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## Current Events

### Academic Events

- October quiz period begins, Tues., Oct. 15.
- Final date for admission to M.Ed. for candidates who wish to begin in January or March, Tues., Oct. 15.
- The Biology Dept. Seminar Series presents "Marine ecosystem management is an oxymoron" by Dr. Bruce G. Hatcher, Dalhousie Biology Dept., Tues., Oct. 15, 1:15 pm, JBBH, rm. 237.
- Dr. Moses M. Coady Debating Competition, Fri. and Sat., Oct. 18 and 19. Volunteer judges and parliamentary speakers needed. Prior debating experience not required. Contact Steve Baldner, 867-2115, sbaldner@stfx.ca.
- The Human Nutrition Sports Nutrition Seminar Series presents *Body Weight and Composition: Gain Muscle Lose Fat*, Mon., Oct. 21 and *Pills, Powders, Beverages, Bars: Evaluating Nutritional Products and Ergogenic Aids*, Mon., Oct. 28. Both seminars are from 7 - 8 pm, JBBH, rm. 237. Facilitators: Leslie Carson RD, Darren Burke PhD. There will be a draw for Brooks running shoes and light refreshments each seminar session.
- The Human Nutrition Dept. presents *Sex, Ducks, and Rock 'n' Roll - Food*,

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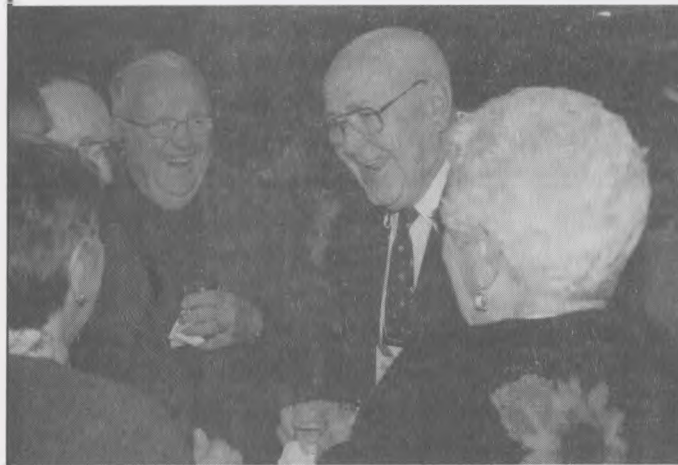
## Homecoming 2002

What a great weekend! StFX played host to Homecoming 2002 from Oct. 4, 5 and 6 - a chance for new and old friends to reunite and strength the Xaverian bond. The weekend offered a full line-up from the Golden Grads dinner to the Hall of Thought to StFX sports team in action — including the football thriller where the X-Men defeated last year's national champion Saint Mary Huskies.



A special highlight of this year's reunion was the StFX Alumni Association's Awards of Excellence Dinner. Shown here at the event are, l-r, StFX president Dr. Sean Riley, Peter Vegso, recipient of the Distinguished Alumnus Award, Alumni Association president Bill Kiely, Young Alumna Award recipient Kendra MacGillivray, Greg

MacEachern, representing the Halifax alumni chapter, winners of the chapter award, and Denis Ryan, recipient of the Friend of StFX award.



*Reminiscing about the good old days!*

*L - r: Gus English '52, Eric Tobin '52 and Terry Wolff '54*



## StFX Music Students Tops!

Man, and Evolution, Thurs.,  
Oct. 24, 1:15 - 2:05 pm,  
JBBH, rm. 237. Speaker:  
Norm Seymour

- The English Dept. presents a guest lecture with Dr. George Elliott Clarke, Univ. of Toronto, Fri., Oct. 25, 3 pm.
- The Human Nutrition Dept. and the Integrated Dietetic Internship External Advisory Committee presents a one day seminar, *Perspectives in Senior's Health*, Fri., Oct. 25, 10 am - 3 pm, Black Doors, Morrison Hall. Speaker: Dr. Susan Douglas MD, Dalhousie Univ. Medical School. Fee: \$45. Students and interns free. Cheques payable to StFX may be sent to Leslie Carson, Dept. of HNU
- The Celtic Studies Dept. will hold a *Gaelic Language Day*, Sat., Oct. 26. Registration: 9:30 am. Morning classes for children, beginners, intermediate and advanced begin at 10 am, NH, 6th floor. Milling frolic, 7 pm, Somers Hall. Ceilidh: 9 pm. Fees for daytime activities: adults - \$12, seniors - \$5, students - \$2. Children and native Gaelic speakers free. Special family rate: \$15. Contact Catriona Parsons, 867-2206, cparsons@stfx.ca; Ken Nilsen, 867-2116, knilsen@stfx.ca; Thelma Snyder 867-2300, tsnyder@stfx.ca; or fax 867-5395. The Celtic Studies Dept. wishes to acknowledge the support of the Centre for Regional Studies at StFX.

