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Sound in the Land - Music for the Heart and Body

"Music this weekend has not just been in my mouth, but in my heart and my body," remarked Cheryl Denise Miller, a creative writer who lives in West Virginia, but is originally from Elmira, Ontario. She was referring to the Sound in the Land Festival and Conference that took place at Conrad Grebel at the end of May, celebrating the wide array of

In her keynote address, Mary Oyer gave a brief history of Mennonite Hymnals. From the original 1564 Anabaptist hymnal, the "Ausbund" to today's "Hymnal, A Worship Book,"

she spoke on hymns that have passed the test of time, those that were left out for having politically incorrect texts, and those that were commissioned by the hymnal committee because they couldn't find that perfect song. She also demonstrated the growing ethnic diversity within the Mennonite Church with songs from different backgrounds. She left the audience to ponder the questions "are hymn books on the way out? What do we learn from each generation? What are distinct Mennonite songs? How do we judge a good hymn?" Mixed into her talk were snippets of songs from old hymnals, which the audience couldn't help but join in singing.



Mel Braun leads participants in song

With prominent names in the Mennonite music world (and even the world at large), like Irmgard Baerg, JD Martin, Ken Nafziger, Mary Oyer, George Wiebe, Harold Moyer, Cate Friesen and many more, networking and making connections were additional benefits of this conference. Participants came from across Canada, from B.C. to

Newfoundland, as well as many places across the USA, including Hawaii! Violinist Mark Hartman from Iowa noted that "the breadth of musical styles and the inclusion of people who exhibit a variety of types of spirituality and levels of connection to the current Mennonite church made this a conference that was relevant for the times in which we live."



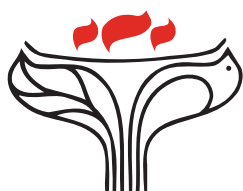
Jeff Gundy



Mary Oyer

Jeff Gundy, Bluffton poet and professor, said "I laughed, I cried; I swayed, sang, danced, and listened. It was refreshing and delightful to be at an academic conference where so much of the content did not require words." Sound in the Land managed to combine the talents of writers with the talents of musicians to create an unusual melding of creative minds. Poems of Di Brandt, Julia Kasdorf, and Gundy were set to music and performed by Rebecca Campbell & Carol Ann Weaver.

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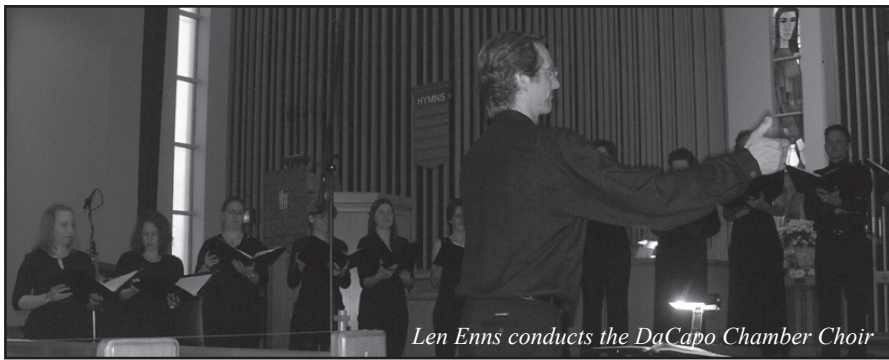


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Len Enns conducts the DaCapo Chamber Choir

amazing new piece also commissioned for this event. The conference featured four main concerts: Classical, Bluegrass and Jazz; a Collaborative concert, a Classical one, and the Choral Concert.

"The most amazing thing about this conference," remarked Fred Martin, Director of Development at Grebel, "is how Carol Ann Weaver managed to bridge so many genres of music, so there was no central type of music. It was just Mennonite music." The musical line-up included classical, choral, bluegrass, contemporary, traditional, collaborative, jazz, rock, performance scratch, and a good old-fashioned hymn-sing, with German, traditional, gospel, African, Colombian, Paraguayan, and praise choruses. The diversity of music truly reflected the diversity of Mennonites in the world.

"To think that the main components of North American Mennonite music were all basically represented at Sound in the Land is overwhelming," said Carol Ann Weaver, organizer of the event and music professor at Conrad Grebel. "We all come from different places and styles, and to think that there was space and room for all of us to meet, dialogue, listen to each other, and even make plans for future connections was amazing." To quote American top-ten song writer JD Martin, "At Sound in the Land my Mennonite self was incorporated in a way that's not happened before."



Carol Ann Weaver, Rebecca Campbell, Cate Friesen

"There are no dead composers at this concert," joked Leonard Enns, when introducing the DaCapo Chamber Choir choral concert which was attended by over 225 people. In fact, all but two of the featured composers were present at the finale to Sound in the Land, lending a palpable air of celebration to the concert. Two of the pieces premiered were commissioned especially for the festival by Mennonite Foundation Canada's Legacy Fund - Jane Ramseyer Miller's "A Dream Deferred" and Larry Nickel's "To the Lord of Time and Space". The night before, JD Martin, American songwriter, premiered an



Karl Snyder of K-Pet

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PACS Seminars: Challenging the common separation of sacred and secular vocations

Mennonites and Brethren in Christ have historically upheld an international peace position that does not condone the use of lethal force to resolve conflict and does not encourage the use of coercion or force to resolve disputes. However, members of Historic Peace Churches have called on the police to intervene, possibly with lethal force, for personal or domestic protection. Similarly, the legal system requires the use of coercion, power, force, and violence to resolve conflicts. This contradiction can also result in particularly acute dilemmas when dealing with international conflicts and discerning if a military action is "lawful."

To better understand the role of law in creating, consolidating, and coercing a peaceful society, the Institute of Peace and Conflict studies at Conrad Grebel and the Mennonite Central Committee Ontario Peacebuilders program began a series of meetings for people associated with Mennonite or Brethren in Christ churches. Police officers and lawyers who claim an Anabaptist heritage gathered with their peers to explore issues of faith and profession that they've felt. They were also challenged by theologians and peace activists to view these issues from new perspectives. Both groups are planning further conversations to explore the issues that the theologians and peace activists have challenged them with.

