

Simmarian

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Welcome to this issue of The Simmarian and to all of our new readers who graduated this year. A very warm welcome also to the many readers who have recently joined our mailing lists via our website (www.smuc.ac.uk).

During the past year the college has been in consultation with the Simmarian Association to look at ways in which we can develop our alumni activities. Whilst all former students of St Mary's are automatically members of the Simmarian Association, attendance at official Simmarian Association events has been disappointing and full financial subscriptions to the Association have been low. Attendance at other events, by contrast, is very healthy.

We would like to have your opinion on the future of the formal Alumni Association and would urge you to come to the AGM on September 7. Full details are on page 10. Do come along, meet Simmarians from all over the country, look around the college and re-visit old 'haunts'.

We would love to welcome back as many Simmarians as possible but if you can't attend, please return your Alumni Reply Card as soon as possible. The card features a brief questionnaire about your relationship with the Association. We would also be very grateful for any additional comments you may have about the association or about our college based alumni programme.

Whatever happens, you will still receive the full range of alumni services provided by the college including The Simmarian magazine, the alumni web pages, help with arranging reunions, the Alumni Contact Service, access to the Careers Service and the opportunity to purchase our exclusive range of alumni merchandise.

With very best wishes from the Alumni Office.

Karen.

Karen Smith
Alumni Officer



Honorary Fellowships 2002

Miss Anna-Maria Ashe (1973-77), Bishop Mark Jabale (1960-61), Professor Richard McMinn and Professor Conor Ward were the recipients of Honorary Fellowships in January 2002. Honorary Fellowships are conferred on people eminent in their chosen field who have made an outstanding contribution to society.

Anna-Maria Ashe is a broadcast journalist with the London News Network. She has presented a number of television programmes including *London Today* and *London Tonight*. Bishop Mark Jabale was ordained



Bishop of Menevia in June 2001. Bishop Mark is a former head teacher and an accomplished rowing coach. Professor Richard McMinn is Principal of Stranmillis University College and a distinguished historian specialising in modern Irish history. Professor

Conor Ward is a consultant Paediatrician. Professor Ward has made significant contributions to the investigation of child mortality, paediatric cardiology and Down Syndrome.

The new Honorary Fellows were presented to the Chairman of the Board of Governors, Rt Rev Bishop George Stack at a ceremony at college on January 25.

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Please accept our apologies if you have recently informed us of a change of personal details and this magazine has been sent to your former address. We are in the process of upgrading our database and a small number of records will not have been altered before this mailing.

LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL



I am very pleased to introduce this latest issue of 'The Simmarian'. If you have been on campus recently you will have noticed the progress on the new Centre for Excellence in Initial Teacher Training – a £3.6 million building at the heart of the campus.

Work is due to be completed by the end of the year and the building should be open for the start of the second semester in January 2003.

No sooner will this project be completed than we should be able to start building a new running track with the support of £500,000 from Sport England's Lottery Panel. As generations of former students will appreciate, a new running track has been badly needed for many years. Both the Centre for Excellence building and the running track will greatly enhance our facilities for teacher education and for student sport.

In a different area of college activity, I am delighted also to report the largest Arts and Humanities Research Board grant of £167,313 to the Department of Theology and Religious Studies for a major research project on Jewish, Christian and Islamic fundamentalist perspectives on Jerusalem and their implications. The department has been very active in Holy Land Studies over a number of years and the grant is recognition of the importance of that work.

I hope that this gives you some sense of the breadth and vibrancy of new developments at St Mary's alongside our concern for the traditional values of our community.

With best wishes

Dr Arthur Naylor
Principal

Theology at St Mary's Receives Praise

Last year, St Mary's achieved an impressive result in an inspection by the Quality Assurance Agency (QAA) for Higher Education. The Theology and Religious Studies department was awarded 22 marks out of a total of 24. All aspects of the courses were assessed, including curriculum content and design, teaching and learning, student progression, student support, quality management and learning resources.

The results of the 2001 Research Assessment Exercise, as part of which all universities and university-level colleges were assessed, were published in December. This national exercise is undertaken to evaluate the quality of the research carried out in higher education institutions. St Mary's did extremely well in this exercise, featuring in the top

Contact Service

If you have lost touch with a fellow Simmarian, the Alumni Office may be able to help.

All information is held under the Data Protection Act. We do not give out individuals details without their prior consent. The Alumni Office will forward stamped correspondence. We will let you know if we have lost contact with. Please inform us of any change of address and if you have details of a Simmarian who may not be on our records, please let us know.

Careers Information Exchange

The Careers Information Exchange allows Simmarians to provide current students with information about professions in which they are interested. If you would like to be a representative for your profession please complete the Alumni Reply Card.

Careers Services for Alumni

The St Mary's Career Service is available to alumni for up to three years after graduation. Services include an individual analysis of career options, guidance on CV preparation, applications and interviews, use of careers software and use of the extensive careers library. Contact the Careers Adviser on 020 8240 4281 for further information.

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college news

half of all university entries in the league table published by The Times Higher Education Supplement. The college also now leads the field in similar small and specialised institutions.

St Mary's also received a report on an academic quality audit conducted at the college by the QAA. All universities undergo audits which are undertaken about every five years by senior people from other universities and consider how effectively institutions are discharging their corporate responsibilities for academic standards and the quality of their academic programmes.

The QAA praised the 'range and quality of learning and teaching support' provided within the context of the college's 'close-knit and caring community'. The report considered that quality assurance procedures at St Mary's are 'robust' and that quality control in operational procedures is 'reliable and effective.'

