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A New Year at Grebel

This past Labour Day, 57 first-year students and their families, converged on Grebel for the annual "Move-In Day".



Frosh were greeted by orientation leaders pouring out of the building exuding excitement, energy, and friendliness.

After lugging all the students' earthly belongings up to their new home, parents, siblings, and students were all treated to a Grebel lunch, and then attended a gathering ceremony. Mary Brubaker-Zehr, Dean of Students, assured students that "they were in good, loving hands" and that "Orientation Week paves the way for what we hope will be a meaningful term and year. It's not just a week for first year students; rather it's a week for the whole community where we begin the process of building relationships with faculty, staff, and students." Finally, she told students to walk their parents to their cars to say good-bye and give them a last hug.

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Russian Mennonite Memorial Garden

Most people of Russian Mennonite heritage have heard stories of the massive old oak tree in Khortitsa, Russia. The tree was an unofficial gathering place for the whole community



with picnics, weddings, and meetings often taking place in the cool shade of its leaves. Coined "Hundert-jaehrig Eiche" (Hundred Year Old Oak) by early Mennonite settlers, the tree is estimated to be 700-800 years old.

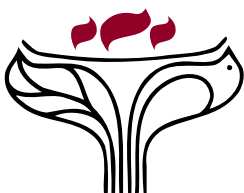
The oak tree provided an impressive centerpiece for the colony. Historian, N.J. Kroeker wrote, "No one who had ever walked near the gnarled trunk beneath those mighty branches which had the power to draw your eyes upward could help being overcome with a feeling of reverence and peace."

The ancient tree has been dying for about 15 years now, and only a few branches bear leaves anymore. A hydro-electric dam has raised the level of the water table, and the ground has been raised around the tree, both disturbing the tree's roots.

For years visitors have been making the pilgrimage back to Khortitsa to discover their own roots, and while there, to stand under the oak tree. In 1999, Toronto high school teacher, Peter Rempel, participated in a tour through the former USSR to celebrate

the bicentennial year of the founding of the Khortitsa settlement in the Ukraine. Rempel pocketed eight acorns from the old oak tree and planted them in his backyard. He later donated the tree that grew from that seed to Conrad Grebel.

Thanks to the efforts of Harvey Dyck, John E. Toews, and Victor Heinrichs, the College established a Russian Mennonite Memorial Garden around the oak tree to memorialize and honour the experiences of Soviet Mennonites who suffered and died under Stalin in the Soviet Union, and as a place on the edge of campus for contemplative reflection. Marlene Epp, History Professor at Conrad Grebel, sees the significance of the tree as symbolic, "as both a celebration of the positive times Mennonites recall about Russia and also as a memorial to the tragedies that befell them."



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MTS Profile - Stefan Cherry

Stefan Cherry, one of Grebel's newest Master of Theological Studies students, experienced a lot of things before he arrived in Waterloo to study this year. He has worked for four years in Mozambique, done a masters degree in International Agriculture and Rural Development at Cornell University in New York, spent five years in Cameroon working in the area of sustainable agriculture and community-based natural resource management, and completed his bachelor degree in Environmental Science. When asked about his hometown, Stefan calls himself "a global citizen or a citizen of God's Kingdom rather than any nation."

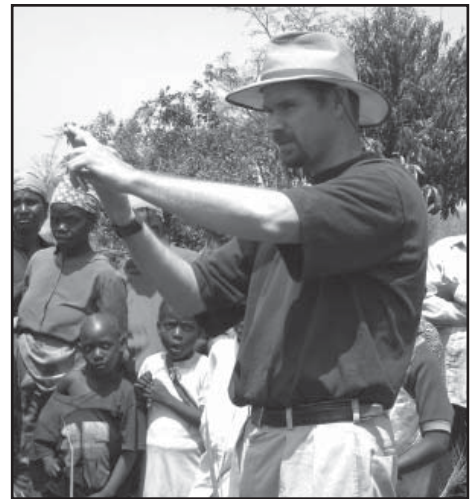
Born and raised Catholic, Stefan experienced a "powerful conversion experience" and was later baptized (a true Anabaptist) into the Baptist Church by a Cameroonian pastor. While working towards his masters degree, Stefan became actively involved in a Mennonite Fellowship there, and through them connected with Mennonite Central Committee (MCC).

