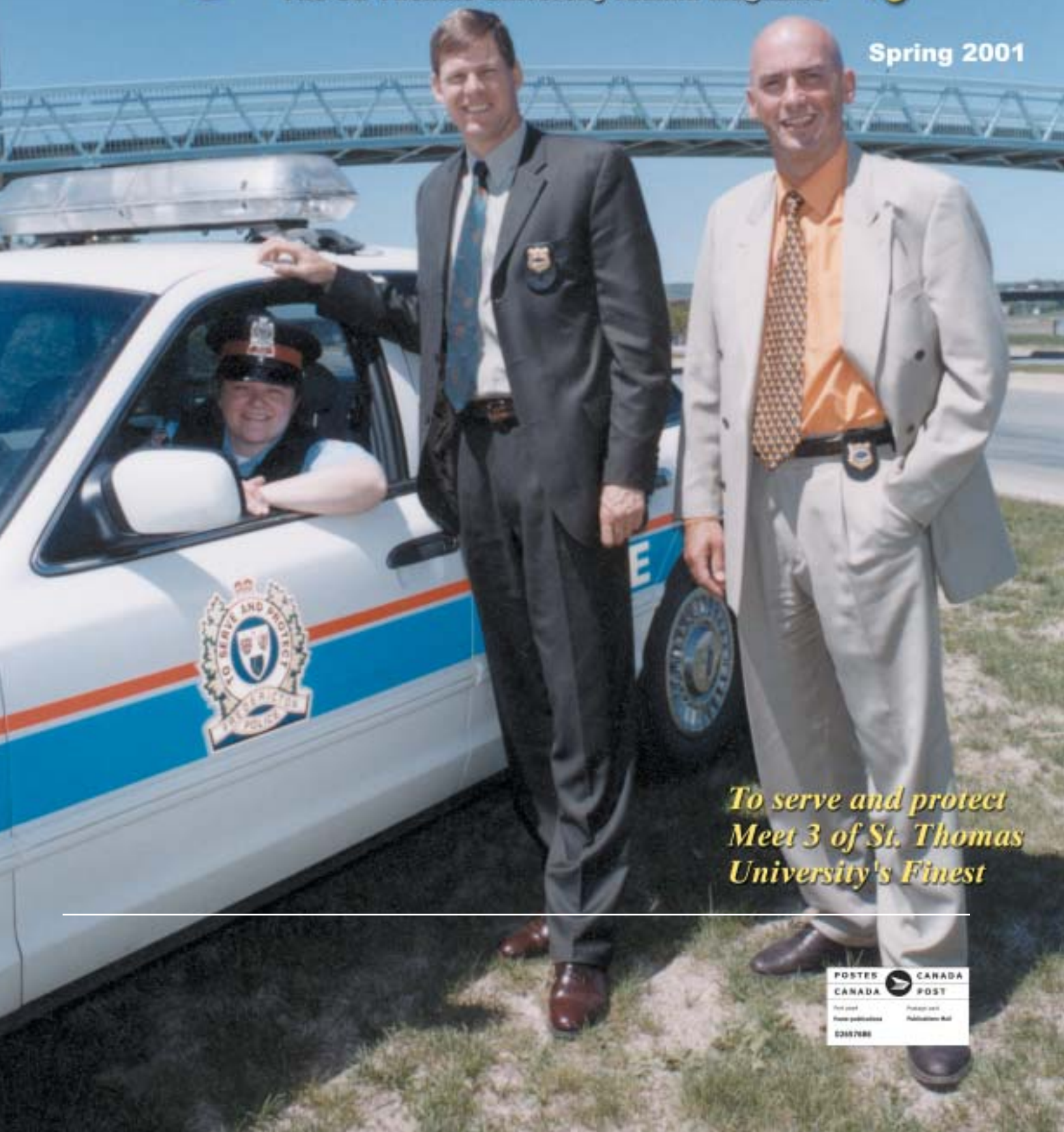


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# Editor's Message

by: Sheri Shannon, BA'00



Well, spring has finally sprung upon us and with it brings another busy season in the alumni office.

We've had many exciting events happen since our last magazine publication and one of the most exciting being a trip to the CIAU Hockey Nationals in Kitchener, ON. An alumni reception was held in Kitchener and upwards of 300 people came out to say hello to old and new friends.

Our third annual golf tournament is scheduled for September and again it promises to be as fun as it was last year. Polish up those clubs and get your team of four registered today!

Chapter Development is well underway and visits have been scheduled throughout the summer. I hope to be in your neighborhood shortly. Anyone wishing to become involved in helping build these organizations can contact me via email at [shannon@stthomasu.ca](mailto:shannon@stthomasu.ca) or by calling the alumni office at (506) 452-0602.

Along with all the exciting events in the works, the alumni office would like to extend a warm welcome to the newest members of our Alumni Board and welcome the new members to the executive.

I look forward to seeing you this summer.

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*Cover photo:  
St. Thomas Alumni, Stephen Horsman, Sara McElman and Phil Huckins on the job in Fredericton.*



*Les Hull, BT'73  
Fredericton's New Mayor*



# Message From the Alumni Association President

by: *Derek Pleadwell, BA '93, BEd '94*

Fellow alumni, now that we have made it through the first half of the first year of this millennium, it is a good time to reflect on how lucky we are to hold among us this commonality of St. Thomas University. As we continue to share our past, we must now define and nurture our future as alumni.

To facilitate and encourage you to share in our future we have prepared a host of upcoming events, including a golf tournament in early fall. We will also continue our efforts in chapter development to make alumni events happen in other cities. We'll also be asking those of you in New Brunswick cities to gather to see your old friends and to congratulate the newest St. Thomas graduates in your area. (Please stay tuned for details.)

