

Sixth Convocation of the Saskatoon Theological Union

The sixth joint Convocation of the Saskatoon Theological Union took place on Friday, May 4th at Convocation Hall on the University of Saskatchewan campus.

25 students received earned degrees from the three colleges. From St. Andrew's College, the Master of Divinity degree was awarded to Andy Jones, Jeannine Cline and Gregory Parker. The Bachelor of Theology degree was awarded to Susan Bowyer, Jonelle McLellan and Maxine Pirie, with a Diploma in Theology being awarded to Ken Glover. Doris Dyke was the recipient of an honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity from St. Andrew's College; Doris was honored for her dedication to her career as educator, a pioneering feminist, author and theologian.

The evening's address was given by Right Reverend Mark McDonald, Episcopal Bishop of Alaska and also the first National Anglican Indigenous Bishop of the Anglican Church of Canada.

Convocation Hall was filled with beautiful music as graduands, faculty, guests and dignitaries joined in together. The heads of the three colleges, Walter Deller, Principal of Emmanuel & St. Chad College and Kevin Ogilvie, President of the Lutheran Theological Seminary gave words on the progress and challenges their colleges have faced in the last three years. Principal Laura Balas reported on St.

Andrew's College, the college's recent ATS visit and the commitment from the colleges various groups of people that bring

their gifts to the college, enabling the college to continue it's work.



STU Convocation 2007



Doris Dyke, Honorary Doctorate Degree recipient



Marj Kent, Board Member and Lorna King, President of Saskatchewan Conference preparing to process.

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Alive and Well



Greetings in the name of Christ!

18 short months ago, I arrived at this College. There is a gopher by the lamppost, and a magpie in the crabapple tree outside my window (which people say brings good luck). If I could just wake up to the meadowlark's song life would be complete!

There are quite a few exciting happenings that we at St. Andrew's want to share with you. Others will share some of them.

The Board has met five times in the last year and worked diligently and with great good humour to complete our Mission Statement, budget for three years and our strategic plan. They are a wonderful group of committed, creative persons with always the future of this place at the forefront of their thoughts. Ken Powers leads with grace and good process skills to facilitate the agenda.

Last time we talked about all the things we had to prepare for our accreditation visit. It happened April 15-18th. There were five visitors, three from sister schools in Canada, and two staff from ATS (Association of Theological Schools). They were very gracious and thorough; they had certainly read everything about us and interviewed everyone connected to the College. We have a copy of their recommendations to the accrediting commission; we cannot share them until after the

Commission meets in June but we can say we are very happy about them!!!!

Christine Mitchell is the final member of our faculty to receive tenure. I am constantly amazed at the work that is done by Christine, Nettie and Sandra. (Don is on sabbatical until Dec 31). The Congress of the Humanities and Social Sciences is meeting this week in Saskatoon, they are presenting papers and helping with the organizing and entertaining folks who have come for the weeklong event. All of this along with their teaching load and community and church involvement—talk about multi-tasking!

You will note elsewhere in Contact we have seven students graduating this year. Our joint STU Convocation was held on May 4th.

In April we had a day long retreat for the faculty of all three Colleges in the STU, with Bruno Konecni as our consultant.

Our thanks to Mathias Ross who leaves us; he has been our visiting Professor from India for the last two semesters.

Our group of five professors emeriti support the life of our College: Ben Smillie, Paul Newman, Charles Johnston who just wrote the forward for our music book that will be out this fall, David Jobling who saw our self-study through to completion and did fine writing for us, and Bill Adamson who has been our Academic Dean for the last few years.

You will no doubt hear elsewhere about the great "Alive and Well" dinners we held recently. So many people had a hand in the planning and carrying out these good celebrations to raise the profile of St. Andrew's College. We offer thanks to each one of them. The development committee is functioning well and working hard to raise money.

There are not words enough to talk about the way the staff, faculty, Board and

Guild all work together to keep this College alive and well, they are truly gift.

There are two things we need at St. Andrew's College.

The first is students, students on their way to serve the Church as members of the ordered ministry and students who think they would like to take classes because they sound interesting or one of many other reasons.

The second thing we need is money; I am sure that is no surprise to you. I know that prairie people give, when the need is shown to them.

We, the Church and the community, need this College. We are seeking to proclaim and embody Jesus Christ's message of compassion, justice, and hope in a radically inclusive way by working in a prairie context, in partnership with others to prepare persons for Christian leadership, ordered and lay.

This is our purpose and our reason for being. We are alive and well, we will be here for a long time. We will live and grow with the help of everyone connected, and with the energetic Spirit working among us.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Balas

*Laura Balas,
Principal*



This winter the Guild spent a day in at the college repairing the Geneva gowns, readying them for this years Convocation.



CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS: SHARING OUR SONG



Since its founding as the Presbyterian Theological College, Saskatoon, in 1912, St. Andrew's College has been preparing people for ministry. Many of Canada's foremost pastors, theologians and educators have walked its halls, sat in its classrooms and preached in its chapel.

