Turning 50 is a significant milestone, so we kicked off our 50th Anniversary celebrations with a reception to honour alumni and friends who contributed to the renovation of one of our most important student and community gathering spaces – MacKirdy Hall.

The hall, which has hosted Blackforest Coffee House, community dinners, orientations, reunions, dances, inspiring lectures and countless other events, is one of two hearts of the St. Paul’s campus, where past, present and future intersect.

In recognition of the vital role alumni have played in our development of a distinctive academic role at the University of Waterloo, the hall, originally named for Dr. Kenneth MacKirdy, has been officially renamed Alumni Hall. The new name serves to remind students, staff, faculty and visitors of the many ways that our alumni have contributed, and will continue to contribute, to St. Paul’s, the University and to society.

Outside the hall, the beautiful new Dr. Kenneth A. MacKirdy History Wall showcases St. Paul’s rich community life through pictures and explains the importance of celebrating our shared history.

Stop in and see these wonderful changes the next time you are in the area!
To St. Paul’s alumni and friends

We are in our 50th year and my colleagues and I are feeling deeply grateful. We are grateful to our friends and alumni who have left their mark on a vibrant community life, who have helped us financially support students, who have believed in our mission to develop a stronger, distinctive academic role at Waterloo. Thank you!

Be assured our students today are appreciative of the experience you have helped us provide them. Listen to part of a collective letter that International Development students wrote: “As students we often fail to realize the extent to which we are supported by individuals or groups. St. Paul’s has been modest about their contributions to the International Development program, but in reality you are one of our most important and generous benefactors.”

In this issue of Notes, you will get to know some of the young people you have helped us shape. We hope you get as much joy from reading this issue as we did putting it together.

NOMINATE A ST. PAUL’S DISTINGUISHED ALUMNUS OR ALUMNA

In 2009, Dr. Bill Leggett (’65) and Dr. Bob Rosehart (’67) were named the first recipients of the St. Paul’s Distinguished Alumni Award for their exemplary leadership and contributions within the post-secondary education sector.

The award was created to recognize notable achievement and to inspire current and future students. Celebrating our alumni is a key part of our 50th Anniversary and we invite you to nominate someone you feel is deserving of the Award.

Nominees must hold a degree from the University of Waterloo and have lived in residence at St. Paul’s for at least two semesters or have completed a degree program supported by St. Paul’s (International Development, Canadian Studies, Studies in Personality and Religion).

A selection committee will choose winners based on the following:

» Achieved notable success in their profession or field of study or

» Contributed significantly to their community through leadership, volunteer service or philanthropic endeavours or

» Demonstrated dedication and leadership in one of the following:
  • International Development
  • Environment
  • Aboriginal issues
  • Social justice/human rights
  • Youth mentorship
  • Church leadership

Nominations will be accepted at uwaterloo.ca/stpauls/50 until November 30, 2013.

“Not everybody can be famous but everybody can be great, because greatness is determined by service.”
Martin Luther King Jr.
SAVE THE DATE FOR A BLACKFOREST REUNION!

Blackforest Coffee House started as a student event in 1972 and quickly became an annual tradition which, even after 40 years, lives on as a symbol and expression of a vibrant student community at St. Paul’s.

Plans are under way for a 50th Anniversary Reunion on Saturday, November 2, 2013 - and we’re hoping you can make it. Reunion activities will begin at 5 p.m., followed by a special edition of Blackforest at 7 p.m. Learn more and register at uwaterloo.ca/stpauls/50/reunion

How you can help:
» Encourage other St. Paul’s alumni to attend
» Sign up as a performer
» Volunteer to help with planning and setup
» Come to the event!

Register now at Blackforestreunion.eventbrite.ca
Alumni and friends contribute to the success of St. Paul’s and our students in many ways. Here are just a few examples from the past year:

» Alumni and friends contributed over $175,000 toward completion of the Alumni Hall renovation project – updates included the addition of state-of-the-art classroom technology, a new HVAC system, improved functionality for multipurpose uses, and a new look that still retains the charm and distinctiveness of the original room.