Other initiatives such as the Mentoring Program are continuing to take shape. You will soon hear of

have agreed to be mentors for students interested in specific career fields -- but we need more. As well, we're continuing to gear up for the fall with programs to put students from abroad in touch with alumni families - perhaps yours - willing to offer a "home- away- from- home" for students.

event and a memorable afternoon, hearing the marvelous monologue offered from CBC's well-known Rex Murphy and the well-directed, beautifully spoken words of this year's valedictorian, Amy Chedore.

As always, I can easily say I am proud to be a St. Thomas alumnus

*"It was a very powerful event and a memorable afternoon, hearing the marvelous monologue offered from CBC's well-known Rex Murphy and the well-directed, beautifully spoken words of this year's valedictorian, Amy Chedore."*

It is also my pleasure to extend a very warm welcome to the newest members of our alumni family, the graduates of 2001. I had the privilege of meeting many of these new faces and friends at this year's Spring Convocation. It was a very powerful

and I would love to hear the feelings and impressions from you. Please feel free to email me at [derekp@fundy.net](mailto:derekp@fundy.net), if you wish to comment on any of the aforementioned events or just to chat with a fellow alumni.

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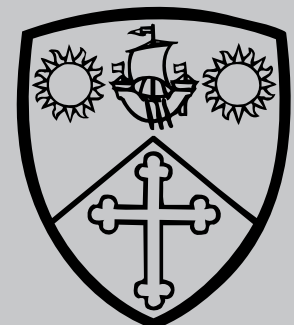
alumni sharing job experience and contacts with today's students. We have many volunteers already who

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Special Events

# 3rd Annual Golf Tournament Slated for September 6

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Shine up your irons and polish up your woods ---- St. Thomas University and the St. Thomas University Alumni Association's Annual Golf Tournament is scheduled again this year. September 6 marks the day and Riverbend Golf and Fishing Club is the place to be.

Enter your team of four and for an extra \$50 choose a student athlete to act as a "team caddy", and of course, there is always the option of entering individually and being assigned to a team. Shotgun start will be available if a minimum 100 golfers play.

A limited number of power carts will be available on a first-come first-serve basis (by reservation only - call Sheri Shannon at the Alumni Office (506) 452-0602.

Reservations will not be taken at the golf course for power carts for this tournament). Corporate or individual sponsorship is also available so why not have your company sponsor a hole?

Registration is \$100 per person, which includes green fees, prizes and a BBQ steak dinner immediately fol-

lowing your game.

For more information or to register by phone, please contact Sheri Shannon, Alumni Affairs Officer at (506) 452-0602. See you all on the



*Alumni trying to sink a putt at last year's tournament held at Mactaquac Provincial Park.*



*Gary Flynn, friend of STU, thinking about the next putt...*

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**Registration Fee: \$100 per person**  
**Register in Teams of Four or Individually**

Team Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Person #1: \_\_\_\_\_

Person #2: \_\_\_\_\_

Person #3: \_\_\_\_\_

Person #4: \_\_\_\_\_

Does your team wish  
to have a student athlete  
act as "team caddy" \_\_\_\_\_ (yes) \_\_\_\_\_ (no)

If yes, from which team? \_\_\_\_\_

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**Please Note:** If you would like to enter the tournament individually, we will place you on a team. Registration fee includes green fees, BBQ and prizes. Please send cheque or money order to: Alumni Affairs, St. Thomas University, Fredericton, NB E3B 5G3.

**See You on the Course!**

## Meet Your New Alumni Executive



**Derek Pleadwell**

### President

Derek Pleadwell graduated from St. Thomas University in 1993 with a double major in History and Sociology. Upon completion of his BA degree, Derek went on to pursue his education degree and graduated from St. Thomas in 1994.

Originally hailing from the Miramichi, Derek has made Fredericton his home and since graduation has been actively involved in the Alumni Association. Derek first served as a director at large and has now taken on the responsibility as Alumni President, a position he was appointed to in March of this year.

He currently works in the IT industry and has held several positions within local New Brunswick companies. Presently he works with the largest e-learning company in the world, SmartForce, as a team leader for content development.

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### Vice-President

Jonathan Green graduated from St. Thomas University in 1995 with honours in Political Science. Upon completion of his BA, Jonathan attended Laval University in Quebec City where he studied french for one year.

Jonathan received his LLB from the University of New Brunswick in 1998. Following graduation, he articulated in Saint John and in June of 1999 officially became a member of the New Brunswick Bar Association.

Jonathan has a diverse employment history which includes working for the Province of New Brunswick and practicing law. He has recently taken on another challenge and is currently employed as an Instructional Designer with Learnstream Inc. in Fredericton.

Jonathan will marry long-time girlfriend **Andrea Carlisle, BA '95, BEd '96** this summer and the couple will reside in Fredericton.



**Jonathan Green**

## Meet Your New Alumni Executive



**Michael Comeau**

### Treasurer

Michael Comeau graduated from St. Thomas University in 1989. During his years as a student at St. Thomas, Michael served the Students' Union as Second-Year Representative and Vice-President. He also represented students on the Harrington Hall House Committee and on the University's Senate and Board of Governors. He spent one year as a proctor in Harrington Hall and another two as Assistant Dean of Men.

Michael received his LLB from the University of New Brunswick in 1991, and then spent two years with the Saint John firm Clark, Drummie. In 1993 he joined the New Brunswick Department of Justice. In 1996 he moved to the Department of Natural Resources and Energy where he currently is employed as a policy analyst. Michael is also a part-time faculty member at St. Thomas with the Human Rights Programme.

Michael is married to **Colleen Comeau, (née Moore), BA '94, BEd '95.** They live in Fredericton with their son, David.