In recognition of its extraordinary history and a renewed vision for tomorrow, St. Andrew's is celebrating the creativity of its College family with a songbook, tentatively titled *Sharing Our Song*. The book will be a collection of songs, hymns and poetry penned by past and present students, honorary degree recipients and faculty along with a selection of historical and current photographs and a Foreword by Dr. Charles Johnson. With superior print qual-

ity on heavy paper and a coil bind, we hope that this book will be a well-used addition to our church's musical heritage as well as a lasting tribute to our College.

All St. Andrew's College alumnae are invited to submit new or previously unpublished work for consideration: sacred songs or hymns, with or without music, as well as poetry, which may reflect their time at St. Andrew's or since. Submissions will be received until August 30, at which time an editorial panel will review and select the final content. Our goal is to have the book ready for sale at the beginning of November. As this is also a fundraising project for the College Development Fund, we respectfully request that, while all composers and authors retain copyright to their material, they grant permission for its free use in this publication.

Music scores will be accepted in clearly legible manuscript, computer generated scores preferred. Scores submitted by email should be in .pdf or a format compatible with Sibelius 3. Texts may be submitted by post or email, in the body of the message or as an .rtf attachment.

Please send your submissions by August 30, 2007, to:

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You, God, grinned in glory when with delicate grace and bold intention you etched your loving purpose in the rainbow.

(from *The Rainbow Collection*, 1982)



I'm hoping God is grinning now as we grin because of the wonderful things that are happening around St Andrew's College.

The tone and spirit of the place is amazing and we are feeling a sense of our own "bold intention" and "loving purpose" as we continue to share and enhance a credible and creative school for theological education.

Of course, this enterprise has been in the works for years. This, in fact, is the 95th anniversary of the establishment of St Andrew's but this year has been a year of both consolidation and high energy progressive planning for the future.

We are grinning because the Board, with the approval of General Council, has named Laura Balas as our Principal until June 30, 2009. Laura has been the major catalyst in this year of recovery and progress.

We are grinning because all the work related to renewing our Accreditation is completed.

David Jobling assembled an amazing team of people to prepare the Self-study and then he pulled it all together to forward to the Association of Theological Schools (ATS), our accrediting body. Now the ATS Site Visit is completed and we are greatly encouraged by the results of that visit.

The College Board, which has really been in place for just one year post-amalgamation, has been doing some very intentional forward planning. You've seen our new Mission Statement already and it is printed elsewhere in this issue of *Contact*

and we've also proposed a Vision Statement as follows: *We will be a leader in theological education rooted in a radical vision of the gospel.*

A comprehensive Strategic Plan is taking shape and it will guide the Board's activities over the next several years. It can be boring stuff but we're excited by the direction and you can get a copy of our plan to date by contacting the College.

Overall, we are buoyant and excited and committed to honouring the history of this College with our continuing disciplined work. Two major areas are solidifying our financial base and recruiting more students to share in our exciting program.

Really good things are happening and we can't stop grinning!!



St. Andrew's People



Don Schweitzer

This year I have the privilege of enjoying a sabbatical, which began in January will run to the end of December. With no teaching or administrative responsibilities, my time is devoted to research, writing and other projects.

To begin with, I went to India for four weeks, from January 12 to February 14. My first stop was Serampore College, an hour and a half by car from Kolkata. Here for five days I studied Christology for three hours a day with eight Master of Theology students. The M.Th degree there is equal to our STM. The students were very engaged and it was a learning experience to see how they received the ideas and evaluated them.

After spending some of Saturday participating in the M.Th. seminar, it was off to Bishop's College in Kolkata. There I worked through the understanding of God's relationship to the world in some major twentieth century theologians with fifteen to twenty Bachelor of Divinity stu-

dents. Again the students were quite engaged, and raised some interesting questions, like do the realities of sin and evil indicate that God failed in some way in creating the world?

Following this it was off to United Theological College in Bangalore. Here I thought I would put my feet up for two weeks and take it easy. But on my second day there I was asked to write a paper on Christology and Dalit theology. The Dalits are the unscheduled castes, or the untouchables, who make up the majority of church members in India. Dalit theology is a form of liberation theology indigenous to India. So for two weeks, between sitting in on ethics classes taught by Dr. Mohan Razu and teaching a few classes in a course on Dalit theology, I worked away on producing a paper, which I presented on my last day there. In the midst of all this, I visited a YMCA home for street children, preached in a chapel service and visited a local low income neighbourhood.

While in India I received an e-mail, inviting me to be the theme speaker at a clergy retreat held north of Meadow Lake. So early in March I gave four talks on God's relationship to the world to six clergy from various denominations, and enjoyed a little cross county skiing with St. Andrew's alumnus David Crombie.

As the March ends, I am back in Saskatoon working on several projects, pondering my experiences in India, and looking forward to visiting again in 2009.



Nettie Wiebe

I returned to my office at St. Andrews College on January 2/07 after a year of sabbatical leave with renewed energy, if not well rested.

I found the Sabbatical to be a wonderful gift of time - which I filled with public work, reading, research, some writing, family, hospitality and farming. As the schedule was not prescribed by the demands of the teaching semesters, the rhythms of action/reflection were more "organic" allowing for more concentrated periods of action followed by time to reflect and write.

