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Piece of a Rock

by Darlene Hemingway,
4rd Year Student



Carol Ann Weaver

Carol Ann Weaver, Associate Professor of Music at Conrad Grebel University College and accomplished composer and pianist, premiered her most recent composition, "Piece of a Rock - In Memoriam" as part of the Open Ears Festival of Music and Sound in Kitchener. She was accompanied by Rebecca Campbell, vocals, and Arun Pal on drums. Weaver was inspired to write and perform this musical memoir as her way of working for peace. Weaver's innovative arrangement of sounds provided a powerful and expressive statement. The music in combination with the words took listeners on a journey to contemplate the suffering of thousands of people living in violent countries around the world. Giving them names, Weaver broke through the complacency of nameless victims in a quest to open listeners' ears to their

humanity. Weaver's moving composition succeeded to act as a memorial for the innocent people who have lost their lives in the ongoing terror of war in Iraq.

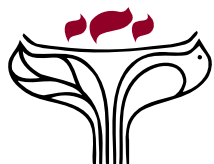
The text is based on an African proverb, which says that if you have struck a woman you have struck a rock. The story of Moses who struck a rock where living water was found also influenced Weaver's text. Obtaining names from several international peace workers, including John Sloboda of www.iraqbodycount.com and Lowell Ewert, Director of Peace and Conflict Studies at Grebel, Weaver includes actual names and ages of Iraqi civilian victims – mothers, fathers, children, young and old - who lost their lives in the Iraq war. The text calls leaders, saints and queens to listen for wisdom and guidance in days of turmoil and war. The profound words vividly express a cry for peace through the various uses of instruments and sound.

Awaiting Your Arrival

If you have ever wondered about the fates of the earnest idealists that you went to Grebel with, the 40th Anniversary is your chance to see how they turned out. The alumni executive is hard at work planning activities and opportunities for you to reconnect with your old room-mates, friends, profs, former peace society members, line-mates from the broomball team and members of your section in chapel choir. This issue of Grebel Now includes a registration form for the August 22-24 2003, 40th anniversary celebrations. This event is planned for the whole family, with activities for the kids like crafts, games and a bouncing castle! In addition to

the larger activities like the president's reception, GrebelFOLK and the celebration service, there will be lots of free time to arrange for a coffee with an old friend or to go on a Waterloo County family outing. Be sure to book your residence room early. Your kids will want to see where you slept! See the back page of this issue of Grebel Now or check the website (grebel.uwaterloo.ca/40th) for more details.

Don't miss this one!



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More MTS Grads

As part of the 23rd annual Convocation Ceremony, Grebel was proud to offer Master of Theological Studies Degrees to **Norma M. Lelless ('03)**, **Joél Z. Schmidt ('98, '03)**, and **Susan Allison-Jones ('03)**. Susan (Biblical-Theological Option) will be traveling with her family to Botswana with the Mennonite Church Canada Witness program, while Joél (Biblical-Theological Option) will be continuing his pastoring at First Mennonite Church in Kitchener. Norma (Ministry Option) will continue working as a hospital chaplain, and remarked that she would "never take another course" after almost 50 years of going to school. Joél spoke on behalf of the MTS graduates continuing the theme of accountability emphasized by other speakers that day. He observed that perhaps we don't need to build the Kingdom, but rather be ready to receive it.



Proud MTS Graduates are (left to right) Norma M. Lelless, Joél Z. Schmidt, and Susan Allison-Jones.

This past year, the Master of Theological Studies program experienced record enrollment and interest. Course enrollments increased to 134 and the number of full-time MTS students was at an all-time high with 9 students in the fall and 8 this winter. In addition to the regular courses, a new course was introduced, "Worship, Ritual & Ministry" taught by Marianne Mellinger.