» A new student reading room was added during the renovation, and named The Edward Jackman Reading Room, in recognition of Rev. Jackman’s generous pledge of $25,000.

» During the opening of the Waterloo Aboriginal Education Centre, Trinity United Church presented St. Paul’s with a donation of $5,000 to be used for Aboriginal high school enrichment programs.

» Christian Children’s Fund of Canada CEO Mark Lukowski (BMath ’73), a former St. Paul’s resident (and inaugural Blackforest performer) returned to St. Paul’s in early February to speak to INDEV students about his experiences working in the international development field.

» Brad Siim (BASc ’92) completed 10 years of service as a member of the St. Paul’s Board of Governors.

While the purpose and functionality of Alumni Hall have changed, the stone walls, natural light and distinctive architecture remain the same.
GOLF TOURNAMENT
“FORE” A GOOD CAUSE

The 5th Annual St. Paul’s Masters Golf Tournament was once again held at Glen Eagle Golf Club in Caledon and, thanks to amazing alumni support, raised $23,500 for the student scholarship fund. Close to 160 alumni, friends, students and staff came together for a day of fun and fellowship.

We are now in full planning mode for the 2013 50th Anniversary edition of the tournament, which will be held August 23 at Glen Eagle. Please mark your calendars and join us for what promises to be a memorable event.

Visit stpaulsgolf2013.eventbrite.ca to register and learn more about how you can take part in support of future students.

LLOYD AXWORTHY DELIVERS 2012 STANLEY KNOWLES LECTURE

Former Minister of Foreign Affairs and Nobel Peace Prize nominee, the Hon. Dr. Lloyd Axworthy, delivered an outstanding lecture on “Indigenous Peoples and the Search for Human Security” on November 15, 2012.

To learn more about upcoming plans for the Lecture series, and to view videos of past lectures, visit: uwaterloo.ca/stpauls/stanleyknowles

Register now at stpaulsgolf2013.eventbrite.ca
MARGARET BANAS
GHANA

Margaret worked with a team of Ghanaian conservationists to protect critical wildlife habitat such as the Ankasa rainforest through research and public awareness campaigns.

She writes:
“I grew up in Brantford, Ontario and am a first-generation Canadian in my very Polish family. My upbringing is a part of why I am so fascinated by different cultures and want to travel the world. My academic interests centre around the environment, Aboriginal relations, and the power of women. Apart from school, I like to cook, do anything outdoors like canoe or camp, and travel.

“I have learned a lot about myself and the world we live in during my placement. Living in a developing country and on my own has been both challenging but rewarding at the same time. One of the most memorable parts of my experience was camping in the rainforest – I really had to “rough it” and learn how hard field work truly is. Ghana is a truly amazing country with great people and I know it will always have a place in my heart.”

Every year, St. Paul’s, in partnership with World University Service of Canada, matches fourth-year students in the International Development (INDEV) program with local organizations in countries such as Botswana, Burkina Faso, Ghana, Malawi, Nepal, Peru and Vietnam. The selected host organizations share INDEV’s focus on building a better world through enterprise development, social inclusion, and environmental management. The students typically work on one or more overseas projects for eight months before heading home for a final debriefing and public symposium in early May.
OUT IN THE FIELD

KEITH MAI

PERU

Keith worked with Peruvian urban planners and community development advocates, known as DESCO, collecting data on public transportation use and household water and energy consumption in order to improve public services in south Lima's poorer districts.

He writes:
“I have learned a lot about the stark inequalities in Lima. At my first workplace with the Ministry of Environment, located in the downtown core, I was surrounded by the elite of the nation who work in the tallest glass-covered buildings in Peru, drink Starbucks coffee, and talk of vacations to Europe or the U.S. Here in the periphery regions of Lima, the situation is completely different. The tallest building around is only about four stories high and built of brick and concrete. Some of the newer neighbourhoods may not have water, sewage, or even electricity. As one of my Peruvian friends told me, the socioeconomic status of a neighbourhood can be identified by the amount of dirt they have on their roads.”

