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New Academic Dean Announced

Conrad Grebel University College is pleased to announce the appointment of Dr. James N. Pankratz as its next Academic Dean, effective January 1, 2006. He succeeds Marlene Epp, who will move into full-time teaching of History and Peace and Conflict Studies at Conrad Grebel.



Dr. James N. Pankratz

Pankratz has served as Academic Dean and Associate Professor of Mission and World Religions at Mennonite Brethren Biblical Seminary in Fresno, CA since 1998. Prior to that, he spent 20 years at Concord College in Winnipeg, MB, including 4 years as Academic Dean and 9 as President. From 1982-85 he worked in Bangladesh with Mennonite Central Committee as program advisor and director. Pankratz received both an MA and a PhD in Religious Studies from McMaster University, specializing in Eastern Religions.

"We are very pleased to be able to appoint someone with Dr. Pankratz's extensive administrative experience and involvement in Mennonite postsecondary education," said Grebel president Henry Paetkau in making the announcement. "We look forward to the academic leadership and vision he will provide at the College."

In recent years, Conrad Grebel has experienced extensive growth in its Master of Theological Studies program. "It's exciting to have Jim bring his background in graduate theological education to our growing program," noted Paetkau.

Conrad Grebel is distinctive in the world of Mennonite education," commented Pankratz. "Its faculty and programs have a reputation for creativity, quality and relevance. It will be a privilege to work with colleagues who have built this reputation within the University and the Church."

PACS approved as new B.A.

Effective September 1st, students enrolled at Conrad Grebel University College (CGUC) and the University of Waterloo in the Faculty of Arts will have the option of majoring in Peace and Conflict Studies (PACS). Previously an interdisciplinary program, students could obtain a PACS minor, PACS option, or diploma only. Students were pleased to hear that the B.A. plans

were approved. "For me, PACS was the most meaningful part of university and I was really excited to be able to major in it," says Dora Marie Goulet, who actually chose to postpone graduation in order to receive the PACS Major.

In her third year studying PACS, Sarah McGrath's first reaction to the news was, "Finally!" Like many other students in the PACS program, McGrath is exploring the option of further education, possibly graduate school or a master's degree once she graduates. Lowell Ewert, Director of PACS, indicates that students in PACS graduate and go on to "many fields- grad school, civil service... and apply the values and principles that help to influence all environments." Unlike other programs, "we are not training students for a particular career, but rather to apply this to everything they do," adds Ewert.

The PACS program covers topics of war, nonviolence, conflict resolution, mediation, human rights, international development and other social justice topics. "The program is inspired by the Mennonite heritage of a small liberal arts college but also draws upon the resources of one of Canada's leading comprehensive universities. Our program effectively combines an affirmation of Peace within the faith-based spirit context and a broad and open engagement with a dynamic and pluralistic University community," states Dr. Nathan Funk, assistant professor of PACS.

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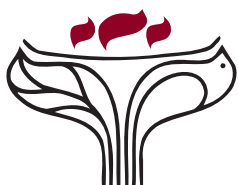


Photo by Matthew Bailey-Dick

Grebel students at a recent demonstration in Ottawa.

L to R: Becky Paetkau, Jenn Toews, Darlana Dyck, Kathryn Deckert, Sarah Eby and Suzanne Bender

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Alumni Profile: ('72)

Name: Dorothy (Hildebrand) Deeth

Age: 57

Grad year: 1972

Major: French & German

Home: Oakville, Ontario

What is your fondest memory of Grebel:

Lots of memories but particularly enjoyed formal Grebel dinners. Everyone waited in the lounge until called and then afterwards read newspapers in the foyer.

How would you characterize your time spent at Grebel?

As a good time and a safe place to be, despite ups and downs. It was a more innocent time and place, very much a family.

Do you keep in touch with anyone from Grebel?

In touch with a few people by Christmas card.

How did Grebel influence you?

Positive and significant; probably influenced every aspect of my life from a set of moral values, the kind of friends I choose and experience of university to how I would select a residence for my own kids.

What do you wish for the future?

I wish for peace in the future, regardless of how cliché that sounds.

What advice do you have for Grebel students?

Students don't need any advice except to enjoy the experience and not to take themselves too seriously.

What is the one thing you wish you had known about yourself that you now know?

It is impossible to say what I wish I had known. The reality is that youth is wasted on the young. At 20-25 you think you know it all. Later you learn that there are no answers
Dorothy is married to **Doug Deeth ('70)**, who practices intellectual property law in Toronto. She has 4 children ranging in age from 22-29. Dorothy volunteers with Brownies and Girl Guides and frequently travels abroad with her husband for conferences.