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### Secretary

Stephanie Slaney graduated from St. Thomas University in 2000. During her years as a student she was actively involved in student life. Stephanie served as Student Advocate, Student Union Vice-President Finance, and research assistant to Dr. Gayle MacDonald, Associate Professor of Sociology. Stephanie spearheaded the creation of the Used Book Room during her tenure with the St. Thomas Student Union – an initiative that has proven a tremendous success. In the spring of 2000, Stephanie was awarded the Tom McCann Memorial Trophy in recognition of her contribution to the university community.

Upon completion of her degree, Stephanie remained in Fredericton and went to work as a Researcher with Department of Public Safety. After a short-term with the provincial government, Stephanie accepted a full-time position with New Brunswick Healthcare Association as a Policy Analyst. Just recently, Stephanie has returned to work with Public Safety – she is now employed as a consultant in Special Projects and is based in Fredericton.



**Stephanie Slaney**

## Alumni News

## Update on the Alumni Association

The St. Thomas University Alumni Association wishes to announce that three new executive positions on the board have been filled as well as three Board of Directors seats.

Effective immediately, **Kelly Lamrock, BA '95** has resigned as president and will be replaced by **Derek Pleadwell, BA '93 BEd '94**. Derek has been a member of the board for over a year and has held positions such as director and secretary. Kelly has joined St. Thomas University as the new Director of Student Services. His post began in April.

Effective immediately, **Shane Donovan, BA '95** has resigned as vice-president and will be replaced by **Jonathan Green, BA '95**. Jonathan has been a member of the board for over a year and held a director's position. Shane has joined Acadia University as the Assistant to the Vice-President (Academic). His post began in April.

The position of secretary has been filled by **Stephanie Slaney, BA'00**. Stephanie has been a board member for approximately four months and has held a director's position.

The Alumni Association would like to welcome new members **Paul Delong, BA '75, Karen Lee Lamrock, BA'97** and **Tony Sekulich, BA '92**. Their positions as directors are effective immediately.

The Alumni Association would like to thank Kelly Lamrock and Shane Donovan for time served on the board and wish them well in their new endeavors.

## Rev. Thomas J. Daley Memorial Scholarship Awarded

The St. Thomas University Alumni Association recently awarded this year's Rev. Thomas Daley Memorial Scholarship to English and Religious Studies major Margaret (Peggy) McEachreon, BA II of Saint John.

The scholarship awarded annually by the St. Thomas University Alumni Association is in honour

of the late **Thomas J. Daley, BA '59**, director of alumni from 1982 to 1987.

Valued at \$300, the scholarship is awarded during semester two of the academic year. It is open to students who are actively involved in campus ministry, and who demonstrate academic achievement.



*Alumni Affairs Officer Sheri Shannon presents a cheque to Peggy McEachreon, BA II of Saint John*

## OOPS!

***In the last issue of Connection, the picture on page 8 stated "Cronin in a Black Box Theatre Production" – it should have read "the Ted Daigle Auditorium," photo by Dan Gleason. We apologize for the mistake.***

## Feature Story

# Bad Boys, Bad Girls, Whatcha Gonna Do - Whatcha Gonna Do When they come from STU...

by: Sheri Shannon, BA'00



Constable Stephen Horsman, BA '85 BEd '86

**Constable Stephen Horsman, BA '85 and BEd '86** has come a long way from the basketball courts at St. Thomas. Cst. Horsman is now a detective with the criminal investigations division of the Fredericton City Police Department.

Detective Horsman credits his time well spent at St. Thomas and the people skills he acquired during both his degrees at this university for his career growth with the Fredericton Police Department. Growing up in a single-parent family with three other siblings, Stephen always thought he would like to pursue a career with the RCMP. After completing high school in 1980 he successfully passed all the required tests for the RCMP and waited for an answer as to whether or not he had been accepted to the training school in Regina, Saskatchewan. During high school, Stephen looked to many of his teachers, coaches and friends for guidance. One of those individuals was former St. Thomas University Athletics Director LeRoy Washburn who steered Stephen in St. Thomas' direction.

Lucky for St. Thomas he did,

Stephen excelled not only academically but athletically as well. Stephen is a three-time athlete of the year, six-time Ben Cholody Memorial Trophy winner, Board of Governors Award winner, two-time John Frederick Walls Memorial winner and holder of the Large "T" Award.

Although he never heard back from the RCMP, Stephen decided it was local policing that interested him more so he decided to continue on with his degree. After completing his BA, Stephen was given the chance to go to Charlottetown to complete the policing programme that would in turn land him a job in the policing field. He decided against it that year and chose to complete his education degree instead. It was after the completion of his education degree that he finally felt he was ready to pursue his dream of becoming a police officer.

Stephen says his time at St. Thomas was a maturing process, one that allowed him to grow mentally and to prepare him for his career choice later in life.

It truly was his educational training that allowed him to go on and become a police officer, Stephen says "It enabled me to master public

speaking and allowed me the opportunity to teach others. Without this sort of training, I would never be where I am now nor would I be able to speak on law enforcement issues at different levels in the educational institutions".

He believes the St. Thomas criminology program to be a definite asset to any person thinking of pursuing his field. He says "Mentally and psychologically it prepares you for situations. The criminology program goes beyond just policing. It teaches you about every aspect that we could be involved in within the justice system".

Stephen resides in Fredericton with his wife Karen and his two children, Katharine (11) and Gibson (9).



Constable Sara McElman, BA '88

**Constable Sara McElman, BA '88** is no stranger to St. Thomas or to Fredericton for that matter. Having grown up on Fredericton's Northside, she is the granddaughter of the late **Senator Charles McElman**, who was awarded an honorary degree from St. Thomas in 1984.