FATIMA NAVEED

NEPAL

Fatima worked as a documentation intern with Fair Trade Group (Nepal) in Kathmandu; she helped create a comprehensive database of their member organizations.

She writes:
“My placement in Nepal has been a wonderful experience. Over the course of eight months, I met with member organizations to collect information, and developed a comprehensive database that contained information about all of the organizations. It was an incredible learning experience, especially meeting with all of the member organizations, because they all work with underprivileged women and people from lower castes. They all produce different products, ranging from handmade paper to cultural products.

“The most memorable time during my placement was visiting all the organizations and speaking with the women who are working there. Some of the women I spoke to said they were lucky to have found these organizations that employed them because they could send their kids to school, and they were making their own money, which empowered them and gave them a voice in their households.”

“When it comes to international development, there is no substitute for experiential learning.”

– Bruce Frayne, an INDEV professor who leads the fourth-year field placement course

During a field visit to Janakpur, Fatima (far right) had the opportunity to interview producers at Janakpur Women’s Development Centre.
DIRECTIONS IS THE WAY TO GO

We had another successful and exciting year at our annual Directions youth conferences at St. Paul’s. Directions serves 75 Aboriginal youth in grades 9 to 12 from across Ontario. The goal is to build student confidence and bring awareness to post-secondary education opportunities. To ensure that the students get a true taste of university life, they eat their meals in Watson’s Eatery and participate in St. Paul’s campus life. Throughout the week, the students attend a variety of workshops that address the many facets of post-secondary education. In addition to attending university lectures, sessions range from photography and engineering, to career planning and environment-related seminars. Students participate in cultural teachings and workshops for a holistic approach to the week and are introduced to the supports available at post-secondary institutions.

POW WOW IS A PASSPORT TO LEARNING

Hundreds of dancers and drummers dressed in stunning regalia came from all over southern Ontario to perform traditional dances and song at the 9th Annual Traditional Pow Wow at St. Paul’s. Each year, the event brings together members of the St. Paul’s community and people throughout the Region of Waterloo to explore and participate in an authentic cultural experience. A new concept introduced this year was the ‘passport to learning,’ which encouraged guests to learn about traditional practices like storytelling, cornbread making, Indigenous art and sacred medicines. The St. Paul’s Pow Wow is a free, family-friendly interactive event that is open to everyone.

So make a point of joining us for the 10th Annual Traditional Pow Wow, which will take place September 28 during Reunion Weekend at the University of Waterloo – it promises to be the biggest and best yet!

Learn more at uwaterloo.ca/stpauls/waec/pow-wow
COME FOR THE SOUP AND BANNOCK – STAY FOR THE BANTER

Every Wednesday during the winter semester, the corridors of St. Paul’s were filled with the tantalizing aromas of home-made soup and bannock (fry bread). If you followed your nose to the Waterloo Aboriginal Education Centre (WAEC), you would find 20-30 students and staff sharing stories and discussing topical issues over bowls of hearty soup and chunks of savory bannock – all lovingly prepared by fourth-year Arts and Business student André Moreau.

“Throughout my time at the University of Waterloo, I had been involved with the Aboriginal Student Association (ASA).” André says. “Returning from my co-op terms and exchange, I was amazed by the new Waterloo Aboriginal Education Centre facilities. St. Paul’s expansion was quite remarkable. I participated in Soup and Bannock Wednesdays at the WAEC during the fall – and as we entered into Winter term, there was a need for someone to continue making soup and bannock.

“With a flexible schedule, I volunteered to be the cook in charge of keeping this great event going. I really enjoyed bringing people (Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal students, staff, and community members) together fostering a great community at the WAEC through a different, delicious soup each week. My involvement with the WAEC helped transform my academic experience into a unique and rewarding journey.”