See Dorothy & Doug Deeth, and many other Grebel Alumni, on Saturday, October 29th, 2005 at the 1970-75 Grebel Reunion!

Memories of J. Winfield Fretz

My lasting and fondest memories of Dr. Fretz are the times he stopped to take a personal interest in us. I well remember driving to Gulfport, Mississippi during the 1969 Christmas holidays along with Liz Jones, John Bennett and Marguerite and Becky Fretz to assist in the cleanup of the black ghetto after Hurricane Camille. En route, we stayed overnight in an older building at Bluffton College where I, while foolishly sliding on the wooden floors, impaled the bottom of my foot with a very large sliver. Dr. Fretz very ably operated on me to remove it. My experience in Gulfport was my first exposure to extreme poverty. I still remember the delicious sweet potato pie that one family gave us in gratitude for our efforts. During the long car ride to and from Gulfport, Dr. Fretz took the opportunity to chat with us about our plans following graduation. He encouraged us to think about Christian voluntary service with MCC and persuaded me to pursue the Teachers Abroad Programme. That spring I signed up for three incredible

years of service and learning (one year in Paris, France and two years in Tshikaji, Zaire). While in Zaire I was thrilled to receive a visit from Dr. Fretz and Marguerite, as Dr. Fretz was researching the changes that were taking place in missions and their implications for the future. To me Dr. Fretz was above all a mentor and I thank God for the very positive influence he provided at a very critical juncture in my life.

-Alta MacFie ('70)

My first year in residence I roomed with his niece and was pleasantly surprised when he would stop by for a visit - in fact he was there to welcome her on the very first day when she arrived!! What a wonderful man he was - very down to earth. It was like having a grandfather around; someone you could talk to when you needed to but never one to interfere in your life either!

-Helen (Rogers) Beckham ('77)

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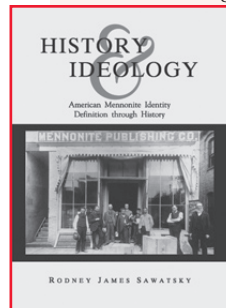
The program also facilitates a field study placement that allows students to enhance their education by gaining hands on experience in the field while attending university. This offers the opportunity for "students to learn experientially. By broadening their base of experience students are able to put what they have learned into practice and develop a new context for evaluating course readings and lectures," explains Funk. In this unique opportunity, students have chosen placements ranging from working as a conflict resolution mediator in Kitchener to doing community development work in the Philippines, assisting human rights lawyers in the Middle East, planning women's advocacy group events in Washington, and

becoming further educated on militarism in southern Africa.

Defining a career path for students is not the main focus for the PACS program. Instead, it seeks to "empower [students] to become peacemakers in whatever line of work they choose to pursue, whether that is peace advocacy, humanitarian work or engagement with local efforts to strengthen community" says Funk. In McGrath's case, she hopes the program will lead her to a fulfilling career in mediation, while in Goulet's case, the possibilities for peace-making are still being revealed.

Sawatsky dissertation finally published!

"The publication of Rodney Sawatsky's dissertation is long overdue. It will be of



value not only for its theoretical insights and historical information, but also as a historical document in its own right."

History and Ideology by Rod Sawatsky is an original and revealing study that traces the ways Mennonites in North America

(including both "General Conference" Mennonites and "Old" Mennonites) defined themselves through the writing of history, from the colonial era through to the mid-twentieth century. -*From the introduction by James C. Juhnke.*

Grebel Alumni designs War Museum

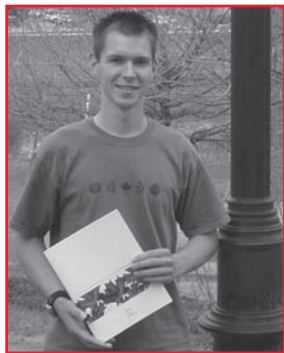
"Designing a War Museum may seem like a counter-intuitive thing for a Mennonite to be involved in, but actually our design had more to do with peace, hope and regeneration than



war," noted **Brian Rudy ('89, '93)** of his work as Project Architect for the Canadian War Museum in Ottawa. *"We tried very hard to avoid glorifying war, while at the same time honouring the people that risk and sometimes give their lives,"* Brian noted. Brian is an associate for the architecture firm Moriyma & Teshima. To learn more about this project visit mtarch.com/mtacwm.html

