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PeaceWorks: Embodying the Spirit and Values of Grebel

Deemed a “visionary leader” by Conrad Grebel’s Alumni Committee, Nolan Andres has received Grebel’s 2006 Distinguished Alumni Service Award. The



Henry Paetkau presented the Distinguished Alumni Service Award to Nolan Andres while Marcus Shantz spoke on behalf of the Alumni Association, of which he is president.

award recognizes Grebel alumni 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.

Nolan established PeaceWorks

Computer Consulting in 1995 while still a student at the University of Waterloo. By the time he graduated with his MMath in Computer Science and a Diploma in Peace and Conflict Studies in 1998, he already had several people working at his company. PeaceWorks currently employs a number of Grebel Alumni, including John Goerzen-Sheard ('91), Clayton Grassick ('96) Jason Hildebrand ('01), Paul Janzen ('94), and Matthew Wiebe ('02).

Working from offices both in Waterloo and Winnipeg, PeaceWorks uses a sliding fee scale, by which more financially strong clients effectively subsidize those with less monetary resources. Some current not-for profit clients include Mennonite Central Committee Ontario, Mennonite Church Eastern Canada, and Ten Thousand Villages Canada.

“There are many people dedicated to making a positive difference in this world,” states PeaceWorks’ vision statement. “Our company is dedicated to supporting

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Derek Suderman: New Faculty, Old Testament

There’s a new generation of professors at Conrad Grebel University College. With several current professors approaching retirement, the College has been making an effort to hire a younger faculty. Derek Suderman is the most recent appointment. He will teach religious studies, specializing in the Old Testament and fill the gap left when John Miller retired in 1993. He will also be the only Old Testament professor currently at the University of Waterloo.

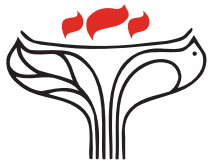
No stranger to Grebel, Suderman lived at Grebel in 1990-91 and studied there as an undergraduate (BA 1996 in history, with a peace and conflict studies option), as a Master of Theological Studies student (MTS 2000), and as a doctoral student at the Toronto Mennonite Theological Centre, an affiliate of the Toronto School of Theology. “I am very excited to return to Grebel,” Derek commented. “I was challenged and inspired by professors there, and hope to do the same.”

“We are delighted to welcome Derek to our faculty,” said Jim Pankratz, Grebel’s Academic Dean. “His enthusiasm for teaching the Old Testament and his wide experience in the university, the global church and the justice and peace-making systems of our world, make him an excellent addition to our academic program and the Grebel community.”

With plans to graduate from St. Michael’s University College at the University of Toronto this Fall with a PhD in Old Testament, Derek’s areas of specialization include Psalms and Hebrew poetry, wisdom literature, pre-exilic prophecy, and

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and empowering their efforts by providing affordable computer solutions to the non-profit sector and to small business.” PeaceWorks further expands on their vision: “We believe that justice is better defined in terms of the things that people need. From this definition, situations like homelessness, poverty, racism, exploitation, abuse, and many others become issues of justice. This type of justice is often referred to as ‘social justice’, and it is to organizations that promote this type of justice that we dedicate our efforts.”

The Christian values of peace, justice, discipleship and community that are at the core of Grebel’s mission and purpose have been manifest in the vision and values at PeaceWorks. President Henry Paetkau and the Grebel Alumni Executive are pleased to offer this award to Nolan. “Nolan Andres has found an innovative way of integrating his personal values of justice and equality with his computer science training,” said Paetkau. “Through PeaceWorks, he and his colleagues are applying these values and their skills successfully in the highly competitive business world of computer technology. Nolan is an inspiration for Grebel students who are making similar choices about how to express their faith in the workplace.”

“It’s a truly humbling honour,” said Nolan when he learned about the award. “I’m honoured to be in the company of those who have already received this award, and I’m humbled by the list of people who have not yet received it.” Nolan also expressed surprise in the decision, likening it to being congratulated for running the first five or ten kilometers of a marathon. “But mostly, what it means to me is that Grebel stands with me, with my family, and with PeaceWorks. In the end, we’re on the same path, and I’m reassured by the fact that this award exists to emphasize these connections.”