St Henry Walpole Prize for Excellence in Teaching



St Mary's College awarded the St Henry Walpole Prize for Excellence in Teaching during a ceremony held after the 2001 Feast Day Mass. The prize is awarded each year to members of staff who have excelled in their contribution to teaching and learning. The award is named after Henry Walpole, one of the Forty Martyrs of England and Wales, who included teaching among his mission related activities.

The individual prize was awarded to Bob Vertes (pictured above) in recognition of his contribution to the Mathematics course in the Postgraduate Certificate in Education. Bob's teaching was described as 'exceptional' in a recent OFSTED inspection. The

Facts & Figures

Up to 48% of our students achieve a 2:1 or First Class Honours degree.

group prize was awarded to the Department of Sport, Health and Exercise Science for their development of a student-centered, tutor-led approach to teaching research methods.

Lecture Series on Mission & Evangelisation

St Mary's College is holding a series of lectures which are to be delivered by Cardinals from across the world. In the first lecture, Cardinal Napier OFM, the Archbishop of Durban, South Africa, spoke about 'Community Serving Humanity'. Cardinal Napier's lecture was the first in a series based upon themes connected with Mission and Evangelisation. Further lectures will address topics including authority in Church and society, mission in communist prisons, dialogue in inter-religious communities and the place of the Catholic school in the Church's mission.

Speakers include Cardinal Arinze (President of the Pontifical Council for Inter-Religious Dialogue), Cardinal Connell (Archbishop of Dublin), Cardinal Daly (Archbishop Emeritus of Armagh), Cardinal Murphy-O'Connor (Archbishop of Westminster), Cardinal Nguyen Van Thuán (President of the Pontifical Council for Justice & Peace), Cardinal Puljic (Archbishop of Sarajevo) and Cardinal Stafford (President of the Pontifical Council for the Laity).

The series continues until March 2003. All lectures are held at St Mary's and commence at 6.00pm. Admission prices are £5.00 for individual lectures or £30.00 for admission to the whole series. Further information and a booking form can be obtained from Fr Michael Hayes, Head of Theology and Religious Studies. Tel: 020 8240 4191, e-mail hayesm@smuc.ac.uk.

75 Years Ago

Thanks to the efforts of the powers above us, Simmaries can now boast a smoke room worthy of all Simmarians.... Community singing is now in vogue in Simmaries and we can honestly say that we possess a 'Glee Club' par excellence. Anyhow, no one can doubt our volume. Our social activities have been few, but who can grumble when we have such a smoke room?

W. Doherty. *The Simmarian*. May 1927

Where are they now?

1930's

Major Chevalier John Etienne (1938-40) was named 'Chevalier' in *L'Ordre des Palmes Academiques* for his contribution to French culture. John was in the Rifle Brigade for two years and the Indian Grenadiers for two and a half years. He lives in St Clement, Jersey.

Francis 'Jack' Payne (1935-37) lives in London. Jack taught in Cambridge, Bourne-mouth and London and retired as the headteacher of a London Catholic school in 1978.

1940's

Ernest Dickinson (1949-51) is a retired headteacher living in Oldham. His youngest son is now the headteacher at the same school at which Ernest taught.

Rev Philip Gummett (1947-49) was the first married man to be ordained Deacon in the diocese of Southwark. Philip lives in South Wales and is a retired teacher.

Robert Marr (1948-50) enjoys bridge, crown green bowls, art and musicals. He is a retired headteacher and would love to hear from old friends via the Alumni Contact Service.

1950's

John Boon (1959-1961) has lived in Canada since 1963. He taught for twenty years before becoming a consultant in special education. John would be delighted to hear from other Simmarians from his year.

Bernard Cronin (1954-56) spent most of his teaching career in further and higher education. His book on technical education in nineteenth century England was published in 2001. Bernard lives in Potters Bar.

Where are they now?

Brian McKeating (1953-55) lives in Merseyside. He is a former talent scout for Nottingham Forest FC and has seven grandchildren.

Terry Neville (1956-59) retired as the headteacher of a high school in Accrington having spent his teaching career in Lancashire. Terry lives in Blackburn.

Vincent Powell (1953-55) taught in London and then moved to Rhodesia where he re-trained as a solicitor. He emigrated to Western Australia in 1979 and practised as a barrister and solicitor until his retirement in 1995.

Michael Riedlinger (1955-57) is a retired primary headteacher. He lives in Devon with his wife whom he met at St Mary's.

Michael Thornhill (1954-56) taught RE in a number of Catholic secondary schools. He is a former schools inspector and was awarded the KHS in 2001. Michael lives in London.

Anthony Wilson (1954-56) retired from teacher education in 1995. Anthony lives in Buckinghamshire and would welcome contact with old friends via the Contact Service.

1960's

Gerry Bennett (1960-63) teaches in Canada. He enjoys music and photography and would like to hear from former classmates and fellow band members via the Contact Service.

James Caffery (1964-67) is a retired head teacher. He taught in the Midlands area and has written many papers on Catholic Education. James lives in Solihull.

