

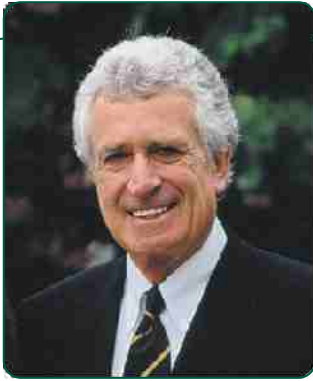


# Transitions

ST. THOMAS UNIVERSITY COMMUNITY NEWS

*Fall 2004*





## *Message From The President*

**I**would like to extend a warm welcome to all new and returning students, faculty and staff. I hope that all of you have had an enjoyable summer and are charged with energy and enthusiasm for the challenges that lie ahead.

We like to describe ourselves as a small-scale university with a large-scale reputation. We have transformed our size into a strength by thinking strategically, remaining focused on our core programs, and by maintaining a firm commitment to a quality agenda.

With an enrolment of 2800 full-time students, we also take pride in the fact that we offer our students the best of both worlds. Our students enjoy all the advantages of a close-knit academic community and, at the same time, the library, athletic, health, social and cultural facilities of an institution many times our size.

Our students quickly learn that there is a strong sense of community here at St. Thomas.

The university experience should be more than simply an academic exercise. Therefore, although we encourage hard work and diligence, we are also mindful of the importance of taking time to enjoy the extracur-

ricular activities which are offered at St. Thomas.

We offer a range of excellent productions through the Black Box theatre, numerous musical events, dozens of clubs and societies, and a state-of-the-art fitness centre. So join in, develop new interests, and enjoy the St. Thomas experience.

I would like to wish you the best of success in the coming year, and I look forward to meeting you at the various university events which are scheduled during the Fall and Winter term.

Dr. Daniel O'Brien,  
President and Vice-Chancellor

## *STU President named Top CEO*

**A**tlantic Business Magazine has named Dr. Daniel O'Brien one of Atlantic Canada's top CEOs for 2004. The following is the text published in their June/July edition of the magazine:

"Dr. Daniel O'Brien had a leading role in the evolution of St. Thomas into a nationally recognized, high quality undergraduate university.

Since he has assumed the presidency in 1990, student enrollment has increased by 90 percent and the faculty complement by 60

percent. He's seen endowments double and watched the university's economic impact grow to an estimated \$55 to \$60 million annually. Under his guidance, the university was one of the first in Atlantic Canada to embrace formal strategic planning.

An authority in the research and planning fields, Dr. O'Brien credits his success to a combination of timely opportunities, a supportive network, a high-tolerance for risk, hard-work, and a large dose of luck."



## *Transitions*

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# Welcome to the St. Thomas Community!

Welcome Week is designed to ease the transition into university by making new students feel right at home the moment they arrive. This schedule is a guide to the informative workshops and fun activities that will take place during Welcome Week 2004.