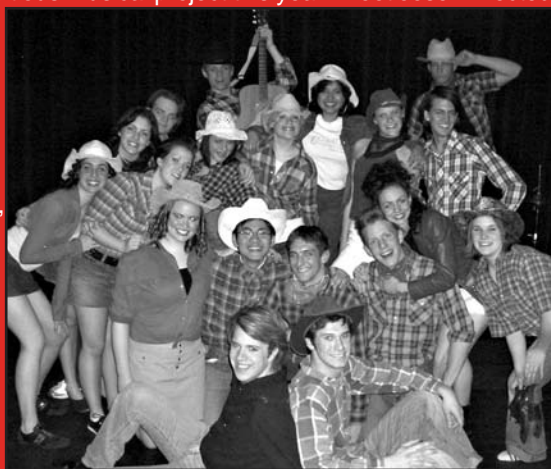
While Nolan was a student, he was a resident at Grebel for five terms between 1993 and 1995, as well as an associate the next year. After he married Margaret Massey (‘96, ‘97), they served as Senior Residents at the College from 1996 to 1998. Sports like Co-Rec hockey, volleyball, and ultimate Frisbee took up his days, as well as activities such as Peace Committee, Intercollegiate Peace Fellowship Conference Committee, and Chapel Choir. Nolan also ran “the Pop Shop” for a number of terms with Tim Miller Dyck (‘96) and donated the profits to charity.

A few of Nolan’s Grebel memories include “arriving at Grebel the first time and being absolutely blown away by the standard friendly way in which new residents are welcomed to the College, the comfy futon in the Quad, ultimate frisbee on the village green, and late night chats with other residents, from the sacred to the inane.” Nolan sang in the Chapel Choir for many years, and recalls “the tears in Len Enns’ eyes that one time as the Chapel Choir finished a truly inspired rendition of Bruckner’s ‘Locus Iste’.”

In addition to being busy with PeaceWorks, Nolan is a proud father of 2.5 children, is an active member at Waterloo North Mennonite Church, and is a founding member of DaCapo Singers. He fills his time with “family stuff” like playing with the kids, helping with homeschooling, camping, and home renovations.

Footloose

Grebel students took on a very ambitious musical project this year - Footloose. Directed by Laura Peters and Shawn Saunders, a huge cast and crew of over 50 people worked tirelessly for two solid months to put on four sold-out shows at Hagey Hall. The students found sponsors to help subsidize the cost of the production, and Grebel residents joined forces with UW music students to form the stage band. The musical was lively with lots of dancing and intricate choreography. It was fun to see students transformed into a completely different character on stage! Well Done!



Recently released!

Sound in the Land: Essays on Mennonites and Music

Edited by
Maureen Epp
and
Carol Ann
Weaver

The “Sound in the Land” festival and conference, held at Conrad Grebel University College in May

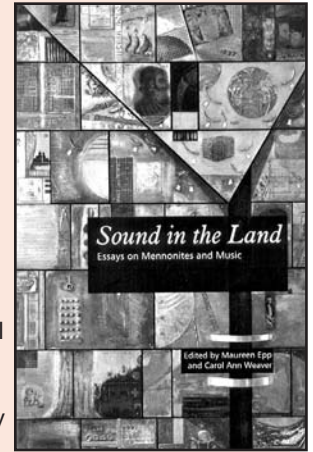
2004, marked the first time that Mennonites in their 300-plus years of being in North America gathered together for the express purpose of discovering, hearing, studying, and celebrating collective Mennonite voices in music. The essays in this volume, some of which were presented at the conference, examine the wide range of musical styles and practices that make up “Mennonite music” today, ranging from traditional hymns and concert music to poplar and non-western genres.

Music is the mysticism of Mennonites...our incense, our vestments, our iconography. Music is our soul.

~Eric Friesen,

host of Studio Sparks, CBC Radio 2

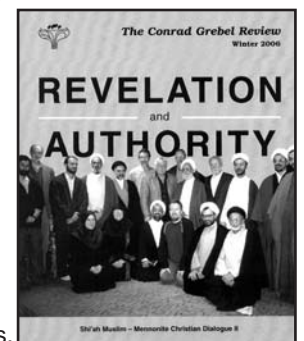
To order your copy of Sound in the Land: Essays on Mennonites and Music, contact Pandora Press, 33 Kent Avenue, **\$25** Kitchener, ON N2G 3R2, 519-578-2381 info@pandorapress.com or pandorapress.com



Grebel Review

The Winter 2006 Conrad Grebel Review is now available! This issue features a sampling of papers from the second Shi’ah Muslim - Mennonite Christian Dialogue, a conference conducted in Iran in 2004 on the theme of “Revelation and Authority.” Also included are two other thought-provoking articles, as well as a diverse array of book reviews.

