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WARDEN’S WORD

By Janet Hoskins, Interim Warden

This summer has been an extraordinary one at St John’s College, largely due to the Pan Am Games. We were surrounded by the security fence that enclosed the University Pan Am Village. This meant having to pass through security to get into work and access to the College was strictly limited to those with security clearance. It also meant hosting the athletes and officials from Puerto Rico. It has been a distinct pleasure to have them stay with us and be a part of the excitement of this major event.

We had another special visitor to the College this summer. Her Royal Highness the Princess Royal paid a visit to St John’s on Sunday, July 25th. She attended an ecumenical church service here at which the Pan Am Games Chaplain and our Chaplain, the Revd Geoffrey Woodcroft officiated. Geoff was given the honour and the task of preaching the sermon and he did a wonderful job. Two student College members also participated in this service. Shelley Klym played the violin and Marcus Steeds served as an usher and did one of the scripture readings. Marcus worked in the Development Office this summer and both Shelley and Marcus will be Residence Dons next year.

As the intensity of the Pan Am Games dies down, we approach the excitement and bustle of a new academic year. We look forward to welcoming many new students to our community, as well as a number of new Fellows. With the arrival of our new Director of the Institute for Anglican Ministry, the Revd Dr Iain Luke, the Faculty of Theology is poised to begin the development of educational and training programs for new forms of ministry in the Diocese.

A highlight of our academic year is our Convocation. The 133rd annual St John’s College Convocation will be held on November 7th. At that time we will be pleased to award a Doctor of Divinity degree to the Revd Dr Murdith McLean, a former Warden of the College, and an Honorary Fellowship to the Revd Dr John Wortley. Murdith McLean will give the Convocation address.

Convocation is always a happy time – a time to celebrate the achievements of our students and to take inspiration from the accomplishments of those that we have chosen to honour. This year will have an additional component however – a slightly sad one. Bishop Patrick Lee retires this fall and graciously agreed to postpone his retirement by a week so that he could preside over our Convocation. Bishop Lee has been a wonderful Chancellor and he will be missed greatly in that role. He is an alumnus of St John’s College as well though and, as with all of our alumni, we hope to keep him connected to his alma mater. Once a Johnian, always a Johnian!
SUMMER INSTITUTE SUCCESS
Robert Webber gives workshop

by John Stafford, Acting Dean of Theology

he Summer Institute of Theology brought 49 students from a wide variety of backgrounds to the College this May and June to participate in three accredited courses: Introduction to the Bible, Introduction to Religious Ethics, and Introduction to the Philosophy of Religion.

The Faculty is seeking to develop its role as an academic and training resource within both Diocesan structures and on the U of M campus. The Summer Institute has helped show that St John’s College can effectively integrate the academic pursuit of theology (and its related fields) within a university environment.

Students enrolled from seven U of M departments, as well as the University of Winnipeg. It was a very interesting and stimulating mix. Our efforts will now be directed towards consolidating a good beginning with future ventures of this kind.

Just before the Summer Institute began, the Faculty of Theology brought Dr Robert Webber to the College for a one-day workshop entitled Renew Your Worship.

Robert Webber is no stranger to our Diocese having been a keynote speaker at clergy and Faith Horizons events in the past. The author of well-known books such as Worship is a Verb, Evangelicals on the Canterbury Trail, and Worship Old and New, as well as numerous articles. Dr Webber blended scholarly depth and practical insight in his presentations on trends in contemporary worship practice. The 140 registrants who were present for the day enjoyed the hospitality of the College and heard Webber in excellent form as he discussed the nature and appreciation of blended worship in the life of the contemporary church. The workshop attracted people from a wide range of denominations and discussion was lively. Participants went home encouraged in their ministries and with a renewed sense of the integrity and centrality of worship in the church. Special thanks to the Interim Warden, Dr Janet Hoskins for her support of this event and the Revd Geoff Woodcroft, Jill Stafford and Lynne Scharien for helping with arrangements for the day.

Photo Contest Winners

Congratulations to Janna Kingdon ’95, John Tajima ’93, and Natasha Halpin ’95 who knew that the two girls pictured on the cover of our last issue are Lesley Cowan ’98 (right) and Maria Stapleton ’98 (left). They won a piece of the woodwall.
JAMES FROST CROSS
Still a presence at St John's after 100 years

In 1899 James Frost Cross came to St John’s College to teach mathematics. In honour of his memory and contribution to the College, the James Frost Cross Memorial Trophy is awarded to a student deemed to be the most proficient in academics and athletics, and contributing to the welfare of the College and his or her fellow students. It is decided upon by the St John’s College Student Association and is one of the College’s most prestigious awards. The Cross Common Room was also named in his honour.