MTS Statistics

Year	Course Enrollments	Full Time Equivalent
1998-99	58	9.5
1999-00	88	14.7
2000-01	78	12.5
2001-02	99	16.2
2002-03	134	22.3

First Impressions

**Henry Paetkau,
Conrad Grebel President**

First impressions, as the saying goes, are lasting impressions. This, my first annual report since arriving at Conrad Grebel in January, relies heavily on some initial impressions, and on the reports of other administrators. Here are some of the things I remember.

I remember the dust. Dust was everywhere, the evidence of major construction and renovations, when I arrived on January 2nd. The good humour of those who were already here cleaning up, having themselves just returned to the disarray after the Christmas break, gave indication of the spirit that pervades Grebel. That spirit was often tested, and frequently demonstrated, during the ongoing changes and challenges that marked this year of construction. Despite the delays caused by harsh winter weather, the 26-bed residence extension and eight-unit (32 bed) apartment will be ready for fall occupancy.

I remember the hearty welcome. A close, established community does not easily admit newcomers. But students, staff and faculty alike have embraced me with warmth and enthusiasm. This spirit of hospitality grows out of the rhythm of academic life in which some students leave and new ones are welcomed every four months. And in that brief time together, those who live and learn, worship and work here establish a dynamic community. Of course, a lively sense of humour and a youthful attitude are helpful! Once again last year, the residence was full, and courses at capacity.

I remember the chill of walking from the academic building to the residence, where the dining hall, chapel and student services offices are located.

Construction of the atrium between these two buildings had blocked other entrances, underscoring the "distance" between them. Once completed, the atrium will link those learning and living environments, providing a setting for easy, frequent and comfortable interaction. And no need to walk outside in the winter!

I remember being impressed by the diversity of people. Grebel is not a large

place. But the 116 resident students (174 once the residence expansion and apartment building are completed) and approximately 50 Associates represent a broad spectrum of personal and academic backgrounds and interests. Add to that mix almost a dozen full time faculty, several dozen sessional instructors, half a dozen administrators, and two dozen support staff and the mixture becomes very rich! And that's before adding more than 3,000 undergraduate and approximately 50 graduate students who are enrolled in Grebel courses.

I remember noting the dedication with which faculty and staff met their imposing workload. As university enrolments increase, Grebel is teaching more students with fewer full-time faculty. And support staff are carrying a much heavier administrative load. But all do so with enthusiasm and energy because they enjoy working together, and they are committed to the vision and mission of Grebel. That mission is to be "a Christian educational institution informed by the vision and values of the Mennonite tradition and dedicated to serving students, the university community, the church, and society."



The extension to the residence building has room for 26 more students.

I remember the broad and generous support of the constituency. Grebel is the College of Mennonite Church Eastern Canada. Many people have expressed their genuine interest in and support for the College in a variety of ways throughout the past year. Financial support reached new levels despite the economic challenges facing many donors. With that encouragement and support, Grebel will continue to thrive as it enters its fifth decade.

NOTE: The complete 2002-03 Annual Report is available on the web at grebel.uwaterloo.ca/anreport. This issue of Grebel Now contains highlights from the report.

GODSPELL brings down the house!

This March, Grebel students attempted a feat which had never before been undertaken in the history of Conrad Grebel. Led by fearless student producer Kirk Schmidt, 22 actors, musicians, and production assistants successfully presented their first musical theatre production, Godspell, at the Registry Theatre in Kitchener. The production was produced, directed, accompanied, and acted by students, and funded partially by the Grebel Student Council.

Pronounced “fantastic . . . riveting” by the folks on campus, the group performed to a sold out crowd 4 out of 5 nights. The set was sparse and the costuming was minimal, but that only enhanced the superb acting. Audience members were regularly included in the play and even dragged on stage to dance. The crowd practically fell out of their seats laughing at times, while other moments their eyes remained riveted on the actors.

Kirk Schmidt, said he “definitely did not expect it to be as big a success as it was. A lot of credit has to go to the actors and the director, Leigh McClymont, for the quality of the production. They truly contributed to the success of the production, and they have inspired many around them to get involved in future productions.”