I spent some weeks working in the international peasant and small-scale farmers movement, the Via Campesina as the National Farmers Union representative. Our work in Brazil included some direct action in defense of land and food production in the face of the massive, destructive eucalyptus operations that are displacing peasants and indigenous peoples and turning thousands of acres into irretrievable "green deserts". (See my article "Women Reversing Desertification: Via Campesina Takes on Aracruz Corporation in Brazil", *Canadian Woman Studies* 25:3,4 (Dec. 2006), pp 167-172.)

Participation in public discourse about issues, values and public policy was particularly intense during the federal election period. Given my life-long commitment to justice and sustainability in the food sys-





St. Andrew's People

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tem, I was pleased to be the candidate selected to release the NDP agriculture platform. I remain convinced that farm, social justice, environment and peace issues require broad public discussion and democratic decision-making.

As part of my contribution to this discussion, I addressed the "Making Peace with Earth" conference in Regina on October 28/06. I summarized my topic "Eating in Peace: the food and fields of justice" with the following description: "*From the destruction of olive groves to the displacement of food crops with opium poppies, current global news afford lots of examples of how war destroys agriculture, environment and people. In a subtler way, our own eating habits can also contribute to social and ecological destruction. Eating in peace begins at the dinner table, includes the negotiating table and relies on the water table.*"



Christine Mitchell

Christine Mitchell presented papers at the Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting in November 2006 and the Modern Language Association Meeting in December 2006. She has also taken on the responsibility of chairing the steering committee of the Chronicles-Ezra-Nehemiah Section of the Society of Biblical

Literature, which means having responsibility for putting together the program for the section's activities at the annual meeting. She will be giving a paper at the Canadian Society of Biblical Studies annual meeting in Saskatoon in May; this is her final year as Programme Co-ordinator for the society. In March, she attended the Chief Academic Officers' Seminar of the Association of Theological Schools in Vancouver in her capacity as College Registrar. Finally, Christine was awarded tenure by the Board, effective July 1.



Sandra Beardsall

Sandra Beardsall was busy this spring helping to introduce the newly published music resource, *More Voices*, through special events and workshops.

In May she attended a meeting in Toronto of a task force of the Association of Theological schools which is studying issues related to the Bachelor of Theology degree. As a resident of the host city, Sandra helped to welcome academic visitors to Saskatoon for the Congress of the Humanities and Social Sciences, acting as local coordinator for the Canadian Society of Church History. Sandra also presented two papers during the Congress: "Medicare Crisis and Faith Crisis: The United Church of Canada and the 1962 Saskatchewan Doctors' Strike," and "Bridging Churches: Local Ecumenism and Being 'Church' in Canada." She will be teaching intensive elective courses in ecumenism and Christian history in June and July.



Mathias Ross

The opportunity to teach a course each semester during the just concluded academic year at St. Andrew's College was a first for me as a sabbatical. To me the experience was special as I could experience both receptivity and inter-activity, which led to finding new

insights and directions for further exploration. St. Andrew's together with the Saskatoon Theological Union partners offered opportunities for participation and learning in a variety of ways - given the wide-ranging areas of interests and specializations of faculty, diversity of ecumenical perspectives, different and yet rich and inspiring worship orders, the spirit of working together despite varying emphases, and sharing of library resources. In terms of furthering my own research work, I have found adequate resources and have also worked on a couple of smaller projects, presenting a paper at the STU Graduate Seminar and another at the Canadian Theological Society. I have come to admire the faculty - Nettie, Don, Sandra and Christine - for their friendly and professional approach and their utter devotion to teaching, scholarship and administrative responsibilities. The Emeriti faculty Bill Adamson and David Jobling have been visible on campus to make their special contributions to the college, and their wisdom and skills have been greatly appreciated by all. Principal Laura Balas' remarkable ability to attend to both the total picture and to the minute details has even extended to the visiting scholar's specific interests and she has attended to them fully and with a personal touch. The Board's Chair Ken Powers has offered creative leadership at a critical time and in personal encounters has expressed warmth and appreciation of the value of ecumenical connections. The staff of the college work with a sense of mission and things are promptly executed. An important cultural action but which is theologically significant too is that of the UCC's General Secretary Nora Sanders - during her visit to St Andrew's - going around the table to meet each member of the college community, calling each by name (a biblical idea) and finding out something about each one. In India you might witness this perhaps at election time but not after one is elected!

Thank you all for everything. And we shall be friends and keeping in touch.



St. Andrews College Board



We've included a photo of the Board Members just so that you know they really do exist!

