through the water where the ring must have fallen from my soapy fingers. No sign of it. She was gone.

If you've ever experienced culture shock, you know how you hang on to every little bit of home that you possess. There, far away from home, family and familiarity, losing my treasured X-Ring was like cutting away another piece of my identity. I was crestfallen. Before long everyone in the village knew I'd lost my ring. Whenever my good friend Emilio smiled his gold-toothed smile, I wanted to tell him to stop grinning. It only reminded me of my great loss.

A few weeks later, Emilio went to a cockfight in a neighbouring village. I had sworn off cockfights because to me they were way too brutal. Everybody circled around a small dusty pit while two proud roosters

with razor-sharp knives attached to their spurs fought to the death. Most of the watchers were also bettors, waving the hands to indicate whether they were putting ten or twenty or thirty pesos down on one of the cocks. The betting was almost as frenzied as the fight, but afterward there was never a dispute. Just like stock traders on Wall Street the hand signals were well understood and the losers paid up on demand.

Emilio had seen one of the bettors waving three fingers for a thirty peso wager, except one of those fingers held a gold ring adorned with a bold black X. Despite the guy's protests, this would not be a case of finders, keepers.

But this time a dispute did break out – and it was over my ring! Emilio had seen one of the bettors waving three fingers for a thirty peso wager, except one of those fingers held a gold ring adorned with a bold black X. Despite the guy's protests, this would not be a case of finders, keepers. Emilio just grabbed him, yanked the ring from his skinny finger and promptly returned it to its rightful and very grateful owner.

After that Emilio could smile his gold-toothed smile any time he pleased. I would just grin right back.

— Danny Gillis '76



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