If this performance is any indication of the limitless talent Grebel students have to offer, then keep your ears open for news of next year’s show and buy your tickets early!



The Godspell cast is (left to right): Pemma Muzumdar, Jen Giesbrecht, Suzanne Bender, Justin Liu, Art Winter, Chris Dennis, Joel Westberg, Ana Fretz, and Victoria Grant

Undergraduate Academic Statistics

Course	1998-99	1999-00	2000-01	2001-02	2002-03
Arts	0	0	19	48	63
English	0	0	29	35	39
Fine Arts	-no offerings in these years-		15	10	19
History	194	337	450	486	89
Music	1079	1293	1487	1639	1540
PACS	465	594	673	682	586
Philosophy	206	178	96	114	4
Religious Studies	384	465	471	526	282
Sociology	288	385	405	347	134
On Campus	2229	2838	3253	3407	2756
Distance Ed	327	414	431	480	476
Students Taught	2626	3253	3666	3887	3232

Learning Amidst Change

Marlene Epp,
Academic Dean Annual Report

Conrad Grebel’s academic program experienced a very successful year in 2002-03 in the midst of administrative transition in the offices of both the Academic Dean and President. Success can be attributed largely to enthusiastic, dedicated, and knowledgeable professors, both sessional instructors and regular faculty, conscientious teaching assistants, as well as staff performing administrative duties in the various academic programs.

Grebel continues to house the Peace & Conflict Studies program as well as the Music department at UW. This past year there were 702 enrollments in PACS courses with approximately 20 students graduating in June 2003 with a PACS concentration (Diploma, Option, Minor). Currently, exploration of a PACS degree is underway. There were 1540 enrollments in Music courses this year and 97 students were enrolled as Music majors or minors, a 50 percent increase over the past five years. A highlight for the music program was a significant estate gift that allowed them to purchase a new grand piano for the chapel.

History, Religious Studies, English, Philosophy, and Sociology are taught by Grebel on campus as well as in Distance Education courses. As enrollments increase at UW, mainly because of the double cohort of high school students entering university in September, there will be greater demand for Grebel courses as well.

We anticipate the completion of the current construction project which will provide two much-needed teaching studios for the music program, facilitate better access to classrooms, and create an atrium space that will hopefully become a comfortable and inviting space where faculty can interact with students.



Residence Update

Students this year were an enthusiastic blend of frosh and upper year students, half of whom were Mennonites. Highlights for the year included putting on Godspell, high chapel attendance in the fall, and a weekly church safari where students attended a different religious gathering each week to experience other faith traditions. In the winter, students, staff, and faculty participated in a Women's Fast for Peace where women (and a few participating men) did not eat for one day a week. The fast was intended to draw attention to the fact that women and children have suffered most from the economic sanctions that have been imposed upon Iraq since 1990. Students also ate Iraqi size rations of rice and lentils for a week. Ed Janzen, Chaplain, revived the Ministry Inquiry program where students consider pastoral ministry through a first hand experience in a church. Three students participated this year, and plans are to continue the program.

While every year comes with its share of ups and downs, the atmosphere in residence was more serious this year. On top of the looming war in Iraq, quite a few students experienced significant losses and crises in their lives. In addition to these losses, the construction work took its toll on students. Amidst the usual stresses of essays, exams, and tight budgets, students dealt with re-routed paths, navigated the slippery slope of ice, and tolerated noisy construction crews right outside bedroom windows, even at 7:00 in the morning. The construction coping committee worked extra hard to make the inconvenience more tolerable by leaving treats and notes for students, as well as ensuring that lives were disrupted as little as possible.

Grebel had more students than ever before touring the facilities on recruitment days this year, which is good news because Grebel is growing! The new apartments have already been rented out and students are anxious to move into them in September. As hoped, the apartments are full of senior students, half whom have been living off campus and have come back.