The purpose of these informal conversations was to listen to these groups and learn how they have integrated their view of law with their profession and their faith. The lessons learned from these conversations, and the dialogue that was begun, is being continued together with others who want to examine the theological implications of these views of law and the role of enforcement in our communities, in our nation, and in the world. Rick Cober Bauman ('85) at

MCC sees "the point of the Christian Officers Peace Seminar (COPS) and Lawyers seminars being to challenge our Anabaptist theology to be more honest," while Tim Schmucker, one of the organizers, commented that "this continuing dialogue between police officers, lawyers, theologians, and peace activists is leading many of us to new understandings and insights."

At both seminars, the participants expressed the value in having such a forum to talk about profession and faith. A common comment was: "I have no other place to talk about issues of being an Anabaptist Christian in my profession. Let's meet again. We've just scratched the surface."

Professor Lydia Harder was a participant and said the value of such an event can be far-reaching in at least two ways. "Firstly, these meetings have the potential to create more arenas in which lawyers, police and other persons in a variety of professions and jobs can explore their own questions and concerns honestly and without condemnation, knowing that support and accountability go together. Second, these events challenge the common separation of sacred and secular vocations, asking all of us to discern more clearly how our daily occupations intersect with our primary faith convictions of being a witness to the peaceable kingdom of God coming on 'earth as it is in heaven'."

Morley Lymburner, owner and publisher of a police magazine, observed that "attending the seminar helped to assure me that the Mennonite Church is finally looking at policing in the manner in which it was intended. Far from the militaristic images that the uniform evokes, policing in the British tradition was intended to be civilian managed and populated. The result is a group of people who keep the peace, attempt to minimize and resolve conflicts and ensure the

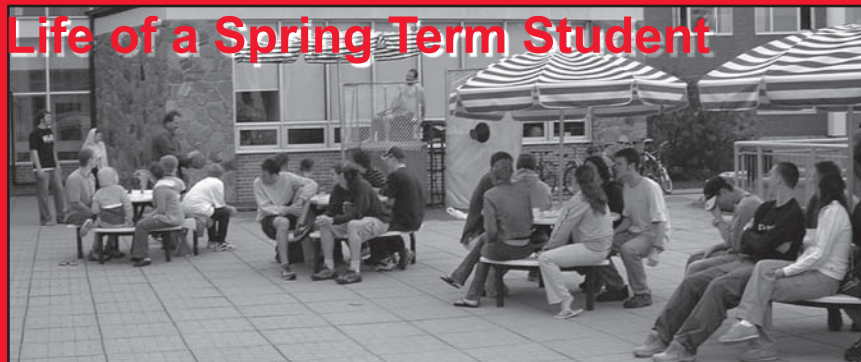


safety of everyone in society. Peace keeping and conflict resolution are very noble endeavours and areas in which Mennonites excel. I feel that policing is an area where Mennonites should take an active role in participating because it matches so closely with its doctrine. The COPS seminars go a long way toward giving the Mennonite community a clearer picture of policing."

For Mennonite lawyer Russel Snyder Penner ('89, '91), the law and faith seminar provided a concrete way to attempt to work towards integration of work and faith. "There seems to be an inherent conflict between many of the presuppositions of traditional Mennonite Christian belief and practice, and the presuppositions of Canadian legal practice," he says. "In the world of working lawyers, there is very little, if any, opportunity to address and attempt to resolve these conflicts. The seminar was a venue in which we could get these issues out on the table and to start to work through them with a group of other lawyers facing the same issues." Since Mennonite religious thought to date has not focused sharply on the day to day legal issues that confront a legal practitioner, Penner was refreshed to "hear the observations of the theologians, biblical scholars and others who were participating from the vantage point of the outer circle."

COPS II is planned for Oct. 30, 2004, while Lawyers II is scheduled for Nov. 27. For more information, contact Lowell Ewert at 519-885-0220x380 or lmewert@uwaterloo.ca

Life of a Spring Term Student



In addition to all the studying that gets done at Grebel, this year's spring term students are making a point of fitting in some relaxation time. They rented a dunk tank to "honour" Pete and Kendra (senior residents) at their good-bye party, and a bus load of people took a trip to Canada's Wonderland.



Alumni Profile: Brian Iler

Brian Iler didn't always want to be a lawyer, although he enjoyed being an event organizer in high school and university, and easily gravitated to student politics in university. He was far more comfortable with the harder skills of math and science, which brought him to the University of Waterloo to study civil engineering. Needing a place to stay when starting school in 1964, Brian decided to live at Grebel because he was intrigued by the idea of a Mennonite residence, and it seemed like a good place to live. Brian lived there for three terms, and "it turned out to be a great place. Grebel students were totally engaged in the issues and politics of the day. They had a reputation for being thoughtful and looking at things from a values perspective."

According to Brian, that first pioneer year "was an amazing eclectic mix of characters, like John Rempel, Doug Jutzi, and John Wilms." Brian remembers great discussions, lots of energy, and how difficult it was to get work done. He had to "knuckle under" during the second term, even though the pool table was quite the attraction.

Elected FEDS President for the 1968-69 term, Brian's involvement with the Radical

Student Movement ultimately led to his defeat. Students voted for Brian's council to resign a few months after they took office, so another election was held, and Brian did not win it. A report chronicling the lives of student radicals at UW 15 years later, recalls that "behind the scenes all the activism was being orchestrated by a small cell including Iler, tongue-in-cheek calling themselves the Committee for Intellectual Mobility. They met every Thursday at midnight."

"I think that the Radical Student Movement hopefully made student life at UW a lot more interesting," said Brian. "That was an amazing time, it changed my life. It made me realize that there is more to life than a career, and material things. When people work together you can accomplish amazing things."

This fateful election was a turning point for Brian. He decided not to return to chemical engineering, and instead chose to go to law school where he could be more socially active, since his life and goals had changed fundamentally. On his first day of law school, Brian and his two friends "were the only long-haired students in jeans."

