

Simmarian

The Alumni Magazine of St Mary's College

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Welcome to this issue of The Simmarian and a special hello to all of our new readers. Our readership is constantly expanding and we regularly hear from former students who have been out of touch with college for many years.

The Alumni Office holds records of Simmarians spanning over eight decades of history. We all have particular memories of our time here at college, and the experiences of a student from the 1950's were very different from those of a current student.

I recently discovered a transcription of an inspector's report from 1852 which describes a college regime which bears little comparison to contemporary student life. Silence was observed at everywhere, except during recreation hours. Students served meals, cleaned the college communal areas and worked in the grounds. On page 5, we have reproduced the daily timetable from 1852.

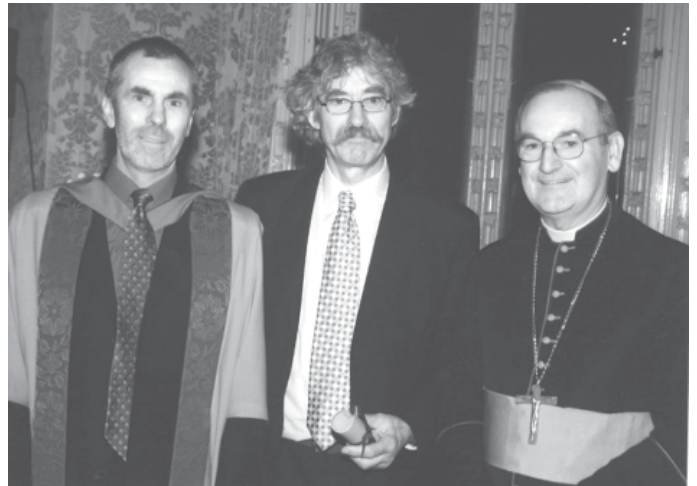
The college's alumni body is now a large and diverse group but, regardless of our differences, we are all linked by the fact that we are Simmarians. I hope that you will enjoy reading about life at college now, whilst recalling your experiences at St Mary's.

Karen.



Honorary Fellowships 2004

Mr David Bedford, Mr Hugh Kealy, Dr Bernadette Porter, Mr Patrick Rogers and Professor David Stubbs were the recipients of Honorary Fellowships from St Mary's College in February.



Dave Bedford with Dr Richard Fisher and Rt Rev Bishop George Stack

Mr David Bedford, former student and a record-breaking athlete, is the Race Director of the London Marathon. Mr Hugh Kealy is the former director of the Catholic weekly paper, *The Tablet*. Dr Bernadette Porter is the Rector and Chief Executive of the University of Surrey at Roehampton. Mr Patrick Rogers is the Cathedral Visits Officer at Westminster Cathedral and is an expert on the Cathedral's architectural features. Professor David Stubbs, of the University of Surrey, is one of the leading academics in the field of ergonomics.

The new Honorary Fellows were presented to the Chairman of the Board of Governors, Rt Rev Bishop George Stack at a ceremony in the Waldegrave Drawing Room on Friday February 27.

We need you!

As a former student of St Mary's you are in an excellent position to spread the word about all the advantages of studying at the college. You may work as a teacher in a school or college in which case do contact us to arrange a visit from us to talk to students about St Mary's. If you know anyone who might want to find out more about foundation, undergraduate or post graduate study please contact with Teresa Kelly, Head of Educational Liaison, who will be more than happy to help, telephone 020 8240 4156 or email kellyt@smuc.ac.uk. Please see the flyer enclosed with this issue of the magazine.

LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL



I am very pleased to introduce this latest edition of The Simmarian and to take the opportunity to draw your attention to some campus developments of great significance to the college.

Firstly, the historic building at Strawberry Hill is being featured this summer on the *Restoration* programme on BBC2. Viewers are able to vote for one building

to be restored to its former glory with the help of funding raised through the programme. It would be marvellous if Strawberry Hill were to win this contest with the help of votes from students past and present so if we are still in the running by the time you receive this magazine, do please vote for Strawberry Hill!

The historic buildings are instantly identifiable with the College but are no longer suitable for the learning and teaching needs of students and staff. The *Restoration* programme presents a great opportunity to make the building much more widely known.

Secondly, the completion of the new running track is scheduled for late summer, work having started in early May. We hope to hold the opening ceremony later this year.

Thirdly, planning permission was granted by the London Borough of Richmond upon Thames for new student accommodation to be developed alongside the current Graham, Wiseman and Doyle halls of residence, in effect establishing a small student village in that corner of the campus. The project, which is around £7 million, is due to start this summer for completion in time for the 2005-06 academic year.

The purpose of these developments, which over four years will have exceeded £10 million, is the general improvement of the campus facilities for students and staff.