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**Feature Story**


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After graduating high school at the age of 18, Sara knew she wanted to become a police officer. But she also knew she stood no chance of being accepted to the academy until she turned 19-years-old. So, instead of sitting around for a year, she decided to apply to university to pass the time until she was old enough to apply to the academy. Sara chose St. Thomas because she felt it had better law and criminology courses than anywhere else she had applied. After completing one year and having taken many courses from Dr. Abdul Lodhi, Sara decided it may be in her best interest to finish her university degree and then enter the police academy. In 1988, upon completion of her BA, Sara left for Prince Edward Island in pursuit of her childhood dream and, in 1990, graduated from the academy, Sara began working with the Fredericton City Police Department, where she is one of 17 female constables on the force today. Sara is currently the Community Policing Officer in Devon, a neighborhood on Fredericton's Northside.

Sara claims that it was Dr. Lodhi that influenced her while attending St. Thomas. She took every sociology course he offered and believes that the influence of those courses and the degree she earned enabled her to achieve so much at the academy. Her experience at St. Thomas also taught her how to focus her attention, study hard and have a great appreciation for social issues.

Cst. McElman says that if you

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*"having the theory behind you as well as the practical experience allows you to expand your mind, allows you to think outside the box and teaches you to not take anything at face value."* – Sara McElman

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are interested in something enough then the theories will just fall into place. "Knowledge is power; the more information you have, the better," she says.

Sara feels that a criminology background is a definite asset to anyone thinking of entering the law enforcement field. She relates that "having the theory behind you as well as the practical experience allows you to expand your mind, allows you to think outside the box and teaches you to not take anything at face value."

Sara feels very fulfilled in her career and she attributes that to the many different aspects of her job.



*Constable Phil Huckins, BA '89 BEd '91*

**Constable Phil Huckins, BA '89 and BEd '91**, is also well known to St. Thomas. For five seasons he dressed in the green and gold as one of our beloved Tommies.

Coming from the Eastern Townships just outside of Montreal, Cst. Huckins, now a detective with the family services division of the Fredericton Police Department, was always interested in policing. However, in 1987 it came to the forefront when he became involved with the Auxiliary Program of the Fredericton force.

While attending St. Thomas, the criminology program was in its early stages. It was more focused on soci-

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ology courses but, none the less, Huckins feels that having a criminology background -- or for that matter any type of education -- will better prepare an individual for policing. Huckins says, "Anyone holding a degree or certificate is only bettering themselves and improving their chances of entering the law enforcement field.

"Taking the criminology program will better prepare you for the whole police package. It gives you the background and the insight to our complete justice system", he says. "It also gives you better training and understanding which will in turn show more empathy towards the victim and in turn will give you, the police officer, a better statement. It also now provides a more complete package for the victim after the accused has been dealt with."

Huckins feels that the people skills he acquired and his sense of belonging came from his time spent at St. Thomas. "St. Thomas was a great school, a small school in a small community. But what I relish the most is the fact that I was Phil Huckins, the student and not Phil Huckins, the number."

Phil's concern for others was recognized in 1997 when he was awarded the Act of Bravery Award for rescuing a drowning victim from the St. John River. (see *Connections Summer issue 2000*)

Phil is married to Kelly (Malone) Huckins, and they reside in Fredericton.

## Feature Story

# Alumnus Prepared to Lead City

by: Peter Cullen



**Les Hull, BT '73**

From a leader in the classroom to the leader of a city, Les Hull, appreciates the university that assisted him in bettering his knowledge of community and encouraging him to focus on his future.

Mr. Hull, a native of Springfield (York County), NB, recently emerged victorious in the mayoral race of Fredericton. He was sworn in on Monday, May 28, 2001.

"Spending a year at St. Thomas really helped me," he says. "The year away from teaching really let me reflect and focus. You have to do that from time to time."

Mr. Hull graduated from Fredericton High School in 1955, then spent the next year at the New Brunswick Teachers College. He periodically took courses at the University of New Brunswick before graduating from St. Thomas in 1973.

"There is a type of discipline one must develop to do higher education that puts you in good stead forever," he says.

"My background, my experiences, and the leadership abilities I've developed have enabled me to face challenges (such as mayor of

Fredericton) with confidence."

Although Mr. Hull acquired a Bachelor of Teaching from St. Thomas in 1973, he had been working as a school teacher and principal at various New Brunswick schools since 1956. Mr. Hull says he enjoyed teaching health classes, but physical education helped cultivate his life philosophy. "You learn to win and lose through sports. And there was no shortage of great people to coach with and against."

Mr. Hull coached basketball, volleyball, track and field, gymnastics, badminton, rugby and hockey. He also participated in most sports when younger, but he had little time to aid the Tommies' causes because his political career began to blossom as he was graduating in 1973.

From 1969-71, Mr. Hull guided the Village of Silverwood as its mayor. Then, after accepting a position as Fredericton's deputy mayor in 1974, Mr. Hull quickly ventured into the provincial realm, winning a seat and later becoming a cabinet minister.

Mr. Hull pointed out that, during his eight years with the department of social services, he noticed that the province was well-served by St. Thomas graduates. When the University implemented its social work programme in 1980, many graduates immediately entered the province's social service department. "The University's social work programme really benefited us. We started hearing a lot of new ideas," Mr. Hull says.

Mr. Hull cites the advent of the Family Services Act (established in 1981) as a highlight of his career in the provincial government. As well, he enjoyed his instrumental role in

the development of Jeux Canada Games, held in Saint John in 1985. "That's an example of putting to use the experience you've gained," he says. "The community sets the environment and I had been exposed to positive influences in my life that helped with the Canada Games."