Spring Term Student Profile: Curtis Saunders

Curtis Saunders is one of two Grebel students to have won the prestigious National Canadian Merit Scholarship Foundation (CMSF) Award. Often compared



to Britain's Rhodes Scholarship, the award is granted up to 35 times per year and can value up to \$75,000. Upon acceptance of the award, Saunders, like many former CMSF award winners, chose to study Systems Design Engineering at UW. The idea to live in residence at Grebel was first introduced to Saunders through Shad Valley, the Systems Design summer program, where he stayed in the Conrad Grebel Residence. *"I chose Grebel first and Waterloo second. Your personal life has to be first...your relationships and community you are living in, once that is solidified then your academics follows."* Saunders believes that the difference with this University is

that the Grebel community *"is concerned with how we are doing opposed to what we are doing."*

Only in his second term at UW, Saunders is already contemplating an MBA, medical school, and international development work upon graduation. Currently, Saunders spends his free time as the captain of the basketball team at Conrad Grebel, is planning to join Engineers Without Borders, and will be donning in the next year at Grebel. Saunders will also have the opportunity to be mentored by Professor Ed Jernigan, the same Shad Valley summer program director who led him on the path to UW.

Saunders is keenly aware of the opportunities that have been granted to him by winning the CMSF award and is very appreciative to all who have helped him get to where he is today. When asked what he credits for winning the award, Curtis told us that he saw all of the winners as *"people who would be able to give back to their community, who took initiative, did not take life for granted, and had no fear in pursuing ideas."* Although Saunders' modesty might prompt him to disagree, he fits the profile.

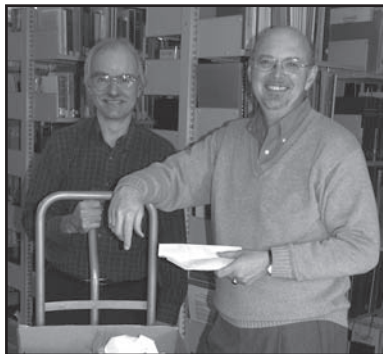
Local Artist donates negatives

"Peter Etril Snyder is a 'son' of Waterloo County," says Sam Steiner, Librarian and Archivist at Conrad Grebel University College. "His ancestry goes back to the earliest Pennsylvania German settlers, and he has become a well-known artist in the local area particularly for his work that illustrates the life of the Old Order Mennonite community."

For thirty-five years after studying at the Ontario College of Art, Snyder has been depicting Mennonite country life as well as scenes from across North America and Europe in paintings, murals, limited edition reproductions, collector plates, books and posters. Snyder was "Artist-in-Residence" at Grebel in 1977 and 1978, when he painted the four "Seasons" paintings that hang in the College's board room.

"Because the bulk of my work has focused on Mennonite life," says Snyder, "I thought

it appropriate that these negatives should reside in a place where researchers could have easy access to them. These negatives also include personal photos that some day may play to a researcher's interest." Steiner hopes that in the future Grebel can get a grant for a student to work through



Sam Steiner and Peter Etril Snyder

the negatives, writing descriptions of them and scanning especially the ones that have potential for wider use.

"His gift to the archives is a terrific example of Snyder's many, long-standing gestures of generosity and good will in Waterloo Region," says Hildi Froese Tiessen, associate professor of English and PACS at Grebel. "Snyder's paintings and photographs give testimony to the very positive relationships he has nurtured with members of the Old Order Mennonite community in the area around Waterloo."

By Jen Konkle

Anabaptist Colloquium



This past April, Arnold Snyder organized an Anabaptist Colloquium, at Conrad Grebel. Shown here are: **Arnold Snyder, John Rempel ('66), Werner Packell and Walter Klaassen.**

Bechtel Lectures



Fernando Enns, professor of systematic theology and ecumenical studies at Heidelberg University in Germany, was the keynote speaker at the 2005 Bechtel Lectures held annually at Grebel. Enns spoke on "The Peace Church: Dialogue and Diversity in the Ecumenical Movement" and "The Peace Church: Identity and Tolerance in a Pluralist Society." Shown here are President **Henry Paetkau, Dorothy Bechtel, Lester Bechtel and Fernando Enns.**

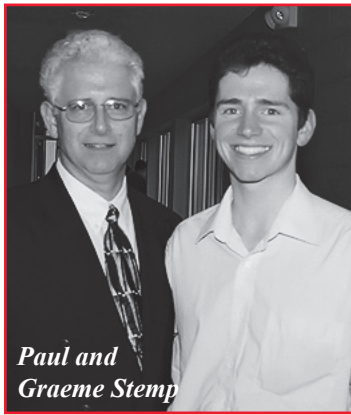
International Peace Week

On March 2, **Ron Mathies**, Director of Mennonite Central Committee, visited UW to speak on how MCC responded to Asian and Global crises. Mathies



also spoke of several other global issues that are in need of response from the world community.