Michael Carver (1968-71) lives in Twickenham. Michael retired from teaching and now works as a musician. He would like to hear from anyone who remembers him care of the Alumni Office.

alumni profiles

Anna-Lisa Howard and Mark Cox



Anna-Lisa Howard and Mark Cox married on July 29, 2001 at St George's RC Church in Norwich. Anna-Lisa (1996-2000) studied Sport Science and Mark (1995-1998) studied Biology and Sport Science. Anna-Lisa was given away by her father George Howard (1949-1951) and her bridesmaid was Anna-Lisa's sister Isabella, also a Simmarian. Mark and Anna-Lisa live in Wallington and are both Secondary Physical Education teachers. They would like to send their very best wishes to all their Simmarian friends.

Fiona Bass

Fiona Bass, a primary teacher living in London, participated in the Winston Churchill Memorial Trust travelling fellowship last year. She spent four weeks in Australia investigating the role and implementation of health education in the Australian primary curriculum. Fiona is using her findings to develop health education in the UK.



Fiona Cullen-Skowronski

After completing her degree at St Mary's, Fiona Cullen-Skowronski (1975-78) stayed at college to do a PGCE in English Language Teaching. She taught in Belgrade and Poland before returning to England to study for an MA in Applied Linguistics. Fiona has been running a British Council accredited school of English in East Sussex for the last thirteen years.

Neil Franklin

Neil (1996-99) completed a postgraduate journalism course after leaving college and is now a crime reporter with the Peterborough Evening Telegraph. Neil is currently reporting on high profile crown court murder cases. He says that he will never forget the valuable and enjoyable time that he spent at St Mary's.



Marion Murphy

Marion (1979-82) is an Associate Director at a leading estate and investment management services company. After leaving St Mary's, Marion continued to study, and completed an MBA in the 1990's. She married her husband in the Chapel at St Mary's in July 1993. Whilst at college, Marion was a member of the Cross Country team and of the University of London Boat Club.

New Years Honours List 2001

Michael Power (1962-65), former Deputy Director of the Catholic Education Service and former college Governor, was awarded the OBE in the New Year Honours List.

New Centre for Vocational Work Experience

Lise Georgeson, Head of the Centre for Vocational Work Experience writes:

St Mary's has created a Centre for Vocational Work Experience as part of the modular degree programme. Students will be able to gain academic credit as well as practical learning opportunities whilst working for companies in the local area on a part-time basis.

The programme aims to give students valuable experience by helping them to develop their professional skills and improving their future employment prospectives. The programme also enables them to contribute to the local business community. Companies in the area gain access to skilled and motivated workers with fresh ideas and enthusiasm and have the added satisfaction of contributing to the educational process of the future workforce.

This initiative is part of a major effort on behalf of the College to work more closely with local businesses. The aim is to serve the interests of the community and to identify areas for future collaboration, with a view to developing even closer links between the local community and the campus.

Companies who are interested in joining the scheme should contact the Centre for Vocational Work Experience on 020 8240 4117.

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Ed Boyle

In this issue we talk to Ed Boyle (1976-80), the Director of Secondary PGCE at St Mary's. Ed was educated in Derry and came to St Mary's in 1976. After graduating with a BEd Hons in Religious Education and History, Ed taught in three Catholic secondary schools before returning to St Mary's to lecture in 1998.



Why did you decide to study at St Mary's?
I'd met many teachers in Ireland who had trained at St Mary's – the college had a superb reputation. My sister trained at Digby Stuart and used to tell me about the excellent social life at St Mary's. I had a very thorough hour-long interview in Armagh with Father Beirne and I was delighted to be accepted onto the course.

What's your most favourite memory of student life here?

Most definitely the people I met at St Mary's, many of whom I am still in contact with. My group of friends included John Buckley, Jim Conroy (who later taught at St Mary's), Des Foxon, Brian Gardner, Pat Kearney and Dermot O'Neill. Whilst at college I met my wife Tricia Elliot who is a member of cabin crew with British Airways.

Do you have any particular memories of members of staff?

Ken Breen of course, and his excellent History field trip to Dorset, Jim O'Hara from the History Department, Fr O'Leary from Religious Education and Fr Brindley who taught CCRS. Kevin Rafferty was my personal tutor and warden at Hostel 293 which I shared with Jim, Johnny and Phil. The hostel had previously been occupied by the Vincentian Community and we were the first students to live there.

Do you have any less positive memories of your time as a student?

I have to say that all of my memories are totally and absolutely positive. I did look with some envy at other halls of residence during the two years I resided in the 'box rooms' of Old House but other than that my recollections are all extremely positive.

How did you feel coming back to college to lecture?

It was very different from my work in schools. At first it was strange to have access to areas on campus previously inaccessible to me as a student and it was also interesting to sit as an equal with members of staff who had taught me.

Had you been back to college before your appointment?

I had been here with school retreats and had also returned for a reunion in 1996 which was fabulous; people had travelled from all over the world to be here.

Has the campus changed much since you studied here?

The old Students' Union building is now a car park undergoing development. The bar was near the current reception. It was like a huge barn and the atmosphere in there was excellent, particularly during the 'end of Teaching Practice' celebrations. It was interesting to see the new facilities like the Students' Union block and the Learning Resource Centre.

What's the most rewarding aspect of your work here?

The team of people in Secondary Education are so dedicated and committed and the administrative staff are wonderful. It is a privilege and an honour to work with my colleagues. It's also wonderful to work with motivated and enthusiastic adult learners - the PGCE trainees are so hardworking and motivated.

What's so special about St Mary's?

We have superb support services here and the wonderful sense of community remains as strong as it was when I was a student.