The Conrad Grebel Review, Conrad Grebel University College, Waterloo, ON N2L 3G6, 519-885-0220 x242 or cgreview@uwaterloo.ca



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the synoptic gospels. Derek has already published in the Catholic Biblical Quarterly, the Canadian Mennonite and the Canadian Mennonite Encyclopedia On-Line, and has taught at Emmanuel College as well as Conrad Grebel's MTS program. Teaching at both the undergraduate and graduate levels, Derek will focus primarily in Old Testament but also offer some courses that may be cross-listed to other disciplines such as peace and conflict studies and history.

Beyond his scholarly achievements, Derek has been a mediation trainer for JustaPaz in Bogota Colombia, a community service worker for the John Howard Society in Manitoba, a youth conflict resolution trainer in Waterloo, a peace evangelist for the Mennonite Church, and currently serves on the editorial Council of the Believer's Church Bible Commentary Series.

As a student, Derek thoroughly enjoyed the interdisciplinary aspect of living and studying at Grebel and wants to continue such interaction with students as well as other faculty. He is particularly excited about the PACS program at Grebel since "it provides a unique opportunity to link elements of 'religious studies' to concrete justice/peace issues." Derek is also attracted to Grebel's commitment to providing learning opportunities abroad.

Having grown up in Bolivia, volunteered with a Colombian justice and peace organization and attended the Mennonite Seminary there, Derek knows the value of international experiences and will encourage students to look for such possibilities in the world.

Derek is also excited to teach in the MTS program. "I have personally experienced the academic strength of this program, which provided a solid base and broad perspective for my own doctoral work. More importantly, I believe the most essential element for a healthy church is its people, and I look forward to participating in the task of developing leaders to resource the church. While committed to an Anabaptist/Mennonite perspective, I have also benefited significantly from inter-denominational discussion and welcome this aspect of the graduate program."

Noting this link, President Henry Paetkau said, "Derek is rooted deeply in both the academy and the church. Both will be greatly enriched through his lively engagement with the Scriptures and the world."



Derek is married to Rebecca Seiling ('95), a UW grad in religious studies. They have a daughter, Zoe. In his spare time, he enjoys playing games and sports, making regular trips to the zoo with Zoe, and travelling abroad, especially to Latin America. He also enjoys playing guitar and "plucking away" on his banjo, as well as reading fiction.

"In short," said Derek, "Grebel's setting as a denominational college on the campus of a rigorous research university reflects the important task of relating church and academy. I look forward to teaching the Bible in both a non-confessional 'religious studies' vein as well as in a setting where this is explicitly recognized as an essential aspect of church life. Both approaches have their place, and Grebel provides a unique opportunity for maintaining this constructive tension without collapsing either one into the other. It will certainly be a challenge, but one which I relish and believe to be extremely important. For this reason I really couldn't imagine a better place to be."

For Children of Africa

A concert by Carol Ann Weaver & Rebecca Campbell with Conrad Grebel Chapel Choir directed by Tim Corlis, with Arun Pal, drummer

Every three seconds someone dies on this planet. In parts of Africa alone, one in every three children are affected by the AIDS virus. Carol Ann Weaver, music professor at Conrad Grebel University College, composed a musical piece entitled, "Every Three Children." The piece is both a memorial to the children of Africa who are dying from AIDS before their lives have really started and is also a song of courage for those who are living.

This new piece, with live music and original African field recordings of children's singing, is based on writings by Stephen Lewis, Stephanie Nolen of the Globe & Mail, and

many others who recount stories of AIDS deaths, especially from children in Africa. During Weaver's many trips to Africa over the years she has recorded countless hours of field recordings, many of children and women singing, and incorporated them into the piece. Within the piece there is time to reflect on the stories of sadness, death, hope, and life.

Grebel hosted a benefit concert in response to the AIDS pandemic in Africa in support of Mennonite Central Committee and the Stephen Lewis Foundation. "We are honouring today the children of Africa," said Weaver as she welcomed the large audience to the concert. The chapel was filled to capacity

and flowing out into the foyer with people of all ages.