Convocation 2005



Paul and Graeme Stemp

Paul ('79) and Graeme Stemp ('05) were just one of a number of two-generation Grebel families celebrating Grebel's convocation service on Sunday, April 17th, 2005. This year marked Grebel's 25th Annual Recognition of Undergraduates and 13th Master of Theological Studies graduation. The ceremony was held at the Theatre of Arts, Modern Languages Building, at the University of Waterloo. Marlene Epp, Academic Dean, gave the convocation address and, along with Mary Brubaker-Zehr, Dean of Students, introduced and presented the undergraduates. Valedictorian this year was Trish Niemeyer.

Tom Yoder Neufeld, Director of Graduate Theological Studies, introduced the MTS grads, and the conferral of degrees and hooding

was by President Henry Paetkau. Betty Pries presented the graduate student address. The service included the music of the Chapel Choir, directed by Leonard Enns, and pianists Judy Leung and Kenneth Hull, Music Department Chair at Grebel. Special guests included: Dr. James M. Good, Board of Governors Chair, and Dr. David Johnston, President of the University of Waterloo.



2005 Music Grads (L to R) Jessica Jones, Elizabeth Harknett, Jennifer Spaulding, Emily Grebinski, Jennifer Plouffe and Kim Lake

Tim Wiebe ('90) 2005 Distinguished Alumni Service Award Winner



Henry Paetkau, Tim Wiebe and Marcus Shantz

Conrad Grebel University College is pleased to announce Tim Wiebe as the 2005 recipient of its Distinguished Alumni Service Award. Rooted in Christian education, music and the church, Wiebe graduated

from the Mennonite Collegiate Institute (MCI) in 1978. Wiebe earned degrees in music and theology at Canadian Mennonite Bible College and a degree in education from the University of Manitoba. Wiebe studied at Conrad Grebel University College and earned his Masters degree in theology in 1990. Following these achievements, Wiebe began doctoral studies at the Toronto School of Theology. Throughout his educational pursuits, Wiebe taught at MCI, in Gretna, Manitoba and Rockway Mennonite Collegiate in Kitchener, Ontario.

After returning from a trip to Russia with the MCI Faith and Life Male Chorus, Wiebe captivated audiences with powerful images and stories of the trip that tied spiritual ideas to everyday events. Wiebe was soon asked to write a radio spot, later entitled *Timsights*, that first aired on October 8, 1993 in Southern Manitoba.

2,800 *Timsights* have aired since '93, leading Wiebe to publish his first book called *The Timsights Treasury: 365 Devotionals and Delights*. The book includes 365 parables and poems that follow the calendar year. In presenting this award alumni chair, Marcus Shantz noted Wiebe's quirky wit and the important role he plays as an educator in a highschool setting.

The Distinguished Alumni Service Award was established in 2002 to recognize former Grebel students who have, in some notable way, demonstrated the ideals and purposes of Conrad Grebel University College by making a unique contribution to the church, community, nation or world that is significant and worthy of recognition.

MTS Grads



13th Master of Theological Studies grads (L to R) Nak Sun Kim, Ilene Bergen, and Betty Pries. (Missing: Jakob Shelley)

Nak Sun Kim and his family moved to Vancouver following graduation, where his wife will be doing graduate studies in pedagogy for the hearing impaired. They subsequently will return to Korea where Nak Sun intends to work in community ministry. Nak Sun's cognate essay is entitled, "*Community Ministry as Healing Water in the Society: Restoring Shalom among the Poor*".

Ilene Bergen is a pastor at the Steinman Mennonite Church in Baden, Ontario. Ilene's cognate essay is entitled, "*Glowing Wreaths and Flowing Light: Comparing the Writings of Ursula Jost and Mechthild of Magdeburg*".

Betty Pries is a professional mediator and is contemplating doctoral studies in the future. Betty's cognate essay is entitled, "*Mary H. Schertz: A Mennonite Feminist Biblical Theologian*".

Jakob Shelley is studying Law at the University of Alberta. Jakob's thesis is entitled, "*An Analysis of the Purpose-Driven Church: A Theological Critique of Rick Warren and Bill Hybels' Ecclesiology In Light of the Theology of Dietrich Bonhoeffer*".