During his MCC term, Stefan served extensively as a sustainable agriculture consultant. He also became very involved in the theological education of local leaders from the Mennonite Church and some

14 other denominations. "Because of 30 years of war (ending in 1992) and 500 years of brutal Portuguese colonialism," says Stefan, "the level of human capital in Mozambique is in need of much assistance. My work in sustainable agriculture and theological education was merely a drop in the bucket."

It was his work with theological education that ultimately led Stefan to Grebel for the MTS program. He is studying full-time in the Ministry stream, and is very excited about his courses. He is particularly enjoying learning about the Psalms and the "interesting and compelling life" of Dietrich Bonhoeffer. "Although I have a lot of work in front of me this term, I'm already looking forward to classes in the winter term. I gotta say, I really love this stuff!" As for his future, Stefan is leaving that in God's hands. "I want to be used by God in whatever way He sees best. Whether that is here in Canada or back in Africa, I can't say at this point. I simply need to keep my eyes fixed on Jesus and take one step at a time."

After going through a "leisure/recreational drought over the past four years," Stefan is swimming laps, bouldering at the squash courts, and playing ultimate Frisbee in his spare time. He just got back on his ice skates for the first time in four years (claiming both he and his skates are rusty) and he also mountain bikes to and



Stefan explains a simple sustainable agricultural technique called "Slash and Mulch" to a farmer's association in Mozambique.

from campus each day. And, in a secret confession, Stefan admits to occasional Latin Dancing.

When asked if there was anything he'd like to tell his classmates, Stefan thought back to what he learned doing his first masters degree. "Although all this studying/reading/learning is great and important, let us not lose focus on the importance of building up relationships with one another. Don't let the profs hear that I said this, but we'll probably only remember about 20% of what we learn in class, but the relationships we build over the next couple of years will last a life time, and they'll probably even inform us more than our classes."



Grebel's Master of Theological Studies (MTS) program currently has 37 active students, 8 of them full time, jumping up 48% from last year. This is one of Grebel's fastest growing programs as it is discovered by more and more people. Approximately 76% of MTS students are in the Ministry stream.

(photo) MTS students gather for the beginning of the year kick-off, where both full-time and part-time students have a chance to meet each other and get a sense of the community they will be studying in. (l-r) Nancy Mann, Sara Pinnell, and Beth Ann Lichti

Grebel Review

The Spring 2004 issue of The Conrad Grebel Review is available NOW! This issue's theme is "Rudy Wiebe and the Mennonites: forty years on." Articles include: "There was nothing to be read about Mennonites": Rudy Wiebe and the impulse to make story; "Adam, who are you?" The Genealogy of Rudy Wiebe's Mennonite Protagonists; Mennonites in Crisis: Figures of Paradox in Peace Shall Destroy Many; Listening All the Way Home: Theme and Structure in Rudy Wiebe's Sweeter Than All the World; "Believing is seeing": Re-storying" the Self in Rudy Wiebe's Sweeter Than All the World; Why Rudy Wiebe is Not the Last Mennonite Writer; "It almost always begins with these kinds of living stories": An Interview with Rudy Wiebe; Geoffrey James and Rudy Wiebe. Place: Lethbridge, A City on the Prairie; Climbing Mountains That Do Not Exist: The Fiction Writer at Work; and The Angel of the Tar Sands - the last 2 articles by Wiebe, himself.



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In addition to the 174 students living in the Grebel residence and apartments, there are other Grebelites who live in the community. These include 20 “off-campus residents,” students who eat all their meals at Grebel and participate in Grebel activities but live off campus until there is residence space for them in the winter. Grebel also has 42 “off-campus associates,” most of whom are senior students who have moved out

on their own but still participate in Grebel activities.

While the majority of Grebel students are from Ontario, there are also some from Alberta, BC, Manitoba, Quebec, Nova Scotia, Saskatchewan, the USA, Africa, and Hong Kong. Just over half of Grebel students are Mennonite.

Academic enrollment at Grebel continues to grow, with over 1800 students enrolled in 32 Fall Term classes – a 6% rise from last year.

The 2004-2005 Grebel school year promises to be an amazing year. A year in which students have a solid sense of community, a basis to build lifelong friendships, and a place to grow emotionally, spiritually, and intellectually.