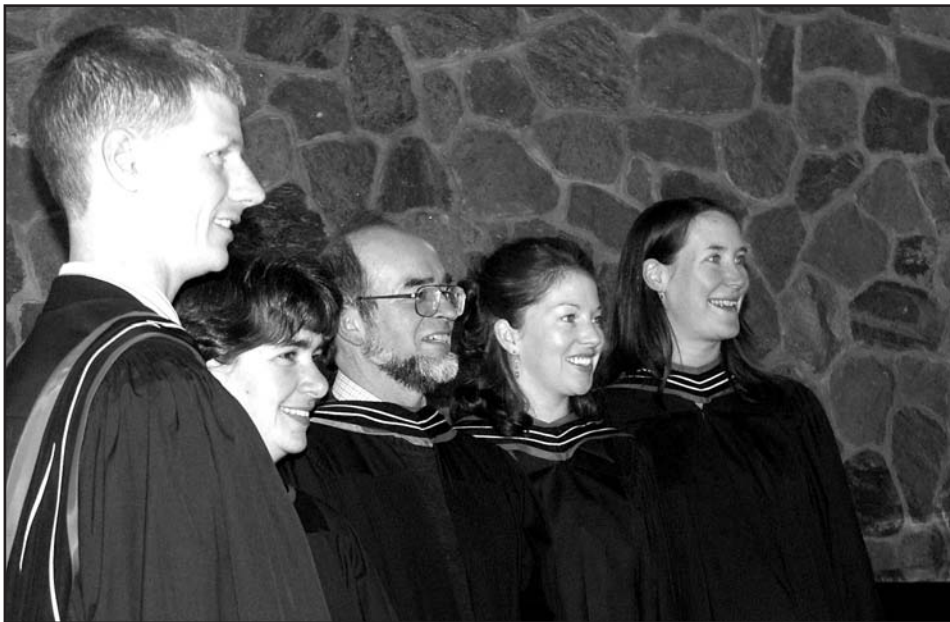
Henry Hildebrand of MCC said he was "Blown away and most impressed by the wonderful piece...it expressed so many feelings...." When asked if Every Three Children conveyed the enormity of the situation in Africa, Henry said that "no piece can do that." He said that the solution to the AIDS epidemic is awareness of the problem and "every effort is needed" to make the public aware.

Dave Klassen, a former MCC staff member who worked in Africa with people infected with AIDS, said that "this touching song made me think of the children who were born with, lived with, and died with AIDS. It really hit home."

Words such as melodic, unique, memorizing, powerful, and truthful buzzed around the chapel foyer after the concert.



Convocation: Bringing Forth Creative New Individuals



This year's MTS graduates were (l-r) Chip Bender (Ministry Option), Janet Bauman (Biblical-Theological Option), David Nicol (Biblical-Theological Option), Kerrie Engler (Biblical-Theological Option), and Michelle Cameron (Biblical-Theological Option). Reynold Friesen (Ministry Option) is not pictured. Nicol, Friesen, and Bender are all currently in pastoral positions. Cameron is a chaplain in a local Catholic High school, Bauman a teacher at Rockway Mennonite Collegiate and Engler plans to participate in a voluntary service term.

Making a difference in this world of technology, paradox, and incredible possibilities was the underlying message during Conrad Grebel University College's Convocation service on April 9, 2006. Degrees were granted in the Master of Theological Studies program and achievements were recognized of University of Waterloo (UW) undergraduates who have participated in Grebel life.

"This was my first experience of graduation at Grebel," commented Jim Pankratz, Academic Dean. "It was remarkable how the central values of the College were reflected so consistently throughout the day. Faith, scholarship, service and community were integrated in this celebration the way they are in the daily routines of the College and in the lives of our graduates."

Dr. A. James Reimer, Professor of Religious Studies and Christian Theology at Conrad Grebel and Academic Advisor at Toronto Mennonite Theological Centre, gave the keynote address entitled "Ctrl Delete: When the Wisdom of the Ages Meets Innovation." Speaking about how the University "brings forth a new creative individual... a person made up of body, soul, and spirit," he encouraged students to remain open to great truths of ancient wisdom and divine truths that transcend technological innovation.