25 Years Ago

Strawberry Fayre was very successful despite the absence of the (almost) traditional beer tent. ... Tom O'Connor was the celebrity who opened the Fayre and he did it with his usual charm. In the eve of the Fayre some students captured a bus from London Broadcasting Company which was broadcasting a programme from the college but they failed to get the charity ransom they demanded.

Fr Desmond O'Ginley, The Simmarian Newsletter. Winter 1977

Where are they now?

Con Colbert (1963-66) retired this year. He was made a Fellow of the Geological Society in 2000. Con lives in Dublin and would like to hear from classmates via the Alumni Contact Service.

Brian Fowler (1961-64) spent thirty-five years teaching in Cheshire and the Wirral. Brian would be pleased to hear from contemporaries care of the Alumni Office.

Paddy Hodgkins (1965-69) lives in Sussex. He is in charge of ICT at a school in Haywards Heath and would be happy to receive news from friends.

Cecilia Phillips (nee Callis) (1969-73) is a nursery teacher. Cecilia lives in Enfield and would like to hear from anyone who remembers her whilst at college.

Patrick Smyth (1969-70) lectures in the Department of Physical Education and Sport Sciences at a University in Limerick. 'PJ' would love to hear from anyone who remembers him via the Contact Service.

John White (1964-67) took early retirement after teaching in schools, colleges and universities in the UK and USA. He runs a Health Consultancy and enjoys hill walking and camping. John would like to hear from Simmarians in the Leeds or Bradford area interested in joining a local club.

1970's

Peter Carne (1972-76) is the director of a national school grounds charity. Peter lives in London.

Pamela Edmunds (nee Craven) (1974-78) lives in New Malden. Pamela worked in computing for twelve years. She recently returned to teaching having had a career break to raise her children.



Eddie Keane (1970-74) is a teacher librarian in Queensland, Australia. Eddie would love to hear from students from his time at St Mary's at keaned@hotmail.co.au.

Allan Lindsay (1976-80) is a drama consultant working in an arts college status school. He is involved with community theatre and lives in Bracknell.

Michael (1971-74) and Catherine Lyons (nee O'Malley) (1973-77) live in Barnet and have two children. They both teach in Hertfordshire; Michael is a headteacher and Catherine is Head of Learning Support.

Angela Nicholls (nee Mikolay) (1977-80) has been teaching in the same school for twenty years. She participated in trials for the English Ladies football team in 1980 and is a licensed football coach. Angela lives in Pembrokeshire.

Maureen Sheridan (nee Hoban) (1974-77) has recently moved to Cheshire where she is a deputy headteacher. She lives close to her Simmarian twin sister Patricia.

Anne Thompson (nee Boulton) (1970-73) works with eleven schools in Stoke on Trent as an educational co-ordinator. Anne lives in Longton and has two daughters.

Sean White (1974-77) owns an independent school in Chester. Sean married Philomena Shea (1974-78) in 1979.

1980's

Jacqueline Brewster (nee Dunn) (1981-84) trained as a nurse after leaving St Mary's. She is now a nurse tutor living in Doncaster. Jacqueline would love to hear from old friends via the Alumni Contact Service.

Director of Sport,

Andrew Reid Smith, writes . . .

The 2001/02 academic year saw considerable sporting development and success at St Mary's. In the last year, St Mary's has adopted the term 'Sport St Mary's' to encompass every aspect of college sport performance, both on and off the field. Eleven college teams won their respective leagues and thirteen sides reached the knockout stages of British Universities Sports Association (BUSA) cup competitions.

The level of accomplishment demonstrated by St Mary's sport teams resulted in students gaining representative honours for the Home Nations University teams, British Universities and competing at the twenty first World University Games held in Beijing, China. In the overall 2000/2001 BUSA championship, determined by performance in every BUSA sport, St Mary's finished in twenty ninth position out of the hundred and twenty seven member institutions. This year's results indicate that this achievement will be surpassed and that, despite St Mary's relatively small student numbers, sporting excellence is definitely attainable.

The Men's 1st XV rugby union side finished second in the Premiership South league behind University of Wales, Institute Cardiff, amassing notable wins over University of Wales, Swansea, University of Bath and Brunel University, West London. Subsequent qualification for the Championship saw an improvement in form resulting in large winning margins over University of Bristol and University of Stirling (40-16 and 6-27 respectively). The semi-final was played at Oxford University and St Mary's were impressive in their tactical and physical

domination of University of Wales Institute, Cardiff. The Championship Final was held at Twickenham on March 27 where St Mary's were confronted by their local rivals, Brunel University, West London. The final was an extremely hard fought and tense affair, and despite the team's considerable skill and application, they lost 23-25.

St Mary's continued to enhance its growing reputation in athletics with yet another successful season. Our participation in the London Colleges League Cross-Country Series resulted in a number of impressive displays that other institutions simply could not match. Held over six separate races, the St Mary's team won the first and second divisions and the Women's team prize. The national under twenty cross-country champion, Lee McCash came first in the men's individual competition, with Mark Griffith taking third place. In the Women's individual competition Jade Wright came first overall and Tania Sturton finished second. In addition, a significant victory was obtained over the national twelve stage road relay champions, Belgrave Harriers. In the BUSA Outdoor Championships, Andrew Frost achieved the Commonwealth Games qualifying standard by winning the hammer event with a throw of 65.01m. Robert Paul followed his bronze in the high jump at this year's Indoor Championship with silver outdoors.