Looking Back

with Karyn Mierau



No matter how I look at it, I've had a few formative moments at Grebel. I was baptized under a wall of frosh-washing bucketeers. I was revived by the common cup of communion in

John Rempel's chapels. I was rocked to the core of my faith by a moment in Arnold Snyder's liberation theology class. I have quietly mocked a community supper prayer, washed dishes with Loretta, Janet and Judy, and taken my turn on the talent show floor. I may or may not have had a hand in one or more Grebel pranks.

More nights than not, I have sat in someone else's room talking about what I could or should be doing and have instead discussed the big questions of life. I have crushed and recycled cans in the Grebel kitchen with a sense of world-changing pride, and dreamt about forever living simply and in community, sharing all my earthly possessions with the poor.

I have slopped through goose poop on late night trips across the creek to the computer lab to pull an all night-er on a last minute essay, slid on cafeteria trays over icy snow, had late night “practice” sessions by a piano.

After a few years of living at or around Grebel, I emerged from it as a fledgling, faith-filled, passionate and motivated young adult – the result of good mentoring as a frosh, experience as a don, some practice living at arm's length of Grebel in

community as a married young associate (secretly wedded by a justice of the peace on the eve of a Grebel banquet!), and living two years as senior resident.

These are the mid-to-late 1980's rites of passage memories that pluck at my heart strings. What a treat, then, to have had the wonderful recent opportunity to spend 12 months back inside Grebel's walls as the interim dean of students while Mary Brubaker-Zehr was on sabbatical. Taking a short, heady, ride on the administrative side of things, I gained a new appreciation for what makes Grebel work.

The role as the Dean of Students is a ticket to the big Grebel picture. I was privileged to be immersed in both student and administrative worlds. I learned a lot from the people (including many alumni) and systems that make Grebel go. The commitment and dedication of these colleagues sustain the ongoing academic and residential integrity of Grebel. I learned that even in administration, Grebel is about the people - people who care about each other, people who care about the integrity of the college and who sometimes struggle among competing systems. It is a dynamic place.

Despite a pretty major building project that joined two buildings, added 26 more beds, introduced apartment space for 32 on-campus associates and put some other projects on hold, Grebel as I knew it in the 80's is still recognizable. Life-long friendships are still being forged. Grebel cookies still taste good, and the rules still seem to be made for questioning. Community suppers still have too many announcements. Idealism and anxiety about the future still have their place in the experience of emerging adults who study and live in community. Both student leaders and employees still take an amazing ownership over the traditions that continue to evolve and are passed down at Grebel.

Formative moments continue to abound - and as the interim dean of students, I was thankful to have been invited to participate and give back a little of which I have been given.

Thank You Karyn by Emily Berg

In the fall of 2003, one of the friendly new faces we had the opportunity and privilege of meeting, was our new Interim Dean of Students, Karyn Mierau. With her friendly, personable nature, she soon became known to us as Karyn.

Her passion, fresh excitement, and vision were immediately evident in conversations and meetings with her. She facilitated many great ideas, leading to new and fun-filled experiences for us all to enjoy. Her excitement, enthusiasm (and sometimes craziness) spurred us on – whether by singing songs on a ‘tiki’ mandolin or organizing planning committees– she encouraged us to get involved. Her wonderful gung-ho, waste-no-time attitude became evident in her willingness to always give 110% in all aspects of her role as Dean.

Her ability to be real, her positive and friendly attitude, and her giving of herself with openness and honesty were such special qualities. Her personal interest in each one of us and her sense of tact was greatly appreciated by so many. Her positive presence in the Grebel community was demonstrated by her natural smile and friendly demeanor. Not only did she create a strong link between the administration and the students, but she became our voice and advocate too.

Karyn adapted and integrated herself so naturally into the Grebel setting. Creating new friendships and relationships in such a short period of time is a tribute to her caring nature. Not only is that something that we all can strive for, but is a source of inspiration to us all. Thank you Karyn for such an astounding year. All the best in your future endeavours. We miss you.

Karyn Mierau was Grebel's interim Dean of Students from September 2003 to August 2004, while Mary Brubaker-Zehr was on sabbatical.