Below are excerpts from a profile of James Frost Cross which first appeared in The Winnipeg Tribune. The exact date of the article is not known, but is likely from the 1930’s, and the author is simply “C.J.W.”. To maintain the tone of the original piece, it is reprinted without any changes.

He was baptized John Frost Cross. The title Reverend and several university degrees were added later. To St John’s College students he is known simply and affectionately as “Johnny” Cross.

He is five feet three inches high, stubby, ruddy-faced and warm-hearted. His unruly, sandy hair is sprinkled with grey.

In his office - at the end of a hallway where boys in residence whistle and toss each other out of bed - he wears a comfortable old blue sweater over his clergyman’s vest and fills his pipe from an old green tobacco jar.

Once a football player, later a curler and lawn bowler, he is an inveterate reader of sports pages.

His favourite books are The Pickwick Papers and Martin Chuzzlewit. He wishes Dickens had made a hero of Steerforth.

He has had two heroes in life, a boy and a bishop.

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He has been deaf and half blind all his life. He overcame poor circumstances to attain an enviable record in the world of scholarship.

He hates “like the mischief” to talk about himself.

Though he was born at Birkenhead, England, he says he is almost a Canadian, as his people came to Montreal when he was only three months old. They were back in England three years later…

Two incidents of his childhood he remembers. A huge clydesdale horse trampled him into unconsciousness and a cricket ball blinded him in one eye.

His father was a plumber and the family was poor. Young Cross went to the grammar school, but at 12 was an office boy in the shipyards. He was not happy there and his mother managed to send him back to school.

He won scholarships, but at 15 was back working as junior clerk in a shipping office. He was with the Liverpool Journal of Commerce, England’s biggest shipping paper, and when he left at the end of two years, the staff presented him with Wood’s Natural History and a set of Macaulay.
In 1889 he came to Winnipeg to work in the CPR offices... There was not much doing in the winters, skating of course, but no moving pictures to distract one’s attention. At night after work he read. He passed his matriculation and took his university course extra-murally.

Tall, bearded, Bishop Machray, who “would go out of his way to assist anyone in getting an education, a living or something higher,” was his guiding star. The bishop helped him with mathematics, his worst subject, to such effect that his knowledge of mathematics once enabled him to pass one of Dr. G.J. Laird’s physics papers with more than 100 percent.

In the final examination he had a first class in every subject and half a dozen scholarships. He graduated from Manitoba in 1894.

Bishop Machray wanted him to go to Cambridge. In the three years there, though he was too poor to afford a private tutor, it was the same story of scholarships. He taught at an army training school at Bath, nearly had his other eye knocked out in football accident, read for the Cambridge preliminaries for holy orders and was ordained in Liverpool.

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In 1899 he came back to St John’s College to teach mathematics. His friend, the bishop, who had become Archbishop Machray, first primate of Canada, died in 1904.

In the years since he has taught mathematics, also Greek, Latin and political economy at different times. He became dean in 1915 and last year was made acting warden. He likes teaching, contact with young people, not executive jobs...

His attraction for sport is founded in his youthful hero worship of the captain of Wallasey Grammar school rugby football team. “I’ll never forget that boy,” he says. At 16, Captain Luya had a thoroughly fine instinct for what constitutes good sport. He was not very big, but hauled down big men in marvellous fashion and never did a dirty trick. He played for Cheshire county and later for the North of England.

Rev. Mr. Cross follows particularly the activities of the New York Rangers, the Chicago Black Hawks and Toronto Maple Leafs, because among the players are Eddie Shore, Murray Murdock, Mason, Coulter, Tommy Cook and Andy Blair, all former St John’s boys.

In the summers he often visits his former students in the Old Country and on the Continent. He would like to retire, but will stay as long as the college needs him.

According to a plaque in the College, James Frost Cross left in 1939.

Johnny Cross married the aunt of Mary (Andrews) Bonycastle and Betty (Andrews) Richards. The aunt died at a young age, of cancer, and ‘Uncle Frost’ never re-married.

"1849 and All That"

A series of lectures in October - November celebrating the 150th anniversary of the Diocese of Rupert’s Land.