Bannock recipe:

4 cups flour  
5 tsp baking powder  
1 tsp salt  
¼ cup vegetable oil  
2-2¼ cups low-fat milk

Preheat oven to 400 F. Mix flour, baking powder and salt in a large bowl. Add vegetable oil a little at a time to make mixture look like corn meal. Add milk to mixture slowly, only adding enough to make dough stick together. Pat dough out with your hands on a floured surface to the size of large pancakes, about 1-inch thick. Bake for 15-20 minutes, or fry in hot vegetable oil or lard, about 375 F until golden brown on both sides.
UNIVERSITY OF WATERLOO

SALT AND WATER 4 LIFE

Several years ago, Lexi Salt participated in a ‘water walk’ in Kenya with the women in the community – this walk provided her with the inspiration for a social justice event called Water 4 Life.

Now a second-year International Development student, Lexi organized Water 4 Life with the support of uWaterloo’s Free the Children Club. That event also won her a grant from St. Paul’s Student Project Support Fund this year.

The goal was to raise awareness about international water and sanitation among uWaterloo students and raise funds for a Clean Water Project in Kenya, which will see the construction of a well.

Water 4 Life consisted of a relay race where participants competed by carrying 20 litres of water on their backs, giving them a chance to experience the challenge that millions of people face on a daily basis in order to collect water for their families. The event also featured presenters who spoke about international water and sanitation issues, as well as social justice and environmental booths.

ST. PAUL’S REFUGEE STUDENT GRADUATES

St. Paul’s was the first residence on campus to partner with the University of Waterloo chapter of World University Services of Canada Student Refugee Program, which sponsors refugee students for two years of their academic program. St. Paul’s students have the opportunity to contribute to the program through a voluntary levy.

This year, Yueu Magot Majot, who lived at St. Paul’s from 2008 to 2010, graduated in Geography and Environmental Management. Ask around, and most people know him as a gentle and genuine student who was born in Sudan.

In 1991, he was forced to leave his home because of the second Sudanese civil war. In a refugee camp in Kenya, he applied for a scholarship that allows the brightest students to go to university, went through a rigorous interview process, and was “lucky enough” to win the scholarship. He found himself in a new country, with a new culture, and new ways. “St. Paul’s is a great community,” Yueu says. “When I lived here, all the students that I stayed with worked together and helped each other. As a new Canadian coming to St. Paul’s first, I got so much help from so many people; they showed me around and explained what to do and what to say in different situations.”

LIVING IN THE GREENHOUSE

An exciting new student experience is beginning at St. Paul’s – one that gives upper-year students the chance to act on environmental or development issues even as they pursue their studies. The first group of students will start living in shared suites in fall 2013 and they will receive mentoring, seminars and working sessions to conceive an idea for social justice change. When they are ready, the students will pull together the people and resources needed to implement their ideas. We can’t wait to see which student projects will grow in the GreenHouse!

For more information, please see uwaterloo.ca/stpauls/greenhouse

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TAYA DEVLIN: REFLECTING ON FOUR YEARS AT ST. PAUL’S

“Over the past four years, including three as Don, I have had the privilege of calling St. Paul’s my home. The College has seen me through my university career, and helped me grow from an overwhelmed first year to a more confident fourth-year student.

“From my very first visit, I knew St. Paul’s was special and I have wanted to be here ever since. The amazing community life has contributed to my growth and development, not only as a student, but as a person. During my time here I have developed lifelong friendships with many fascinating, talented and accomplished people and I know that no matter where life takes me, St. Paul’s will always be a part of who I am.

“It’s hard to choose my fondest memory because after four years of community dinners and floor events – not to mention the special things that happened on a daily basis – these memories are too numerous to count. One memory that I will always treasure is of a spontaneous games night that took place in Watson’s Eatery that lasted for hours and involved lots of friendly competition amongst great friends (many of whom were no longer residents of St. Paul’s but continued to be part of the community).

“St. Paul’s was truly like home for me – being comfortable, happy and surrounded by great people helped me to excel academically. I hope future students enjoy their time at St. Paul’s as much as I did.”

ENHANCING THE STUDENT EXPERIENCE

Volunteering and community service have always been part of the ethos of student life at St. Paul’s. This year, students gave back by participating in the following events:

» **9th Annual Traditional Pow Wow**
  - Students assisted with set-up and tear-down and helped run the various booths. Some even participated in dancing.