Here's a rundown of who these remarkable people are, starting with the back row:

Robin King, Student Rep, amazing church musician and currently in an internship in Bashaw, AB; **Vic Wiebe**, Vice-chair, represents Saskatchewan Conference, lives in Weyburn and got involved in College life when he was at the U of S through the lunch time co-op; **Marjorie Kent**, in ministry at Rosemont, Regina, a member at large and a grad; **Wayne Thompson**, Regina, Chair of Finance, only discovered St A's when he first came on the Finance Committee and is now a passionate supporter of the College, has extensive experience in banking, financial

management and investments; **Lloyd Lovatt**, Edmonton, serves at Knox-Metropolitan Church, represents Alberta and North West Conference, recently chaired the Principal Search Committee, and is a grad; **Jeanette Liberty-Duns**, Saskatoon, member at large, chairs the Development Committee, is adjunct faculty and also is a grad; **Jake Buhler**, a Mennonite pastor and grad of the College, a lifelong educator with remarkable international experience and chairs the Academic Committee; **Holly Schick**, Regina, a corresponding member of the Board representing Saskatchewan Conference Staff, attends many of our meetings and (are you

sensing a theme here?) is a grad; **Margaret Kristjansson**, Wawanese, MB, representing Manitoba and Northwestern Ontario Conference, serves as Secretary and Nomination Convenor, has taught on the faculty and is a grad; **Terry McKague**, Regina, former resident at the College, distinguished educator and former Chancellor of the University of Regina, and chairs the Personnel Committee; **Gina Martinson**, over fifteen years on staff, most of those years as Library Technician, now is Executive Assistant to the Principal and Recording Secretary to the Board; **Ken Powers**, Regina, member at large, Chair of the Board, and a grad; **Laura Balas**, from Aneroid, a farmer, and as of May 1, 2007, Principal of St Andrew's, experience in every court of the church, one of the architects of our internship program, served as co-ordinator of the Internship Program, a creative educator and gave remarkable leadership as Acting President; **Don Schweitzer**, Professor of Theology, faculty rep on Board but now that he is on sabbatical **Nettie Wiebe**, seemingly not a relative of Vic, is now the faculty rep.

So there they are: a dedicated, hard-working and wonderfully enthusiastic group of leaders.

Class of '57

St. Andrew's Class of 1957 celebrated the 50th anniversary of their graduation and ordination with a reunion in Saskatoon on May 27 and 28. A highlight of the weekend was an informal visit with Principal Laura Balas at the College. Laura reported on recent developments and answered questions leaving this group of alumni with a renewed and hopeful vision of the future of St. Andrew's. The reunion group then set out on a tour of the old building, finding the rooms that had been their living quarters during college days. Many of these rooms are now rented by the university for office and classroom space.

Those attending the reunion were Pat

Ashwin and Howard Watson, both of Toronto; Maurice Gardner, Moose Jaw; Austin Fennell, Lethbridge; Jim Trembley, Melfort; and Dale Morrison and Bill Chapman of Saskatoon. They were joined by Don Leitch of Unity and Don McLeod of Saskatoon who shared in some of their theology classes and graduated in 1958.

The reunion program for the alumni and their spouses included Sunday morning worship at Grace-Westminster, meals together, stories retold, and a good deal of laughter. The group also remembered with affection their deceased



Back row l to r: Austin Fennell, Bill Chapman, Don Leitch, Maurice Gardner; front row l to r: Pat Ashwin, Dale Morrison, Howard Watson

classmates John Angus, Earl Pattison, and Doug Weatherburn.

Bill and Mary Chapman



Academic Committee of St. Andrew's College: Guardians of Academic Integrity

For about ninety-five years students have been awarded diplomas and degrees at St. Andrew's College. As each graduand has walked up the steps onto a platform to hear the Principal's citation and to receive the deserved document, a series of things preceded the graduation act. Professors first met together to determine that a student had met the set requirements. Then at its meeting, usually in early May, the Academic Committee passed a motion that conferred the degree or diploma on the student. The Committee also confers honorary degrees. It does these things without any interference from the Board. Indeed, it does so with its blessing.

Who is this Committee that acts independently in matters of academia? And why is this Committee given such authority? Long ago the mothers and fathers of St. Andrew's recognized that teaching and learning are highly valued acts. They determined that those to whom it was given to teach, should, in the presence of others - carefully chosen - present the names of those who should receive degrees and diplomas. The Committee is comprised of academics and others then authorizes the presentation of names and credentials.

The Academic Committee is made up of: 3 United Church of Canada representatives from the Alberta-NW, Saskatchewan, and Manitoba-NW Ontario conferences; two students; a member of the alumni; the faculty members and principal; the academic dean; the board chair; two members at large; the distance learning coordinator; the chairperson; and, several corresponding members from other institutions. This Committee broadly advocates the integrity of the academic programs of the College, and listens to the needs of the church for an educated ordered ministry and lay ministry.

As graduates of St. A's leave to become lay and ordered ministers in the UCC, and in the wider Christian church, they can be assured that the curricula they studied was not determined by any special interest group but by those who were professionally qualified. In turn a representative group of persons from the wider committee authorized implementation of the courses of studies. The Academic Committee is accountable to the various communities of St. A's to ensure that teaching and learning is of the highest caliber.