“Search to Live” with Gary Leis

In 1969, Gary Leis moved from his “sheltered life” in Wellesley, into residence at Conrad Grebel. He thought it made sense, since he was a Mennonite going to the University of Waterloo, he wanted to leave home and he had a buddy planning to live at Grebel. He ended up rooming with Andy Reesor-McDowell (in the days when you could choose your own roommate) until they both moved out on their own the next term. Gary enjoyed his time in residence and thought it was a great way to get to know people, even though it was hard to get any work done!

At Grebel, Gary learned about different religious ideas and concepts in the world. “It started to make me think about my journey as a Christian,” Gary said. “It made me a lot less comfortable, but I’m glad it happened. I still continue to ask questions and look for better meaning in life.” Gary took a lot of Grebel courses, and especially enjoyed John Miller’s classes and singing in the choir with Bill Janzen.

While at Grebel, Gary was the president of the Western Ontario Mennonite Conference Youth Fellowship (MYF) and his roommate Andy was the president

of the Ontario MYF. They wanted to bring the two very separate conferences together. They knew they had to “get into the churches somehow” and figured that the best way to do so was to form a music group. Through music, they could get to the youth. Thus “Cherchez-vivre” (search to live) was formed, eventually consisting of 10 members. The band went to churches, played folk rock and coffeehouse style music, and aimed to unify the churches.

A significant moment in Gary’s life happened late one night at Grebel, when he and Andy snuck their girlfriends into their room. (Gary felt following the visitors rule was too restrictive!) They had just attended a concert on campus and thought, “We could do that!” They hatched a plan to work with Mennonite Voluntary Service (MVS) and go on a tour with their band. MVS thought it was a good idea, and Cherchez-vivre hit the road

on a 10 month tour of the USA, Quebec, and Ontario. They would spend 2 months in a community, working there with low income families, Youth for Christ, and day care, touring prisons, coffeehouses, and churches. They were there “to learn, listen, share their values, and challenge fellow Christians in their search for the meaning of life.”



At the end of the tour, the band made a record and sold it successfully. With their long hair, sandals, holey shirts, and army jackets, the group continued to

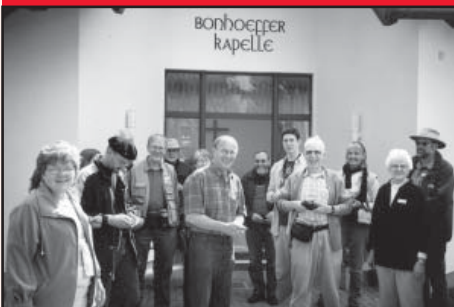
sing to youth groups, at weddings, and coffeehouses. Gary and his girlfriend, Brenda, (who was part of the band) got married soon after the tour.

After a two year break from school, Gary went back to school and graduated with a BA in Sociology. He used Grebel as his home base, and got involved in events, hockey, and other sports teams.

After a six year stint farming in Palmerston, his family moved to Hidden Acres Camp in New Hamburg where Gary and Brenda co-directed the camp for another six years. They implemented many new programs, making the camp viable year round. They then moved to Wellesley and got involved in the family feed business. Gary now manages Leis Feed and Supply, Leis Pet Distributing, and the Wellesley Service Centre. Gary speculates that perhaps his sociology degree led him to his business in managing people – 36 in all.

At his current life stage, Gary still like sports, is still playing hockey and golf, and is enjoying his first grandchild and cottage. Gary is very involved in his community, as a member of the Wellesley Lions, the Wellesley Apple Butter and Cheese Festival, a Director of the Pondview Residential Community, and as a hockey coach. Gary and Brenda have three children, Nathan, Shauna (’98), and Brandon (’04). Both Shauna and Brandon lived at Grebel, and Brenda has served on the Board of Governors (1995-2001). The family supports Grebel’s peace program and has been very active in Project Ploughshares.