Forming his law firm, Iler Campbell in 1982, Brian has "perhaps obsessively stayed away from Bay Street law firms." Some of the first housing co-ops under the (then) new federal social housing program came to Brian for their legal work. These were "the seeds of what has grown to be a hugely satisfying part of my practice."

Co-operatives and non-profits have always been a primary focus of Brian's work. They embody the goals that are important to him: "people working together to meet their

needs, or address social issues, in a collective way." He is a lawyer and a volunteer for many of them because "every time I participate in a meeting of a coop or nonprofit organization, I'm regularly enthused about how discussions between people result in good decisions. Democratic decision making is great. It certainly keeps me going."

As part of the board and as a lawyer for Greenpeace from 1984-1991, Brian saw the organization grow from 15,000 donors to 500,000 donors. This time period was a high point for environmental organizations, and Greenpeace was able to start new programs and campaigns, and hire a lot of new staff. Brian enjoyed guiding and shaping the organization through this growing process.

One of Brian's more recent projects has been as founding director, and lawyer of the Toronto Renewable Energy Co-op, started in 1996. The coop just recently erected the Toronto wind turbine that is owned by, and producing electricity for, its members. The reason for putting the turbine up in Toronto was "to let people know it is a possible, workable, and financially viable alternative." The group is now looking at building some windfarms that are community owned, perhaps on the shores of Lake Huron. Brian said it "was amazing to be there from the start of the project," and found it very rewarding to climb to the top of the turbine and survey the city.

The 1964-70 Grebel Reunion on November 6th is coming up soon, and Brian is hoping to attend. This will be a great opportunity to find out more of what Brian and tons of other alumni have been doing for the past 40 years!

Revelation, Reason, and Authority: Muslim Christian Dialogue

Qom, known as the most "religious" city of Iran, was the location of an academic Shi'ite Muslim – Mennonite Christian dialogue, in February 2004, as part of a two-week visit. Eight North American Mennonites, including professor James Reimer, joined a similar number of Muslim scholars for an intensive but cordial two-day discussion at the Imam Khomeini Education and Research Institute (IKERI) in Qom, on the topic of "Revelation and Authority."

Part one of the academic dialogue, sponsored by Toronto Mennonite Theological Centre, Mennonite Central Committee, and the IKERI, took place in Toronto, October 2002, on the topic: "Muslims, Christians and the Challenges of Modernity." Four Iranian scholars, including a translator, flew

in from Iran to Toronto for that event.

For part two of the dialogue, Jim, and 7 other North American Mennonite scholars were treated to typical Iranian hospitality under the able leadership of Professor Aboulhassan Haghani. This was religiously and politically a propitious time for such a visit: with the dramatic 25th anniversary celebrations in Teheran of the 1979 Islamic revolution on February 11, the day of their arrival and the elections for Parliament on February 20, both extensively reported on by Western media.

"At that first phase of the dialogue, we quickly realized that our traditions have very important commonalities," said Jim. "First, we both have a strong conviction that the intellectual life should not be separated

from faith and devotion to God; second, both of our traditions emphasize the importance of an upright moral and ethical life."

"The second phase of our discourse has reinforced these initial impressions. We sense a growing spirit of community and solidarity between us as we together search for truth and greater faithfulness and righteousness. There are, of course, also, some serious theological differences, but we believe that before we dwell on these we need to develop a spirit of trust between us."

As a result of this exchange, Jim sincerely hopes "that the community of trust we have developed may continue to grow and be a sign of hope for much greater mutual understanding between our two traditions and also between our countries."

Faculty and Staff Transitions

Peace and Conflict Studies professor **Larissa Fast** will be joining the faculty of the Joan B. Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies at the University of Notre Dame in Indiana. She will be teaching courses in conflict transformation to both undergraduate and graduate students. The Kroc Institute's reasons for hiring Larissa - "Because she was a graduate of our program, and a superb student while in the program, we had the added benefit of being confident that we knew we were hiring a person of integrity with a long-term commitment to working for peace and justice," - are key reasons why Grebel will miss her so much. Although she is excited about this new and exciting adventure, Larissa will miss her colleagues and friends at Grebel who have welcomed and supported her over the past two and a half years.

Dr. Nathan Funk will be starting at Grebel in September as Assistant Professor of Peace & Conflict Studies. In the fall he will teach 'Roots of Conflict and Violence,' and 'Violence, Non-Violence and War.' He will also assist in the development of a degree plan for PACS. His areas of expertise are: international peace and conflict resolution studies; Islam and peacemaking; track-two diplomacy; human security; and religion and peacemaking.



After three years in the role as senior residents, **Peter ('02) and Kendra (Whitfield) Ellis ('00, '04)** will be remembered fondly for their big hearts and their open door. It was not uncommon for students to smell cookies baking in the apartment and be drawn in for an evening of visiting or games. The spring students and dons from the years Peter and Kendra were senior residents said good bye to Peter and Kendra May 18 on the Grebel patio, sending them on their way with good wishes and a few splashes in a dunk tank. Pete and Kendra are preparing to travel to China where they will teach English as a second language.

Josh ('03) and Rebecca (Gingerich) Gibbons ('03) have assumed the helm of the ship as the new senior residents on May 29 and are settling in quickly! Josh and Rebecca know Grebel well, and are excited about giving back to Grebel in their new role. Josh will begin his masters studies in Engineering in the fall, and Rebecca will continue to work in social services with families with young children.



Mark Yantzi ('69), winner of Grebel's 2004 Distinguished Alumnus Award

"Mark Yantzi embodies the spirit and tradition of peacemaking and conflict resolution that lies at the heart of Grebel's Peace and Conflict Studies program," says Henry Paetkau, Conrad Grebel University College President. Mark is the 2004 recipient of the Conrad Grebel Distinguished Alumni Service Award.