## Welcome Week at a Glance:

DATE TIME	Wednesday Sept. 1	Thursday Sept. 2	Friday Sept. 3	Saturday Sept. 4	Sunday Sept. 5	Monday Sept. 6	Tuesday Sept. 7	Wednesday Sept. 8	Thursday Sept. 9	Friday Sept. 10	Saturday Sept. 11	Sunday Sept. 12		
8:30 am					OUT-OF-PROVINCE STUDENTS MOVE INTO RESIDENCE – ALL DAY	IN-PROVINCE STUDENTS MOVE INTO RESIDENCE – ALL DAY	CLASSES BEGIN FOR BEd STUDENTS		CLASSES BEGIN	CLASSES				
9:30 am	INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS BEGIN TO ARRIVE	WELCOME WEEK ACTIVITIES FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS CONTINUE						ACADEMIC TRANSITION DAY	10:30AM OPENING MASS IN THE STU CHAPEL					
10:30 am			11AM-12:30PM ENGLISH LANGUAGE TESTING IN HCH	11AM-1PM TRIP DOWNTOWN FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS										
11:30 am						12-1PM PRESIDENT'S LUNCHEON	12-1PM PRESIDENT'S LUNCHEON						11:30AM-3:30PM CULTURE SHOCK WALK: A FABULOUS TOUR OF DOWNTOWN F'TON	12-3PM REGISTRATION FOR AIDS WALK
12:30 pm														
1:30 pm	INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS WELCOME WEEK ACTIVITIES	9-5PM BEd WELCOME WEEK EVENTS	1:30-2:30PM ENGLISH LANGUAGE TESTING IN HCH		1:30-2:30PM WORKSHOP FOR PARENTS AND SUPPORTERS	1:30-2:30PM WORKSHOP FOR PARENTS AND SUPPORTERS	1-2:30PM ICE CREAM SOCIAL FOR MATURE STUDENTS IN JDH							
2:30 pm				3-5PM ENGLISH LANGUAGE ONE-ON-ONE INTERVIEWS IN HCH	2-6PM ENGLISH LANGUAGE ONE-ON-ONE INTERVIEWS IN HCH			3-4PM THEATRE GAMES IN JDH					*STUDENTS WILL GATHER IN THE STU COURTYARD*	
3:30 pm									3:30-5PM AMAZING HUNT FOR STUDENTS LIVING OFF-CAMPUS					4-5PM BBQ IN OFFICER'S SQUARE TO CONCLUDE AIDS WALK
4:30 pm										6PM T-PIN CEREMONY	6-8PM F'TON'S COMMUNITY WELCOME CELEBRATION IN OFFICER'S SQUARE			
5:30 pm														
6:30 pm			7-9PM OFFICIAL WELCOME ACTIVITY FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS IN JDH CAF.											
7:30 pm		8PM MOVIE IN ECH FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS		8PM REGENT MALL SHOPPING TRIP FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS	TIME AVAILABLE FOR RESIDENCE ACTIVITIES						7-8PM VIGIL FOR AIDS IN THE STU CHAPEL			
8:30 pm						9-10PM WELCOME WEEK COURTYARD KICKOFF								
9:30 pm								9PM-12AM DANCE / SOCIAL IN JDH CAFETERIA		9-11:30PM LIVE CONCERT ON THE LEROY WASHBURN FIELD				
10:30 pm							10PM-1AM INFLATABLE GAMES AT RIGBY HALL							
11:30 pm						11PM-1AM KINGSWOOD								



# St. Thomas University Sports

## Fall 2004 Schedule



DATE:	TEAMS:	LOCATION:	TIME:
Sept. 18	Soccer: NSAC @ STU	College Field	2:00 & 4:00pm
Sept. 19	Men's Soccer: Sexton @ STU	College Field	11:00am
Sept. 21	Women's Soccer: ABU @ STU	College Field	4:00pm
Sept. 25	Soccer: STU @ MSVU	Halifax	5:00 & 7:00pm
Sept. 26	Soccer: STU @ NSAC	Truro	1:00 & 3:00pm
Oct. 2	Soccer: Kings @ STU	College Field	2:00 & 4:00pm
Oct. 3	Soccer: MSVU @ STU	College Field	11:00am & 1:00pm
Oct. 15	Men's Hockey: STU @ UPEI	P.E.I.	7:00pm
Oct. 16	Soccer: STU @ Kings	Halifax	3:00 & 5:00pm
Oct. 17	Men's Soccer: STU @ Sexton	Halifax	11:00am
Oct. 19	Women's Soccer: STU @ ABU	Moncton	4:00pm
Oct. 20	Women's Hockey: STU @ UNB	Aitken Ctr.	7:00pm
Oct. 22	Men's Hockey: SMU @ STU	LBR	7:00pm
Oct. 23	Soccer: STU @ UNBSJ	Saint John	12:00 & 2:00pm
	Men's Hockey: Acadia @ STU	LBR	7:00pm
Oct. 24	Soccer: UNBSJ @ STU	College Field	12:00 & 2:00pm
Oct. 30	Soccer Playoffs @ UNBSJ	Saint John	
	Men's Hockey: STU @ Acadia	Wolfville	7:30pm
	Women's Hockey: DAL @ STU	LBR	4:00pm
	Volleyball: STU @ UNBSJ	Saint John	1:00 & 3:00pm
Oct. 31	Soccer Playoffs @ UNBSJ	Saint John	
	Men's Hockey: STU @ SMU	Halifax	2:00pm
	Volleyball: UNBSJ @ STU	South Gym	1:00 & 3:00pm
Nov. 3	Men's Hockey: UNB @ STU	LBR	7:00pm
Nov. 5	Men's Hockey: STU @ DAL	Halifax	7:00pm
	Basketball: UNBSJ @ STU	South Gym	6:00 & 8:00pm
Nov. 6	Men's Hockey: STU @ StFX	Antigonish	7:00pm
	Women's Volleyball: NSAC @ STU	South Gym	4:00pm
Nov. 7	Women's Hockey: STU @ MTA	Sackville	5:00pm
Nov. 10	Basketball: UNBSJ @ STU	South Gym	6:00 & 8:00pm
	Soccer Nationals		