For more information call: (204) 474-8531
ST JOHN'S WELCOMES NEW FACULTY & STAFF

Effective April 1st, Jane Duffy became the librarian in charge of library operations both at St John’s College Library and Fr. Harold Drake Library at St Paul’s College, spending equal amounts of time in each position. She replaces Patrick Wright at St John’s, who retired in December. Jane can be reached at 204-474-6817 or at jane_duffy@umanitoba.ca

Maureen Kolodie, our new Development Assistant, came to St John’s with ten years experience in Labour Relations, seven years in Human Resource Management, and played an active role in the U of M Drive for Excellence. She holds certification in Human Resource Management, Career Development & Transition Counselling, Labor Law, and is a Registered Professional Recruiter. She successfully initiated the U of M Employee Assistance Program, as well as Support Staff representation on the U of M Board of Governors.

The new academic year always witnesses some turnover in the faculty. This year we bid a fond farewell to Roy Graham who has returned to the Faculty of Education as their Head of the Department of Curriculum, Teaching and Learning, as well as Peter Penner (Math), David Stewart (Political Science), and Anne Schlegel (English).

Welcome to research fellows Andrea McIntosh (Anthropology), Mhari Mackintosh (English) and Brian Swail (English).

Ivan Froese has joined the College as Assistant Bursar. Ivan is originally from Newton, Manitoba, and has worked for the past three years at Youth for Christ here in Winnipeg as Senior Accountant. His hobbies are music and sports, including hockey, baseball and golf. He plans to continue his CGA studies in the fall.

“I don’t want people to think I’m happy taking their money.”
Best wishes to Bishop Patrick Lee ’57, who has announced his retirement. We’ll miss you as Bishop but look forward to gaining a volunteer!

**Kurt Rosentreter, ’89**, (brother of Alan ’69 and John ’75), one of Canada’s best selling financial authors and advisors, will be giving talks at the College on Thursday, September 16th. For more information and reservations, call Derek.

The Alumni Lunch on May 4th had 26 in attendance with grad years ranging from ’31 to ’64. The next one is Thursday, September 23rd. Please call Derek if you are able to attend.

Pan Am volunteers working on the Equestrian event with Derek included **Blake (and Jayne) Forbes ’73** and **Allan Wainwright ’83**, as well as **Bev Cameron** and **Kathryn Young**.

Had a very nice lunch with **Alice Cheatley ’64** and **David Asper ’80**. David made a strong point about the value of a university education. In his (international) experience, it is obvious to him which of his employees have been to university - the quality and independence of thought sets them apart and above the others in all their business preparations and approaches.

It was nice of the late **Vera Fryer ’40** to remember St John’s in her will. One donor recently contacted us after learning of his ‘windfall’ through the insurance companies demutualization, to donate his stocks - many thanks. If you’d like information on how to make a gift of Stocks or securities, please let us know.

You can get ‘email for life’ through the Alumni Association. Just check under ‘services’ at [www.umanitoba.ca/people/alumni](http://www.umanitoba.ca/people/alumni)

There’s over $30,000 in the Wilmot Scholarship and it continues to grow. Our thanks to everyone who donated. We are able to offer an Entrance Scholarship of at least $1,000 this year and likely $1,500+ in future.

Donations to scholarships and bursaries are eligible for matching funds through the U of M as part of the province’s Manitoba Scholarship and Bursaries Initiative. The U of M will match 50 cents for each dollar donated, up to a maximum of $25,000 on $50,000 donated, each year, for the next 4 years.

Great to hear from **Kathleen (Cheyne) Teape ’33**, widow of **Tom Teape ’30**, who sent us various Johnian magazines from 1927 through to 1948. Excellent reading and good of her to send those. Had a nice visit recently with **Jeanie Morgan** (widow of Ches Morgan ’50). She was 92 on July 4th!

We love to hear your news. If there’s anything you want to read about, please let us know.

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**Honour Roll of Planned Gifts**

Many thanks to the following who have made a provision for St John’s in their will, through life insurance or an annuity:

- Ellen Basler ’71
- Bill Battershill ’51
- Alice Cheatley ’64
- Nancy (Bole) Cullen ’62
- John Deacon ’63
- Keith Eastwood
- Diane Guilford
- Miriam Hutton
- Walter Jones ’51
- Derek McLean
- Orde Morton ’61
- Sadie Nelson ’35
- William Pickering
- Eva Rogers
- Doug Rowland ’61
- Idella (Aikins) Setter ’58
- George Sigurdson ’70
- Marjorie (Webster) Ward
- Laurie Wilmot ’31
- Seven Anonymous Donors

If you would like to know more about how to make a planned gift to the College, including possible phrases for your lawyer to use in your will, please contact Derek.