Grad Class 2005



Allen, Peter

B.A., Rec. & Business Studies

Bender, Suzanne

B.A., Honours Religious Studies

Bishop, (Taylor) Melissa

B.A., Social Development Studies

Bowman, Carolyn

Bachelor of Science, Biology

Bowman, Lindsay

B.Sci, Hon. H.S. & Gerontology

Boyd, Caleb

B.A., Business Administration

Buck, Leanne

B.A., Social Development Studies

Campbell, Rebecca

Bachelor of Arts, Economics

Chase, Michael

B.Math, Computer Science

Chase, Jennifer

B.A., Social Development Studies

Chodos, David

B.Math, Computer Science

Climenhaga, Vaughn

B.Math, Hon. Pure & App. Math

Cornies, Daniel

B.Sci., Hon. Mech. Engineering

Cressman, Andrew

Bachelor of Science, Physics

Cressman, Melissa

Bachelor of Arts, Sociology

Cwik, James

B.Sci., Hon. Comp. Engineering

Dickson, Celeste

Bachelor of Arts, Honours Drama

Donaldson, Andrea

Bachelor of Arts, General Degree

Feiner, Adam

B.Math, Hon. Computer Science

Fretz, Ana Rachel

B.A., Hon. Soc. Devel. Studies

Froese, Aaron

B.Sci., Honours Biochemistry

Gerth, Christa

B.A., 4 Yr Gen. Psych., PACS Opt.

Gingrich, Kristen

Bachelor of Arts

Girard, Emily

B.Sci., Honours Biomedical Science

Goulet, Dora Marie

B.A., Religious Studies., PACS Minor

Grebinski, Emily

Bachelor of Arts, Honours Music

Green, Adam

Bachelor of Math, Honours

Harknett, Rebecca

Bachelor of Arts, Honours Music

Heipel, Rebecca

Bachelor of Science, Health Studies

Hogeterp, Leanne

B.A., Honours Recreational Therapy

Hooykaas, Amanda

B. Environmental Studies, Honours

Howard, Amy

B.A., Hon. Relig. Studies, PACS Minor

Hunter, Dan

B. App. Health Sci., Hon. Rec & Bus

Jantzi, Scott

B.A., Honours Kinesiology

Janzen, Emily

B.Sci., Honours Health Studies

Janzen, Jennifer

B. Environmental Studies, Hon. Arch.

Janzen, (Paetkau) Stephanie

B.A., Hon. Religious Studies, Psych.

Jones, Jessica

B.A., Hon. App. Studies, Music, Drama

Jones, Linda

PACS Diploma

Kaster, Meagan

B.Sci., Honours Biochemistry

Kelley, Travis

B.Sci., Hon. System Design Engineer.

Kelton, Brian

B.A., Honours Anthropology, English

Klassen, Aleda

B.A., Rhetoric & Professional Writing

Kuipers, Pamela

B. Applied Sci., Env-Civil Engineering

Lake, Kimberly

Bachelor of Arts, Honours Music

Lawrie, Brita

B.A., English Literature, History

Leis, Natasha

B.A., Hon. Soc. Development Studies

Lepp, Eric

B.A., Hon. Soc. Development Studies

Liechty, Anne

Bachelor of Arts, Spanish

Machina, Matthew

B.A., Honours Kinesiology

Mackay, Euan

B.E.S., Hon. Geography, PACS Minor

MacSweyn, Melissa

B.A., Honours History, PACS Minor

Martin, Tonya

Bachelor of Science, Honours Biology

McBay, Terral

Bachelor of Social Work

McDougall, Katie

Bachelor of Arts, Honours English

Mooney, Laura

B. Sci., Systems Design Engineering

Morden, Daniel

Bachelor of Science, Honours Biology

Murphy, Richard

B.A., Honours History, PACS Opt.

Muzumdar, Pemma

B.Science, Honours Health Studies

Neufeld, Steven

B.Sci., Honours Mech. Engineering

Niemeyer, Trisha

B.Sci., Hon. Sys. Design Engineering

Nighswander, Kristen

Bachelor of Science, Psychology

Nisbet, Rebecca

Bachelor of Arts, Sexuality,

Marriage, & the Family

Pardys, John-Eric

Bachelor of Sci., Civil Engineering

Pauls Laucht, Marika

Bachelor of Math, Honours

Combinatorics & Optimization

Peters, Bryan

B.Sci., Hon. Mechanical Engineering

Plouffe, Jennifer

B.A., Honours Music, Church Music

& Worship Option

Poste, Amanda

B.Sci., Honours Biology, PACS Minor

Randall, Crystal

B.A., Hon. Eng. Rhetoric & Prof. Writing

Ray, Maeghan

B.A., Hon. Poli. Sci., Business, PACS Opt.