The Distinguished Alumni Service Award, established in 2002, recognizes former Grebel students who have, in a notable way, demonstrated the ideals and purposes of Grebel. Mark Yantzi has "made a unique and innovative contribution to our community, and to the world, by demonstrating the possibilities of a restorative justice approach to conflict and crime. Restorative justice has been recognized internationally as a healthy alternative to the retributive justice system," says Paetkau. "Mark is one of many Grebel alumni who are making a major impact in the world. We are pleased and honoured to present him with the Distinguished Alumni Award."

Mark is currently the executive director of Community Justice Initiatives (CJI), which was

born in 1978 as part of a new program with Mennonite Central Committee (MCC). CJI is a non-profit organization, known world-wide as having started the first restorative justice program.

As a student from Grebel's "early years," Mark graduated from the UW with an undergrad degree in sociology. He was an associate at Grebel, and remembers lots of good discussions sitting around the study carrels and over the noon meal.

In 1974, Mark was part of what 30 years later is seen as the origins of Restorative Justice as a result of the now famous "Elmira Case," when Mark suggested that 2 teenage vandals meet with their victims to apologize and determine restitution. The move sparked what has become a world-wide movement in restorative justice.

Mark was very surprised and honored by the award. The award is extra meaningful for him because "Grebel had such a pivotal role in my involvement in post secondary education. It is also gratifying to have an academic institution recognize pursuits that are a practical application of the principles of peace and justice rather than in a more academic undertaking."

After living at Brubacher House Museum for almost 4 years, **Jennie ('99) and Colin Wiebe ('01) (and Naomi)** moved to Pelee Island, to do organic farming. They are farm managers of a new demonstration farm - planting, growing, weeding, and harvesting vegetables for a new farmers market. In their opinion, "There is nothing better than sitting down with friends to a meal grown in your own backyard, seasoned with your own hard work." **Jillian Burkhardt ('03) and Chris Steingart ('04)**



have become the new hosts for the Brubacher House Museum. They are both Grebel alumni and they are excited to share the local history with the community.



In May, **Brenda Bateman** left her position as assistant food services manager at Grebel, to work in the Kitchener Maximum Security Jail. She says, "I take with me some great friendships and fond memories!" Taking her place is **Sarah**

Allen who recently worked at the Stone Crock Bakery as a bakery supervisor. Sarah is looking forward to new friends, new faces, a fun work experience, and a good long term stable job!



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People

Sharon Scovil ('01) and Jerome Neufeld were

married on June 21, 2003 in London, ON. They are currently living in New Haven, Connecticut, while Jerome does his PhD in Geophysics at Yale. Sharon is working as a Clinical Research Associate in Obstetrics and Gynecology at Yale School of Medicine. They love visitors and invite you to contact them at sharon.neufeld@yale.edu



Laurel Van Dommelen ('96) moved to England in September 2002 to teach, but found after 6 months that there were loads of library jobs available in all areas of the UK. She has a MLIS degree, as well as a B. Ed. so she applied and now works permanently as a Children's Librarian in north London.

Jim ('85) and Yvonne MacMillan welcomed **Claire Emily** into their family on March 10, the very same day Jim got a new job at Research In Motion in Waterloo! They plan to move to the K-W area in late '04 or early '05. "God has been very good to us, but we are very busy adapting to all these new situations!"



Deb Bahnmann ('92) would like to send a big HELLO and quick update to all Grebel friends. In 2001 she graduated from Grant MacEwan College with a two year diploma in



Information Technology and Systems Management. For the past two years she has worked for TELUS in the

Internet Support and National Repair Answer department in Edmonton, Alberta. Deb has made Edmonton her home for the last 12 years. She still loves singing and is a member of the Greenwood Singers. She would love to hear what her Grebel friends are up to these days! Her email address is: deb.bahnmann@telus.net.

Grebel music professor **Carol Ann Weaver** has just released a new CD - a four-way collaboration with composers, performers, and poets. *AWAKENINGS*, written jointly with Rebecca Campbell, is based on the poetry of Di Brandt and Dorothy Livesay.

Maureen E. MacDougall ('78) has been happily married to **Sandy MacDougall** (a family physician) for close to 24 years. Most of Marni's friends at Grebel met Sandy when he was a frequent visitor at Grebel. They have six children ranging in age from 10 to 22. Besides being a busy Mom, Marni is the business and billing manager for her husband's medical practice, and she runs a small computer consulting and repair business. They live on a farm in Duntroon, Ontario in an old house which they have been slowly renovating for 21 years. They are very involved in the music ministry at Cornerstone Fellowship in Nottawa.

Congratulations to **Robyn Paul ('04)** and her team who received First Place in the Entrepreneurial Design category at the annual Ontario Engineering Competition as well as the Canadian Engineering Competition. Their M-CED - Mobile Cardiac Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Dispatcher - is a system designed to collect and analyze real-time cardiac data for a user. Upon detection of a heart attack, the system sends a wireless alert message to facilitate the prompt delivery of medical assistance to the user.

Len Enns' Chamber Choir, DaCapo, has just released their first recording - *Still*. You can get yours by visiting their website:

www.dacapochoir.ca

Chris Rollins ('02) spent "a year and a bit" after graduation in Burma with Mennonite Central Committee. He worked for Burma Issues, an organization which deals with oil companies relocating whole villages, in their document centre. His job was to archive all available information on Burma, make video documentaries, send out monthly and weekly newsletters, write reports to the UN, and visit border regions. He is now traveling around Canada and the USA and "storytelling" about his trip and "the human rights atrocities against two million internally displaced people." Chris "wants the world to know they suffer." He spoke at a Grebel chapel and community supper in the winter term, and shared his artwork - a series of paintings based on his experiences in Burma. "Painting was a medium I was comfortable with," he says, and he knew it would add a visual dimension to his stories. It also became a way for him to process the experience of living in another culture with people who have less and appreciate simple things, something that is a challenge living in the affluent West. If you'd like to see some of his pictures, you can find them at www.mcc.org/bc/prayerstories/story1.html



Sandra Dyck, 2nd year political science and PACS student won the Henry C. Smith Oratorical Peace Speech Contest with her speech on

Class of 2004



Back Row: Dan Bural, Steve Dick, Kirk Schmidt, Jared Penner, John Drummond, Josh Brubacher, Jonathan Kennel

3rd Row: Travis Martin, Justin Liu, Robyn Paul, Jeff Dippel, Greg Driedger, Brandon Leis, Carla Froese, Andrea Wiebe, Naomi Schulz, Nathan Gundy

2nd Row: David Kauffman, Dana Evans, Becky Elko, Kristin Anderson, Jenny-Lee Bowman, Darlene Hemingway, Shari Paetkau, Kim Wilson, Maida Tiessen

Front Row: Caralee Good, Rebekah Herder, Janelle Witzel, Sarah Crome, Leigh McClymont, Kristen Bergen, Derrick Rempel

Colombia and Human Rights.