On the topic of community, Mr. Hull cites St. Thomas icons LeRoy Washburn and the late Ted Daigle as extraordinary influences in his life. As well, he denotes that many students assisted him in his recent mayoral campaign. "The number of students who are socially active is incredible, not just in university activities but in the non-profit areas. They are extremely important. Sometimes people don't realise what students bring to the City."

Despite his busy schedule, Mr. Hull is also the vice-president of the provincial Kidney Foundation of Canada, which he joined in 1993 when his son Laurie (Mr. Hull's other children include Richard, David and Mary Lynn) lost both of his kidneys. His son was saved when Mr. Hull's wife Eva donated a kidney. Last year, Mr. Hull helped raise \$325,000 for research. "The Kidney Foundation of Canada was the difference between my son being alive or not," he says. "Like everything, I want to put back into something that has given me so much."

In terms of giving to the City of Fredericton, Mr. Hull's desire is to elevate its profile to the national — even the global — stage.

"I want to involve all aspects of the City," he says, "and of course the universities will play a major part in that."

"I want to build a town that can compete — like St. Thomas hockey."

## Convocation



# Valedictorian Earned Education Beyond Classroom Walls

by: Peter Cullen

How does a student cap a university career rife with extracurricular accomplishments?

"During my time at St. Thomas I've tried to do everything I could. Running for valedictorian was just the last thing that I could do as a St. Thomas student," says Amy Chedore, who was elected by her peers to be valedictorian at Convocation 2001.

Amy has made St. Thomas more than a full-time affair, dedicating her mind and her time to St. Thomas far beyond the classroom. "I felt I owed [valediction] to myself after working so hard and giving my heart and sweat and tears to everything I've done here, to try to do this one final thing."

After graduating from Fredericton High School in 1997, Amy has embodied the liberal arts concept projected by St. Thomas. The 22-year-old has starred in two Theatre St. Thomas productions (The Kitchen and Brilliant Traces), worked as a writer and sports editor for The Aquinian (campus newspaper), ground out four years on the rugby field, worked as the Students' Union Secretary for one year, twice journeyed to New York City for the Model United Nations (this past year as head delegate), functioned this year as Secretary-General for the John Peters Humphrey Model United Nations (held at St. Thomas), and worked as vice-president (policy) for the New Brunswick Student Alliance.

In addition, Amy volunteered at the Student Help Centre and served as a member of numerous committees. She received the Tom McCann

Award this year for her leadership role and contribution to the University.

"Sometimes I feel like I've spent the last four years outside of the classroom instead of in it," Amy explains. "But the lessons I've learned about communication, organisation, and especially dealing with people are invaluable. I think I've had a very rich experience at St. Thomas and I've developed a lifestyle that I will strive to continue

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*"I guess I just didn't want to waste any opportunity while I was here." — Amy Chedore*

after my degree — even with the stress levels I've experienced!"

Interestingly, Amy really began considering St. Thomas after registrar **Larry Batt, BA '69** approached her. "He stopped me one day. We were in the Legislature on a snow day (we were on the School Parent Advisory Committee and the District Parent Advisory Council committees together), and as we were leaving Larry said, 'You should come to STU. You'd be eligible for a scholarship, and it's a great school.' So he took down my address and shortly after I received a package in the mail."

Enticed by the scholarship (she received the Rev. Bernard McMahon award) and convinced by the course offerings, Amy enrolled at St. Thomas and embraced its extracurricular offerings. "I expected to join the

rugby team and maybe audition for a play or something, but I guess I just couldn't stay away from anything that even slightly interested me," she relates. "I guess I just didn't want to waste any opportunity while I was here."

Amy has spent countless hours this year working as head delegate for St. Thomas' United Nations team and as Secretary-General for the Model UN. "In September, I was aware that this year would fly by before I knew it, and it certainly has," she says.

"Just when I thought I couldn't possibly put more on my plate I went for seconds — or something. It has been very busy with late nights and early mornings. I've managed by prioritizing excessively."

She credits her good friends, her parents Allan and Linda and her sister Eva for assisting her throughout the past year.

"They bring me coffee and drive me around when my car dies and take care of the little things that are stressing me out," she says. "They have certainly held onto my sanity for me."

Like her fellow graduates, Amy feels no absolute certainties await her in the future. She will use the next few months to determine which avenue of History she might follow at a graduate school, and also to ponder which directions her diploma will lead her. "Really," she says, "I'm not worried. I know that if I can do this — these last four years of university — I can do anything that I set my mind to."

Campus News

# University Announces Professor Emeritus

For the second time in its 91-year history, St. Thomas University conferred the honour of Professor Emeritus on one of its recently retired professors. Dr. William Spray is the second person to receive the prestigious, honorary status.

Having served St. Thomas with tremendous distinction since 1968, Dr. Spray retired in 2000. Born in Chatham, NB, Dr. Spray attended the University of New Brunswick for both his BA and MA (History). After completing his Ph.D. at the University of London in 1966, Dr. Spray returned to Fredericton to teach at St. Thomas.

Dr. Spray headed the History Department from 1970-74, and served as vice-president (academic)

from 1982-89. In 1997, he received the St. Thomas University Students' Union Honour Roll for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching.

As a research historian, Dr. Spray conducted primary research connected with the beginnings of the Kings Landing Historical Settlement. Dr. Spray's works have appeared in dozens of publications. His areas of expertise include the lives and activities of the early blacks and Irish in Atlantic Canada. He consistently chronicled the lives of several Canadians for the Dictionary of Canadian Biography.