I hope that many former students will have the opportunity to return to St Mary's to see the changing landscape of the college alongside, hopefully, the soon restored grandeur of Strawberry Hill.

With best wishes,

Dr Arthur Naylor
Principal

The *Restoration* Show Comes to Strawberry Hill



As Dr Naylor mentioned in his letter, Strawberry Hill house is one of the contenders in the current series of the BBC's *Restoration* programme. The house has been competing with twenty other buildings of historical importance to 'win' restoration funding via viewers' votes. Strawberry Hill is on the World Monuments Fund Watch

Contact Service

If you have lost touch with a fellow Simmarian, the PR and Alumni Office may be able to help.

All information is held under the Data Protection Act. We do not give out individual's details without their prior consent, but we will forward stamped mail or contact an individual on your behalf.

Careers Information Exchange

The Careers Information Exchange helps Simmarians to provide current students with information about professions in which they are interested. If you would like to be a representative for your profession please complete the Alumni Reply Card.

Careers Services for Alumni

The St Mary's Careers Service is available to alumni for up to two years after graduation. Services include an individual analysis of career options, guidance on CV preparation, applications and interviews, use of careers software and use of the extensive careers library. Contact the Careers Service on 020 8240 4055 for further information.

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college news

List of one hundred 'Most Endangered Sites'. It has hidden structural problems and many of its unique features have become very fragile through age. The restoration will include a museum dedicated to Walpole and his work.



The south east area programme is being screened on July 18th, on BBC2. Viewers' votes

will determine the finalists and the eventual winner of the series.



By the time you read this, our position in the competition may have been decided,

but if you are still able to vote please do so and encourage everyone you know to do the same. If you are in the Twickenham area, the Strawberry Hill campaign team will be at many events through out the summer. Call the project co-ordinator Karen Smith for further information or log onto the programme website at www.bbc.co.uk/restoration.

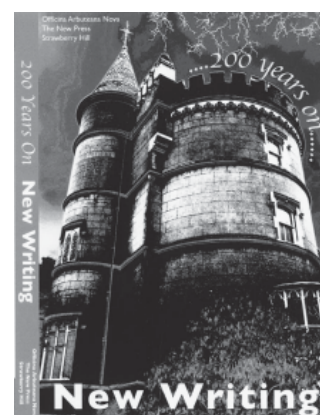
- Walpole named the house after consulting old deeds, which called the site Strawberry Hill Shot.
- The original house on the site had been occupied by a coachman, an actor and a bishop.
- Walpole was a keen collector of curios which included a vulcanised date from the evacuations at Herculaneum and Cardinal Wolsey's hat.
- The house has the world's finest collection of 16th and 17th Flemish stained glass.
- The area beneath the Long Gallery was originally a cloister which was later converted into rooms.
- The auction of Walpole's possessions after his death lasted twenty-four days.
- In Lady Waldegrave's time, the house became the chief meeting place for liberal party leaders.
- When St Mary's College moved to the house in 1925, the Waldegrave Ballroom was temporarily used as a chapel, Walpole's library became a study hall and the former stables were converted into laboratories.

Creative Writers Win Awards

In October 2003, the Professional and Creative Writing Programme at St Mary's awarded the Strawberry Hill Gothic Prize for Creative Writing.

At this event there were poetry readings by two members of St Mary's staff, Robyn Bolam and Conor Carville, and a reading of a new story by Richard Mills. The college's Royal Literary Fund Fellow, Brian Keaney, read the first chapter of his latest novel.

The special guest was novelist, Michael Mail, who won the Scotland on Sunday Short Story Prize in 1999 and who has just published his second novel, *Exposure*. The first prize of 150 guineas was awarded to Martyn Jones and Jane Scott-Bromley and Carolyn Veldmeijer were awarded joint second prizes. Over fifty students from the Professional and Creative Writing Programme attended the event.



A selection of work by staff and students of the Programme is on the college website and the Programme will shortly publish a CD-ROM of students' short stories entitled '200 years on: *New Writing*.'

Tablet Archives at College

In September the Tablet Publishing Company signed an agreement with the School of Theology, Philosophy and History to place its archives of *The Tablet* and *Priests and People* on long-term loan with the School. *The Tablet* archives, which date from 1840, will be managed by the School, which plans to digitise the collection to enable approved users to search, identify and access articles and reports.



Fashion at the SU

In November 2003, the Student Union hosted a fashion event to showcase the clothing designs of Topshop's innovative young designer Harsharan Landa. Harsharan has worked with designer Julian MacDonald and her hand sewn clothes are sold in a number of London outlets in addition to the flagship Topshop store.