DATE:	TEAMS:	LOCATION:	TIME:
Nov. 11	Women's Volleyball: STU @ MTA	Sackville	4:00pm
	Soccer Nationals		
Nov. 12	Men's Hockey: DAL @ STU	LBR	7:00pm
	Women's Hockey: STU @ UNB	Aitken Ctr.	7:00pm
	Soccer Nationals		
Nov. 13	Men's Hockey: StFX @ STU	LBR	7:00pm
	Volleyball: USA @ STU	South Gym	W: 11 & 3 M: 1 & 5
	Basketball: DAL @ STU	South Gym	6:00 & 8:00pm
	Soccer Nationals		
Nov. 14	Women's Hockey: UdeM @ STU	LBR	2:00pm
	Basketball: STU @ MTA	Sackville	1:30 & 3:30pm
Nov. 17	Basketball: STU @ ABU	Moncton	6:00 & 8:00pm
Nov. 19	Men's Hockey: UdeM @ STU	LBR	7:00pm
Nov. 20	Men's Hockey: UPEI @ STU	LBR	7:00pm
	Women's Hockey: STU @ UdeM	Moncton	2:00pm
	Volleyball: Kings @ STU	South Gym	2:00 & 4:00pm
	Basketball: Kings @ STU	South Gym	6:00 & 8:00pm
Nov. 21	Volleyball: Kings @ STU	South Gym	10:00am & 12:00
	Basketball: Kings @ STU	South Gym	2:00 & 4:00pm
Nov. 24	Men's Hockey: STU @ UNB	Aitken Ctr.	7:00pm
Nov. 27	Men's Hockey: STU @ UdeM	Moncton	7:30pm
	Women's Hockey: SMU @ STU	LBR	3:00pm
	Women's Volleyball: STU @ MSVU	Halifax	4:00pm
	Basketball: STU @ MSVU	Halifax	6:00 & 8:00pm
Nov. 28	Women's Hockey: StFX @ STU	LBR	1:00pm
	Women's Volleyball: STU @ MSVU	Halifax	12:00pm
	Basketball: STU @ DAL	Halifax	12:00 & 2:00pm
Dec. 1	Women's Volleyball: MTA @ STU	South Gym	7:00pm



# St. Thomas reunites old friends

The graduates that attended St. Thomas' reunion in July still call each other "Moose", "Doc", "Bubsy", and "Brick" even though they are now school teachers, grandparents, CEO's of organizations.

Donald Grant, BA '56, says St. Thomas has changed since he was a student – it is even in a new location – but he says that although many things have changed over the years his feelings about St. Thomas have not changed at all.