Betty Jean Berg Dick ('71) passed away as a result of inoperable lung cancer on March 14, 2004. She will be remembered by her husband Paul Dick ('73, '74) and children Meredith Berg ('03) and Emily Berg (current Grebel student). "She was a wonderful wife and a loving mother. Her warm smile symbolized her kindness, her dedication, and her integrity. She will be remembered with love, fondness, and admiration."

Mark Shaan ('02) was recently ranked among the top 25 of "the Best and the Brightest in Canada" in a Maclean's special report. Universities across the country nominated their young stars--current students and recent grads, all under the age of 30. Mark is currently dedicated to finishing off the last of his Masters degree at Oxford University, before resting a bit this summer and then renewing his research efforts for his D. Phil which will be a continuation of his research on Canadian welfare reform. "On the other side of my life," he says, "I've been doing a lot of musical theatre and have maintained my commitment to student support services by becoming a Junior Dean here. Fun comes mostly in the form of just hanging out with friends and doing some occasional committee work. The doctorate isn't really my commitment to an academic future but instead time dedicated to doing some interesting research and really thinking about where I want to head next. The Maclean's mention was a nice bonus but I'm trying not to worry too much about where I'll end up - just that I keep doing what I care about."

James A. Reimer has been busy authoring and co-editing two books that came out in early 2004. *Paul Tillich: Theologian of Nature, Culture and Politics* is a collection of essays, all written by Reimer over almost twenty years. The essays consider various aspects of Paul Tillich's theology of nature, culture, and politics in relation to major theological movements, thinkers, and events of the twentieth century, in particular National Socialism. *Das*

Gebet als Grundakt des Glaubens, co-edited with Werner Schuessler, is a collection of essays, some in English and others in German, by international scholars. The essays examine the unique approach to prayer of Paul Tillich, well-known German theologian who emigrated to the United States in 1933, under threat of the Nazis, became a leading figure in American liberal theology in the twentieth century.

Sunday, March 14 at 12:25 pm, the Pletsch family grew to 3! **Meghan Elizabeth** joined **Jill (Martin) ('00)** and **Tim Pletsch**, 9 days after her due date, weighing 8 lbs 3 oz. Jill is on a short maternity leave from her position at Grebel as accountant.



Larissa Fast co-edited a book entitled *Conflict: From Analysis to Intervention*, with Sandra Cheldelin and Daniel Druckman. This major new textbook analyzes the emergent role of conflict analysis and resolution. Covering theory, research and practice, the contributors to the book explore conflict management and resolution, paying particular attention to the concepts of negotiation, mediation and peace-building.



Dave Steffler ('90) spoke at Community Supper on National Clean Air Day. He works with the Citizens' Advisory Committee on Air Quality as well as with "The People's Car Co-op" to convince people to work towards cleaner air. Through his community based social marketing approach, he provides information to help change behaviour. You can help air quality by turning off your car after 10 seconds of idling or take alternative transportation!

Thomas Washburn ('86) died in a Texas hospital on May 14, 2004, two weeks after being shot in the neck during a terrorist attack in Yanbu, Saudi Arabia. Gunmen broke into the company's office in Saudi Arabia wounding him and killing six others on May 1st. Another 50 people were also wounded in the attack. Thom was an oil worker with ABB Lummus Global Incorporated.



Diane Close ('84) sent in some memories of Thom, who was "a jump in, take charge, help out, truly generous person."

Thom never lived at Grebel, but he had a meal plan, attended chapel, took courses there, and his friends were all in residence there too. Thom could be found as a permanent Grebel fixture between 1981 to 1984!

A memory that easily springs to mind surrounds my birthday. It was a tradition at Grebel back then, to surprise people with popcorn birthday parties in their room. The one small problem with these "surprises" was the huge mess they left behind, and the clean-up the next day. The morning following the party in my room, I awoke to the inevitable "popcorn 'n pits" mess and a knock on my door. To my great surprise, there stood Thom leading fellow Grebelites Barry Friedman and Paul Close, all armed with vacuums, dusters, brooms and dustpans. They swept that mess into oblivion in record time! I didn't have to lift a finger. Thom was just so thoughtful and generous of spirit!

Another fond memory involves Thom's penchant for dating as many Grebel girls as he possibly could. He'd fall in and out of love frequently, but be equally passionate about his choice each and every time. One memorable crush was on Ingrid Enns, a peace-loving, vegetarian-promoting Grebel member. Ingrid managed to convince the kitchen staff to allow her to create a completely meatless dinner night once a month. Bless her, but it was pretty awful, so most people started eating out that night!

One night, when Thom failed to show up to eat with us, we found him not only at Grebel, but in the kitchen, actually helping Ingrid make those hated items! True love, it appears, can overcome anything.

That was another Thom characteristic: even if he didn't agree with what you were doing, if he thought it was for the common good, he'd pitch in and help out!

Thom Washburn had a great and infectious sense of humor and fun. He used to love driving some of the more studious, rule-oriented members of Grebel crazy. Thom knew when to get serious and study, but he also knew that you needed to have fun and just blow off steam every once in a while.



Three Master of Theological Studies students graduated this spring: Jonathan Seiling, Kendra Ellis, and Elizabeth Lucas. A fourth, Jacob Shelley, will complete the requirements this summer.