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## StFX has most MPTF scholarship winners of any Canadian university

Strike up the band for StFX music students!

Four StFX music students – Chad Tetford, Ian MacIntyre, Liam Tucker and Nick Fisher – have won Music Performance Trust Funds (MPTF) scholarships, earning the StFX music program the enviable distinction of receiving the most scholarships of any university in Canada.

They topped the University of Calgary, which had three scholarship recipients, and the University of Toronto, with two. Nine other schools each had one recipient.

"This is a strong national and international affirmation," says music professor Paul Tynan. "The quality of the StFX Jazz Studies Program is breaking new ground and is one of the strongest in Canada. Our students

work hard, and the faculty expect a tremendous amount from them. This year's showing is a great compliment to them and StFX."

StFX scholarship recipients include Chad Tetford, Sydney, NS, guitar; Ian MacIntyre, Sydney, NS, drums; Liam Tucker, Halifax, NS, bass; and Nick Fisher, Stewiacke, NS, alto sax.

The scholarship program is part of MPTF's mission to help students who aspire to be professional musicians. The grants range from \$500 to \$2,000 each on a one-time only basis. They were presented for the 2001-02 fiscal year.

"Scholarship recipients reflect the diversity of North America, and the conservatories and universities they attend are among the finest in the U.S. and Canada," an article on the scholarship fund says.

## Kosovo great experience for StFX student

StFX student Jordan MacDonald has great material for his thesis: an eye-opening trip to Eastern Europe.

The fifth year honours history student from Ottawa, ON spent three weeks this summer at the Prishtina Summer Institute in Kosovo. Earlier in the year he participated in a StFX Service Learning trip to Romania.

The summer institute, a joint program of the University of Prishtina and the Academic Training Association (Holland), fosters academic growth and international connections for the University of Prishtina as well as serving to de-politicize the university.

"I discovered the program by accident one day on the Internet and thought it would be an excellent opportunity to discover the region on which I would be writing my thesis this year," Jordan says.

"The course I attended, *The Eastern Crisis and Balkan Notions*, provided invaluable insight into the background of my thesis."

Jordan says two professors, one from the University of Prishtina and one international professor from Turkey, taught the course. The learning experience was conducted both in the classroom and in the field at the numerous historical sites around Prishtina.

"Outside the classroom I travelled with fellow international students all over Kosovo visiting other cities and getting a sense of its beautiful natural surroundings and rich tapestry of history and culture. I also got an overwhelming dose of reality after I was exposed to the aftermath of war in the region - including extensive physical destruction, rapid urbanization and the problems that result from this: pollution, lack of utilities - cold showers by candlelight were a norm in residence - and unemployment. Even though the war has been over for several years, the abstract pictures and knowledge I had of Kosovo before travelling there were converted into a shocking reality in a way I never imagined possible."



Jordan MacDonald is pictured here, second from right

The Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs is funding this program for five years, with no tuition fees, subsidized room and board and full scholarships for students from eastern Europe, Russia and central Asia. Participants from western Europe and North America have to pay their own way. Jordan was the only student from North America.

After his stay in Prishtina, Jordan and several international students met StFX student Jeremy Grison and visited the rest of the region, including Montenegro, Croatia, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Hungary, and Romania.

After he finishes his studies in history and political science, Jordan plans to apply for the Coady International Institute youth internship program, and then begin work towards a PhD in history.

## Expanding Futures CAMPAIGN UPDATE

### Webster Foundation supports Coady with \$400,000 gift

The new Global Connections Centre planned for St. Francis Xavier University is one step closer to reality thanks to a \$400,000 gift to the Coady International Institute from the R. Howard Webster Foundation.

The R. Howard Webster Foundation, headquartered in Montreal, is a leading philanthropic supporter of universities across Canada. The foundation was established by the late Howard Webster, a businessman and philanthropist with strong connections to Atlantic Canada. The Webster Foundation has a longstanding supportive relationship with StFX University.