The cricket season started with the Men's team winning the BUSA Indoor Championship. This was the first time that the team had participated in this competition and the victory proved to be exceptionally gratifying as the final game was against Cardiff, one of the six University Cricketing Centres of Excellence. The Men's 1st XI demonstrated their true potential in the



fixture against University of Exeter, the final winners of the league, when in a tough game, they lost in the penultimate over. James Watson top-scored again in an impressive season in which he amassed nearly five hundred runs.

The annual fixture against Lashings Cricket Club proved to be an exciting affair with the opposition fielding seven internationals, including Richie Richardson, Stuart Williams, Sherwin Campbell, Junior Murray, Grant Flower, Stuart Carlisle and Martin McCague. Tim Murtagh was once again the only player from an institution outside of the University Cricketing Centres of Excellence to represent British Universities; following last season's record breaking 6-86 against the touring Pakistan side he was selected for the touring side to South Africa, and matches against Sri Lanka and the West Indies A team. The Women's 1st XI had a magnificent season, winning the South East 1A league. As a result they will also be playing Premiership cricket next season. In the Championship they had an easy victory over Cambridge and finally lost to Durham in the semi-finals.

The St Mary's Women's hockey team managed to qualify in their Premiership South league with good wins over both Oxford and Cambridge University. However, they were unable to reach their semi-final stage of last year and lost 1-0 to Brunel University, West London in the last sixteen due to an extra time 'golden goal'. Helen Moffatt had a very successful season and went on to play for English Universities whilst Chloe Strong participated in the England Development Squad.

St Mary's Men's Gaelic football team had yet another excellent season beating Brunel University, West London by 1-8 to 0-10 in extra

time. After qualifying for the British Universities Gaelic Football Championship, the team staged a comeback from 1-4, 0-4 to beat Liverpool John Moores 1-13 to 1-8 in extra time. The St Mary's Women's team won the British Championships once again, maintaining their 100% record in this competition. This win enabled qualification for the All Ireland 'B' finals where they beat University College Dublin in the semi-final. Unfortunately, the side were unsuccessful in their bid to become the first ever British team to win this cup and lost to Mary Immaculate College in the final.

These excellent sporting performances have been echoed by exciting and innovative sporting developments off the field. Since September 2001, UK Athletics and St Mary's have entered into a partnership to develop a High Performance Endurance Centre. The association between St Mary's and UK Athletics in combination with the exceptional level of student sporting performance demonstrates that in its first year, 'Sport St Mary's' has made an extremely promising start.

Calling all 1920's students

Were you at college in the 1920's? If so, we'd love to hear from you to record your memories of St Mary's at this time of substantial development and change. Please contact the Alumni Office on 020 8240 4039 or write to us at the usual college address.

50 Years Ago

In the week following the King's death all social and athletic fixtures were cancelled. On the day of the King's funeral there were no lectures in college, so that many of us were able to journey to town to watch the procession. Most of us, however, stayed at home and saw the procession on the television set in the Students' Common Room.

College News

The Simmarians Newsletter. March 1952

Paul Cassidy (1989-90) has worked for Northern Ireland's examination board for the past seven years. Paul married in June 2000 and would like to hear from other Simmarians via the Contact Service.

Paul Fraser (1989-90) has been studying for his MA in Los Angeles. Paul is returning to Derry later this year and would love to hear from fellow classmates at fraser_paul@msn.com.

Corrine McDonald (nee Mackavoy) (1980-84) worked as a stage manager before joining the Department of Health. Corinne is a business manager in the NHS Modernisation Agency and lives in Halifax.

Michael O'Brien (1981-84) lives in London and is a computer programmer. Michael would like to send his regards to anyone who knows him.

Fran Philipson (nee Silipo) (1988-92) teaches in Northumberland, having worked as a ski instructor in Italy for three years. She is married with a young daughter and lives in Hexham.

Angela Seddon (nee Atkins) (1989-93) married in the college chapel. She lives in Uxbridge and is a Special Needs teacher at a Catholic primary school.

Malcolm Stevens (1980-85) lives in Illinois and is a sales director at a software and print service company. Malcolm would like to hear from old friends and staff c/o the Alumni Office.

Gareth Stratton (1981-84) is a PE and Exercise Physiology lecturer at a university in Liverpool. He lives in Ormskirk and would like to hear from former classmates via the Contact Service.

Caroline Walker (1986-87) is a university lecturer. Caroline was awarded a National Teaching Fellowship for excellence in teaching in 2001. She lives in County Durham.

David Walton (1982-85) is a technical architect in the IT services industry. He has worked in Holland and now lives in Lytham St Annes.

1990's onwards

Jason Carr (1994-99) teaches at an independent school in New South Wales where he lives with his wife and daughter. Jason would like to hear from any former Primary Education and Sport Science students who graduated in 1998 or 1999 at jacarr@telstra.easymail.co.au.

Margaret Danquah (1991-94) lives in Mitcham. She is a university careers officer and would like to hear from anyone who remembers her via the Alumni Contact Service.

Emma Devine (nee Tyler) (1994-98) has left teaching temporarily to look after her baby son. Emma lives in Portsmouth and would love to hear from old friends via the Contact Service.

Rebecca Doggett (nee Brooks) (1991-95) lives in Epsom. She is a computer programmer for a private health company. Rebecca would like to hear from anyone who remembers her care of the Alumni Office.

Simon Fanning (1993-96) is a community specialist at a medical company having previously worked as a fitness manager. Simon lives in Tamworth and would like to hear from old friends via the Contact Service.

Ruth Gandy (1995-99) was awarded Advanced Teacher Status after teaching for two years at a school in Uxbridge. Ruth has also mentored St Mary's PGCE students at her school.