During his 32 years at St. Thomas, Dr. Spray committed incredible amounts of time to University committees and associa-



**Dr. William Spray**

tions, as well as numerous community organisations and literary publications. His contributions to the people and programmes of St. Thomas University will be indelibly marked.

## Tom McCann Award 2000 - 2001



*Peter Sullivan, BA '01 and Amy Chedore, BA '01 were chosen as recipients of the Tom McCann Award for 2000 - 2001 school year. The annual award is presented to the senior student(s) who best portrays the spirit of St. Thomas University by her/his contribution to university and student affairs through leadership character and personality.*

### Past McCann Award Winners

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| 1970 - Jeanne Marie Geldart       | 1986 - Kalin Simone Smith           |
| 1971 - Margaret Rose O'Toole      | 1987 - Thomas Francis Isaac         |
| 1972 - James John Paul Landry     | 1988 - Mae Kathleen Wright          |
| 1973 - Ann Theresa McLaughlin     | 1989 - Kathleen Shaw                |
| 1974 - Colin Rayford Lloyd Farrar | 1990 - Irma Ferlatte                |
| 1975 - Charles Gerard McCarthy    | 1991 - Jeffrey Scott London         |
| 1976 - Mark Charles Giberson      | 1992 - Katherine Anne Brear         |
| 1977 - Dennis William Grecco      | 1993 - Colleen Patricia Moore       |
| 1978 - Robert Murray Coakley      | 1994 - Kelly Lamrock                |
| 1979 - Alison Jean Charnley       | 1995 - Shane T. Donovan             |
| 1980 - Michael Olaf Grosvold      | 1996 - Matthew Shawn Rouse          |
| 1981 - Jane Marie Buckley         | 1997 - Carrie Ricker                |
| 1982 - Susan Marie Russell        | 1998 - Andrew Joseph Keleher        |
| 1983 - Holly Anne Harvey          | 1999 - Daniel Peter Laurent Leger   |
| 1984 - Barry James Power          | 2000 - Stephanie Maria Slaney       |
| 1985 - Christine Marion Kilfoil   | 2001 - Peter Sullivan & Amy Chedore |

Special Events

# Kitchener Reception a Big Hit

The St. Thomas Tommies won the AUS Atlantic Division title for the first time in 40 years, defeating the St. Francis Xavier X-men Hockey Team in March.

St. Thomas University and St. Thomas Alumni burst with joy as our Men's Varsity Hockey Team departed on their first ever journey to the Canadian Interuniver-

sity Athletic Union (CIAU) National Tournament held in Kitchener, ON March 22-25, 2001.

A reception in Kitchener was held immediately following the Tommies second game and approximately 300 alumni, friends and family members arrived to show their support.



*Bridgette Irving daughter of Greg Irving, BA '82 and Linda (Brydges) Irving, BEd '77, enjoying herself in Kitchener at the CIAU's.*



*Former STU Tommies & friends gather to check on the hockey team at Nationals.*

*l-R: Jamie Burt, STU '83, Gilles Richard, BA '93, John Townsend BA '74 and Scott MacTavish, BA '91 and BEd, 92*



*Alumni gather at a reception following game 2 at the CIAU Nationals in Kitchener*



*Alumni and friends gather to review the games.*

## New & Noteworthy

### 1940'S

**Everett T. Gorman, BA '42** was in Fredericton recently to celebrate a D-day anniversary ceremony. He and his wife currently reside in Oceanside, CA and will be celebrating their 60th wedding anniversary next July.

### 1950'S

**Leo Holland, BEd '53** has retired from teaching. Leo has taught in New Brunswick, Quebec and Ontario.

### 1960'S

**Honourable Gregory T. Evans, BA '63**, received the Order of Ontario last year. He will receive the Order of Canada this year.

**Edward G. Byrne, LLD '64** received an honorary doctor of laws degree from the University of New Brunswick in October, 2000.

**Farrell McCarthy, BA '64 and BEd '70** has been appointed Editor of the Shamrock Life Magazine a publication of the Irish Canadian Cultural Association of New Brunswick.

**Anthony VanDijk, BA '66 and BEd '69** will retire in June 2001 from the teaching profession after 34 years of service. After retirement he plans to travel to the Netherlands since it will mark his 50th anniversary of his immigration to Canada. Anthony and his wife

**Viola, BSW '96** are the proud grandparents of four grandsons.

**Donald Clavette, BA '68** is studying to become a Deacon. His oldest son has just gotten married and he is now living in Guelph, ON. Donald currently resides in Maine.

**Maureen Oatway, BA '69** will be retiring this June from teaching.

### 1970'S

**Dr. Frank Hayes, BEd '70** who is currently Director of Education, District 12 in Woodstock has been seconded to teach Educational Foundations at the University of New Brunswick in the fall of 2001.

**Gerald Ingersoll, BA '72** earned his Master's Degree in Business Administration in 2000 from Athabasca University in Alberta. He was also awarded the title of "Honorary Professor" from the University of Cienfuegos in Cienfuegos, Cuba. He is presently employed as Principal at the New Brunswick Community College in St. Andrews, NB.

**Terrence McInerney, BA '72 and BEd '73** has recently been appointed as Superintendent of School District 8 in Saint John.

**Marion Ames, BA '77** has won the Deputy Ministers' Outstanding Achievement Award from the Department of Indian Affairs for the 2nd time.

**Peter Clark, BA '78 and BEd '83** has recently released his 5th book entitled *Golden Memories of New Brunswick*.

**Michael Losier, BA '78** is now chief manager of Career Flight which is a career development center for the physically disabled. Michael currently resides in the Miramichi.