Over fifty undergrads took the stage to be congratulated by President Henry Paetkau and Dean of Students Mary Brubaker-Zehr. The students had participated in Grebel's residence program or were receiving a degree in Music, Peace and Conflict Studies, or Mennonite Studies. Each graduate spoke briefly about their next step in life. Their plans included further education (many going to teacher's college), new jobs, voluntary service, marriage, and travel.

Valedictorian Duncan Taylor reflected on how at Grebel the students found laughter, comfort, challenges, and harmonies (from both the choir and construction jackhammers during the recent construction). In addition, they found games, similar and different ideas, inspiring people, friends, companions, and for some, even spouses. Many students are now asking themselves, "Where do we go from here?" Taylor encouraged the graduates to give of themselves – "give your time, give your energy, and give your heart."

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2006 New Alumni



Jeffrey Akomah • Nasim Babakhani • Stephanie Beach • Sarah Beecroft • Laura Bell • Rupali Bhatt • Dan Bishop • Mark Brubacher • Heather Campbell • Jill Cann • Lucas Carson • Jeannie Chung • Gregory Culp • Rebecca Curry • Sarah de Jong • Pamela Depooter • Melissa Djurakov • Katie Driedger • Kim Driedger • Sandra Dyck • Sarah Eby • Brent Ellis • Jacquelyn Foxall • Dora-Marie Goulet • Gordon Grise • Sarah Grondin • Leigh-Meghan Harrigan • Jon Hines • Amelia Howard • Siobhan Hughes • Pam Jantzi • Adrie Janzen • Richard Janzen • Lena Kamasinska • Meagan Kaster • Suzanne Kim • Jamie Koch • Rose Koch • Bethany Leis • Rebecca Martin • Sarah McGrath • Stephen Morden • Matt Ninomiya • Greg Oulahen • Marika Pauls Laucht • Russ Parnell • Amanda Poste • Laurie Powers • Dominique Raguin • Peggy Revell • David Reynolds • Cassandra Roach • Teresa Rogowski • Andrew Roth • Anitta Satkkunarajah • Derek Seto • Lindsay Shantz • Nashola Shaw • Nathan Sherwood • Pamela Showler • Katherine Sisak • Brandy Sistiili • Jennifer Spaulding • Katie Jane Stewart • Duncan Taylor • Amanda Thiessen • Jennifer Toews • Jill Trenholm • Sarah Widmeyer • Janice Wiens • Melinda Wilson • Hang Wing Wong • Aaron Woolner • Chia Yee Tammie • Jen Yorke • Jason Young • Avi Zer-Aviv

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Since 1992 Conrad Grebel's Master of Theological Studies program has graduated over 50 students. This year there were a record six graduates - evidence of the program's recent growth.

"If experience, worship, ethics and theology can be merged and integrated together like the traffic in a roundabout," observed Janet Bauman on behalf of her graduating class, "our faith development will be enriched and broadened." She noted that the study of theology has been an invitation for her to sit more comfortably with paradox and to awaken a little more to the greatest paradox of all, the mystery of the incarnation. "My hope and prayer is that we can take what we have experienced here at Grebel and construct bridges," said Bauman, "bridges to span the chasms in our culture—between generations, between denominations and religions. Bridges between suffering and miracle, and bridges that help others cross back and forth to experience the transcendent, mysterious nature of God and the immanent, ever present God who stands beside us."



A First in Mennonite Studies

Bethany Leis celebrated her graduation with President Henry Paetkau after this year's Convocation (above). Bethany is the first student to graduate with a minor in Mennonite Studies since the program structure was revamped a few years ago.

Mennonite Studies is an interdisciplinary program of study in the Faculty of Arts at UW and offered by Grebel. It combines courses from several disciplines for the opportunity to integrate different learning perspectives. Students choose courses from a selection in Mennonite and Anabaptist history, sociology, literature, and religion.

New PACS Grads

Peace and Conflict Studies Director Lowell Ewert and Professor Nathan Funk pose with the first graduates at a reception for PACS BA students (below). This is the first year the PACS major has been offered at Grebel and UW, and some students even delayed graduation in anticipation of this program change. Previously students could only obtain a PACS minor, PACS option, or diploma. In June 2006, UW graduated 29 PACS majors, minors, and option students and offers of admission were sent to 35 potential UW students who specifically indicated PACS as their chosen major. In the last ten years, almost 5,600 students have taken a PACS course.