The challenge for this coming year will be adjusting to a larger community, and establishing a routine involving both the residence building and the apartments. As well, Karyn Mierau-Flaming will take over as Interim Dean of Students for a year while Mary Brubaker-Zehr will be on sabbatical.

Moving Forward Within Transition

**Fred W. Martin,
Director of Development**

Many people have genuine interest and concern for the well-being of the college. This fact is made clear to me by the number of people who ask me about developments at Grebel; "How's the building going?" "How is Henry doing?" "How's the fundraising going?"

This awareness and support is gratifying as it indicates broad ownership and interest in Grebel and its mission. What is imperative for the fiscal health of the college, is that this interest is translated into donations. As was the case last year, the fundraising climate has continued to be "challenging". The war in Iraq, economic volatility, low interest rates and investment returns have created pressure in a competitive fundraising environment.

Despite economic uncertainty, friends and alumni have supported Grebel at record levels. **Total donations of \$1,185,656 were made to the College by 866 donors to various funds.** This includes \$573,946 to the Atrium campaign during 2002-03. We are pleased to report that we surpassed our annual fund goal of \$305,000 with a total of \$312,358 from 685 donors.

Last year we set a number of priorities in the annual report. These goals are also part of a Strategic Development plan that was created in concert with the board's Vision 2020 document.



1. To increase our alumni support We have increased the number of alumni reached by developing our own data base. In 2001-02 we mailed to 1,436 alumni households and received donations from 16%. In 2002-03 we had addresses for 1,901 alumni households - an increase of 465. Our rate of participation rate remained at 16% with 301 alumni donors giving \$203,575 to Grebel. We also instituted a Grebel Grad Class Challenge for 2003 grads.

2. To increase the number of Matching Gifts (gifts matched from employers) This goal was narrowly met. While we lost some matching gift companies (eg. Nortel) we had some increases from other firms and employees.

3. To raise the profile of our endowments Through the summer we focused on the Ralph and Eileen Lebold Endowment for Leadership Training and had special recognition of this fund during MCEC sessions. This fiscal year saw donations of \$72,700 to this the Lebold Endowment with other pledges forthcoming.

4. Increase our Planned Giving profile One planned giving option was highlighted in an article about a planned gift of life insurance by John Good in a UW publication. The number of donations of shares declined this year as did the number of estate gifts.

Goals for this next year include the completion of our Toews Atrium campaign of \$1.4 million, securing major gifts to the Lebold Endowment, meeting our annual fund goal, and a special 40th anniversary student award fund.

"Thank you" to everyone who has generously supported Grebel this past year. Your gifts have made it possible to fulfill Grebel's mission.

Annual Fund

	1998-99	1999-00	2000-01	2001-02	2002-03
Goal	\$236,500	\$265,000	\$283,000	\$290,000	\$305,000
Gifts	\$209,091	\$233,320	\$287,427	\$291,433	\$312,358
Average gift	\$383	\$415	\$384	\$410	\$456
Donors	501	564	743	710	685

Alumni Donors to the Annual Fund

	1998-99	1999-00	2000-01	2001-02	2002-03
Alumni Donors	233	236	259	265	282
Alumni gifts	\$50,733	\$48,435	\$61,561	\$64,596	\$94,679

Total giving from 301 alumni members to all funds in 2002-03 = \$203,575

A Good Position to Consider the Future

**Carolyn Sherk,
Board of Governor's Chair**

This has been a year of transition and preparation for future growth.

We have said goodbye to John Toews and welcomed Henry Paetkau as President of Conrad Grebel University College. John served the college well by restoring its financial health and by building a strong base of support, both financially and managerially. In our farewell to John we recognized his many contributions to the college by announcing that the new space joining the academic and residence buildings will be named the John E. Toews Atrium. Henry assumed the position of president in January and we are impressed by his enthusiasm and commitment in this critical leadership role.

The building project has been proceeding well, despite some delays during the hard winter. The new residence spaces will be ready for additional students

this fall and we expect the Atrium will be completed by November. The Board has appreciated the hard work of Paul Penner and the construction team as well as the generosity of our financial supporters in making this expansion a reality. We also thank the students for their participation and patience during this year of construction.