"St. Thomas in Chatham had rules and curfews and everyone knew everything about your academic and personal life," Grant says. "We enjoyed a close relationship with our professors – they were like surrogate parents. There was even a strong bond between the College and the community of Chatham. If someone in Chatham had a party, half the College would be invited," Grant jokes. "It was a great place to be and I'll always remember that."

St. Thomas University started in Chatham, New Brunswick as a high school and a college. Grant attended the high school for two years before continuing on to graduate with a BA in English from St. Thomas College in 1956.

"To get me to go to school the Parish Priest sent me to St. Thomas in Chatham," Grant says. "It ended up being a great benefit because my grades went up and I went on to get a degree at St. Thomas College. I had a career as a high school teacher that I likely wouldn't have had, had I not gone to the Academy."

Since then, St. Thomas College has become St. Thomas University and it has moved from Chatham to Fredericton. On July 23-25 the University held a reunion to honour the class of 1969, the B.Ed class of 1994 and students of the 1950's.

"I was elated about the reunion," Grant says. "It could be my last shot to see some of the guys that I had a wonderful time with in the fifties. When

St. Thomas was in Chatham we were well-known for our football team. I [was] excited to see the gentlemen I was lucky enough to play football with. They certainly added to my life and it [was] nice just to see them, and walk down memory lane with them."

When Grant and his friends met up at the reunion they helped to strengthen ties with Chatham. STU's newest residence, the North Wing at 368 Forest Hill Road, was named 'Chatham Hall' to commemorate St. Thomas'


historic roots and pay tribute to the students, faculty and citizens of Chatham.

Together they enjoyed dinners, a river cruise, a dance with the Thomists and a golf tournament.

Grant says that for many people Chatham was a home-away-from-home. He says it was a small town and a small university with a family atmosphere. Its graduates were happy to come home which made the reunion a great success.



*St. Thomas Juniors in 1955 when the College was in Chatham, NB.  
Front row (left to right): John Boyle, Richard Walsh, John Woodhouse, and Allard McCarthy.  
Back row (left to right): Gerald Murphy, Joseph Leger, Paul Maheu and Donald Grant.*



## Scholarships Awarded

**St. Thomas University in Fredericton, NB has awarded major entrance scholarships to Patrick Dunn from Rothesay, NB; Nicole Badry from Heister, AB; Ashley Bursey from St. John's, NL; and, Kali Tompkins from Canterbury, NB.**

Patrick, son of Barbara Riley and Owen Dunn, is a graduate of Kennebecasis Valley High School. He received the Chancellor's Scholarship valued at approx. \$43,000 over four years.

The Monsignor George W. Martin Scholarship valued at approximately \$36,000 over four years was awarded to Nicole, Ashley and Kali.

Nicole, daughter of Myron and Brenda Badry, is a graduate of St. Angela's Academy.

Ashley, daughter of Doug and Debbie Bursey, is a graduate of Bishops College High School.

Kali, daughter of Bette Brazier, is a graduate of Canterbury High School.

These scholarship recipients will join the St. Thomas community September 2004 to pursue a Bachelor of Arts degree.

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# Cathy Wadden retires

Cathy Wadden was employed at STU for almost 30 years. During this time she fielded inquiries, balanced budgets, kept on top of schedules, and has been a friendly face in the University Athletics office.

Now she's retired to a life of relaxation, travel, and renovations.

"First I'm going to Ontario to visit my daughter and four-year-old grandson," says Cathy. "Then I'm going to relax at my sister's cottage at Lake George and try a bit of travelling. Come September my husband and I are going to renovate our living room. If we aren't divorced by then, because of the renovations, then we'll make other plans," jokes Cathy. "I like to be busy, so I'm going to get involved in some volunteer work as well."

Cathy has made lots of plans, but says she will miss being at St. Thomas. She says when September rolls around she will be thinking about the students arriving.

"I'll miss the hectic busyness of it all," she says and smiles. "I've met just wonderful, wonderful students. It's been amazing because even up to my last day at STU students who graduated twenty years earlier were calling and asking if they could stop in. So I think the most wonderful memories will be of the students."