Peter Daley

(1959-61) moved to the USA in 1963 and worked on the development of the NASDAQ system. He became involved in the foreign exchange market and the New York stock exchange, retiring as the assistant manager of a large bank's foreign exchange department. In 2000, Peter started a community bank, which now has assets of over \$120,000,000. Peter lives in New Jersey.

Michael Deed

(1995-99) was ordained as deacon in the Church of England in June at St Paul's Cathedral by the Lord Bishop of London. Michael serves in the parish of St Clement Notting Dale with St James, Norlands.

Joe Hughes

Kevin Cook writes: since the Geography Department began using Malta as its second year overseas fieldwork venue, it has received help and advice from Simmarian Joe Hughes (1960-63) who now lives at St Paul's Bay on the island. Joe remembers the high quality of college football during his time as a student. He writes; 'the 1960/61 soccer team must have been one of the best ever because, at that time, National Service had just finished and our age group had played for Service teams. We had a number of amateur internationals on the team - those were great days and we had some fine wins'. Joe would love to hear from his contemporaries care of the PR and Alumni Office.

Mary Loughran

whose father Bernard was a lecturer in Religious Studies and mother Ann the warden of Clive Hall, grew up on the college campus. Her love of tennis was developed on the courts of St Mary's and she subsequently established a distinguished career in tennis event management. Mary has recently launched a website, www.jobswithballs.com, the UK's first fully automated recruitment and network site for the sport and leisure industry and has returned to Strawberry Hill to give careers advice to current students.

Colette Bryce

Congratulations to Colette Bryce (1988-91) who won first prize in the prestigious National Poetry Competition earlier this year. Colette received an Eric Gregory award for her writing in 1995 and is a Fellow in Creative Writing at the University of Dundee. Her first volume of poetry, *The Heel of Bernadette*, was published by Picador in 2000.

Beer Money

Forty years ago a new college bar was opened in the old chapel. Keg beers were two shillings per pint (10p) and bottled beers between one shilling (5p) to one and seven (around 8p). Two months after its opening, the Weekly Record reported that there was a vast amount of litter 'strewn around in gay profusion' and noted the 'gloomy atmosphere' and lack of meat pies. In March 1965, littering and glass theft became such a problem that the bar was temporarily closed.

New Years Honours List 2004

Congratulation to former student and Honorary Fellow Pete Postlethwaite who was awarded an OBE. Ted Walliss, Visiting Lecturer in the Department of Education (PGCE Secondary) was awarded an MBE.

Simmarian Wedding

Caroline Powell (1994-98) married Andrew Worby (1992-95) in 2002. Their first child, Thomas was born in January 2003.



Tom Davenport (1944-46) sent the following poem about haunted Strawberry Hill, written by his friend, the late Don Justice (1944-46).

I've heard men laugh and point and scorn,
At a chap who early in the morn,
Ran from his room, near dead in fright,
Crying out he'd seen within the night,
Two shining eyes of ghostly white!
Perhaps, why even you would smile,
And beg him, rest a little while.
But, tell me friend,
What would you do-
If they came smiling thro' at you!

50 Years Ago

Term began on the 18th September when the record number appeared on the roll, even if it did not then appear in the college; 303, divided over one, two and three year courses of various sorts and descriptions. T. Quirk. *The Simmarian Newsletter*. December 1954

REUNIONS

1952-54

A reunion for the 1952-54 group is being held at college on September 3,4,5 2004.

1964-67

Former students who attended college from 1964-67 are holding a reunion at Strawberry Hill on September 3,4,5 2004. The group would like to invite members of staff from that period, please contact the PR and Alumni Office if you would like to attend.

Forthcoming Reunions

Year group members are automatically sent letters of invitation to their reunion, approximately three months in advance. If you would like further information about any of the above reunions, or would like a fact sheet about arranging your own reunion, please contact the PR and Alumni Office.

Legacies

Have you considered remembering St Mary's in your will? Over the years we have gratefully received a number of bequests. Some donors have specified the ways in which their bequests should be spent, and others have allowed the college to decide how their donation can benefit the college community. The Hogan Lecture Halls were furnished through a bequest to the college from the estate of Margaret Hogan, the first female Vice-Principal of St Mary's College, who was appointed in 1965 in preparation for the arrival of the first 160 women students who joined the college in 1966. Your donation, however large or small is your personal contribution to the continuing success of St Mary's.

The Many Strawberry Hills

There may be only one Strawberry Hill for Simmarians but there are a surprising number of Strawberry Hills throughout the world. Strawberry Hill in Virginia is home to the Strawberry Hill racecourse and the Strawberry Hill motor cross raceway is in South Carolina. Vancouver's Strawberry Hill is a town in the Surrey district and Strawberry Hill in Cambridge Massachusetts is an area of residential housing designed around woodland and ponds. San Francisco's Strawberry Hill is one of forty-three hills around the city. Strawberry Hill in Kansas is a 1920's residential and shopping area.