It has been a joy and a privilege to work with the members of the Board of Governors during this year of transition. We welcomed several new members to the Board: Carol Penner, Marcus Shantz and Byron Weber Becker. They are all actively contributing to the Board's discussions and helping to plan for future directions. The Board continues to appreciate the strong support it receives from the administrative staff and faculty. I especially want to thank Carol Lichti for her diligence and unfailing good humour.

With a more secure financial base,

expanded facilities and a strong Board, faculty and administration, the College is now in a good position to consider the future directions of its programs. There are a wide range of opportunities that could be pursued and some potentially difficult choices that may have to be made. The Board and its committees are preparing to examine future opportunities and challenges from a strategic policy perspective.

Next year will mark the 40th anniversary of the College. We are looking forward to celebrating its enduring influence on the lives of students, the university, and the church at the celebration in August.

See you there!



A Grandfather to All

Jennifer Konkle

For students who lived at Grebel during the 90's, the name Sylvan Martin will no doubt bring a smile to your face. Sylvan was the residence custodian from 1988 to 2002. He spent hours with the students every day and developed great



relationships with them. Sylvan says that "working at Grebel was a great learning experience, especially working with younger people. It was like having a big family and being a grandfather to them all!" The caring community was what Sylvan valued most about working at Grebel. He said "if you're hurting, they're hurting...they care."

Sylvan's quiet sense of humour and twinkling eyes allowed him to get away with things that most people couldn't. Rumour has it that one day Sylvan was vacuuming the dining hall and "accidentally" vacuumed up a whole fruit salad, right off of someone's tray. I personally know that Sylvan would often find jobs that took him to the 2nd floor lounge when *Young and the Restless* was on, and during my time at

Grebel, I too joined the ranks of women who showered with Sylvan (well, showered at the same time that Sylvan cleaned the bathroom). Another of Sylvan's quirks is his fear of heights. If a ladder was spotted at Grebel, you could be sure that Sylvan was at the bottom of it!

In April of 2002 Sylvan suffered a heart attack and has been on permanent sick leave. Forced to retire (officially in Feb. 2004), Sylvan has spent the past year in recuperation. Sylvan says his health is "quite good now, but I have to be careful not to exert myself. My heart is still being monitored. I have to realize that I'm not a student's age anymore." These days in his spare time, Sylvan delivers parts for Stoltz equipment, delivers new cars to locations around Ontario, golfs, gardens, volunteers, reads, tries to keep his wife happy, spends time with his grandchildren, and tries to stay out of Tim Hortons.

During an open house on April 6th, students from many

generations joined Sylvan and his family to celebrate his 14 years of service to the college. Special guests included former President Ralph Lebold and numerous summer student custodians who worked with Sylvan throughout the years. These students were so special to Sylvan that he even got up on a ladder for them! Sylvan has been a thoughtful and caring friend to generations of Grebel students. The entire Grebel community wishes Sylvan all the best as he enjoys his well deserved retirement.

One alumnus summed up Sylvan's impact on student lives very well. "When you think of all the lives Sylvan has touched, you realize that he was really serving a higher purpose."

Sylvan's crew includes (left to right) Krista Steinmann ('91), Lisa Packull ('94), Carmen Brubacher ('94), Gideon Prins ('01), David Martin ('02), and Rebecca Gingerich ('03)



People

Taylor ('01) and Sarah Martin ('01) have just returned to Kitchener after a year in Australia (January 2002 to November 2002). Sarah was attending the University of Wollongong and graduated with her Graduate Diploma in Primary Education.

Andrea Shantz Neufeld ('97) and John Neufeld ('96) sent this note from their son:

"My name is **Micah (John Shantz) Neufeld**. I simply want to eat, sleep, and poop. I was born on Saturday, March 22-2003, at 2:54PM, weighing 7lb 5.5oz, and 21 ½ " tall. My name is based on Daddy's favourite scripture verse (Micah 6:8.)