Athletics Coordinator Andrea Benoit worked with Cathy for three years. She says it was obvious that Cathy liked her job.

"I think everyday that she came to work she enjoyed being here," Andrea says. "There was not a day that a student didn't stop to say 'hello' or wave down the hall. We're all going to miss her presence here and also the things Cathy knows that are not written down and are not in a file somewhere. It's sad to see her go, but it's bittersweet because it's such a happy time for her. We are going to miss her tremendously."



Left to right:  
Athletics Coordinator  
Andrea Benoit stands with  
Cathy Wadden at Cathy's  
retirement party in May.



Dr. Karen  
Mock

## Dr. Bernie Vigod Memorial Lecture

The fifteenth Annual Dr. Bernie Vigod Memorial Lecture in Human Rights is scheduled for Tuesday, November 16, 2004, and will be presented by Dr. Karen Mock, Executive Director of the Canadian Race Relations Foundation.

The Lecture will be held at the Ted Daigle Auditorium on the St. Thomas University campus.

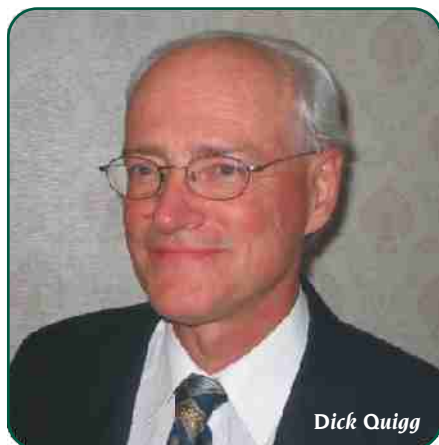
Dr. Bernie Vigod was a lifelong advocate of human rights. An outstanding teacher and scholar, he was a professor of History at the University of New Brunswick as well as Associate Dean of University's School of Graduate Studies at the time of his death in 1988.

Dr. Vigod served the cause of human rights with distinction. He spoke and published extensively on human rights issues. Dr. Vigod also acted as an advisor to public officials on human rights issues and took a leading role in organizations dedicated to promoting human rights. This lecture series is dedicated to his memory and features distinguished speakers on a wide range of human rights issues.

# Summer Convocation

St. Thomas University honoured two New Brunswickers, who contributed to the advancement and standards in social work and education, by conferring them with the Honourary Fellow distinction at its summer convocation on July 21, 2004.

The University recognized Mr. Dick Quigg and Mr. Ronald LeBreton as its two honorary fellows this year.



Dick Quigg has made a longstanding contribution to social work in New Brunswick during a 30 year career in the provincial child welfare system.

In 1969, Mr. Quigg received a Master of Social Work degree from the Maritime School of Social Work. His career has been spent in New Brunswick, primarily working within the provincial government. After three years in Mental Health he transferred to the Department of Social Services to begin a career in child welfare.

During the subsequent 30 years he worked at all levels of child welfare practice – as a direct practice social worker, a supervisor, a provincial program consultant and as a director of program development. During recent years he was involved in a broad-based review of the New Brunswick child welfare system.

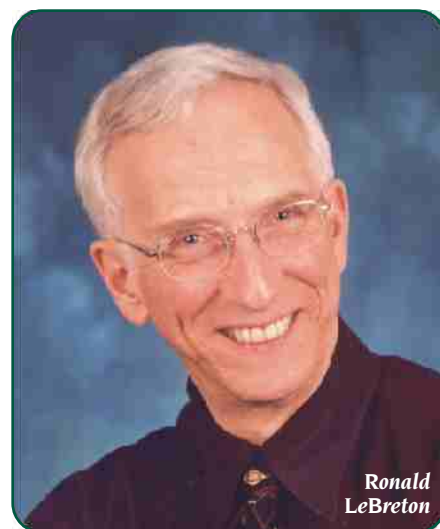
After taking early retirement from the provincial government Mr. Quigg has worked on several First Nations projects. In recognition of the impor-

tance which he places on professional education, Dick served for many years as a member of the St. Thomas University, Bachelor of Social Work Advisory Committee.