Jake Buhler,
Chairperson



Academic Committee

Back row l-r: Bill Adamson, Colin King, Jeff Martens-Koop, Ken Powers

*Middle row l-r: Donna Wilson, Nettie Wiebe, Barbara Zimmerman,
Jordan Cantwell, Sandra Beardsall*

Front row l-r: Laureen Marchand, Christine Mitchell, Jake Buhler, Laura Balas, Ian Otterbein

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of Saskatchewan's 100th
anniversary*

Calling all former St. Andrew's Residents!! To coincide with the above University of Saskatchewan Alumni events we invite former residents and students of St. Andrew's College to a come & go open house on Friday June 22, 2007 or Friday September 14th, 2007 between 9:00 AM and 1:00 PM.

These times roughly coincide with campus tours scheduled as part of the University reunions.



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“Our worship committee hosted a Shrove Tuesday pancake supper with the proceeds from the free-will offering for your (and our) college.”

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Building Update

It's been a busy year for the Building Management team at St. Andrew's College. Listed below are some of the ongoing repairs to the building.

- Down spout from the eaves has been extended to drain the water away from the building and the eaves have been cleaned
- New railing on the stairs at the north entrance
- Water leak at the north entrance has been fixed. Contractors are hired to fix the damage that was done to the walls
- Trees have been trimmed
- Three offices are being renovated/ repaired, new floors, paint, etc.
- The kitchen off the Main Lounge has been renovated, new flooring and painted.
- Most of the residents' rooms have been painted
- The sign outside the Chapel has been refinished and has new lettering to announce events
- The outside steps of the chapel have been raised to legal level and the front entrance steps stonework was repaired
- Old wing basement hallway is getting a

much needed facelift: new ceiling tiles and the walls are being repaired and painted

- All of the incandescent light bulbs are gradually being changed to energy efficient bulbs
- Stonework on the south side of the building is being repaired, cracks need filling
- Thanks to a generous donation the inside and outside windows of the Main Lounge have been washed.
- Baseboards in need of repair have been sanded and painted
- Roof repair – missing slate replaced, some of the valleys have been rebuilt, flashing has replaced and is now NOT LEAKING!!!
- Back entrance doors will be replaced in July
- Two new water heaters have been purchased so that the boiler can be turned off during the summer

Some of the above work has been done thanks to generous donations. We still have items on our wish list that that are much needed....new beds for the residence, screens for the residence windows and a fridge for the Main Lounge kitchen.

*Carolina Castro and Moe Roberts
Building Management Team*



Contact's youngest reader, Zoe Mary-Ann Kathleen Gray, granddaughter of Bev Irwin, born in Royal University Hospital on Oct. 3, 2006.



A picture from this year's "End of Year Banquet" skit, not the usual teaching wear!

How to Donate

You may send a cheque or donate by credit card. Please make cheques payable to St. Andrew's College.

To donate by credit card please call 1-877-644-8970.

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Saskatoon, Saskatchewan S7N 0W3

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We encourage you to donate without restrictions.

Please consider a bequest to St. Andrew's College in your Will or Planned Giving through insurance polices.

If you have bequeathed money to the College in your Will we would like to know about it so that we are able to acknowledge this in the next issue of Contact.

Mailing List

We're working on updating our Contact mailing list. Any person whom we've not heard from in the last 10 years will be deleted from the next mail out. If you are one of these people and would like to continue to receive Contact please e-mail or phone the college.

Thank you.



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If you have a computer and an Internet connection, you can take regular degree courses from St. Andrew's College! You can take courses for interest, continuing education, or towards a degree or diploma.

During the Fall 2007 Session we are offering BA 110, *Intro to the Jewish Bible I* and BE 155, *Intro to Early Christian Scriptures I*. The Winter Session we are offering BA 111, *Intro to the Jewish Bible II* and BE 156, *Intro to Early Christian Scriptures II*. All courses require a minimum of 5 people registered to run. Registration deadline is 6 weeks before the beginning of the class.

COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

BA 110 Introduction To The Jewish Bible I
A study of the whole Jewish Bible from the perspective of its formation as a canon of scripture in postexilic Judaism. Though designed to be followed by BA 111, this course may be taken separately.

BA 111 Introduction To The Jewish Bible II
This course consists of two separate sections. The first is a study of the history of ancient Israel, with emphasis on the monarchical period. The second is a study of the whole Jewish Bible, with emphasis on its cultural and religious appropriation in the present. Prerequisite: BA 110 or its equivalent

BE 155-156 Introduction to Early Christian Scriptures I & II
This course invites a careful reading of all the New Testament writings, as well as some other examples of early Christian literature. The study begins by exploring the different kinds of literature early Christians wrote — letters, sayings-collections, etiologies, hymn-collections, apocalypses, and testimonies. The next set of texts for study illustrate how early

Christians combined and edited such materials in shaping longer documents. Our literary concern is with appreciating the layers of meaning that have been created within the text in its present state, while our historical concern is with identifying the issues that their first Christian readers were having to face. BE 155 focuses on texts with the strongest links to Judaism (Mark, Matthew, James, the Didache, "Q"). BE 156 shifts the focus to those texts which more explicitly address a Gentile audience (Paul, John, Luke-Acts).

To register please contact Lorraine at
1-877-644-8970.