Bonhoeffer: Life & Legacy



This past May, Jim Reimer and Peter Frick took 28 participants on a Bonhoeffer study tour through Germany and Poland. Some of the group (above) is standing before a newly-erected Bonhoeffer Chapel in honour of the late German Lutheran theologian Dietrich Bonhoeffer, executed by the Nazis for his role in the conspiracy to assassinate Hitler. The chapel is located near the North Eastern German town Zingst, where Bonhoeffer secretly conducted an underground seminary of the Confessing Church in the late 1930s. The next tour is planned for May 2006, the hundredth anniversary of Bonhoeffer’s birth. Seats are going quickly, so contact Jim at ajreimer@uwaterloo.ca

Footsteps of Paul

TourMagination, in association with Conrad Grebel University College, is planning a tour, “In the Footsteps of the Apostle Paul,” to Western Turkey and Greece from May 27-June 12, 2005. Tom Yoder Neufeld, Associate Professor of Religious Studies (New Testament) and Peace Studies, and Fred Redekop, pastor at the Floradale Mennonite Church, will lead this tour. Call TourMagination, 1-800-565-0451, for more information. We expect the tour to sell out soon.

Music & Culture in London Travel Course - May 11-25, 2005

Experience the music and cultural life of London from the 16th-century to the present, through concerts, theatre, museums, galleries, and architecture, as well as through lectures and seminars. Join Professor Ken Hull on this amazing tour.

For more information call 885-0220 x226 or email krhull@uwaterloo.ca

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Grebel welcomes Nathan Funk, PACS MAN

This summer, Conrad Grebel University College welcomed Dr. Nathan Funk, Assistant Professor in Peace and Conflict Studies (PACS), as the newest member of the Grebel faculty. With his highly interdisciplinary training, broad range of teachable courses, and keen interest in research and writing, Nathan seems to be a perfect match for Grebel's growing PACS program. Marlene Epp, Academic Dean, says "Dr. Funk's training, teaching, and research agenda are focused directly on international peace and conflict resolution, something that is rare in Canadian universities. He is a significant asset to PACS at UW."

Nathan says he is very excited about both Grebel and its enthusiastic PACS students. He is looking forward to "further developing the PACS program with a strong service-learning component and dedication to bridging the worlds of theory and practice." Thinking about ways he can contribute, Nathan is inspired by the opportunities for collaboration with long-term members of the community - faculty as well as staff and alumni. "It's great to be part of a community in which peace studies



is a collective endeavor, and not just the specialty of one or two professors."

At the home of the oldest peace studies program in Canada, Nathan has a great vision for the program's future. He would like to see the program "continue to play a leadership role, both in Canadian/North American peace studies and on campus." He wants "people to think of Grebel as a place they can visit when they are searching for renewal, inspiration, and

peace, or when they are trying to find new ways to integrate skill and innovation with service. By building a strong program and sponsoring special events on pressing topics like religion and peace Grebel can have a tremendously positive impact on the university and

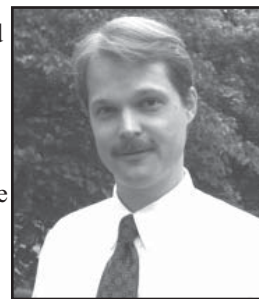
community."

As he develops a new course on religion and peace-building, Nathan is focusing on the seldom heard story of people whose faith inspires them to reach across boundaries to engage the "other" in a shared search for truth, justice, and peace. He is also looking forward to teaching courses on nonviolence, peace theory, peace research, and human security, and

is talking with other Grebel professors about the possibility of a collaboratively developed summer course on Muslim-Christian dialogue.

While it may sound like Nathan is a busy man, he does like to get out once in a while and enjoy the outdoors. He enjoys biking, hiking (especially mountain hiking,) birdwatching and stargazing (recommended reading for learning about constellations is H. A. Rey's *The Stars: A New Way to See Them.*) Nathan also listens to "world music" – music from diverse world cultures. Nathan has moved to Waterloo with his wife, Meena, who is currently finishing her doctoral work in International Relations at American University. They look forward to seeing what the Waterloo Region has to offer.

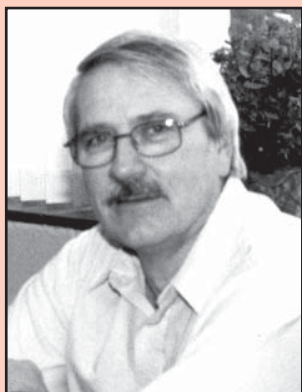
Nathan did his undergrad degree in global community studies. For his doctoral work, he studied international relations at American University, completed concentrations in international peace and conflict resolution and Middle Eastern/ Islamic studies, conducted field research in the Middle East, and acquired proficiency in the Arabic language. Most recently Nathan was teaching at George Washington University in Washington, DC.