» **Trick or Eat**
  - St. Paul’s students – some dressed in full Halloween costume – joined other uWaterloo students to raise thousands of dollars and tons of food for the on-campus food bank.

» **Think Pink Weekend**
  - Students volunteered for a variety of activities at this annual campus-wide event, which includes eight varsity games. They raised more than $20,000 for the Canadian Breast Cancer Foundation.

» **Operation Christmas Child**
  - An annual tradition for St. Paul’s students and staff, who help Operation Christmas Child with the packing and sorting of gift-filled shoe boxes destined for children in developing countries around the world, including Guatemala, Ivory Coast, Haiti and Sierra Leone.

» **Relay for Life**
  - Relay for Life is an inspirational, non-competitive, 12-hour overnight fundraising event that brought St. Paul’s and fellow campus college students together to celebrate life and fight cancer. The money raised goes to the Canadian Cancer Society.

» **Community Clean-up** *(photo, top left)*
  - St. Paul’s students were out in full force with other students from across campus in this annual event to clean up and properly dispose of litter.

» **Blood Drive**

» **Volunteering at Retirement Home and Long Term Care facility**

» **Clothing Drive**
Faculty Updates

PETER FRICK

Academic Dean and Professor

Over the last semesters, Peter was busy completing the editing for two books. As he was collaborating with more than 20 contributors, he breathed a sigh of relief when he could finally send the manuscripts to the publishing houses. One book will be on Dietrich Bonhoeffer, entitled Bonhoeffer and Interpretive Theory: Essays on Methods and Understanding and deals with the question of hermeneutics. The other book is called Paul in the Grip of Continental Philosophers, a collection of essays that examines the recent interest in the Apostle Paul by contemporary European philosophers. Peter is glad that these projects are finished, but he is already working on two other book projects. On a personal note, he is looking forward to summer as it is the time to get into road biking.

NAFEEZ FATIMA

Lecturer

Nafeez had a busy year teaching a variety of courses in the Economics Department and at St. Paul’s. She taught several undergraduate micro- and macro-economic courses, as well as a course on Global Governance and a graduate-level International Development course, which she will teach again next year. When she is not in the classroom or grading papers, Nafeez also has a busy research complement, including two recent papers on entrepreneurship and public finance.

MAVIS FENN

Professor

Mavis, who will be Chair of the Religious Studies Department as of July 2013, attended the 13th Sakyadhita Conference of Buddhist Women in Vaishali, Bihar, India as part of her ongoing research on women in Buddhism. This was followed by a gruelling bus tour to several pilgrimage sites in northeastern India. The weather in India for most of the time was unseasonably cold and Canadian winter gear was required! This picture of Mavis was taken on the top level of the monastery and gives you the sense of the cold, wind and fog that dogged conference participants who listened to papers presented in the courtyard under a canvas tent. Rigorous scholarship indeed!
BRUCE FRAYNE

Associate Professor, Faculty of Environment
Program Director, Master of Development Practice Program

As the Director of SEED’s new Master of Development Practice (MDP) program, Bruce has been busy with the first cohort of 18 graduate students. The MDP students are finishing their first year in the program, and will put their new skills and knowledge to work on their field placements in Malawi, Ghana, Botswana and Vietnam. Bruce is part of an international team of researchers to recently be awarded a CIGI Strategic Research Initiative grant for a project called the Hungry Cities Initiative: Governance, Rapid Urbanization and Urban Food Security in the Global South.

LARRY SWATUK

Associate Professor, Faculty of Environment
Director, International Development Program

Larry was recently in South Africa facilitating an international workshop devoted to the revision and rewriting of his UNDP/Cap-Net produced training manual on Conflict Resolution and Negotiation for Integrated Water Resources Management. The current manual was recently translated into Farsi, bringing the number of languages to five, the others being English, French, Spanish and Russian. He was also awarded a fellowship from the French Embassy in Canada to spend the month of June at UNESCO in Paris. He will be working with colleagues of the Potential Conflict to Cooperation Potential (PCCP) program focusing on transboundary waters management.
WATSON’S HAS A WINNING FORMULA

Watson’s Eatery has many things going for it, and Compass Group awarded the St. Paul’s food provider the Be-a-Star Ontario Regional Account of the Year for exceptional food service in 2012.