Intensive Courses & Learning Circles

ST. ANDREW'S COLLEGE WINTER REFRESHER

Theme Speaker: Dr. Heather Eaton

Theme: *This Sacred Earth: the ecological challenge to religion*

Dates: February 10th-13th, 2008
(a three day annual event for clergy, alumni and friends)

Registration Deadline: January 19, 2008

Credits: non-credit, a one credit option is available

Location: St. Andrew's College

Registration Fee: T.B.A.

Registration for St. Andrew's Winter Refreshers is payable to the main office at St. Andrew's College, Saskatoon – 1-877-644-8970.

Intended audience: Students, alumni, staff, faculty, clergy and interested lay people.

Program: The Winter Refresher is a community-building event and all degree program students are encouraged to participate. An additional course fee is assessed for those wishing to take the one-credit option. Activities will include worship, music, lectures, discussion, workshops, a banquet and even a movie. Join us for relaxation, learning, and rejoicing in community.

There is a bursary to cover the tuition portion of the registration (not food) available for people considering enrolling at St. Andrew's College.

LEARNING CIRCLE II [PA 382]: The History, Theology & Polity of the United Church of Canada

Instructor: Don Schweitzer & Guest Instructors

Location: St. Andrew's College, Saskatoon

Dates: February 13th
(10 days of intensive learning)

Registration & Tuition Deadline:
January 18th, 08

Credits: 4.5

Course fee: \$795.00

This course explores the history, theology and ethos of the United Church through an overview of where the United Church has been and how it has got to where it is now. Students will gain an enriched understanding of how the United Church was formed, the journey it has traveled to the present, how it is organized and how its polity functions.

Prerequisites: HA/HL 111-112, SA 113, their equivalents OR permission of the instructor.



Alum News

Paul Campbell

(DD 1995) is about to retire after 41 years in active ministry within the United Church of Canada. He has been teaching and serving as Registrar in the Faculty of Theology, University of Winnipeg since 2000.

Don Mayne

(BA 1950, B.D. 1962, STM - Boston University School of Theology - 1960, DD St. Stephen's College 1997) was honored by the City of Edmonton when he was inducted into the City of Edmonton Community Services Hall of Fame on June 13, 2007. This is the highest award which the city can bestow in Community Services. Since his retirement Don has led the Edmonton Interfaith Centre for Education and Action as the founding president for five years and continues as a member of the Board. He was on the Board of the North American Interfaith Network for 8 years and served as President for 4 years. "I have learned a lot over the years from my friends and neighbors in more than a dozen faiths, as we have shared together our concern for all

God's people, no matter what their race or religion," he says.

He has been a member and Chair of the Alberta Quality of Life Commission which has reported to the Alberta government in two reports on the issues of child poverty and the lack of housing for people on low income. He has represented the Quality of Life Commission on Vibrant Communities Edmonton which is a poverty reduction program, and on the Strategic Alliance on Low Income which brings together community representatives and staff of the Alberta government to seek ways to help those who are on Alberta Works or AISH, or work in low income jobs.

Don spent seven years as a member of the Greater Edmonton Foundation: Housing for Seniors, and remains on their building committee which hopes to add a new seniors lodge and two "life lease" residences in the near future. He represents the Interfaith Centre on the Edmonton Housing Trust Fund which receives millions of dollars from the federal, provincial and city governments and distributes it to non-profit agencies and aboriginal groups to provide shelters and transitional hous-

ing to homeless and low income people.

Don serves as Secretary of the Friends of St. Stephen's College and is the Minister Emeritus at Strathearn United Church.

Kathy Kyle

(M.Div. '99) is ranching with her husband Russell Bayliss at Carnduff, Sk. She recently completed work with the Carnduff-Alida Pastoral Charge in order to have her third child Morgan Kyle Rain, born February 19/07. Morgan is a brother to Gina (5) and Jillian (3). Kathy can be contacted at kmkyle@sasktel.net.

Austin Fennell

(B.D., 1957) is providing Retired Supply at Knox United Church, Taber AB. He continues as the Executive Secretary of the Banff Men's Society and is Chair of the AB and NW Conference Historical Society which this fall (Oct. 25-26) will join with the Canadian Methodist Society in Calgary to celebrate the 300th Anniversary of Charles Wesley — a two day event with speakers and a choral event of choristers from Calgary churches.

Faculty Bookshelf

La Via Campesina: Globalization and the Power of Peasants

(Winnipeg: Fernwood, 2007) By Annette Aurelie Desmarais



Peasant revolt might seem like the stuff of medieval Europe. So why would anyone (who is not an historian) possibly be interested in a book about peasants? Annette Desmarais begins her book by taking on the conventional view that peasants are relics of the past. She argues persuasively that the struggle of peasants and small-scale farmers is not only a very current phenomenon but also one of the most important social struggles of our time.

Peasant agriculture and small-scale

family farming have been under attack from many quarters over the past centuries. The model of industrialization and corporatization of agriculture that has erased much of rural culture and community in the North has been transmitted elsewhere as 'development', displacing and marginalizing rural people and destroying biological and cultural diversity in its wake.