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

1964-1970 Era Reunion

Saturday, November 6, 2004



Remember luring Bob Neufeld into the chapel by stealing his glasses. We were waiting for him in the chapel and tied him up and tickled him. Clockwise from front: Elma Redekop, Patty Bland, Marlene Dick, ?, Betty Jean Berg, Margie Bruner, Marilyn Bergey, Barb Dueck

Attention Grebel Pioneers 1964-1970

Be sure to remember
Saturday, November 6, 2004
to reunite with friends from your past!

Reception

6:00 to 7:00 pm in the Atrium

Dinner and program

7:00 pm in the Grebel Dining Room

Be part of the fun as we recall
"Grebellion" stories, sing Coffee
House songs and see how those
black and white photos show the
real side of residence life!

Questions or ideas: Contact Carolyn Snider at 519-648-2426
glennandcarolyn@hotmail.com

or

Fred W. Martin, Director of Development at 519-885-0220x381
fwmartin@uwaterloo.ca

Reunion Organizers include:

Carolyn Snider, BMath 1969
Arnie Dyck BMath 1968, MMath 1969
Carol MacIntosh Fay BA 1969
Ray Switzer BMath 1967
Elizabeth Heinmiller BA 1969
Ed Papazian BASC 1969

People planning on coming:

Karen Enns, Esther Etchells, John
Driedger, Ron Tiessen, Katherine &
Ted Roberts, Brian Iler, Ernie & Nancy
Regher

University of Waterloo

HOMEcoming 2004

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The jury at Kangaroo Court during Frost Week, 1968.
From Left to Right: Alta Sickie, Bill Founk, Erwin
Tiessen, Barb Dueck, Marlene Dick, Ron Tiessen,
Elma Redekop, Dave Cornies, Rodney Dyck



back: Barb Dueck, Liz Nelson, Betty Jean
Berg, front: Marlene Dick, Dorothy Hildebrand

Remember sneaking into the men's washroom, and
putting saran wrap across the toilet bowl, and black
shoe polish on the black toilet seats.



Remember getting fined for being in the men's wash-
room, and then raising money to pay the fine by offer-
ing our services to do laundry, typing, sewing, polishing
shoes for the men. The men were "thanked" for helping
us by baking brownies for them. Of course we put
EXLAX in the brownies!

Calendar of Events

Ontario Mennonite Bible School & Institute Reunion	August 13-15, 2004
Christian Officers Peace Seminar II	October 30, 2004
Eby Lecture with Hildi Froese Tiessen	November 5, 2004 7pm
1964-70 Grebel Alumni Reunion	November 6, 2004 6pm
The Practice of Law and Faith II	November 27, 2004

2003-2004 ANNUAL REPORT

CONRAD GREBEL UNIVERSITY COLLEGE



Reflections on Grebel's 40th Year

This year was memorable for a number of reasons. Among them are the 40th anniversary of the College, the expansion of our facilities, and the arrival of the so-called "double cohort" as two years of high school graduates entered university together. It was a particularly exciting year!

Construction had not yet been completed last August 22-24 when Grebel's anniversary celebrations began with an alumni reunion. Over 400 people attended all or part of the weekend events. Thankfully, the residence addition and new apartments were ready



a week later, just in time for the arrival of students on September 1st. And what an exciting day that was! Some 32 upper year students

moved into the brand new apartments and 142 students moved into the Residence, 26 more than before. Some were younger than previous first year students had been, but all were eager to be here. They were welcomed with typical Grebel enthusiasm, hospitality, and great food. By the end of Orientation Week and the annual all-college retreat at Silver Lake, a new community of Grebelites had been formed.

The atrium connecting the Residence and Academic Buildings was completed in October. More than 200 people crowded into that bright and spacious venue on November 9th for a service of thanksgiving and the dedication of the new facilities. The Board of Governors named the atrium in honour of John E. Toews, Grebel president from 1996-2002, in recognition of his outstanding contribution to the College, which included building a solid financial foundation for the future.

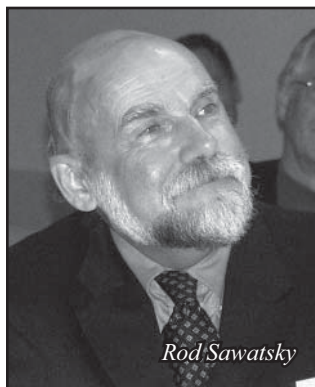
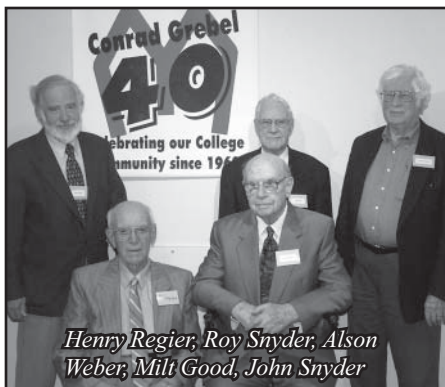
This anniversary year ended in early May, with a reception for former and current Board members, faculty and senior

Henry Paetkau, President

administrators. More than 90 persons gathered to celebrate the mission of the College and its growth during these 40 years.

One legacy of this year of celebration is the 40th Anniversary Student Award Fund. It was established as an opportunity for alumni and friends of the College to invest in the education of future students and in order to make Grebel more affordable to more students. Over \$17,000 has been donated to this Fund to date.

Another indication of the fond memories many alumni have of their Grebel years is the growing number of their children who are choosing the College. That, more than anything else, is an affirmation of the value of this educational endeavour of the church. It is also an immense demonstration of trust in this institution and an encouragement to all of us at Grebel to continue to build on the vision which brought this place into being some 40 years ago. We are committed to building faithfully on that vision as we move forward into the fifth decade.



Former presidents Ralph Lebold (1979-89) and Rod Sawatsky (1989-94) shared some memories from and reflections on their time at Grebel at the Former and Current Board Reception. A number of members of the original Board of Governors were present, including Hugo Harms.

