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The interior renovations will be finished in early March!

We're thrilled to see the accessible washroom, offices, and flexible classroom space coming into being.

Watch for the exterior work in the spring.

Alumni/ae News

St. Stephen's College wants to hear from you!

What have you been doing since your Convocation? Where has the journey from St Steve's led you? Please let us know in 100 words or less and we'll publish your profile in The Stevite. Our readers are interested in your accomplishments!

Anne Beattie-Stokes, who received her DMin in 2009, is the author of *A Heart of Wisdom: Inspiration and Instruction for Conscious Elderhood*. Booksurge Publishing, 2009.

Caryn Douglas produced the DVD, "Holy Matrimony Unholy Disjoining" which is "the story of United Church women dismissed from ministry because they married" (Copyright 2008). Caryn graduated with her DMin in 2009.

[The Hon Douglas Roche, O.C.](#), St. Stephen's College's 1977 recipient of the Honorary Doctor of Divinity degree was recently nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize. The Hon. Douglas Roche, O.C., is an author, parliamentarian and diplomat, who has specialized throughout his 35-year public career in peace and human security issues. He lectures widely on peace and nuclear disarmament themes. Mr. Roche was a Senator, Member of Parliament, Canadian Ambassador for Disarmament, and Visiting Professor at the University of Alberta. He was elected Chairman of the United Nations Disarmament Committee at the 43rd General Assembly in 1988.

Glance Back at History

St. Stephen's and the Internet:

"The development of Internet courses gave access to those who could not attend the college. In 1996 four courses were offered and students were enrolled from Tennessee and Hawaii as well as across Canada ... Two sisters who lived a thousand miles apart were taking the same course...one student managed to keep up his course work as he prepared to ascend Mount Everest!"

*— from Ever-Widening Circles, A History of St Stephen's College
by Gayle Simonson*

Faculty

Earle Sharam	Principal and Dean
Julie Henkelman	Chair, MA in Pastoral Psychology & Counselling
Mona-Lee Feehan	Chair, Master of Theological Studies
Kae Neufeld	Chair, Doctor of Ministry
Tatiana Peet	Associate Chair, Art Therapy Program

Administrative and Contract Staff

Karen Singleton	Business Administrator
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Vecas Griffiths	Cleaning & Maintenance Coordinator,
Betty Marlin	Continuing Education and Community Learning
Jenny Meers	Executive Assistant to the Dean
Kelly Parson	Assistant Registrar
Lori Stewart	College and Community Relations Coordinator
Shelley Westermann	Registrar
Yan Huang	Receptionist & Business Assistant

College News

Opening Doors

Faye Boggs, Registered Clinical Counsellor, wrote this recent testimonial to Dr Earle Sharam:

"I was so touched and impressed with your letter to the Alumnae this year. The connection with L'Arche and the "openings" of all kinds of doors is a very apt and relevant metaphor. My experience at St Stephen's was just that - one of opening doors of inclusivity, opening doors for new ways of seeing / being and opening the doors of our minds to enable us to be equipped to make a difference where we are. Thank you for your inspiration and your faithfulness to the mandate of the college. There isn't another one like it!"

We Remember...

Patricia Leske, PhD, died on Nov. 24, 2010. Tricia was an effervescent personality whose presence graced many expressive arts classes at the College. We will miss her, and our deepest sympathy goes to Tricia's family.

Fred Holberton died in Calgary on Dec. 30 2010 at the age of 90. He was a member of Alberta and Northwest Conference staff responsible for Men's Work, and was known as "Mr. Banff" because of his long time and dedicated work with the Banff Men's Conference. He was awarded an honorary Doctor of Divinity in 1969 by St Stephen's College.

Jack Miles died on Dec. 26, 2010 in Vancouver. Jack was a former manager of the residence at St Stephen's College. While in that position, Jack learned sign language so he could communicate with one of his employees who was deaf.



Dr Margaret-Ann Armour

Dr Margaret-Ann Armour, Chair of the College's Board of Governors, was named recently as one of Canada's top 100 most powerful women. The Women's Executive Network bestowed the award on Dr Armour on Nov 29 in Toronto.

A distinguished scientist, Dr Armour is also the University of Alberta's Faculty of Science's Associate Dean/Diversity. In 2006, Dr Armour was named to the Order of Canada and she has received several awards, including a Governor General's Award commemorating the Person's Case.

Dr Armour has worked tirelessly to encourage girls and women to pursue careers in engineering and the sciences through WISEST – Women in Scholarship, Engineering, Science and Technology, an organization she created in 1982. Twenty-nine years later, Dr Armour continues to be a significant role model and mentor for young women.

She is the founding president of the Board of the Canadian Centre for Women in Science, Engineering, Trades and Technology, the WinSETT Centre, officially launched on May 14, 2010.

St Stephen's College has benefitted from Dr Armour's wise leadership of the Board of Governors since 2006. We extend our congratulations to her on this prestigious award.

St. Stephen's College Forges Ties with Zambia

Betty Marlin, a Diaconal United Church minister and member of St Stephen's College Board of Governors, was part of a group of 19 men and women who visited the African nation of Zambia, in November 2010. The participants included 9 from Alberta, 8 from the Ottawa area, and one each from Vancouver Island and Saskatchewan.

During the major portion of the tour, the group met with people in the Copperbelt area of Zambia. They met with three grandmothers' groups who are responsible for up to seven grandchildren because the parents of these children have died, and one home-based care group that works voluntarily with people in the community who are ill, many suffering from HIV.

As well, the Canadian visitors spent time with two local NGOs. One has developed a peer education program for young people focusing on safe sexual practices with the result that the HIV rate for young people 15 to 30 has dropped considerably. The other NGO works with widows and widowers who have lost their spouse, most often to AIDS, and therefore no longer have a source of income. These survivors are developing projects that will help them become sustainable.

Betty, who taught in Zambia for four years and has visited the nation several times, describes the visit:

"The highlight for me was a visit to a small compound called Roan where



there were once five mining shafts and all were closed down in 2004. When we visited the community two years ago, there were no jobs, no power, no water and no sense of hope.

With help from a collective group in Calgary, when we visited this year we were welcomed and escorted out to our bus by the Boy's Brigade band and Girl's Brigade marchers.

The Grandmother's Group had started a chicken run. The social services committee had begun a community school. The Young People's group was developing all kinds of projects. They were just getting ready to plant maize, which they would use for their own sustenance and sell what was left over.

The sense of hope and their eagerness to continue to develop was something to behold."