Rod Sawatsky's "Gracious Christianity" by Bert C. Lobe

Douglas Jacobsen and Rodney J. Sawatsky. *Gracious Christianity: Living the Love We Profess.* Grand Rapids: Baker Academic, 2006

"Gracious Christianity" summarizes the entire scope of classic Christian Theology from the nature of God to the end times. This book was written by two friends who became soul mates in their thinking about Christian faith and life during their ten years as colleagues at Messiah College where Rod served as president after leaving Grebel. Both are fathers, educators and scholars who are deeply concerned that students and their own children understand the gracious and inviting nature of the Christian narrative.

The central question which Sawatsky and Jacobsen address is how Christians can be more embracing of those that are different from themselves and yet remain people of strong faith and commitment. The authors suggest that the questions of our own children, and indeed of students generally, "stem from observing defensiveness and mean-spiritedness that pervade so many expressions of Christian faith in America

and around the world... we are convinced that the good news proclaimed by Jesus, when it is properly understood, will never foster hateful faith but will make us gracious instead."

This simple, gentle and careful description of Christian doctrine begins with the nature of God and concludes with the judgment and the end times. The authors discuss God and creation, human nature, hearing God's voice, salvation, the spirit and life, the church, the Bible and the future. Each chapter begins with a brief overview, identifies a series of questions and then goes on to address them.

Shortly after beginning this book, Rod was diagnosed with a very aggressive form of brain cancer and he died as the final pages of the manuscript were being completed. He talked often and fondly in those last months about the book and about Jacobsen and about those he loved. What is also true is that those who loved him most, his wife Lorna and their three daughters Tanya, Lisa, and Catherine, modeled in those last months the fundamental graciousness of which the book spoke!

The authors' hope is that the book will "in some way help those of us who call ourselves Christian to be more gracious in the way we live, acknowledging our own brokenness and reaffirming our commitment to the humble, gentle and loving way of Jesus." This book has the capacity to engage the young especially in a much needed discussion about Christian faith.



"Doug 'Jake' Jacobsen, visits with Lorna Sawatsky after a Tribute and Fundraising dinner for the Rodney and Lorna Sawatsky Visiting Scholars Fund at Conrad Grebel University College. Jacobsen reflected on the process of writing the book "Gracious Christianity" with Rod. Over 90 people attended the event that raised \$11,000 for the endowment which helps to bring a scholar to the Grebel campus each year for special events and lectures."

People

Bridget Eilidh Fisher Langille was born on May 19th, 2005 to **Sarah Fisher ('96)** and **Kevin**

Langille. Grace Anwen (3) is a very proud big sister. Together, the girls make wonderful little playmates. They especially like Mr & Ms.

Potato Head! Feel free to drop them a line at kevnsefer@earthling.net



Laura and Graeme Stemp-Morlock ('05) are glad to give you the wonderful news that they had a baby girl on Friday, March 3, 2006 - **Lily Brooke**. They welcome visitors and would love you to meet their beautiful, smart, funny, talented, quiet child.



Beryl Jantzi ('82) recently made a career change to Mennonite Mutual Aid to serve as a Church Relations Manager for the Mid Atlantic Region. Beryl had served as lead pastor at

Harrisonburg Mennonite Church, VA for nine years prior to this new role. He and his wife **Margo Maust** live in Harrisonburg, VA with their two daughters **Rose** and **Melissa** and their family mascot **Sasha the Shih Tzu**.

Lynne Dueck ('94) and her husband **Richard Goodwin** are delighted to announce the birth of their first child, **Elizabeth Anne**, on December 23, 2005. They reside in Cambridge, ON.



Anali Kratz Mathies ('94) and her husband **David** are thankful for their child, **Stefan Micah Kratz Mathies**, born May 3, 2006. They currently live in Harrisonburg, Virginia, where David recently completed a one-year faculty position at Eastern Mennonite University and Anali taught in the university's Intensive English Program. Anali can be reached at analikm@gmail.com

Chris Steingart and **Jillian Burkhardt ('03)** are moving to Korea this summer to teach English. Many thanks to the both of them for their 2 years of service as hosts of Brubacher House Museum. **Bethany ('06)** and **Brandon Leis** have moved in already to take over as museum hosts.