"We are proud to support post-secondary initiatives that demonstrate vision and commitment to justice and equality," says Norman Webster, President of the R. Howard Webster Foundation.

"The Coady Institute is internationally renowned for its innovation in addressing global challenges, and the Webster Foundation is pleased to be a partner in strengthening the Coady's future."

"This support is helping the Coady Institute to enhance learning opportunities in Canada and throughout the world," says Mary Coyle, StFX Vice President and Director of the Coady International Institute. "The Coady Institute and the StFX community are very grateful to the Webster Foundation for their significant support of this ambitious project."

### Bliss Carman Award for English Prof Jeanette Lynes

Congratulations to StFX English professor Jeanette Lynes who received the Bliss Carman Award at the Winnipeg International Writers Festival on September 28, 2002. The Bliss Carman Award is sponsored by Prairie Fire Magazine, the Banff Centre for the Arts and the Canada Council for the Arts.

Prof. Lynes received the prize for her poem "Abacus, Abalone,



### Gwynne Dyer Delivers First Annual Dean of Arts Lecture

Celebrated journalist and military analyst Gwynne Dyer delivered the first annual Dean of Arts lecture at StFX on September 24 before a packed house. It was standing room only in Nicholson Hall, Room 138 as Mr. Dyer, in his lecture *The World Turned Upside Down?*, analyzed the results of the first year of the "War Against Terrorism" and looked ahead to the future. Mr. Dyer has worked as a freelance journalist, columnist, broadcaster and lecturer on international affairs for more than 20 years. He was originally educated as an historian. Born in Newfoundland in 1943, he received degrees from Canadian, American and British universities, finishing with a PhD in Military and Middle Eastern History from the University of London. He served in three navies and held academic appointments at the Royal Military Academy Sandhurst and Oxford Universities before giving up on day jobs in 1973. His first television series, the seven-part documentary "War," was aired in 45 countries in the mid-80s. One episode, "The Profession of Arms" was nominated for an Academy Award. The accompanying book, also titled "War," won the Columbia University School of Journalism award in 1986. He has been making radio documentaries since the late 1970s. His columns are carried in newspapers worldwide including about 40 newspapers in Canada, over 20 in the United States and over 40 newspapers in countries worldwide.



### CAB president first speaker in new business course

Glenn O'Farrell, president and CEO of the Canadian Association of Broadcasters (CAB), and StFX alumnus, was the inaugural guest speaker in StFX's Senior Seminar on Contemporary Business Issues – a new course that



- October quiz period ends, Mon., Oct. 28.
- Deadline for professors to submit October quiz grades, Wed., Oct. 30.
- The Human Nutrition Seminar Series presents *Out of the Frying Pan, Into the Fire: My Life as a Dietitian* with Helen Bishop Macdonald, RD, MSc, FDC, Director of Nutrition, Dairy Farmers of Canada, Thurs., Oct. 31, 1:15 pm - 2:05 pm, JBBH, rm. 237.

### Arts & Entertainment

- The Music Dept. presents Kristin Korb in concert, Wed., Oct. 16, 8:30 pm, Nicholson Hall. Admission: \$10 adults, \$5 students/seniors. Kristin Korb will also attend master class that day, 12:15 pm, blue room, 102 Aquinas.
- The Music Dept. presents guest artist Bobby Selvaggio in concert, Fri., Oct. 18, 8 pm, Nicholson Hall. Admission: \$10 adults, \$5 students/seniors.
- Theatre Antigonish presents *The Taming of the Shrew*, Thurs. - Sun., Oct. 24 - 27, 8 pm, Bauer Theatre. Tickets: \$9.50 and \$7.50 - available at NEEDS, the Campus Bookstore and the Bauer Theatre. For information, 867-3333.

### Sports

#### FOOTBALL

Oct 19 StFX @ Bishops 1 pm  
Oct 26 ACA @ StFX 2 pm

#### CROSS COUNTRY

Oct 27 AUS Championships  
@ DAL 11 / 11-45

being about the discovery of language in unlikely places — namely being sent to detention hall in high school. The award includes a silver and turquoise ring, which is a replica of Canadian poet Bliss Carman's ring.

While in Winnipeg, Prof. Lynes read her poems at several venues during the festival.