Ronald LeBreton has been a prominent figure in French language education in New Brunswick for more than thirty years.

In 1969, Mr. LeBreton became the first full-time Executive Director of the Association des instituteurs acadiens (AIA). At the time of his appointment the Official languages Act had just been adopted, however, French-speaking teachers were compelled to belong to the predominantly English-language New Brunswick Teacher's Association (NBTA).

Mr. LeBreton was at the forefront of the movement to reorganize the educational system in New Brunswick to ensure linguistic duality in the delivery educational services to French-speaking children in New Brunswick and in the creation of a Francophone teacher's association, L'Association



des enseignantes et des enseignants francophones du Nouveau-Brunswick (AEFNB), and the New Brunswick Teacher's Federation (NBTF).

During his thirty years as Executive Director of AEFNB, Mr LeBreton helped to establish the NBTF as a model of mutual understanding between English and French speaking citizens in New Brunswick.

## Human Rights Summer Institute

St. Thomas University held a summer course in Human Rights on topics ranging from the Holocaust to humanitarian law from July 25-30, 2004.

The three-credit university course entitled, "Teaching For and About Human Rights", teaches educators and other professionals about human rights.

"The course shows participants how they can take the material discussed in class and apply it in their own classrooms, whether it be history, social studies, literature or any other subject," said Dr. McGowan, one of the Institute's Faculty Coordinators.

This year the 37 participants were housed in the Rigby Hall Residence on Forest Hill Road and they attended lectures on campus in Brian Mulroney Hall.

The lecturers included Dr. Israel Unger, Dr. Michael McGowan, Dr. Noel Kinsella, Kevin Chin, Judge Graydon Nicholas, Professor Don Fleming, Dr. Joseph Masciuli, Greg Forestell, Dr. Tom Bateman, Francis Young, Korla LaVorgne, Dr. Heather Richmond, Dr. Gerry Clarke, Dr. Sharon Murray, and Chris Whalen from the New Brunswick Human Rights Commission.

For more information on the 2005-2006 course contact:

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Website: <http://www.stu.ca/~ahrc/>

# *St. Thomas University:*

*Top: St. Thomas University circa 1990  
Below: St. Thomas University 2004*



*Then...  
and NOW*



# Undergraduate Psychology Conference

More than 100 students and faculty representing all Atlantic Provinces participated in an undergraduate psychology conference held at St. Thomas University on May 5-6, 2004.

The Atlantic Provinces Council on the Sciences (APICS) undergraduate psychology conference gave students the opportunity to showcase their outstanding research.

The conference topics ranged from the well-being of nursing students to the negative effect of excessive Internet use on college students.

Dr. Richard Myers, St. Thomas' former Vice President Academic, says this conference is a good opportunity for students to network and to hone their public-speaking skills.

"It's invaluable for students to have an opportunity to present their research to an audience of their peers," says Dr. Myers. "It's also inspiring for them to see the work done by others. In my experience, students always leave this kind of event on a real high for both of those reasons."

Senior students at St. Thomas University, Wyn Fournier and Laura Black, found the experience inspiring.

"You spend so much time researching and talking to others about the topics that it is really rewarding to be able to present to the public," says Lt. Wyn Fournier, who is in the Canadian Army Reserve.

Ms. Black says the Psychology honours students were encouraged to participate in the conference.

"It's a good idea to do this work because after you spend time doing this research, you have a pretty good idea whether or not this is the kind of career you want to pursue later," says Ms. Black, who is honours in psychology and English language and literature. "It was a little nerve-racking to present though, because I've never presented a paper in front of so many people."

Ms. Black thesis discussed "Uniform colour as a cue for aggression in a sporting context." She discovered that hockey players in black uniforms tend to be more aggressive than teams in white.

"My brothers both play hockey and they told me that they liked playing in black uniforms because it made them feel more pumped up," Ms. Black says. "That sparked my interest on the topic.