**Velma Shannon, BEd '78** was presented a "Certificate of Recognition" for her professional contribution to education in the Province of New Brunswick over a career of 45 years. The certificate was presented on the occasion of her 80th birthday which she celebrated in February with members of the New Brunswick Teachers Association and her circle of friends. A framed certificate with the above inscription, a NBTA mug, a NBTA pin and an Excellent Teacher pin was also presented by seven of her colleagues.

### 1980'S

**Brenda N. Gallant, BEd '82** is retiring this year from teaching.

**Greg Moffitt, BA '83 and BEd '84** has recently changed jobs and is now an elementary coordinator with School District 18 in Fredericton.

**Donna Veniot, BEd '83** has begun teaching elementary school music after a 10 year hiatus from teaching.

**Geoffrey Chin, BA '84** is employed as an administration manager at a logistics firm and is currently residing in Auckland, NZ.

**Don Kitchen, BA '85** completed his MA at the University of Saskatchewan in 1987. He currently lives in Saskatoon where he is

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employed as a District Representative for Service Employees International Union. Don is also the proud Grandpa of Dylan Joseph Thackeray born March 3, 2000.

**Rhonda MacMillan, BA '85** received her BSW in 2000. Rhonda has recently accepted a position in Korea teaching English.

**Laura J. Richards, BA '85** graduated from the Journalism program at the New Brunswick Community College, Woodstock in 1990. Laura is now working in New Zealand as a reporter with the Canadian Stateman.

**Alan Doucet, BA '85 and BEd '88** and his wife **Cindy Hornibrook-Doucet, BA '81 and BEd '83** are both teaching at the Baptist High School in North Tetagouche, New Brunswick. Alan and Cindy are also delighted to be proud parents of 3 children, Jordan (11), Madison (9) and Gregory (6).

**Lorraine Poirier, BA '88 and BEd '90** is teaching english, history, economics and morals to senior high school students in Sept-Iles, PQ.

**Cara Sutherland, BA '89** is teaching at Arcadia Elementary School in Yarmouth, Nova Scotia. She and her husband Kevin have two children, Brett (5) and Jenna (3).

### 1990'S

**Ron Spurles, BEd '90** married Patricia Kelly Spurles in December of 2000. Ron is currently finishing his first year of his MFA in

Directing at Illinois State University.

**Tracey D. Mitton-Larose, BA '90 and BEd '91** married Cst. Eric Larose of the Petittodiac RCMP. The wedding took place in March at a resort in the Dominican Republic. Fellow alumni in attendance were **Katherine Forestell, BEd '91** and **Heidi Brown BEd '91**. Tracey and Eric now live in Moncton where Tracey is teaching K to 4 and grade 2 French Immersion in Salisbury.



*Tracey Mitton-Larose, BA '90, BEd '91 and husband Eric*

**Shane Corston, BA '91 and BEd '92** and his wife **Tammy, BA '90** are now residing in Dawson Creek, BC, where Shayne is the principal of an elementary school and Tammy works as a family educator.

**Mary O'Brien, BA '92** graduated from the Police Academy in May 2000. Mary is now working with the Rothesay Regional Police Department.

**Kevin Agar, BA '92** now owns his own company, Joico Atlantic. He is currently living in Fredericton with

his wife Stacey and their 21 month old daughter, Molly.

**Wanda Ward, BA '92** graduated with her BSW from St. Thomas University in May 2001.

**Lorna Wayne-Munn, BA '93** has just received a new teaching position at Doaktown Consolidated High School.

**Cecillia Ruddock, BA '93** would like to announce the marriage of her daughter, **Michelle (Ruddock) Hallman, BA '98 to Shantz Hallman (STU 95-98)** on July 22, 2000.

**Derek Hutchinson, BA '93** has been appointed Principal at Tabusintac School and will be graduating from UNB in October 2001 with his Master's in Education.

**Kelly O'Grady, BEd '94** married Earl Merrimen in July 1998. The couple now reside in Markham, ON where Kelly teaches grade 7.

**Sandra Foster-Corey, BA '94** married Don Corey in March of 2000. The couple now reside in Fredericton, NB.

**Stephanie (Underhill) Hayes, BA '95 and BEd '96** completed her Master's of Education Degree in Education Administration in May 2001 from the University of New Brunswick.

**Paula Landry, BA '96** recently finished her BEd in Second Language Education at UNB. Paula has accepted a position as an Instructional Designer for ContentAlive in Fredericton.

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**Megan Walton, BA '96** graduated in June 2000 with her BSW from Carleton University in Ottawa. Megan is employed by Family and Children's Services of Leeds and Grenville County in Brockville, ON.

**Lucy Green, BA '98 and BEd '99** married Matthew Green on September 11, 1999. The Green's reside in Hartland where Lucy is teaching.



*Tracey Mitton-Larose, BA '90, BEd '91 and friends on wedding day in the Dominican Republic*

**Candy (Nickerson) Beaton, BA '98** was married May 13, 2000 to Rodney Beaton. Candy is currently employed at Summerset Manor in Summerside, PEI.

**Tracy (Jones) Garland, BA '98** married Craig Garland on May 16, 1998.

**Richard Mackey, BA '99** has just graduated from the IT program at Compu-College.

**Stephanie Furrow, BA '01**, has been accepted to complete her Master's Degree in Library and Information Studies from Dalhousie University. Stephanie has also received the Faculty of Graduate Studies Scholarship from Dalhousie.

**Kendra Willie, BA '01** has been accepted to complete her Master's of Arts in Journalism at the University of Western Ontario.

### 2000'S

**Darren Lynch, BA '00 and Jennifer Mallett, BA '98** plan to wed this August. Darren will be graduating from Acadia University this August with his Master's of Arts in Sociology.