My first middle name is John because my father, grandfather, and great-grandfather also have that name. My second middle name is Shantz which is my mother's maiden name."

After Graduating, **Leanne (Ward) Perrie ('94)** married **Adam Perrie** in 1998. She taught high school visual arts until the birth of their son, **Alexander Adam** in January 2000. Their daughter **Christina Lee** followed in November 2001. They are enjoying their family life in Ayr, Ontario.



Wanda Roth Amstutz ('88) and her husband **Doug Amstutz** are co-pastors at Grace Mennonite Church in St. Catharines. They have three girls, **Abigail** and **Amani** (5) and **Sophia** (3).

Jayme ('97) and Meredyth ('96) Campbell recently moved from Kitchener to Niagara-on-the-Lake and are enjoying life in the semi-rural village of Virgil. Jayme is working at Jagger Hims Consulting Engineers in St. Catharines and Meredyth is teaching English at Eden High School. Contact them at jdcmcl@hotmail.com.

John Rempel ('66) who was chaplain and prof. at Grebel from 1973-84 has been named assistant professor of theology and Anabaptist studies for Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary beginning in August. Currently he is pastor, chaplain and Mennonite Central Committee liaison to the UN.

Jamie Verrier ('97) and Heather (Cobban) Verrier ('00) are the proud parents of a boy, **Micah Aaron Verrier**. Micah was born on October 9, 2002 at 8:47 pm in Grimsby, Ontario. Micah is a first grandchild for both



sides. Jamie has been working for a small family based engineering company, Hulleman Industries, in Waterdown for the past 5 years.

Heather is currently on maternity leave from

Trow Consulting Engineers in Stoney Creek. They'd love to hear from you via email jhverrier@hotmail.com.

Darren Brunk ('01) is spending a six-month work term in Kigali, Rwanda as an Xtending Hope Intern. He is working as the Project Development Officer with the National Youth Council of Rwanda, assisting in developing a fundraising methodology and mechanism for the NYC to document the success of its ongoing activities to foster future support for expanded HIV/AIDS programs. For more information on Darren's experiences, visit www.geocities.com/xtending_hope/Darren.htm

Karen Reyburn ('96) and John Walsh have recently moved back to Ottawa after living in Peterborough for the last year. John has accepted a tenure-track position as assistant professor in Carleton's History Department and Karen is working again for the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade. You can reach them at knj@rogers.com

Rudy Neufeld ('68) writes that he is currently the Senior Author/CEO of Neufeld Learning Systems Inc. London ON. "Fifteen years ago, during my years teaching high school mathematics, I began to develop mathematics software. In 1992, my wife **Beverly Mathies Neufeld ('68)** joined me in forming Neufeld Learning Systems. Our company has developed a series of 9 programs for grades 4 to 10 that are an interactive series of programs used in classrooms, home study, and teacher training." You can visit their website at www.neufeldmath.com and/or contact the Neufelds at mneufeld@neufeld.com. They are looking forward to meeting friends from the first Grebel years on Aug 22-24!!

Helen Beckham (nee Rogers) ('77) sends this note: "It doesn't seem possible that it has been 26 years since I left Conrad Grebel, my home away from home! I have so many wonderful memories of my time there and the friends that I made and have kept since graduation." Helen was married to Harry Beckham in 1981 and had 2 children, Michelle and Robert. Harry was killed in a motorcycle accident in Oct. 2002. Helen is enjoying her retirement, volunteering in her community, and spoiling her 3 grandchildren.

Njo Kong Kie ('84) returned to Grebel as a Noon Hour Concert guest in March. These days, Kong is pursuing a career in music, touring with Canada's modern dance company La La La Human Steps since 1996 as a piano accompanist. He is also actively writing music; samples can be found at www.spirit.com

Kong's memories of Grebel include living in the quad, commie suppers, square dancing, loads of fun, a quilt the students made for him ("to Njo you is to love you,") fish & chips, and playing "The 3 Little Maids from School" in the lower lounge.