But just when governments and agribusiness corporations moved to finalize the global reorganization of food production, leaders from progressive peasant and farm organizations gathered together to

build resistance to this corporate, neo-liberal agenda. The inclusion of agriculture in the negotiations of global trade agreements (GATT) in the late 1980s served as a catalyst for the formation of a global movement of resistance. From its founding meeting in 1993 to the present, the Via Campesina, has become a powerful voice for peasants (women and men), small-scale farmers, rural workers and indigenous peoples.

Annette Desmarais, who teaches in the Department of Justice Studies, University of Regina, tells the fascinating inside story of the building of this global movement



against all odds. Although she frames the analysis and offers critical insights, she takes care to respect the actors by “privileging the experiences, voices, and visions of the peasants, rural women, and farmers themselves. In the interests of shifting the center of power and voice, I have filled the pages of this book with as many of their words as possible – and have done this directly, rather than paraphrasing them.” (p.9).

The book opens with a quote from a Via Campesina leader from Honduras who explains the impetus for the movement as follows “I think that what really unites us is a fundamental commitment to humanism, because the antithesis of this is individualism and materialism.... Common problems unite us... But what also unites us are great aspirations... What unites us is a spirit of transformation and struggle... We

aspire to a better world, a more just world, a more humane world, a world where real equality and social justice exist.”

Those who share those aspirations will be encouraged by this book. And those who think such aspirations are too extravagant, might be inspired to share them upon reading this book.

*Nettie Wiebe
May 2007*

Friends We Shall Miss

Hal Barker - We are saddened to report the death on the 19th of January 2007 of a former member of the Board of Regents. Dr. Hal Barker, an Edmonton psychiatrist, served as an AB&NW Conference representative on the Board and as a key member of St. Andrew's College's Personnel Committee for eight years in the late 80s and early 90s. Hal was instrumental in changing the Committee from a “Personnel Policy Committee” to a Personnel Committee, and helped the other committee members through some difficult personnel decisions while working with faculty and staff. Information about his service to St. Andrew's College was shared at his memorial service at Robertson-Wesley Church on the 24th of January.

Cyril D. Dyke ('85) of Burlington, ON who served in Saskatchewan and Ontario during his fifteen years of ministry before retirement in 1986. Cyril died on March 10, 2007.

Ross Morgan ('65) of Beamsville, ON died August 28, 2006. During his 41 years of ministry he served pastoral charges in Alberta, Saskatchewan, British Columbia, Newfoundland and Ontario.

THE REV. DR. MARY HAGGART 1920 to 2007

A Brief Reflection from Don Laing ('58, '60)

St. Andrew's College lost one of its “characters” and distinguished graduates this May. Mary Haggart had graduated from both the Centre for Christian Studies and Emmanuel College in Toronto when she was ordained in 1954. Mary was settled in the Cabri-Pennant Pastoral Charge that year, and later served at Balmoral in Saskatoon, Leask, and finally Central Butte. In 1985 she retired in Riverhurst (on the Central Butte Charge) and remained there until her death.

The background of her brochure from the funeral home featured a photo of her bright red Mustang; around Central Butte, she was affectionately known as “Mustang Mary,” and in earlier years had been well known for her heavy foot. How many 87-year olds do we know who drive hot cars like the Mustang? Mary had been a Sergeant in the Pay Corps of the CWAC during the Second World War, and continued her love for the Armed Services and the Royal Canadian Legion to the very end; she was still conducting some Legion funerals as recently as last spring. Her health started to fail last spring, a few months after she had received the Saskatchewan Centennial Medal from the Lieutenant-Governor.

Mary decided to fulfil the requirements for the B.D. degree from St Andrew's College; her graduation from Emmanuel, like many in those days, did not include a degree. She received her B.D. in 1968, then

in 1984 St. Andrew's conferred on her the D.D. (honoris causa) in recognition of her distinguished service to the Church in Saskatchewan. She remained a stalwart supporter of the College to the end.

I came West for a summer Mission Field from Weston, Ontario, in 1955 and Mary Haggart was not only the first woman in ministry I had ever met, but she became my supervisor at Hazlet from May of 1955 to June of 1958 when I was ordained. She performed our marriage in 1956 and through the years we were pleased to call her a special colleague and friend. At the Annual Meeting in 2004, I was asked to give a brief tribute as Conference recognized the 50th year of Mary's ordination. I noted that we were really celebrating *five* 50s: Mary was ordained 50 years ago; she spent all 50 years in Saskatchewan Conference; she was the Minister of the President of Conference (then Laura Thomson) 50 years ago; she was the President of Saskatchewan Conference in the 50th year of The United Church of Canada; she will ever be listed as the 50th President of Saskatchewan Conference—there having been 49 *men* before her. Mary assured all of us through the years that anything a man can do, a woman can do also. She lived it out. We will miss her.



News from the Library



*Melanie Schwanbeck, Library Technician;
Laureen Marchand, Head Librarian*

St Andrew's College Library

This is an exciting time for St. Andrew's College Library, as it is for its sister Saskatoon Theological Union Libraries at the College of Emmanuel & St. Chad and Lutheran Theological Seminary. There is growth and change happening in all areas of library systems and service. We have a library to be proud of.