Congratulations to the team for demonstrating distinction in areas such as great teamwork, embracing diversity, client and customer satisfaction, passion for quality, market leadership, health and safety compliance and sustainability initiatives.

In the past, Watson’s has won a Green Dining Award, and they continue to participate in the Green Bin recycling program, which means 40-50 garbage bags per week never make it to the landfill.

Most importantly, however, students rank Food as the #2 overall reason why they like living at St. Paul’s. Way to go, Watson’s!

PERFECT FOR CAMPUS VISITORS

Need a place to stay while you’re visiting friends, family or colleagues at the University? The Guest Rooms at St. Paul’s give you easy access to the campus, free parking, optional meals, and a fitness area. They're available year-round, and may be booked for one or several nights. Also, the Guest Rooms received a mini-makeover this year, with an update on the décor and amenities.

Dorm accommodations are also available for conferences taking place at St. Paul’s or elsewhere on campus from May to August, and meeting rooms for conferences are available year-round.

For more information, please see uwaterloo.ca/stpauls/guest-rooms-conferences
DR. ALVIN EVANS 1920-2012

Al Evans joined St. Paul’s as Assistant Chaplain in 1964 and went on to create the Studies in Personality and Religion program, lecturing until into his eighties. Over the years, he touched the lives of countless students and staff at St. Paul’s and uWaterloo. Many former students have described his classes as “life changing” and in 2000, he was recognized with the Centre for Teaching Excellence Distinguished Teaching Award.

Drawing upon vast life experiences – including being a World War II naval veteran, a police officer with the City of Guelph and R.C.M.P., a United Church Minister, psychologist and author – Al built a legacy as an exceptional scholar and mentor.

Former students and colleagues are invited to help honour Al’s legacy and the significant impact he had on the College over the course of five decades by contributing to the Dr. Alvin Evans Memorial Scholarship fund.

For more information, contact Kelly Deeks-Johnson at kideeks@uwaterloo.ca or 519-885-1460, ext. 218.

REV. DR. ALAN McLACHLIN 1926-2013

In 1965, Dr. Alan McLachlin became the second Principal of St. Paul’s, a job he held until September 1977, when he left to work in the University’s new English Language Proficiency Program, eventually retiring from the University on April 1, 1991.

Dr. McLachlin was one of St. Paul’s longest-serving Principals and was instrumental in the development of academic programs at the College. He was widely respected by students for his compassion and approachability, and many of his sketches and watercolour paintings are proudly displayed in the homes of St. Paul’s alumni and friends.
Events Listing

NATIONAL ABORIGINAL DAY
Officially on June 21, 2013
but will be celebrated during the
Kitchener Multicultural Festival
June 22 and 23, 2013
Victoria Park

ST. PAUL’S MASTERS GOLF TOURNAMENT
Friday, August 23, 2013
Glen Eagle Golf Course
stpaulsgolf2013.eventbrite.ca

10TH ANNUAL TRADITIONAL POW WOW
Saturday, September 28, 2013
St. Paul’s University College
Educational stations | Crafts | Free admission!
uwaterloo.ca/stpauls/waec/pow-wow

4TH ANNUAL ACROSS THE CREEK ALUMNI EVENT
Saturday, October 19, 2013
All aboard the Waterloo Train!
uwaterloo.ca/stpauls/alumni-friends

BLACKFOREST REUNION
Saturday, November 2, 2013
uwaterloo.ca/stpauls/50/reunion

STANLEY KNOWLES HUMANITARIAN SERVICE LECTURE
TBA
uwaterloo.ca/stpauls/knowles

DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARD
Nomination deadline: November 30, 2013
uwaterloo.ca/stpauls/50/distinguishedalumni