So I set out to find whether different colours brought out different amounts of aggression from players. I found out that black uniformed teams are more aggressive than white and they are even more aggressive when they're playing red opponents."

Wyn Fournier says her personal interests led her to her thesis topic as well. She has been in the military for sixteen years and has observed the effects of Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD).

"My paper is on the attitude of Canadian Military personnel toward those with PTSD," says Lt. Fournier. "I knew there were some negative attitudes toward people with PTSD, but I wanted to see if it was as bad as the media was saying."

Lt. Fournier says her study focuses solely on the Canadian Forces Base in Gagetown and can not be applied to the whole Canadian forces.

"I discovered that the attitudes are somewhat negative at CFB Gagetown, but the media has sensationalised it a bit. I'd like to see my study applied nationwide, to all the bases, to see if the results are the same, so we can start getting rid of the negative attitudes."

Ms. Black says most of the student projects could be applied on a national level, but hopes the local public found all the elements of the conference interesting.

"I hope my thesis topic inspires people to further examine sports related aggression. And I also hope that people were able to attend all of the sessions," she says. "There's so many different topics and so many different things people can learn and take away from the conference."

Lt. Fournier says investing so much time in a specific topic as an undergraduate student puts graduate studies into perspective. She says these conferences are important because they give the public access to research which may not be published.



Left to right: STU students Laura Black and Wyn Fournier were participants in the undergraduate psychology conference.

# Great Ideas Summer Seminar

Senior high school students had a chance to live at St. Thomas University this summer. They participated in the University's Great Ideas major as part of the Great Ideas Summer Seminar.

The programme explored alternative perspectives on some of life's great questions.

This year's Great Ideas Summer Seminar focused on the themes of love and friendship and included books like *The Four Loves* by C.S. Lewis and *Pride and Prejudice* by Jane Austin. The

students were also exposed to classic movies like *Casablanca* and *The English Patient*.

Dr. Craig, Dr. Malcolmson, Dr. MacDonald and Dr. Myers lead the discussions along with some senior St. Thomas students which gave the high school students the opportunity to experience a university environment.

For information on the Summer Seminar for 2005-2006 please contact: Dr. Sara MacDonald (506) 452-0519 or visit the Seminar website at: [www.stu.ca/new@stu/greatideas](http://www.stu.ca/new@stu/greatideas)



## Peter Dielissen: IT Hero Award

The Information Technology Association of Canada has announced the New Brunswick recipient of the 2004 IT Community Hero Award.

Peter Dielissen, Director of Information Technology at St. Thomas, received the award for his outstanding contribution to the IT community in Fredericton.



## Grad class donates to chapel stained glass windows

Grad class president Jonathan Briggs (left) presented a donation on behalf of the 2004 grad class to Dr. O'Brien (center) and Father Keoughan (right). The donation will be used for a stained glass window for the University Chapel.

## President's Scholarship Announced

St. Thomas University has awarded major entrance scholarships to seven students from the Fredericton area. The President's Scholarship, valued at approx. \$15,000 over four years, has been awarded to:

**Carolyn Butler** - daughter of Peter/Cheryl  
**Cassandra Folkins** - daughter of Mary/Burt  
**Shauna Chase** - daughter of Gary/Carol  
**Lisa Wallace** - daughter of Marcus/Anne

**Michael Cameron** - son of Gary/Jacynthe  
**Rebecca Tremblay** - daughter of Karen/Roger  
**Natalie Comeau** - daughter of John/Sandra

These scholarship recipients have joined the St. Thomas community to pursue a Bachelor of Arts Degree.