Anne Simpson, of the StFX Writing Centre, also won this award in 1999.



brings in Canadian business leaders to speak with senior business and IS students. The course is designed to merge practical experience and theory, and give students the opportunity to examine and discuss contemporary business topics with visiting business executives. Mr. O'Farrell joined the CAB from the Global Television Network, where, as senior vice-president, specialty services, he had overall strategic responsibility for the company's existing cable channels, and for new channels in development. In addition, as president of Global Quebec, he had executive responsibility for network operations in that province, where he was the primary architect of Global's expansion into Quebec. Prior to joining Global, he was vice-president of legal affairs for the Réseau Pathonic, a regional network consisting of TVA affiliate stations outside of Montreal. Originally from St-Malachie, PQ, he studied economics at StFX and law at Université Laval. Since 1983, he has been a member of the Quebec and Canadian Bar Associations. It's the first time in 24 years he has returned to StFX.

## In Sports:

# 'Running Toward Success' with Eric Gillis

Antigonish native and cross-country national top-10 athlete, Eric Gillis has his sights set on winning the AUS championships this season, which he came seconds from achieving in 2001. The fourth year human kinetics major seems right on track toward attaining his goals. "It's something I would dearly like to accomplish before the end of my university career, but it's not my main focus," he explained. "I would love to make the national team again and pursue running at a high level for at least the next few years." Eric trained with a national distance training centre track & field club this past summer where he attended meets all over Canada and the United States. "I especially enjoyed competing at the Senior Nationals in Edmonton, Boston and Montreal," he said.

The Dr. John Hugh Gillis grad started taking running seriously as he entered university. "I had always been interested in many sports in high school, but decided to make a commitment to cross-country in my first year at X," Eric said. He also indicated his desire to go as far as he can, just as long as he is still having fun competing and meeting new people. Traveling and enjoying new options has been great for Eric, who

finished 35<sup>th</sup> at the 2001 World University championships in Spain.

"The connections have been very positive. I was just standing around speaking with the other athletes after the run when the Guelph track coach offered me the opportunity to train with the Speed River Track Club, which is who I traveled with over the summer." Rookie-of-the-year and fourth place finisher in the AUS playoffs in 1999, Eric rose to 2<sup>nd</sup> place at AU's for the next two years, while also managing to go from eighth spot in 2000 to seventh at last year's nationals. He won StFX Male Athlete of the Year last year.

"Running for Canada at the World Games last spring was a huge experience running against world-class Moroccan runners, it was just like you are running against the world and that is the ultimate cross country race." We wish Eric all the best in his run toward success!



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#### WOMEN'S SOCCER

Oct 19 StFX @ UNB 1 pm  
Oct 20 UdeM @ StFX 1 pm  
Oct 25 DAL @ StFX 1 pm

#### MEN'S SOCCER

Oct 19 StFX @ UNB 3 pm  
Oct 20 UdeM @ StFX 3 pm  
Oct 25 DAL @ StFX 3 pm

#### MEN'S BASKETBALL

Oct 25-27 StFX @ Laval Invit,  
QC tba

#### WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Oct 18-20 StFX @ McMaster  
Tourn Exh  
Oct 25-27 StFX @ Dalhousie  
Subway Tourn

#### MEN'S HOCKEY

Oct 18 STU @ StFX 7:30 pm  
Oct 19 UPEI @ StFX 7:30 pm  
Oct 25 StFX @ UPEI 7 pm  
Oct 26 StFX @ STU 7 pm  
Sunday, October 27, UdeM @  
StFX 2 pm

#### WOMEN'S HOCKEY

Oct 19 StFX @ DAL 6 pm Exh  
Oct 20 SMU @ StFX 2 pm Exh  
Oct 27 UdeM @ StFX 2 pm

#### WOMEN'S RUGBY

Oct 19 AUS semi finals (4 @  
1 and 3 @ 2) tba  
Oct 26 AUS Finals (@ higher  
ranked winner of semis)  
Oct 31-Nov 3, CIS  
Championships @ Univ of  
Toronto

#### WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

Oct 16 StFX vs UCCB @  
Cape Breton 7pm Exh  
Oct 26 UNB @ StFX 7 pm  
Oct 27 UdeM @ StFX 3 pm

#### Other

- Aboriginal Student Advisor Diane Denny invites all Aboriginal students and staff to a get together, Wed., Oct. 16, Camden Hall, rm. 112. Refreshments will be served.