Derek McLean (204) 474-9350 dmclean@cc.umanitoba.ca
STUDENT NEWS

Congratulations to Johnian Brooke McKenzie, a figure skater from Swan River, who was one of the students honoured at the Sport Manitoba ceremony on April 30th, 1999. Brooke was given the David Eggerston Award provided by the North West Company. The $500 award is for exceptional involvement in her community, school and church.

Brooke won the Wilmot Scholarship in 1998 and has just completed University 1.

Open for Business

On June 21st The Daily Bread Café celebrated the opening of its patio. Does it live up to expectations? Come and see for yourself!
Carol (Norquay) Stoddart is a part-time chaplain at St Michael’s Hospital in downtown Toronto and also works at a long term care facility. Carol attended “that nice old Broadway building” from 1945-47 and then the Fort Garry campus to complete her BA in ’49. She graduated from Trinity College in Toronto with her MDiv in ’95.

‘62 Maureen Mahon has taken early retirement. She remembers fondly her French prof, Mrs Wees, who used to talk about “monkey business”.

‘64 Elizabeth (Clark) Morley has been appointed Interim Incumbent priest in Collingwood, Ontario. Her husband Keith Morley ’65, brother-in-law Bill Harshaw ’65, and sister Esther (Clark) Harshaw ’66 are also Johnians.


We received a note from Dr Joan Greatrex who moved from the Highlands to Cambridge in April. As a grad student and lecturer in the 1960’s she shared an office with Michael Hadley, David Lawless and David’s white mice...

Helen Wright was in residence in 1961 during the partial eclipse of the sun and was kind enough to send us pictures of the event. Unfortunately they won’t reproduce very well but thanks for thinking of us!

‘72 Garth Edwards writes that he has moved to St Albert, Alberta. Garth lived in residence from ’65 -’68 and ’70 -’71.

‘72 Dr John Robertson has returned to the Society of St Francis, the Anglican Franciscans. He continues to teach at Washington University and will begin work in an inner city friary in Brooklyn, NY, this fall. John received his PhD in Social Work/Economics from Washington University in 1995.

‘76 Michael Hughes Boulton sent us a note and this photo from his home in Birmingham, England, where he is a Quaker.

‘77 and ’94 David J. Hook (BA, MPA) wrote to us after seeing his twin brother Gordon mentioned in a previous issue. David is the Chief Executive Officer for the Provincial Operation of St John Ambulance in Alberta. David, his wife Margaret, and sons Kyle (12) and Ryan (5), live in St Albert, Alberta.

‘82 Sharon Lee is working for the Legal and Human Rights Centre in Tanzania. Her house is surrounded by a cement wall, but the yard is full of coconut, papaya, guava, and banana trees! She says the neighbourhood wakens early to roosters, frogs and monkeys, and calls to prayer from the two mosques nearby. She is hoping that if "I bone up on Tanzanian law and on my Swahili, I will be able to help out at the legal aid clinic".

70's Reunion in May or June 2000 Interested?? CALL DEREK AT (204) 474-9350
IN MEMORIAM

On April 28th, 1999, senior faculty member Alf Shephard died suddenly at the age of 82. He leaves to mourn his wife Jean Mary, daughters Suzanne and Jeannette, son-in-law Yvan, and grandchildren, Sarah, Nicholas and Katy.

Born and raised in Vancouver, Alf enrolled at UBC in Engineering but later, felt called to the ministry. It was during this training that his teaching career began as the director of a summer camp. Two days prior to being ordained however, Alf decided he would be better suited to a career in psychology.

After doing research in psychology for the Army during the War, he enrolled in graduate studies in Iowa where he furthered his teaching experience. He was offered his first full-time teaching position at the University of Toronto where he stayed for 12 years. In 1962 he became head of the Department of Psychology at the University of Manitoba. After resigning from his responsibilities in the Department, Alf accepted an invitation to join St John’s College where he continued to teach and broaden his research interests which included methodology, interpretation of psychological testing, and probability.

In The Free Press his daughters said of their father “He found joy where joy was to be found, whether in his own experience or in sharing that of others…He considered himself fortunate to have led what he described as a bountiful life.”

A memorial service was held at the St John’s College Chapel on May 5th and followed by a reception in the Cross Common Room. College Chaplain The Revd Geoffrey Woodcroft officiated at the service. Colleagues and College fellows Tom Holens, and Peter St John gave eulogies.