Development, Child Labour, the Law and Peace

Peace and Conflict Studies (PACS) Director, Lowell Ewert has returned from his year long sabbatical with a lot of airmiles under his belt, with quite a few chapters written for multiple books, and with a renewed sense of vitality for both his work and for the PACS program.

Beginning in August 2003, Lowell made the most of his year off from teaching. He traveled throughout North America and as far as Mongolia and Indonesia, attending and presenting at over a dozen conferences, seminars, and roundtables. Focusing mostly on development, child labour, and the law and peace, Lowell gained a better sense of



how his long-term teaching and research interests fit within the academy.

Lowell was one of the key organizers of the Christian Officers Peace Seminar, and the Practice of Law and Faith Seminar,

where participants discussed how their faith impacts their work. (See the Spring 2004 issue of *Grebel Now* for more information.) These meetings sparked his interest in how law has been used in Canada as a sword to oppress and suppress a citizenry. Lowell is planning a manuscript entitled "Law as a Sword" that include several hundred actual laws that illustrate the myriad of ways

that law has been used to abuse.

Several papers and projects that Lowell is working on deal with child labour, primarily in Egypt. He is working with many groups in an effort to develop a more realistic and humane response to working children, rather than imposing a total ban.

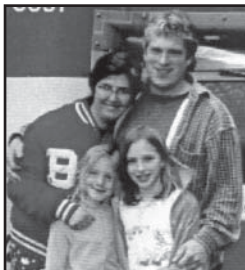
One of the most interesting things Lowell learned on his sabbatical was the extent to which there is an absence of scholarship on a rights-based approach to development. He is a quarter way through writing a book on this topic.

"It is hard to quantify the value of a sabbatical," says Lowell. "Simply counting up the number of words written, conferences attended, or potential articles or manuscripts drafted does not adequately measure the full worth of the reflection and rejuvenation that I experienced."

People

Don Flaming ('82) recently completed a PhD in Nursing from the University of Calgary. He continues to teach in the Nursing Department at Medicine Hat College in Medicine Hat, AB where he lives with his wife **Sheila Drummond** and two daughters, **Elizabeth** and **Margaret**.

Andy and Wendy ('90) Chappel-Dick are currently living in Harrisonburg, Virginia, with their 2 children, **Hannah** (10) and **Sara** (8). Andy is working at Colonial Williamsburg in the Cabinet Shop as an interpreter, and Wendy is a Reiki master.



“Our baby is here!” **Joshua Aiden** was born to **Leanne ('01)** and **David Lobe ('01)** on Sept. 25th, 2004 weighing 6lbs, 15 oz @ 9:14pm. Both mom and baby



are doing well and enjoying these early days. Dad is in complete awe of the whole process and loving every minute of it. Leanne is now on maternity leave from the

Region of Waterloo where she works in water services doing social marketing and community education, while Dave works at Extend-A-Family as the agency's Recruitment Officer.

Durrell Bowman ('89) earned a Ph.D. in cultural musicology from the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA). His dissertation contextualizes and interprets “musicians’ rock,” using the Toronto-



based band Rush as a case study. He teaches “Popular Music and Culture I and II” for Laurentian University at Georgian College (in Barrie and Orillia), sings professionally in the Toronto Mendelssohn Choir and in the parish choir of Christ Church Deer Park. He also does freelance work in arts administration and office support, and is also undertaking research for several book projects. He lives in Toronto and can be reached via durrellbowman.com.

After graduating from UW, **Simone Magwood ('00)** traveled in Europe and the Middle East for a year and then moved to Vancouver. She recently graduated with a Master of Science in Resource Management and Environmental Studies from the University of British Columbia. In other exciting news, she got engaged this spring and will get married to **Nic Rivers** (from St. John's) next summer in Ontario.

Nick ('98) and **Andrea (Dyck) McCabe ('98)** are delighted to announce the addition of **Nathan St. Clair** to the family. **Beth** (3½) and **Sarah** (2) are over the moon!