Jennifer (Hoke) Bentivogli ('99) and her husband **Michael** are pleased to announce the arrival of their first child, **Lia Margaret**, born on March 19, 2006. Jennifer and Michael got married on April 24th, 2004 at Grebel and are currently living in Lancaster County, PA. Jennifer will work in the head office of Ten Thousand Villages, US as



Communications Manager when she returns from maternity leave in June while Michael works for Lindenmeyer Monroe in Lancaster City. Feel free to email Jennifer.hoke@tentousandvillages.com

Nick ('98) and **Andrea (Dyck) McCabe ('98)** joyously announce the addition of **Ruth Susan** to their family on March 31, 2006. **Elizabeth (5)**, **Sarah (4)** and **Nathan (2)** are thrilled with their new little sister.



Connor Philip Nigh Engle was born on April 21st, 2006 in Camp Hill, PA. Proud parents are **Ruth Anne ('93)** and **Phil. Meredith (4)** and **Allie (2)** are very excited! In addition to taking care of her kids, Ruth Anne also runs the Jr. Church Program at our church and plays in a women's volleyball league. Phil works in Information systems for a dental insurance company.



Bryan ('05) and **Kristen Berg ('05)** are living in North Bay where Kristen is working as an Employment Counsellor and Bryan is in Teacher's College.

Greg Papazian ('02) and **Laila Brand** are pleased to announce the birth of **Ethan William Brand-Papazian**, born March 7th, 2006. "We're enjoying our new family, and a new home in Waterloo. Laila and I are working together in ministry



on UW campus, through Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship. It's great to be in Waterloo, and continue to be connected on campus!" Greg is also completing an

MTS degree at Conrad Grebel. You can reach him at getpappy@gmail.com.

Tom Yoder Neufeld spent three weeks in May on a speaking tour through Korea. In his travels he found two familiar faces - **Douglas Friesen ('01)** and **Trisha Niemeyer ('05)**. Both are taking part in the SALT program (Serving and Learning Together), Doug in Korea, and Trish in Hong Kong.



What's going on in YOUR life?

Grebel Alumni want to know whatever happened to old friends, lost roommates, and late-night study buddies. YOU CAN HELP! Send us a note about what you're up to these days!

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

Second Generations

As time passes, Grebel is welcoming more and more second generation students. Attending this year's convocation, some of our generational families included



Adrie Janzen ('06) with her mother **Deb-bie ('80)** (above), **Sara Eby ('06)** with her mother, **Gloria Eby** who was Dean of Students from 1979-1980 and 1984-1995 (left), and **Dan Bishop ('06)**



with his mom, **Phyllis ('75)** (below). It's wonderful that Grebel remains such a family oriented-place and we look forward to the time when your children (or their children) are calling Grebel home.



Make your Dollar Count!

Would you like to make a unique donation to Grebel? If you own shares or mutual funds that have increased in value, the most tax effective way to give is to donate the shares directly to charity as an in-kind donation. The most recent Federal Budget has eliminated tax on capital gains of publicly traded shares when they are donated to charity. As a result, you are not taxed on the increased value of the shares.

The flyer enclosed with the summer issue of Grebel NOW outlines the tax benefit of donating securities. Conrad Grebel University College uses Mennonite Foundation of Canada (MFC) to process share donations.

1. Call the MFC office closest to you to arrange to transfer your shares or mutual funds to MFC as an in-kind donation.
2. You receive your charitable receipt for income tax purposes from MFC for the value of the shares or mutual fund units on the day the transaction is initiated MFC sells the shares. Costs related to processing the transaction (if applicable) are deducted from the net sale proceeds.
3. You give instructions to MFC to distribute funds from the net sales proceeds to

any qualified Canadian charity, including Conrad Grebel University College.

4. Contact Fred W. Martin at Grebel to discuss your wishes for the donation that will be forwarded to the College. You can direct your donation to a variety of needs including our Annual Fund, "Wiring the Great Hall" project, or student scholarships and bursaries including the Ontario Trust for Students Support which will match your donation dollar for dollar for Ontario Student Assistance Program (OSAP) qualified students.