The Inaugural Hostel 33 Weekender April 19-20, 2002

Lewis Richards (1994-7/8) writes: It all started when we built a website (www.hostel33.co.uk) as a means of finding everybody who lived in Hostel 33 in my year. We were overwhelmed with the response from



our lost friends, everybody had such fantastic memories that the message board was overloaded. From the sixteen people who lived there for the year, thirteen made the trip to Strawberry Hill for the reunion.

On Friday, people arrived including Simmarians from Ireland, Preston, Wales and the Isle of Man. Saturday started with breakfast in Teddington followed by a walk into college, stopping for a drink at the 'Waldie'. Then we went into Hostel 33 and left a message for our cleaner, Janet. In the afternoon we visited Teddington and Richmond and on Saturday evening we went to the Student Union and reminisced.

The Weekender was incredibly successful and we all hope that it becomes an annual event. Planning has commenced for next year's 2003 weekender to be held in Galway. Contact Lewis c/o the Alumni Office for information.

Opening Doors and Widening Opportunity by Teresa Kelly

I'd like to introduce myself as the new Head of the Educational Liaison Team at St Mary's joining our Recruitment Officers Lorraine Dyer and Sam Szepel-Lukowska. It is our job to attract potential students to let them know about the ever-increasing opportunities at the college and give them a taste of what it's like to study here.

I'm glad to have joined at a very exciting time for the higher education sector as institutions open their doors to a wider variety of students from diverse backgrounds. To attract more students to higher level study and to accommodate increasing numbers of mature students, more flexible ways of learning will be on offer including part-time study pathways and shorter higher level courses. Whether via the more traditional three-year degree or through one of the new routes, there is no doubt that more people than ever are being encouraged to undertake some form of higher education.

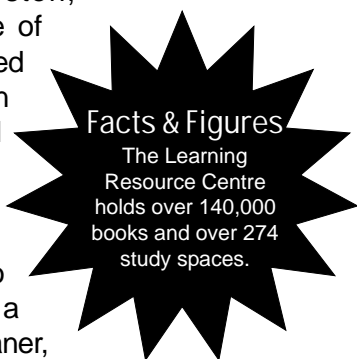
Meeting the Mission and Spreading the Word

At St Mary's the provision of educational opportunity to people to which it might otherwise be denied has long been a feature of the College's Mission. Educational Liaison includes work with seventeen and eighteen year olds and with younger pupils, telling them about higher education and running events for them on site so that they can see what its like to be a student.

This is part of the national Widening Participation scheme designed to encourage people to consider higher education and to raise awareness and aspirations amongst pupils with families who have no experience of higher education. We are actively involved in encouraging more students from ethnic minority backgrounds to come into higher education. As more students remain nearer to their parental homes to study we will be increasing our work with local schools.

Developing Opportunities

In the last edition of *The Simmarian* Marion Lowe, the Registrar, highlighted the development



of new courses responding to the changing pattern of student applications and the move towards more vocationally orientated degrees. Although teacher training remains at the heart of the college these innovations are continuing. Health, Exercise and Nutrition, and Professional and Creative Writing are recruiting well for their start in September 2002. Three exciting new courses will be available for 2003 entry; Drama in the Community, Cultural Studies and Tourism.

In April, the first intake of students started on the Foundation Degree in Children and Young People Learning. This two-year part time programme offers a unique opportunity for people to develop their knowledge of education and is particularly suitable for people working as classroom assistants. Foundation degrees are a new initiative to open up higher education opportunities for people who are in employment.

How you can help

- You may be a teacher able to draw your student's attention to the opportunities at St Mary's or you may want us to come in to visit your school
- You may work in a college with older students
- You may want information leaflets to pass on to others
- You may be able to display Open Day posters
- You may know someone who would like to look around the college or who may be interested in our courses.

In fact, if you can see any way that we might be able to work together to spread the word about St Mary's we would be delighted to hear from you.

Please contact the team on 020 8240 2314 or 020 8240 4156 or email kellyt@smuc.ac.uk. We look forward to hearing from you.



Our next Open Days
will take place on
Saturday 21st September
Wednesday 23rd October

Potential students and their families or friends can see the campus and hear more about the courses on offer. Visitors should book in advance on 020 8240 2314

Mastering new opportunities

St Mary's is developing some exciting new Masters degree programmes. You may be interested in discovering some of these opportunities yourself or in passing the information on to someone that you know. Why not find out more?

Continuing Professional Development

Following on from the successful start of the MA in Education 'School Improvement', a new programme is under development - the MA in Education 'Professional Studies'. The School Improvement programme, focussing on enquiry and creating change, is suitable for teachers with all levels of experience. The Professional Studies programme is most suitable for teachers in their first five years of teaching and addresses the demonstration of professional knowledge, drawing on the standards framework. Both two-year courses are offered as evening study and can take place in schools, LEAS or at St Mary's. Programmes are eligible for Best Practice Research Scholarship Funding. For more details contact Dr Rosie Penny 020 8240 4197 or email: pennyr@smuc.ac.uk