Jennifer (Murray) Walker ('93) and her husband **Scott** moved to Windsor, ON in May 2002 with their two daughters, **Rebekah** and **Rachael**. Jennifer is working full-time as a Family Services Worker with the Windsor-Essex Children's Aid Society and has also begun part-time studies in the Master of Social Work program at the University of Windsor. Jennifer would love to hear from fellow Grebelites - jlwalker@sympatico.ca

Ian ('96) and **Sue (Brazeau) Climenhage ('97)** are happy to announce the birth of their baby girl, **Leah Anne**. She was born October 15, 2003 in Kitchener. Also thrilled with the arrival is big brother **Ben** (born Sept. 10, 2001). Ian and Sue would love to hear from friends at sue_ian@sentex.net.



Maria ('02) and **Isaac ('99) Andrusiak Morland** are happy to have **Ilya Joseph** join their family. He was born on September 19, 2004 at home in Waterloo, with tons of blond hair. Maria is taking a year off from her Masters Degree in English and teaching in the Speech Communications department, while Isaac continues to work as full time staff for the UW Computer Science Computing Facility as a web guru and as a part time Pure Math Masters student. Feel free to contact us for a visit or a chat: Maria at maria@andrusiak.ca and Isaac at ijmorlan@uwaterloo.ca



This past June, Niagara area Alumni attended a tour and wine tasting at Henry of Pelham Estate Winery. Winemaker, Ron Giesbrecht ('83) (left in both pictures) gave an amazing tour of the vineyard and winery. About 20 alumni came to this event, making it a very enjoyable and informative evening.

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

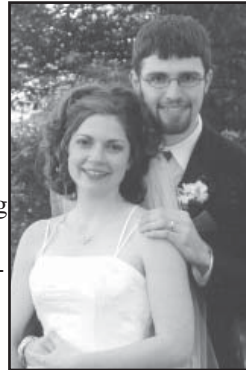
Ingrid Burgetz ('94) and Christopher Porter were married on June 5th at a ceremony in Toronto. Ingrid recently started working in biotechnology policy and Christopher works in bioinformatics research. They're looking forward to getting to know Ottawa and taking advantage of it's proximity to outdoor activities.



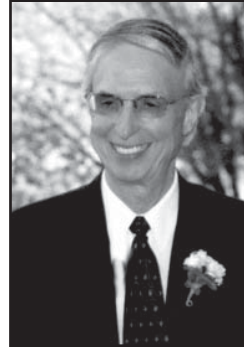
Arlyn and Judith Friesen Epp welcomed their third child, **Caleb Benjamin**, into their family February 21, 2004. He easily fit into their schedules, attending **Allegra** (8) and **Bryn's** (5) soccer games, accompanying them on errands, etc. Judith will return to her community ministry position at a United Church in downtown Winnipeg next February, and Arlyn loves his job working as manager of the Resource Centre at Mennonite Church Canada. While at Brubacher House for six years, they appreciated Grebel's support, and they miss the K-W area.

On July 25/04, **Dara Douma ('97) and Joel Dick ('97)** hosted a large outdoor celebration at Rockwood Conservation Area including a bouncy castle, cotton candy and other games. During the celebration, sunglasses were worn and nuptials were exchanged by both parties in front of family and friends. The happily wedded couple are currently residing in Toronto and pursuing interests including Joel's budding musical career and Dara's Hagis outlet store.

Jenny-Lee Bowman ('04) and Jeff Dipple ('04) were married on June 26, 2004. Jeff has a position with Automation Tooling Systems in Cambridge and, after working as Grebel's Conference Coordinator for the summer, Jenny-Lee is taking a few weeks of R&R before beginning another job. They are living in Waterloo.



Where in the World is John E. Toews?



Former Grebel President, John E. Toews sent us this update on his life.

I am enjoying retirement. The first year, 2003, I devoted primarily to completing the Romans commentary; the final revision with numerous updates the first six months, reading and re-reading proofs with some revisions along the way and making the index the second six months.