COMING EVENTS

"Understanding the Canadian Financial Landscape, and Maximizing Investment, Tax & Estate Planning Opportunities"
with Kurt Rosentreter '89, CA, CFP, CIMA
Thursday, September 16th
4:00 to 5:30 pm, and 7:00 to 8:30 pm

Alumni Lunch
Thursday, September 23rd, 11:45 am - 1:30 pm

“Faith & Reason in Contemporary Education”
November 5th & 6th St Paul’s College,
474-9599 umi@cc.umanitoba.ca

Convocation
Sunday, November 7th, 1999
11 am • Service to Commemorate College Benefactors
12:15 pm • Scholarship winners lunch
2:30 pm • Convocation

FRIENDS

Mary Kilgour died on January 21st, 1999, at the age of 85. She was a U of M grad from 1933 and the mother of 1960’s Johnian the Hon David Kilgour, MP, Secretary of State for Latin America and Africa.

Edward William ("Ted") Pope died June 12th, 1999 in Winnipeg at the age of 86. He was a 1929 grad of SJC School and received his BA from the U of M in 1933.
MORE ALUMNI UPDATES...

‘84 and ‘87 Bruce Gunderson (BSc, BEd) and Carmen Ellis (BRS, ‘93) have moved to Thunder Bay where Bruce is a Flight Information Specialist at the airport there. Brynn Kathleen, a sister for Noah, was born June 30th, 1999.

‘85 We heard recently from Jacqueline (Scrase) Woodcock who works in the Marketing Department at Consultronics where she is in charge of Advertising and International Trade Shows. Jackie is part of a long line of Johnians including: her sister Kerry Scrase ’86, her aunt Corinne (Scrase) Wikjord ’63, and cousins Susan (Scrase) Manns ’62 and Fran (Scrase) Penston.

‘87 Elizabeth Campbell reports that she runs a small new/used bookstore in Kenora, and has also started publishing books. “I also have a line of cards and other stationery featuring Lake of the Woods artists (mostly me and my mother!). I still dabble in archeological projects within the region, and I’m also involved in some botanical work during my time off.” Elizabeth was secretary on student council while Tom Wolf ’89 was Senior Stick. She still keeps in touch with Tom and his sister Andrea (Wolf) Atkinson ’85.

‘87 Gordon Payne (MDiv) emailed us recently to say he and Heather would be back at their cottage at Matlock for part of the summer. He is concluding his fourth year at St Paul’s, Nanaimo, and appreciates the challenging work he has been called to do there. “There is never a dull moment in downtown Nanaimo!” He adds that “In my spare time, I serve as Archdeacon of Malaspina, covering the territory from Shawnigan Lake to Lantzville.”

‘87 Scott Evenson sent us an email declaring that he is “no longer a denizen of SFU!” He is a Product Development Engineer at PMC-Sierra in Burnaby, BC.

‘91 Aaron Kowall (BSc) is a Senior Systems Architect with the Manitoba government. Caitlin (Topping) (BA, ’90) is currently staying at home with their two children Matthew (3) and Bronwyn (6 months).

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‘91 Terri Miller (BHumEc) and Mike Stewart (BSc, ‘92) announce the arrival of Everett Miller Stewart on January 29th, 1999, in Calgary. Mike is now working for Canadian Hunter as a Drilling/Completions Engineer.

‘92 Kim Rokala is back at the College doing her MA in English and last year took evening courses with Dawne McCance and Dennis Cooley. She says she’s “glad to be home” at St John’s.

‘92 Léo Lejeune (BES) received his Master’s Degree in Architecture from the University of Calgary in 1997. He has been working in Calgary for the last two years at the LeBlond Partnership Architects and Planners on additions to the Banff Springs Hotel and the Chateau Lake Louise. Léo sends his best wishes to all Rezzies of the early 90’s and was happy to get a piece of ‘the old woodwall’ before it came down.

‘94 Santhi Sinniah was in Winnipeg for a friend’s wedding this summer. She lives in Malaysia.

‘94 and ‘98 After completing almost a year of travel in Europe, Egypt, and North America, Rasekh Rifaat has just moved to Boston for a job with a large semiconductor manufacturer. Drop him a line at: Rasekh.Rifaat@Computer.Org

‘98 Meira Cook and Mark Libin are pleased to announce the arrival of daughter Shoshanna, June 21st, 1999, one year to the day after their wedding!

Heather-Anne Mattson who attended St John’s in the 90’s, sent a postcard from Petersburg, Russia, where she was doing some courses as well as some travelling. She and a friend recently took a trip to Siberia. “The people in Siberia were both touched and dumbfounded when they found out we travelled so far to a frigidly cold Siberian city of no importance just for a vacation.”

Oops!

In our last issue the Most Revd David Crawley was mistakenly called Rt. Revd. He is Metropolitan for the Province of British Columbia and the Yukon. Our apologies for the confusion.