Conrad Grebel recently recognized long term staff and faculty members by presenting them with awards. **Kate Kropf** has been the Grebel Accountant for 10 years, while **Tom Yoder Neufeld** has taught for 20 years as Professor. **Ruth Martin** and **Janet Martin** have been cooks at Grebel for 20 years, and have helped establish Grebel's reputation as the best place to eat on campus.

Janice Bauman ('99) and Jeremy Malloy were married on April 12, 2003 in Elmira, Ontario and are currently residing in Waterloo. Janice is working at Grebel as the Receptionist/Bookings Coordinator and Jeremy is the Communications Manager at CCCC (Canadian Council for Christian Charities). Contact e-mail: janice1976@rogers.com





Matthew Bailey-Dick ('00), came back to Grebel to share stories, photos and reflections from his recent trip with the Christian Peacemaker Teams (CPT) delegation to Iraq in February. The delegation to Iraq included 14 people from Canada, the United States, Scotland, and the Netherlands. Its mandate was to visit schools and hospitals, to listen to people's stories about the effects of the sanctions, and to meet with government representatives and non-government agencies. Matthew's presentation had three main goals: 1) to "stop the war machine that's grinding away" 2) to convey the human elements of the situation in Iraq, and 3) to inspire. Matthew encouraged his listeners to prevent hate, to educate themselves, and to use as much of a voice as possible. He said "We are part of a different machine. I hope you can see yourselves as part of it." Matthew will be teaching History of Peace Movements at

Conrad Grebel in January 2004. **Martha Crealock ('99)** recently spoke at a community supper about her amazing experience working for L'Arche, an international federation of faith-based communities that create homes and day programs with people who have developmental disabilities. Currently Martha is an English, ESL, Civics, Business, and Geography teacher at Scarlett Heights Entrepreneurial Academy in Etobicoke (Toronto). She lived at Ruah, aka the Young street house, an intentional community with many other Grebelites for five years. Next year Martha will start her masters in Theory, Culture and Politics at Trent University in Peterborough.



Derrick Martens ('02) is currently volunteering at Jubilee Partners in Georgia. Jubilee is a community of long term members who live and work together, sharing meals, a common vision and economic resources. Jubilee focuses its efforts on refugees and victims of war. Derrick says "I have been very pleased my experience here at Jubilee Partners, and I think it would be a very valuable experience for anyone wanting to do a PACS internship, or a voluntary term." In June, Derrick will begin a Mennonite Voluntary Service 2-year term to

Distinguished Alumni Award



coordinate Project Peacemakers, an affiliate of Project Ploughshares, in Winnipeg. **Henry Paetkau ('77)** (left) and **Marcus Shantz ('95)** (right) presented **Josie Winterfeld ('83)** with the "Distinguished Alumnus Service Award" for her life and work at Jubilee Partners, which reflects so closely the Christian values of peace, justice, discipleship and community that are at the core of Grebel's mission and purpose. Josie, her husband **Will**, and 3 children **Eli** (14), **Misha** (12), and **Isaac** (7) have lived in community at Jubilee Partners in Georgia for almost 15 years. The Jubilee Partners community, is an outgrowth of Koinonia Farms, and has always been on the cutting edge of peace and justice issues, while rooting itself firmly in a biblical vision of discipleship. Josie's work at Jubilee Partners has included a variety of involvements related to community leadership, refugee advocacy and resettlement. Over the years she has worked with volunteer coordination, directing the English as a Second Language program, overseeing visiting church and college groups, and coordinating a Central American exchange program. She has also provided leadership for the Jubilee by helping to address the pastoral needs of the community and serving as community coordinator.