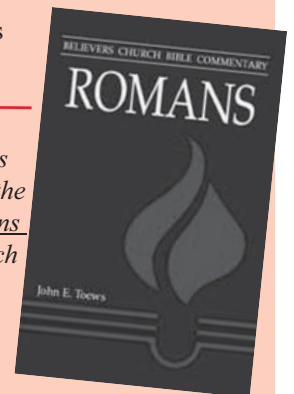
I have been teaching as an adjunct faculty at Fresno Pacific University and the Mennonite Brethren Biblical Seminary—two courses last year, three courses this year. The engagement with students is most gratifying.

My non-teaching time is devoted to larger writing projects, a book on "the politics of Paul" and my memoirs (for myself and the family only).

Since returning to Fresno we have reconnected with many long-time friends, and re-engaged with the College Community Church – Mennonite Brethren (named because of its proximity to Fresno State University), a church we helped start in 1963.

Peace
John E. Toews

Herald Press has just announced the release of Romans (Believers Church Bible Commentary Series) by John E. Toews.



"I have waited a long time for this commentary! Until now, few commentaries have thoroughly embraced the 'emerging paradigm,' which seeks to read Romans in its original historical and social context. Even less has percolated into the life of the church at large. John E. Toews' commentary fills that gap."—Reta Halteman Finger, author of Paul and the Roman House Churches

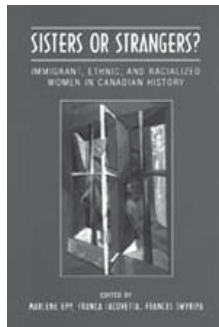
Sisters or Strangers?

Marlene Epp, Academic Dean and Associate Professor of History at Grebel, has co-edited the book "Sisters or Strangers? Immigrant, Ethnic and Racialized Women in Canadian History" with Franca Iacovetta, and Frances Swyripa.

Spanning two hundred years of history from the nineteenth century to the 1990s, the book explores the complex lives of immigrant, ethnic, and racialized women in Canada.

The volume deals with a cross-section of peoples – including Japanese, Chinese, Black, Aboriginal, Irish, Finnish, Ukrainian, Jewish, Mennonite, Armenian, and South Asian Hindu women – and diverse groups of women, including white settlers, refugees, domestic servants, consumer activists, nurses, wives, and mothers.

According to the University of Toronto Press, the central themes of *Sisters or Strangers?* include "discourses of race in the context of nation-building, encounters



with the state and public institutions, symbolic and media representations of women, familial relations, domestic violence and racism, and analyses of history and memory." In different ways, the authors question whether the historical experience of women in Canada represents a 'sisterhood' of challenge and opportunity, or if the racial, class, or marginalized identity of the immigrant and minority women made them in fact 'strangers' in a country where privilege and opportunity fall according to criteria of exclusion.

You are invited to the official book launch of *Sisters or Strangers?* on Friday, November 19, at 6:00 pm at the Toronto Women's Bookstore, 73 Harbord St, Toronto. Epp and Iacovetta, as well as some of the contributors will be present. Books will be raffled off with proceeds going to The Stephen Lewis Foundation for AIDS/HIV relief in Africa. For more information on the evening, contact info@womensbookstore.com or 416-922-8744.

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Calendar of Events

Toronto Alumni Gathering	October 27, 2004	5:00pm
<i>Scotland Yard, 56 Esplanade, Toronto, rsvp to fwmartin@uwaterloo.ca or 519-885-0220 x381</i>		
Christian Officers Peace Seminar II	October 30, 2004	6:00pm
Ottawa Alumni Luncheon	November 2, 2004	12:00pm
<i>The Marshes Golf Club, 320 Terry Fox Drive, Ottawa, rsvp to fwmartin@uwaterloo.ca or 519-885-0220 x381</i>		
1964-70 Grebel Alumni Reunion	November 6, 2004	6:00pm
<i>register at alumni.uwaterloo.ca/homecoming or call 519-885-0220 x381</i>		
The Practice of Law and Faith II	November 27, 2004	
Lecture by Paul Toews	December 4, 2004	2:30pm
<i>on the Molochna Mennonite Bicentennial</i>		
Bechtel Lecture with Dr. Fernando Enns	March 16-17, 2005	7:30pm
Grebel Musical - Kiss Me, Kate	March 16-19, 2005	
<i>Registry Theatre in Kitchener, for tickets call 519-885-0220</i>		
Convocation - Theatre of the Arts, ML	April 17, 2005	2:00pm