Informing Faith

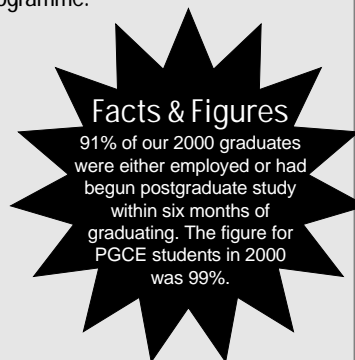
Three new masters programmes are being launched in the field of religion and theology. The MA in Pastoral Theology and the MA in Chaplaincy Studies will examine theology, scripture and liturgy. The MA in Bioethics is offered in association with the Linacre Centre for Healthcare Ethics and provides an opportunity to study complex medical ethics issues in a Christian context. These new programmes join the highly regarded MA in Catholic School Leadership and the MA in Religious History. All are offered part time by evening seminars and self study courses. For more details contact Father Michael Hayes on 020 8240 4191 or email: hayesm@smuc.ac.uk

Health and Physical Activity

Our successful MSc in Health, Nutrition and Physical Activity is on offer again from September. This programme provides an opportunity to consider the complex interrelationships between the facets of a healthy lifestyle. The MSc is suitable for exercise and health professionals and for those recently completing a relevant undergraduate programme.

For more details contact
Dr Dawn Edwards on
020 8240 4180
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edwardsd@smuc.ac.uk

Teresa Kelly
Head of Educational
Liaison



Facts & Figures
91% of our 2000 graduates were either employed or had begun postgraduate study within six months of graduating. The figure for PGCE students in 2000 was 99%.

Kerry Gordon (1993-96) lives in Newmarket where she coaches at a leisure centre. Kerry would like to hear from anyone who remembers her via the Alumni Contact Service.

Chris Grover (1994-97) is a dealer area manager for an oil company. He lives in Wallasey and can be contacted at grovec1@shevrontexaco.com.

Brian Hope (1991-92) lives in Hereford. Brian is a contracts engineer for a flooring company. He would like to hear from anyone who knows him at brian.phillip.hope@tinyworld.co.uk.

Julian Martin (1999-00) is a FE lecturer in Dorset. Julian would like to hear from other graduates from the MA in Applied Linguistics care of the Contact Service.

Jo Nash (1994-97) plans to work in social work after completing her MA this year. She lives in Hailsham and would like to hear from anyone who remembers her care of the Alumni Office.

Elizabeth O'Mahony (nee Harvey) (1994-98) is a teacher of the deaf in London. She is studying for her MA in Special Education. Elizabeth would like to hear from any other BA QTS Primary / Drama students who remember her via the Alumni Contact Service.

Stewart Orton (1995-99) is the Head of PE at a Catholic comprehensive school in Basildon. He is married with a young son and lives in Leigh on Sea. Stewart would like to say hello to everyone from his courses and from his college sports teams.

Katie Payne (nee Grant) (1993-97) lives in Littlehampton. She is the Head of PE at a school in Portsmouth and would like to hear from friends at katiepayne@btinternet.com.

Where are they now?

simmarian associations

Brian Rice (1990-93) lives in Penrith where he is a leisure manager. Brian would like to send his best wishes to anyone who knew him at college.

Veronica Tong (nee Kaneti) (1991-94) is married to Kevin (1991-94). They have three children and run yoga and tai-chi classes in London. They would like to offer all Simmarians a complimentary first session and can be contacted care of the Alumni Office.

Rae Vacher (1994-97) is an administration and finance manager at a university in Newcastle. She would love to hear from old friends at raevacher@hotmail.com.

Suzie Vann (nee Hall) (1992-96) was married in the college chapel in 2001. Suzie is PA to a company director and lives in Egham. She would like to hear from old friends via the Alumni Contact Service.

Don't forget to return your Alumni Reply Card if you would like to feature in 'Where Are They Now'

All former students of St Mary's are most welcome to attend the Simmarian Association AGM on September 7, 2002. The AGM commences at 11.30 in room C1 (the old Chapel).

As I mentioned in my letter on page one, we would be very grateful for your comments about the future of the Association. Please give us your views on the Alumni Reply Card or e-mail smithk@smuc.ac.uk. You can also write to us care of the Alumni Office.

The Annual Mass for Deceased Simmarians takes place on November 9, 2002 at 11.00 in the College Chapel.

*Karen Smith
President, Simmarian Association*

The Irish Simmarian Association

Con Colbert (1963-66) writes:

The Irish Simmarian Annual Reunion was held at Castlenook College on October 13, 2001. The day began with Mass in the College Chapel for deceased members of the Association. Mass was followed by the AGM, a reception and lunch. We were delighted to be joined by Dr Naylor, Fr Desmond Beirne and Fr Gerry Devlin.

This year, we saw an increase in numbers and we were pleased to welcome some younger Simmarians. As a result of Fr Gerry's assistance in attracting enthusiastic new members, the association's future looks bright.

It is hoped that the reunion for 2002 will be held on Saturday October 12. Members will receive full details by post or may contact the Alumni Office for further information.

Manchester and District Simmarians

Kevin Madden (1943-45) writes:

Over thirty Simmarians attended our mass last November, celebrated by Father Frank Austin (1946-48) and by Canon Anthony Dorran (1945-47). It is with sadness that I report the death of Michael Kelligher (1939-46). Michael was one of a number of Simmarians who were called into war service whilst at college and then returned to study.

The North East Simmarians

At the Annual Mass for Deceased Simmarians a group of approximately fifty Simmarians gathered to celebrate Mass at St Joseph's Church, Norton in November 2001. Mass was celebrated by Fr John O'Gorman.