Robertson, Amber

Bachelor of Social Work, Honours

Robertson, Jessica

B.Math, Honours Mathematical Sciences

Schipper, Benjamin

B. Applied Sci., Honours Comp. Engineer.

Schmidt, Jonathan

B.E.S., Honours Geography, PACS Minor

Snow, Peter

B.A., Honours Religious Studies, Church

Music & Worship Option

Spaulding, Jennifer

B.A., Honours Music

Spivey, Jennifer

B.A., Gen. Political Science, PACS Opt.

Stemp, Graeme

Bachelor of Science, General Degree

Stern, Melanie

B.Sci., Hon. Systems Design Engineering

Stover, Peter

Bachelor of Math, Honours Science

Sung, Tania

B.Math, Hon. Comp. Sci., PACS Minor

Thayer, Laura

Bachelor of Arts, Geography

Turford, Elizabeth

Bachelor of Arts, English Literature

Twining, Lydia

B.Sci., Honours Biomedical Science

Valdez, Melissa

Bachelor of Science, Biology

Vásconez, Jennifer

Bachelor of Arts, Honours Psychology

Westberg, Joel

Bachelor of Science, English

Winter, Arthur

B.Sci., Honours Biomedical Science

Zacharias, Joel

B.Math, Honours Computer Science

People

Andrew Isaak ('93) and wife, **Crystal Wyllie**, are happy to announce the birth of **Jonathan Kenneth Wyllie Isaak** on November 27, 2004. Parents suspect that Jonathan Kenneth is eagerly waiting to go on his first canoe trip while they are eagerly waiting for a full night of sleep!



They would be happy to hear from friends at: aisaak@sentex.net

Sara Cressman ('01) and **David Martin ('02)** began a three year placement with MCC in Novi Sad, Serbia and Montenegro in November 2004. Both are working at Novi Sad Theological College.

Sara is working as the development manager at the College and David will begin teaching history in the fall of 2005. "We miss family and friends but we are really enjoying our time in Eastern Europe. The climate is warmer, people are friendly, and the coffee is good."



Rick ('95) and Sue (Gaal) Guenther ('95), along with their two children, **Matthew, 5**, and **Rebekka, 3**, have recently moved to St. Catharines. Rick has started a new job at Canadian Tire

Financial Services (CTFS) and Sue is teaching night school. Matthew has started junior kindergarten and Rebekka has just started nursery school. You can contact the Guenthers at: rsguenther@interpc.ca



A graduate of International Studies from the University of Saskatchewan, and a recent PACS diploma grad, **Sarah Loewen ('05)** is the 2005 Peace Speech Winner. Lowell Ewert, Director of Peace and

Conflict Studies at Conrad Grebel, commented on Loewen's speech, entitled "Forgiveness: An Act of Peace," saying it was "thoughtful, logical, persuasive and well delivered."

Ian ('98) and Emily ('99) Stokes-Rees

welcomed the birth of their first daughter, **Margaret Bailey**, in February. They have almost completed their PhDs in Computing (Ian) and Anthropology (Emily) in Oxford, and are excited to find what might be in store for them in the future. They can be contacted at ijstokes@alumni.uwaterloo.ca



Colleen Lichti ('91) and her spouse **Kathy Sickle** welcomed the birth of **Claire Julia Lichti** on October 16, 2004 in Guelph. Colleen



is on maternity leave from her position as a Recreation Coordinator at the City of Cambridge and Kathy teaches grade 1. Both are enjoying the many

adventures of parenting!

Caroline ('90) (Schmidt) and Roland Schmidt-Bellach ('89) with our 2 sons **Lucas, 5**, and **Thomas, 7** months, will be moving from Academia Britanica Cuscatleca in El Salvador where we are currently teaching at the United Nation's International School in Hanoi, Vietnam in August. We have been here

for 3 years, having enjoyed our stay in this very friendly country, and are looking forward to getting back to Asia. We can be contacted at schmidtbellach@yahoo.ca

Susan Allison Jones ('03) and **Glyn Jones ('92)** are both graduates of the MTS program and are working with Mennonite Ministries in Gabarone Botswana as part of Mennonite Church Canada Witness. They will be returning to Canada with their daughters **Maeyken, 12**, and **Adraena, 8** in September to report



to congregations on their work and life in Botswana. Visit: <http://www.thegatheringsite.ca/susanglyn/index.html> to learn more about their work.