### 2001'S

**Karen LeRiche, BSW '01** has accepted a full-time position with Child and Family Services, Region 7 in Vermilion, AB.

### In Memory

**Robert F. Power, BA '38** passed away March 10, 2001.

**John Kelly BA '48**, father of **Paul Kelly, BA '92** passed away March 3, 2001.

**Leo Drapeau, BA' 49** passed away in October, 2000.

**Ed Sautiere, BA '69** lost his mother March 31, 2000 and his father, November 25, 2000. Both passed away unexpectedly in Saint John, New Brunswick.

**Dianne (Brien) Taylor BA'72** wife of **Malcolm Taylor, BA '73** and sister-in-law of **Penny Roze, BA '74** passed away in February, 2001.

**Dr. Doug Vipond, BA '77** lost his father, Rev. Dr. Reid E. Vipond, March 12, 2001.

**Louis Dudek, LLD '96** passed away March 22, 2001.

**Editor's Note:** *I wish to apologize to Dr. Edward Byrne, LLD '64 on a misprint in our last issue of Connections. It stated that James O'Sullivan had received his honorary doctor of laws degree from the University of New Brunswick in October 2001. It should have read Dr. Byrne received his doctor of laws degree and the month should have read October 2000. We apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused.*

## Future Alumni

**Regeina O'Neill-Melanson, BA '83** is pleased to announce the birth of her son, David Jacob, born March 16. David weighed 9 pounds 7 oz., a brother for Maggie and Thomas.

**Pamela A. Black, BA '84**, and her husband Keith are pleased to announce the birth of their third child, Christopher. They now have three sons aged 9, 4 and 7 months.

**Anthony Russell, BA '87** is pleased to announce the birth of his son, William John Russell, born February 16, 2001.

**Kendra (Gallant) Williams, BA '90** is pleased to announce the birth of her daughter, Hannah Marie, born June 6, 1999.

**Gail E. Branscombe, BA '90** and **BEEd '91** and her husband **Michael, BA '91** and **BEEd '92** are pleased to announce the birth of their grandson born in October, 2000.

**Kevin Kiley, BA '90** and his wife **Kathy (Breau) Kiley, BA '92** are pleased to announce the birth of their daughter, Breanne Katherine, born November 18, 1999, a sister for Matthew (6) and Meghan (3).

**Crystal Mann Andrews, BA '91** and her husband MCPL R. Blaine Andrews are pleased to announce the birth of their daughter, Erica Blaine, born February 15, 2001.

**Buffy (Wasson) McLaughlin BA '91** and her husband Paul are pleased to announce the birth of their daughter, Amanda Elizabeth Wasson McLaughlin, born January 5, 2001, a sister for Brooke (2).

**Shane Corston, BA '91** and **BEEd '92** and his wife **Tammy, BA '90** are pleased to announce the birth of their second daughter, Makenna, born in February, 2000, a little sister for Taylor.

**Bridgette Miller, BA '92** and **BEEd '93** and her husband Shawn are pleased to announce the birth of their twin boys, Bryce and Cameron, born December 11, 2000. Bridgette, Shawn and family now reside in Rothesay, NB.

**Colleen McGrath-Fitzgerald, BA '92** and **BEEd '95** and her husband Peter are the proud parents of daughter Erin with another baby due in March, 2001.

**Charles Gagne, BA '92** is proud to announce the birth of his son, Tristan Joseph Brent, born January 5, 2001.

**Catherine (Donovan) Lirette, BA '92** and her husband Dennis are pleased to announce the birth of their first child, a son, Jackson Thomas, born April 14, 2000.

**Stephanie Acker, BA '92** and her husband Peter are happy to announce that they are expecting a second child in August, a sibling for Emily (2 years).

**Eleanor Bramley, BA '92** and **BEEd '93** is pleased to announce the birth of her daughter, Emma, born August 11, 2000. Eleanor is currently teaching grade 7 at Hartland High School.

**Kelly Shannon, BA '92** and **BEEd '93** and her husband Jack Jefferson are pleased to announce the birth of their son, Liam Frazer, born August 27, 2000.

**Andrew David Lionel Scott, BA '92** and his wife Sharon are pleased to announce the birth of their son, Evan William, born November 9, 2000 in Jeanette, Pennsylvania.

**Lorna Waye-Munn, BA '93** and **BEEd '94** and her husband Royce are pleased to announce the birth of their son Malcolm, born September 24, 2000, a brother for Mitch.

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**Kimberly (Staples) Cripps BA '93** and her husband **David BA '91** are pleased to announce the birth of their daughter, Olivia Rose, January 3, 2001.

**Brian Ferris, BA '93** and his wife Kim are pleased to announce the birth of their fourth child, a daughter, Jenna born April 17, 2001.

**Kelly (Rushton) Coughlan, BA '94** and **BEd '95** and her husband Brad are pleased to announce the birth of their first child, a son, Cade Rushton, February 28, 2001.

**Carolyn (Debase) MacPhail, BA '95** and her husband are pleased to announce the birth of their daughter, Emily Kate, September 4, 1999.

**David Hogan, BA' 95** and **BEd '97** and his wife are pleased to announce the birth of their daughter, Ashley Anita Catherine, January 14, 2001.

**Gina (Raymond) Wilson, BA '96** and her husband are pleased to announce the birth of their daughter in 1999.

**Danita (Algar) Fox, BA '96** and her husband Tony are pleased to announce the birth of their son, Benjamin, February 24, 2001.

**Candy (Nickerson) Beaton, BA '98** and her husband Rodney are pleased to announce the birth of their first child, a daughter, Madilyn Donna Marie, born March 12, 2001.

## So, What's New?

*Let us know of any new and interesting developments in your life and please feel free to send in a recent photo of you or your family. All photos will be returned.*

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