After five and a half years, **Allan Willms ('92, '93)** and his family have decided to leave beautiful New Zealand and return to Ontario. Allan has accepted a job in the Department of Mathematics and Statistics at the University of Guelph. His wife **Noelle Green-Willms**, and their two sons, **Nathanael** (3) and **Andrew** (11 months), look forward to being a bit closer to extended family.

ALL CONRAD GREBEL ALUMNI are invited to submit info about address and vocational changes, general updates, information about births, marriages, or deaths for inclusion in People. Please send: **your name, year graduated, address, email, photo, and news**, to Jennifer Konkle, Conrad Grebel University College, Waterloo, ON N2L3G6 or jkonkle@uwaterloo.ca

Convocation 2003



(Left to right)

Front Row: Cameron Morland, Amanda Cressman, David Braun, Mary Baron, Jason Wagler, Chris Sikkens, Mike Steinmann, Ryan Kroecker

2nd Row: Bruce Millerd, Karen Yeats, Marika Toyama, Kristina Baron, Rebecca Shuttleworth, Shannon Gingrich, Emily Schaming, Jennifer Dyck, Brenda Koprowski, Amy Smallwood, Rebecca Gingerich

3rd Row: Mariana Diez de Bonilla, Beth Ann Lichti, Adele Mason, Heidi Brown, Jana Schmidt, Marilyn Roth, Charlotte Jacklein, Louise van Niekerk, Gena Van Boom, Megan Bauman, Alisa Fiorino

Back Row: Rachel Dueckman, Tom Voll, Ryan Fobel, Patrick Murtha, Josh McGillivray, Daniel Bigham, Meredith Berg, Tamara Shantz, Krista Kirkland, Heather Cornies, Glenn Wurster

40th Anniversary Reunion

August 22-24, 2003

Where will *you* be when all your old friends get together?

In celebration of Conrad Grebel's 40th Anniversary, **ALL ALUMNI** are invited to come back to Grebel on August 22-24, 2003. This weekend-long event will be a fun-filled affair for the whole family, so plan to be here for the entire weekend. The Grebel residence will be available for Friday/Saturday rentals.

FRIDAY August 22

Registration Open 6:00 p.m.
 Chapel Choir Rehearsal 7:00 p.m.
 Kids Activities - 7:00 p.m.
 President's Reception and Program -
 8:00 p.m. - Reconnect with other alumni,
 past and present faculty, and staff. Bring
 your pictures, programs, and other
 memorabilia for displaying at our timeline.



Do you long for one last night living at Grebel? Don't forget to book your room in residence for the reunion!

SATURDAY August 23

Chapel Choir Rehearsal - 10:30 a.m. and
 3:30 p.m.
Free time!
 Supper - 5:00 p.m. - BBQ chicken, salads,
 and more.
 Grebelfolk - 6:30 p.m.-11:00 p.m.
 The ultimate evening of Grebel Music,
 with music and talent spanning the years.
 We're looking forward to an evening of the
 kind of music you remember from retreats,
 chapels, commie suppers, coffee houses,
 stairwells...Special guests include Brian
 Rudy ('89), Cate Falconer Lichty ('83),
 and Sharon (Dick) Johnston ('80). No
 Discernible Key, and headlining is
 Ottawa's singing sensation, Charley Beck
 aka Sarah Sedgman ('98)!

SUNDAY August 24

Choir Practice - 1:00 p.m.
 Celebration Service - 2:30
 Join the Alumni Chapel Choir at
 Waterloo North Mennonite Church,
 with speaker Walter Klaassen



It's not too late
 to join the
 Alumni Chapel Choir!

Contact Stacey VanderMeer
 at music@uwaterloo.ca or
 519-885-0220 x226 with your
 name, address, phone #,
 voice part, and years and
 terms that you sang. The
 practice schedule and
 music will be sent to
 you.

How to Register:

ALUMNI: You will find a registration form in this Grebel Now. Fill it out and mail it back to Grebel soon, especially if you want to book a room in the residence! You can also find the registration form and itinerary on the web at grebel.uwaterloo.ca/40th