Academic Program Report

UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAM

Marlene Epp, Academic Dean, reports that the bulge in enrollment caused by the "Double Cohort" did not affect Grebel's academic program in any significant way. That was due in part to the fact that the University of Waterloo (UW)

attained only 90% of its enrollment target in the Faculty of Arts and, more notably, to the limits set on Grebel classes. While teaching activity increased only modestly, it was sufficient to meet our teaching equity commitment to the University.

Grebel course enrollments totaled

3,315 students in 53 regular and 10 distance education courses last year (compared to 3,232 students in 68 and 10 courses respectively the previous year). Grebel's teaching load was carried by 10.5 faculty and 41 sessional instructors last year.

History professor Werner Packull had a full-year sabbatical and retired at the end of August. The Board granted Werner emeritus faculty status in recognition of his long and distinguished teaching and research career.

MUSIC



space and a central focus for the

Music enrollment remained steady at 1,542 with total of 25 courses offered, as well as 12 ensembles. The number of Music majors increased to 41 (from 33) while the number of Music minors dropped to 47 (from 64). The construction project provided some new

Music Department. The new link between buildings offers easier access to the Music offices from the main UW campus and added several teaching studios as well as lounge space on the ground floor of the atrium.

The Music Department is anticipating the re-introduction of a course in "Music and Technology" in the Fall. The University has offered the use of a digital lab and a Grebel alumni couple has generously donated \$30,000 for the capital costs of the equipment. This venture is an illustration of the benefits of Grebel's relationship with UW and an indication of the interest our alumni have in specific projects that will enhance the academic offerings of the College.

PACS

Two new courses were added in PACS: "Conflict Management for Technical Professions" taught by Keith Regehr and "A History of Peace Movements" taught by PACS graduate Matthew Bailey-Dick. Both were well received.

Six field study placements (internships) were approved last year: Anne Liechty (Guatemala), Jonathan Schmidt (Timmins, ON), Zehra Zaidi (Pakistan), Carey Jernigan (Chile), Maeghan Ray (Uganda), and Amanda Poste (Vancouver, BC). In light of the violent conflict in many parts of the world, UW administration issued strict guidelines for safety protocols in international study-related travel.

GRADUATE PROGRAM

Master of Theological Studies

Tom Yoder Neufeld, Director of Graduate Theological Studies, reports that while the majority are studying part-time, the 8 to 10 full-time students contributed richly to the educational experience in the program. The largest number of students is in the Ministry Option. Enrollment in the Biblical/Theo-



logical Option also remains strong, and many of these students continue on with doctoral studies. The mix of Mennonite and non-Mennonite, mainline and evangelical, notes Tom, "enriches the program immeasurably." The teaching load was carried last year by 5 Grebel faculty and 8 external instructors. Three students graduated in Spring: Kendra Ellis, Elizabeth Lucas and Jonathan Seiling. A fourth, Jacob Shelley, will complete the requirements during the summer. That will bring the total number of MTS grads to 44.

Conversation with Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary (AMBS) regarding a framework for collaboration between Grebel's MTS program and the Seminary is ongoing, as is the exploration of what is needed for our program to qualify for ATS (Association of Theological Schools) accreditation.

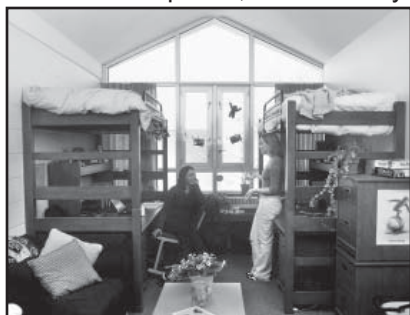
TMTC

While teaching activity at the Toronto Mennonite Theological Centre (TMTC) was reduced somewhat last year, Jim Reimer's involvement as Director, teacher, thesis supervisor, and mentor remains substantial. One significant element of that involvement is the Shi'ah Muslim – Mennonite Christian dialogue initiated several years ago. In February, a group of scholars and students from TMTC traveled to Iran for a return visit and follow-up conference. Interest is strong in continuing this dialogue. On the staff front, Jeremy Bergen resigned as Assistant to the Director and was replaced by Jeff Nowers.

2003-2004 Faculty include: Leonard Enns, Marlene Epp, Larissa Fast, Laura Gray, Ken Hull, James Reimer, Arnold Snyder, Hildi Froese Tiessen, Carol Ann Weaver, Thomas Yoder Neufeld

Residence Life

"The residence program experienced considerable change and transition," says Karyn Mierau, Interim Dean of Students. Not only were there more students altogether, there were also substantially more first-year students (96 of 142), and, as part of the double cohort, some were younger than before. Returning students suddenly found themselves in a minority. Some expressed concern that the unique culture and ethos of the Grebel community might be lost in this transition. These "growing pains" were also evident in new challenges to the physical spaces, most notably the limited



capacity in the Dining Hall for such all-College events as Community Supper and term end banquet.

However, the unique characteristics and strength of the Grebel experience soon became evident once again. Students experienced wonderful surprises this year. These ranged from "There are people here just like me" to "People very different from me still care about me." There were surprises, she observes, about the high level of trust that develops among students and surprises at the inter-dependence that, unexpectedly, takes precedence over the drive toward independence with which students typically leave home. These are wonderful gifts of community, and signs of a growing maturity that cannot necessarily be learned in the context of a purely academic venue or in just any residential setting. These comments demonstrate that Grebel matters.

Students invested themselves significantly in a wide variety of activities. A total of nine Dons worked with the Senior Residents, Kendra and Peter Ellis. Student Council President Caleb Boyd

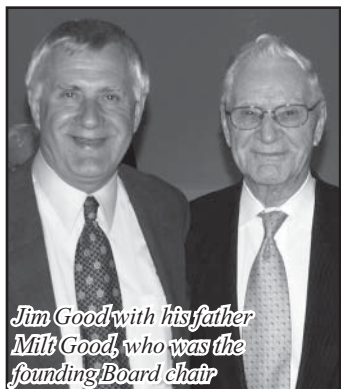
provided exceptional leadership in community building events. The Chapel Program, led by Chaplain Ed Janzen, continues to provide students the opportunity not only to worship, but also to develop leadership gifts and to test a call to pastoral ministry. One student participated in a Ministry Inquiry experience in the Chapel Program at Grebel. Five graduating or recently graduated students are actively pursuing possibilities for pastoral placement in congregational ministry.