Early in 2007, STU Libraries adopted a new Circulation Policy, consolidating policies as well as making changes and improvements. For the first time, library users may return borrowed College library materials to any STU library. Also for the first time, users whose library materials are returned late are faced with library fines.

STU Libraries are already seeing improvement in the timely return of borrowed materials, resulting in greater availability for all users.

St. Andrew's College Library continues to provide high quality support for education and research. In 2007, STU Libraries have added two major online databases to our resource collection, allowing students and faculty to conduct effective research more easily. *Religious and Theological Abstracts* database is a long-established index tool for theological study and research, providing objective summaries of articles appearing in scholarly journals in the fields of religion and theology. *Religion and Philosophy Collection* database is a comprehensive database covering such topics as world religions, major denominations, biblical studies, religious history, epistemology, political philosophy, philosophy of language, moral philosophy and the history of philosophy. Library users are invited to contact the St. Andrew's College Library for further information.

A dynamic and useful webpage for STU Libraries is currently in development. It will provide access to information about

the libraries for students, faculty, and off-campus users, to the STU Library catalogue, to our online databases, and to user education. We hope to launch the webpage soon.

And because libraries are not only providers of new services but also are keepers of knowledge in the best established ways, we continue to enhance our wonderful collection with many new books and periodicals. As well, to support the use of all our resources, we have renewed our reading area with inviting and comfortable seating and accessible shelving. We are seeing increased use of the area and look forward to more.

As always, St. Andrew's College Library is grateful to our Library Technician, Melanie Schwanbeck, and Library Assistants Jay Cowsill and Craig Thompson. Without them there would be no library.

We all look forward to seeing you when you come to call on us. Please phone 966-8983 or email us at standrews.library@usask.ca to confirm opening times.

*Laureen Marchand, Head Librarian,
Saskatoon Theological Union*

Winter Refresher Experience

I enjoyed Winter Refresher with the theme this year, "Sing Lustily."

The lectures, led by Bruce Harding, were very informative. We learned about the history of hymn writing and how music has spoken through the years, to the changes in society. As well as lecturing, Bruce sang, played and illustrated styles of music. The participants also added their great voices to embellish the lectures.

The workshops offered a wide range of opportunities from "voice exercises" to "drumming". I chose the drumming workshop where we learned basic drum rhythms and how to use the drum in worship. Seventeen of us filled the St. Andrew's College halls with the sound of the drum. The second workshop I chose was called, "Worship Wars and the Music Ministry." We had a good discussion about worship

and how to meld the old well know traditional music with newer contemporary music, in order to speak to people of all ages, without creating a war.

It was interesting to meet and speak with those who attended this conference. Good to hear from fellow colleagues, students, and staff at St. Andrews. Each has so much to share about their particular ministries. Through sharing we learn new ideas and support one another.

An important part of Winter refresher for me is worshipping in the magnificent chapel. Each day we experienced wonderful noon worship.

Just walking into St. Andrew's is a good feeling, as it was in this grand edifice where I began my theological studies. The hospitality for this event is excellent. The staff and students are engaging and welcoming.

Food was varied and nourishing.

I am grateful to the college for the bursary which enabled me and my partner Milo to attend this year. Our team ministry has been enriched because

of what we learned and experienced at the 2007 Winter Refresher. I was renewed at the important transition time between Christmas and Easter.

Thank you St. Andrew's for the gift of Winter Refresher/2007.



*Theme speaker
Bruce Harding and
Sandra Beardsall*

*Doug Craig
Yorkton*

College Fundraiser Dinners



May 14th and 15th the College held two \$100-a-plate dinners. The first one was held in Saskatoon and the second in Regina. We called them the St. Andrew's College "Alive and Well" dinners and they were a rousing success. The dinners were to serve two purposes: the first was to let our constituency know that the college is alive and well, and the second was to let folks know we are still in need of money.

The main speaker for the evening was

Sharon Butala, a well known prairie writer. Ken Powers, Chair of the Board and Laura Balas, newly appointed Principal, also addressed the gatherings. The musical entertainment for the evenings was supplied by the Bridge City Chorus in Saskatoon and the Luther College Choir in Regina.

The Saskatoon dinner was held at McClure United Church and every ticket of the 120 were sold.

The Regina dinner was held at Heritage United where 100 tickets were sold. Members of the faculty, staff and board attended each dinner. They were two very enjoyable evenings where old friends gathered and new ones were welcomed. We hope the dinners will become an annual event.

I would like to thank everyone who worked on the committees to organize the events, with a special thank you to Gina Martinson for all the work she did to make the dinners a success. I hope you can all attend one of the dinners next year, or even better, plan to have one in your area.

*Yours in Service,
Jeanette Liberty-Duns
Chair, St. Andrews College
Development Committee*



Luther College Choir



At the fundraiser dinners, at the end of the trivia questions, guests were asked to write a limerick about the College. Below is one of the many that were read and enjoyed.

**St. Andrew's the college, we say,
For leadership, ordered or lay,
To train them, you know.
In the way they should go
In a radically, inclusive way!**



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