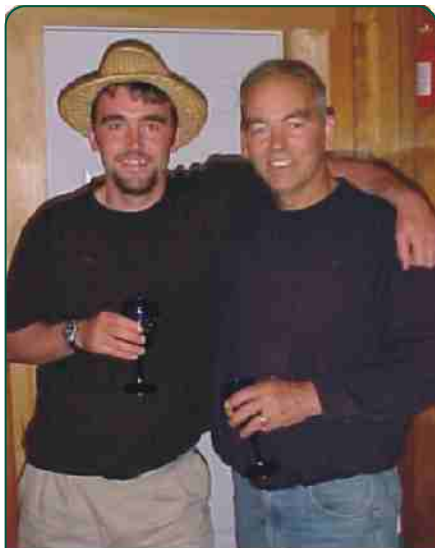
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# Moving up in the world of Theatre

Look out Shakespeare! Back up Broadway! Make room for St. Thomas graduate Ryan Griffith because he's moving up in the world of theatre – fast.

He's performed in several productions, written six plays, won garnered awards, started his own theatre company and directed and acted in one of his own plays at the Toronto Fringe Festival this summer. All this in just three years.



*Ryan Griffith of Woodstock, shown with his father Mike. The talented St. Thomas University student won't have much time to spend with his family over the next three years because the young writer, actor and director will be studying at the National Theatre School of Canada and devoting his summers to his theatre company; The Next Folding Theatre.*

When Griffith's not acting, directing or writing plays, he's packing his bags for Montreal. He will leave his hometown of Woodstock, New Brunswick, for the opportunity of a lifetime. He's been accepted into the National Theatre School of Canada

In May, Griffith and only six other Canadians were flown to the National Theatre school for intensive interviews and a chance to enroll in their playwriting program. Griffith was one of only two candidates chosen for the program that starts this September. His courses will run six days a week for three years giving Griffith the summers off to work with his theatre company The Next Folding Theatre.

Ilkay Silk, the Drama Co-ordinator at St. Thomas University and a founding member of theatre New Brunswick, has worked with Griffith since his initial involvement with Theatre St. Thomas. She said she is not surprised by his success.

"Ryan is gifted, smart and generous. He works very hard and believes in what he is doing," she said. "It makes me feel proud when one of our students gets into such a prestigious program. It makes me feel that, here at St. Thomas, we are doing something right in preparing people to make such choices and giving them the confidence to go ahead and follow their dreams."

Griffith's talent began to shine in his very first St. Thomas production entitled *The Kitchen*.

"A friend actually dragged me to the audition and I got a part and ended up having a blast," Griffith said. "It just went from there."

Griffith acted in several more plays while at St. Thomas, including *Salt Water Moon*, *Romeo and Juliet*, and *Our Country's Good*.

Griffith said he enjoys acting, but he also enjoys working behind the scenes. That's what lead to his new company The Next Folding Theatre.

"The idea of a theatre company was appealing because it's not only a way to make some money in theatre, but it also gives you the freedom to produce whatever play you want," he said.

The company name stuck and Griffith made his way to Toronto to do a production of his own play *Take* in the Fringe Festival. *Take* won the year before in the Notable Acts Summer Theatre Festival.

This summer another of Ryan's plays, *Irk*, also won in the NBAacts Summer Theatre Festival. The short five-minute play had its public debut at the Tannery in downtown Fredericton from August 2-6.

Griffith, who is characteristically modest, credits his friends, family and Theatre St. Thomas for his achievements.

He said, "I've worked with some really awesome people who have provided me with the support and resources I needed to get where I am today."

## Francis M. McLaughlin Scholarship Announced

St. Thomas University has awarded major entrance scholarships to four students from the Fredericton area.

The Francis M. McLaughlin Scholarship valued at approx. \$18,000 over four years has been awarded to:

**Michael John Zimmerman**, son of John & Marge; **Anne Ellen Denise Lebans**, daughter of William & Linda; **Bethany Tompkins**, daughter of Daniel & Charlene; and **Rachel Brown**, daughter of Anne & Derek.

These scholarship winners will be welcomed into the St. Thomas community as they pursue a Bachelor of Arts Degree.



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St. Thomas University's newest residence was named Chatham Hall in a ceremony to pay tribute to the students, faculty and citizens of Chatham, New Brunswick who nurtured the university from 1910 until its relocation in 1964.



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