Heather ('97) (Martin) and Craig Lee, along with big brother **Tyler, 3**, are delighted by the arrival of **Quinten Chad Andrew**. Born February 7, 2005, Quinten has already made quite an impression on the family with his big, toothless smiles and gurgles of happiness. Heather is enjoying her year hiatus from the advertising agency Barefoot Creative where she is a graphic designer, while husband Craig is busy splitting his time between teaching the Motorcycle Driver Training course through Conestoga College and his job at Two-Wheel Motorsport. Heather and Craig can be reached by email at chlee@golden.net

Meredith ('01) (Silcox) and Matthew Ballaban ('01) welcomed their second daughter, **Mae Stella**, on February 4th, 2005. Big sister **Avery (2)** is thrilled with her new role! They are now living in Fergus and Matthew is working for the consulting firm Gamsby and Mannerow in Guelph.



Alumni day @ Willowgrove

(pictured left), son **Matthew** (centre) and new line-mate **Matthew Steinman** (son of **Kris Culp '86**) enjoyed playing floorhockey, while **Julie Lycklama** (right) tries rock climbing for the first time. Daughter of **Karen ('84)** and **Edward Lycklama**, Julie celebrated her 10th birthday with 2 friends, enjoying the animals and activities throughout the day. (willowgrove.ca)



Conrad Grebel Alumni Family Day was held at Willowgrove, in Stouffville, Ontario. The day was filled with activities and was accompanied by the Chapel Choir during their April concert tour.

Julie Moyer ('92) and **Bryan Moyer Suderman ('92)** live at Willowgrove with their son **Matthew**. Julie teaches a Grade 2 and 3 class at Willowgrove Primary School. The school of approximately 70 children is located at Willowgrove which is also an outdoor education/school/camp and complex.

Bryan is currently promoting his children's music recording, "God's Love is For Everybody," and has a new album entitled "Can't Keep Quiet" that will be released in June, '05. (www.smalltallmusic.com)

Another Grebel alumnus, **Rebecca Seiling ('96)** serves as the school director and teaches Grade 1. She also lives at Willowgrove with her husband **Derek Suderman ('00)** and daughter **Zoe**. During the day's activities, Bryan Moyer Suderman



Jennifer (Hamm) ('00) and **Scott Konkle** happily welcomed **Eben James** into their family on March 18, 2005. Eben enjoys long walks, kicking his toys and watching CSI. Currently, they live in Kitchener

where Jen is on maternity leave from her job as Communication Coordinator at Grebel and Scott works in Milton as a computer programmer.

Stacey (Hoffman) ('02) and **Matt**



VanderMeer ('02) are happy to announce the early arrival of their son **Owen Franklin VanderMeer**. Born three days early,

Owen arrived on Sunday, May 15th, 2005. "We're adjusting well to life as a family of three, and each day brings new challenges and wonderful surprises," says Stacey. Staff and faculty wish Stacey all the best while she is on maternity leave from her position as Administrative Assistant to the Music Department at Grebel.

Cheryl Sumsion ('90) married **David Cates** in October, 2004. They are currently living in Berkeley, California along with David's 2 daughters, **Melanie**, (12) and **Sophia** (9).



Cheryl continues to sing, teach middle school music, and has begun to sing with the American Bach Soloists.

Peter Ellis ('02) and **Kendra Whitfield Ellis ('01,'04)**



are living in Shenzhen, China where they are teaching

English to very young children. "Kendra and I are enjoying our experience in a different culture after living at Grebel for 3 years. Our experience here has been both challenging and

rewarding." Kendra and Peter are joined in this picture by **Amanda Cressman ('02)**, **Andrea Shantz ('04)**, and **Nick Martin ('04)**. Kendra and Peter plan to continue teaching in China for one more year.



Maria Zapata ('00) was recently accepted in the KROC Institute at the University of Notre Dame.

The KROC Institute is a prestigious Peace institute dedicated to understanding the causes of violent conflict and to identifying and promoting the conditions for sustainable peace. Maria is one of 3 PACS diploma students in the past 3 years to be accepted into the KROC program.