Leeds and Bradford Simmarians

The inaugural meeting for the Leeds and Bradford Simmarians was held at Hinsley Hall Conference Centre in Headingley on June 22, 2002. The next meeting is at Hinsley Hall on September 14, 2002. For further information, please contact John at whitejam@btopenworld.com

Gibraltar Simmarians



Clive Beltran writes: In February, a coach-load of us went on a guided tour of a famous sherry bodega in Jerez. The crisp morning started with a Spanish breakfast then it was straight to the bodega for a tour of the huge, historic vaults. Old sherries and brandies were tasted and a wonderful day was had by all. The proof? Hardly anyone can remember the ninety minutes coach ride back home.

The Alumni Office would like to congratulate Clive on his new post as Principal of the Gibraltar College of Further Education.

Forthcoming Reunions

Year group members are automatically sent letters of invitation to their reunion, approximately three months in advance. If you would a fact sheet about arranging your own reunion, please contact the Alumni Office.

Strawberry Hill Overseas Concern

by Kevin Cook

For those of you new to *The Simmarian Magazine*, SHOC is the college charity founded to forge links with Simmarians working in what we call the 'third world'. Over the past thirty two years we have raised more than £100,000 for nearly one hundred projects in Africa, Aisa and Latin America. We work with projects that have a direct Simmarian connection, providing one-off or long term financial and other assistance.

Over the past year we have maintained our links with Sister Mary Ann Katiti and her school in Kabwe, Zambia. As I mentioned in *The Simmarian* last year, we managed to meet our target of £16,000 to help her rebuild her school with the assistance of Fr Gerry and many others. We also continue to support her work with the poor of Kabwe.

One of our longest running forms of support has been for the work of Sister Dee Smith (1975-1978). SHOC's links with Sister Dee began when she became a field officer for Action Aid charged with the task of meeting the educational needs of the nomadic Pokot in the Kerio valley in northern Kenya. After ten very successful years building, staffing and managing ten schools and then handing them over to the Kenyan government, she moved to Guatemala. Sister Dee currently runs an HIV/AIDS educational awareness programme as a Maryknoll Missionary. Over the past year, as well as supporting her work financially, we were able to assist a newly qualified teacher who joined her on the project for a few months.

Our latest major project is in the north of Ghana. It centres on the work of Brother Joachim Naah (1997-2000). On returning to Ghana following his graduation, Joachim was immediately appointed head teacher of St Gabriel's schools near Tumu in the Upper West Region. I say 'schools' because Joachim has been asked to run the nursery, primary and junior secondary schools with a total of nearly six hundred pupils. The children range in ages from four to a theoretical sixteen although many pupils are seventeen or eighteen years of age. Joachim is under considerable pressure to expand the schools and is managing with sixteen staff.

SHOC would like to be able to give Joachim's work substantial support. We have asked him to recommend a building project that we could finance. We may also be able to send computers to St Gabriels through an aid agency. We already have promises of funding from one particular Simmarian and SHOC will add to this with our regular donations. We will shortly be setting a target for this project and I will keep Simmarians up to date with our progress.

We are most grateful to all Simmarians who continue to support us. One of the best and easiest ways of helping us is through the 'Give as you Earn' scheme. You simply designate SHOC as one of your chosen charities and the amount you give is deducted before tax from your salary. If you are interested in contributing to SHOC in this way (or indeed in any way) please contact me at the college. My e-mail is cookk@smuc.ac.uk and my telephone number is 020 8240 4017. Many thanks for all your support.

Rest In Peace

News of the death of the following Simmarians has been received. Please remember in your prayers these Simmarians, their families and their friends

Charles Agius 1945-47 Gozo	Terry Finn 1950-52 Upminster	Michael Kelliher 1939-46 Stockport	Tom Riley 1931-34 unknown
John Chamberlain 1937-39 Barnet	Joseph Glynn 1934-36 Edgbaston	Charles Kreling 1933-35 Harlow	Desmond Robson 1935-37 North Shields
Peter Clarke 1988 - 90 Leicester	Michael Hewlett 1945-47 Liverpool	Bryan Matthews 1957-59 Clacton	Aubrey Watson 1941-43 Newcastle Upon Tyne
John Cunningham 1936-38 Liverpool	Wilfred Hoare 1966-68 Canada	Brother John McCarthy 1945-47 St Helen's	
John Evans 1952-54 Stockport	Peter Jones 1957-59 Redcar	Michael McClean 1972-75 Hounslow	

Fr Michael O'Sullivan passed away in Italy on September 26, 2001. Fr Michael was a lecturer in education at St Mary's and was Dean of the Chaplaincy at University College Cork.

Group Captain John Sim passed away on April 2, 2002. 'Jack' Sim, who won the George Medal in 1940 for defusing unexploded bombs, lectured in mathematics, logic and philosophy of science at St Mary's from 1964 until 1979.

Honorary Fellows

Elizabeth Jennings. Poet, died on 26 October 2001. In 1998 Ms Jennings accepted an Honorary Fellowship of St Mary's College.

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Our book, '150 years of St Mary's College', gives a full account of our fascinating history. This beautifully presented volume includes many previously unpublished photographs.

The college badge, featuring our coat of arms in full colour, is an inexpensive way of showing the world that you are a Simmarian. Our bear sports a white ribbon embroidered with the coat of arms in blue and is produced by one of the world's best-known toy manufacturers. The tie is in blue fabric and features the coat of arms in full colour. Finally, the limited edition blue and white porcelain anniversary mug will brighten any coffee break.

Please complete the order form and post to: The Alumni Office, St Mary's College, Waldegrave Road, Twickenham, TW1 4SX.

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