This year was also marked by both crises and commitment among students. Several students experienced the critical illness or death of a parent. Ed offered counseling and facilitated times of conversation, prayer and reflection. Ed also provided premarital counseling to a number of couples, and assisted one couple in planning and leading a conversation on engagement rituals. In these and many other ways, the Chapel Program enhances student life at Grebel.

Board of Governor's Report Jim Good, Board Chair

This year is perhaps best described as one of consolidation from the Board's point of view.

The John E. Toews Atrium was completed in time for its November opening, and the controlled chaos of its construction has given way to a wonderful facility.



Jim Good with his father Milt Good, who was the founding Board chair

The College can be justly proud of its facilities and setting, a far cry from the rather questionable piece of pasture and swamp at the edge of the new University of Waterloo campus over 40 years ago.

In process at the moment is a minor change to the Act of the Ontario Legislature incorporating Conrad Grebel University College which will allow Board members to serve a third three-year term, should it be in the Board's interest. Carolyn Sherk, with her experience and knowledge of board governance, strengthened our Board considerably and it would have been useful to have her continued guidance in the role of past chair.

Henry Paetkau is well into his second year as President, and the Board is grateful for his leadership role and the smooth transition from the previous administration that has taken place. With the renewed physical facility the focus is on continued longer term academic planning. Key here will be the appointment of a new Academic Dean, a position Marlene Epp has very ably filled since the departure

of Conrad Brunk three years ago. We're also grateful for the excellent service of Interim Dean of Students, Karyn Mierau.

Working with the very congenial CGUC Board has been a personal pleasure for me. There has been considerable continuity in Board membership, adding to its effectiveness. We welcomed Tim Reimer as a new member this past year. We also recognize the extra work done by the Committee Chairs: Rick Martin (Finance) and Richard Dyck (Program), and of course Carol Lichti, Administrative Assistant to the President, who marshals us together and keeps us all organized and informed.

This is a wonderful time to be associated with Conrad Grebel University College as we look to the challenges and opportunities ahead.

2003-2004 BOARD OF GOVERNORS:

James Good - Chair, Dawn Regier, Rick Martin, Russ Snyder-Penner, Jim Blair, Caleb Boyd, Richard Dyck, Lester Kehl, Randy Lepp, Carol Penner, Jim Reimer, Tim Reimer, Jeanette Seiling, Marcus Shantz, Henry Paetkau, Byron Weber Becker

Financial Support

Government support for university education has been reduced in recent years to the extent that Ontario now ranks tenth among Canadian provinces in per capita support for university students. The tuition freeze imposed by the provincial government compounds the problem because additional grants only partially compensate for the lost revenue. Moreover, funding announced earlier to address the double cohort bulge in enrolment is minimal, and tentative at best. That reality compels us to rely increasingly on fundraising, both for operating expenses and for student aid. Development Director, Fred Martin, has been happy to work with the many Grebel supporters who have been so faithful and generous.

Capital donations for the John E. Toews Atrium totaled \$213,645 in this fiscal year. These gifts, along with pledges and gifts-in-kind, helped us surpass the \$1.4 million target for that campaign by the time the Atrium was opened and the new facilities dedicated on November 9, 2003. We are immensely grateful to the 41 donors who helped us realize the dream of a link between these buildings. It is a splendid space!

In addition to the ongoing Capital campaign, we launched an ambitious Annual Fund campaign which included an invitation for additional funds for scholarships and bursaries through a special 40th Anniversary Student Award Fund. The annual appeal generated \$321,000.

A number of new endowment funds were established this year. The Agnes Giesbrecht Choral Music Scholarship was established

with a \$25,000 gift from John Giesbrecht to support and promote choral music performance and training among students enrolled in the Music program at Conrad Grebel, with particular emphasis on the Russian-Mennonite choral tradition. The Alice Eisen Leadership Award is the result of an anonymous gift of \$30,000 from an alumnus in recognition of Alice's tenure as Student Council President. This Award will support and promote leadership gifts among students at Grebel. And finally, the A. James Reimer Award at the Toronto Mennonite Theological Centre was established with a gift of \$12,500 from an alumni couple who are, in their own words, committed to supporting theological education "for the ongoing health and development of the church and its understanding of God's will for us in the world." Their gift will be matched with funds from the Ontario Student Opportunities Trust Fund to create an award in support of advanced degree/ doctoral theological students at the Toronto School of Theology who are associated with TMTC.

Total giving to Grebel over the past 5 years

	'03-'04	'02-'03	'01-'02	'00-'01	'99-'00
Total Gifts	\$895,638	\$1,185,656	\$483,328	\$520,129	\$436,743
Total Donors	852	866	835	860	701

The Building is Done!

On November 9 we celebrated the dedication of our new and renovated space. As a College, we are immensely grateful to Paul Penner for his immeasurable contribution of time and energy in coordinating this project on our behalf. Thanks also to students, staff and faculty for cooperation and patience. It was a pleasure to work with John Schiedel of Protrend Construction Management, Lawrence Carter, architect, Brian Shantz, consultant, and Arnie Bender, site supervisor. Their dedication and commitment to this project were well above and beyond the call of duty. We have new and renovated facilities which are both functional and attractive, and which were completed within the \$4.9 million budget.



The Building expansion included this 32 bed apartment complex, a residence expansion of 26 beds, an enlarged parking lot, loading dock, student games room, laundry room, study space, classroom renovations, new music studios an elevator and the John E Toews Atrium.



Grebel staff are hardworking and dedicated to the mission of the College, which they demonstrate in many different ways every day! They believe in the vision of this institution and they enjoy working together to achieve commonly held goals. One indication of that commitment is the length of service of our staff. Our regular support staff has an average length of service of 13 years. Seven have served the College for 20 years or more.

This year Judy Dyck (right) was recognized for her 20 years in Food Services and Sam Steiner (left) for 30 years as Librarian/Archivist.