This is a wonderful method of using your assets for great causes! Questions? Contact Fred W. Martin, Director of Development at Grebel 519/885-0220 x 381

Remember the Dons? - Harold Thiessen 1978-79

Harold Thiessen is the first in a series of residence Don updates. If you'd like to see someone special from your era featured, let us know!

I was the Grebel residence Don in the 1978-79 academic year along with Kathleen Cleland ('81). As I recall, 78-79 was a good year in residence life. It was a pleasure to work with Dean of Students John Rempel ('66) on student issues, and our meetings every couple of weeks were always fun and interesting. I understand that there are actually 4 or 5 Don's at Grebel these days... just shows you how hard we worked back then!

The big Cheeze (Richard Willms) was my roommate that year and gave me a lot of good tips (well OK, most were not that good and saying "a lot" is stretching it) since he had been the Don the previous year.

Certainly I had a great time when I was in residence: starting with Frosh initiation; the Silver Lake Retreat, short end parties with Cheeze's Cove (the counterpart to Smitty's Cove at the Westmount Plaza); community suppers; chapel choir and intermural church college sports such as ice hockey, softball, flag football and soccer (B champs in the fall term 1978). And then of course there was the Grebel Gong Show which featured the Electro-Menno Band, the infamous Squash Racquet Band

and other acts. I narrowly escaped death-due-to-laughter while witnessing Panteley Tritchew ('79,'81) lip-sync the woman's part of Paul Anka's "Having my Baby" while he was wearing a ragged, pillow-stuffed, green dress and smoking a cigar.

Pranks were a big part of residence life and the best prank that I remember was actually one played on me. One day we returned to our room on the third floor and found ourselves in Dawn Sovereign ('83) and Kathy Rolls' second floor room. Someone, (a mystery to this day) had switched the furnishings, wall hangings, posters and books between the two rooms exactly, making a complete transformation.

I studied Economics while at Waterloo and also really enjoyed the Grebel courses I took in Mennonite History, Religious Studies and Church History, which "woke me up" to my heritage. Since leaving UW with a degree in Economics, I traveled to Australia with Grebelite Daryl Wark ('78,'80), spent a few years with the provincial government in Toronto, took a year off to travel through Africa and upon my return, landed a job with

Ontario Hydro. I spent a number of years working in conservation programs and in the regulatory area with Hydro and then in 1998 took a position with the Ontario Energy Board, working mainly in the area of electricity distribution rates, where I am today.

As for my personal life, in 1994 Tobi Neufeldt and I were married and today we live in west end Toronto and have three sons, Isaac (9), Jonah (8) and Ben (5). We're working hard on getting them to Waterloo/Grebel starting in 2015.

~Harold Thiessen ('81)



Wednesday night sheet change with Harold Thiessen and Don Flaming ('83), circa 1979.

Grebel Reunion 1975-80

Alumni from the 1975-80 era,
save this date for your alumni reception!
Friday, September 29, 2006
This is one event you won't want to miss!

7:00 pm Hot Hor'd'ourves Reception followed by

That '70s Talent Show



That '70s Talent Show with your host, Rich "Cheeze" Willms direct from St. Louis featuring authentic talent from other alumni including Sue Schultz, Jim Buchanan, Dave Neufeld, Jim Bender, Wendy Newberry... Contact Kathleen to perform!

Your Alumni reps are
Kathleen Cleland Moyer, Esther Willms, and Richard Kennel.

Registration is \$20 per person.

Watch for your registration form in the August mail or register online in late summer at alumni.uwaterloo.ca/homecoming

Or contact Kathleen Cleland Moyer (kcm@crnetwork.ca),
Esther Willms (denest@sympatico.ca) or
Fred W. Martin at Grebel (fwmartin@uwaterloo.ca)

Calendar of Events

Lebold Endowment for Leadership Training Fundraising Banquet	June 20, 2006	6:30pm
Pelee Island Alumni Day	August 26, 2006	9:30am
1975-80 Grebel Alumni Reunion	September 29, 2006	7:00pm
Christian Peacemaker Teams Reflections	October 11, 2006	
Benjamin Eby Lecture with Lowell Ewert	November 9, 2006	

Alumni and Families, come and join us on Saturday, August 26th, 2006 for an exciting tour of Pelee Island!



As Ontario's southernmost point, the Island is renowned for its nature trails, sandy beaches, and spectacular scenery. Come out and enjoy 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 x381.

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