At 35, **Curwin Friesen ('93)**, President of Friesen's Corp., was recently recognized in *Globe and Mail's* **Top 40 under 40**. Some of his notable involvements include founding the Seeds of Life Community Church, leading a team to fundraise and finance

\$6.5 million for a local community centre and creating a partnership with *Maclean's* Magazine to establish a 'Canadian Memory Capsule' of news events each year, which will be inserted into school books for diverse groups, some of which include American medical teams working in Iraq and NASA. Curwin lives in Altona with his wife **Jill Weber Friesen ('92)**.

Trek for Kids



Brothers **Kevin** and **Eric Martin**, students of Conrad Grebel, embarked on a six week long trek to raise funds to enable disadvantaged kids to attend summer camp.

The 2 brothers began hiking the Bruce Trail (850 km) end-to-end on April 30th and plan to finish in mid-June. The project was generously supported by Adventure Guide of Waterloo (www.advguide.com). Donations can be made at www.houseoffriendship.org

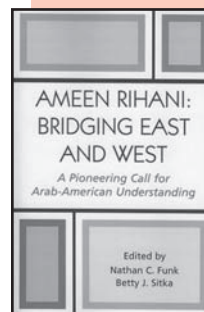
Faculty Activities

Len Enns

Winnipeg Singers will open their evening concert in Kyoto, Japan with "Te Deum Brevis," a composition by Len. The premier performance is a specially prepared abbreviated version of Te Deum requested by the Winnipeg Singers for that occasion as part of the 7th World Symposium on Choral Music, in Kyoto, Japan on July 31, 2005.

Hildi Froese Tieszen

Hildi received the 2005 Edna Staebler Research Fellow Award, granted by Joseph Schneider Haus, for her project entitled, "After Green Gables: L.M. Montgomery's Letters to Ephraim Weber, 1916-1941."



Nathan Funk

Nathan co-edited a book on Arab-American cultural relations entitled, "Ameen Rihani: Bridging East and West: A Pioneering Call for Arab-American Understanding." The book was co-edited with Betty Sitka and was

published by University Press of America.

Laura Gray

Laura is conducting sabbatical research in the United Kingdom at various institutions and archives for a book entitled, "The Sibelius Cult and the Idea of Symphony." The book is about the Finnish composer's extraordinary reception in England. Laura was also recognized in *Maclean's* annual 'Guide to Canadian Universities' as one of UW's top 25 popular profs as chosen by students.

YOU'RE A GOOD MAN, CHARLIE BROWN

Following the ups and downs of Charlie Brown, audiences were

entertained and amused by the antics of the Peanuts cast. Combining fast-paced group performances with solo monologues, "You're a Good Man Charlie Brown!" was a fun and eventful play put on by the CGUC Student Council. The musical was performed at the Registry Theatre in Kitchener, from March 16-19th, 2005.



(L to R): **Mike Turman, Daniel Zorden, Sarah Bornstein, Ted Sherk, Leah Reesor, and Vasana Abeysekera**

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 Communication Coordinator, Conrad Grebel University College, Waterloo, ON N2L3G6 or greblweb@uwaterloo.ca



Come out and see who has changed!
 Alumni from the 1970-75 era are invited to an informal reception at Grebel at 6:30 p.m.
 Join **Sandy (Froese) Callahan ('71)** from the alumni committee and others who plan to attend! Watch for your invitation in the mail in September for further details or check out grebel.uwaterloo.ca/alumni.

Calendar of Events

June 23, 2005

Lebold Endowment for Leadership Training Fundraising Banquet, 6:30pm

Featuring Jim Lapp, for tickets call 519-885-0220 x223

October 29, 2005

1970-1975 Grebel Alumni Reunion, 6:30 pm

November 11, 2005

Benjamin Eby Lecture, 7:00pm

Featuring Hildi Froese Tiessen, Conrad Grebel Chapel

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As Ontario's southernmost point, the Island is renowned for its nature trails, sandy beaches, and spectacular scenery. This will be a great day to enjoy the last part of the summer weather! We plan to meet **Colin ('01) and Jennie ('99) Wiebe** at the Kingsville Ferry at 9:30 a.m.! For more information contact, Fred Martin at 519-885-0220 x.381. To find out more about Pelee Island visit www.pelee.org, or www.peleetourism.com.



The Chapel Choir recently returned from their 2005 tour, having visited Markham, Toronto, and Ottawa. Currently, the Chapel Choir is offering a **pre-release special** of their latest recording: 'Then & Now'. The recording includes music of the Russian/Mennonite tradition interspersed with contemporary works. For more information about recording projects and to learn more about the Choir visit: grebel.uwaterloo.ca/chapelchoir