There is a Strawberry Hill holiday cabin resort in Arizona, a Strawberry Hill spa resort in Jamaica, a Strawberry Hill holiday estate in Newfoundland and a Strawberry Hill Persian cattery in Bredene near Ostend. Strawberry Hill in Queensbury, New York was artificially created as a ski slope and removed in the 1960's. Closer to home, there is a Strawberry Hill pond at an Iron Age hill fort in Epping Forest.

Calling All Sports Rehabilitators living In Ireland

An Irish branch of the BASRaT is being set up and a database of all registered sports rehabilitators from accredited programmes living and practising in Ireland is being compiled. If you would like to be involved, please send your contact details to Clare Lodge at lodgec@itcarlow.ie or write to Clare Lodge, Institute of Technology Carlow, Kilkenny Road, Carlow.

St Mary's College Daily Timetable



5.30	Rise
6.00 - 7.00	Morning prayers, mediation, spiritual reading
7.00 - 7.45	Assisting at Mass
7.45 - 8.15	Study
8.15 - 9.00	Breakfast and Recreation
9.00 - 12.00	Lectures and Study
12.00 - 12.15	Examination of Conscience
12.15 - 12.30	Recreation
12.30 - 2.00	Dinner and Recreation
2.00 - 5.00	Lectures and Study
5.00 - 5.30	Religious Exercises
5.30 - 6.00	Tea and Recreation
6.00 - 7.00	Lectures
7.00 - 8.00	Music and Drawing
8.00 - 8.30	Writing
8.30 - 9.30	Supper and Recreation
9.30 - 10.00	Night Prayers and Bed

2003/2004 has been an excellent season for the St Mary's athletics squad, and the results are some of the best they have ever achieved. At the BUSA Cross-Country Championships the women's and men's teams finished 2nd and 4th respectively, with Faye Fullerton finishing 3rd in the long race. Kate Reed's outstanding results from last year have continued and at the Indoor Championships she broke the existing 3000m record in a time of 9.18. The Outdoor Championships saw a number of fine performances in track and field events with eight individual medal winners. Events were won by Stephen Murphy (3000m steeplechase), Jade Wright (5000m), Claire Smithson (discus) and Kate Reed (10000m) who smashed the previous record by fifty-six seconds. The UK Athletics High Performance Endurance Centre, based at St Mary's, has again provided further evidence that this programme is capable of producing high class performers. Kate Reed has been selected as a travelling reserve for the European Cup held in June and is in the team with Paula Radcliffe and Jo Pavey.

The men's 1st XV rugby union side won the Premier South League gaining notable wins against UWIC, Bath, Bristol, Exeter and UW Swansea. In the Championship the team beat St Mark and St John 42-0 and Newcastle 38-16, taking them to a semi-final against Durham. Unfortunately, despite all their efforts the side lost 21-28 and Durham progressed to beat Exeter in the final. The men's 2nd XV repeated last year's success by winning the South Eastern Trophy 1A; they lost 40-22 to Loughborough in the Trophy semi-finals. The 3rd XV also won their league, the South Eastern Trophy 3A, winning all games played and amassing 392 points whilst only conceding 11! The contribution of Mark Williams was first-class and consequently he was selected to play for English Universities.

The St Mary's Gaelic teams had yet another excellent season. The men's team retained the British Universities Gaelic football Championship by beating Liverpool Hope 0-10 to 1-8, scoring a free to secure a win in the last minute of the game. In the Trench Cup final the men's side played against IT Tallaght, the Dublin College, and after going to extra-time eventually achieved a momentous victory 1-9 to 1-8. The women's team won the British Championship, also retaining the title that they had won in the previous year, by defeating Liverpool Hope 2-4 to 1-6.

In their first season in the Premier South League the women's football 1st XI came a creditable 3rd, winning five of their ten games and drawing two others. This league position saw them qualify for the Championship, beating Leeds 4-3 but being defeated by Bath 3-1 at the quarter-finals stage. The men's football club had a truly outstanding season with the 1st XI, 2nd XI and 4th XI winning league titles. The 1st XI won eight of their twelve games, drawing three

others, with a positive goal difference of nineteen. In the Premier League South play-off against Southampton, the score was 2-2 at full-time but regrettably after extra-time the final score was 2-3. The 1st XI qualified for the Championship but lost 3-0 to Bath in the last 16. The 2nd XI won the South Eastern Trophy 1A winning all ten games, scoring thirty-one goals and only conceding six! Bath again proved to be difficult opposition beating the 2nd XI 3-0 on penalties at the quarter-finals stage of the Trophy. The 4th XI won the South Eastern Trophy 5C.

The men's hockey side won the South Eastern 3B, being defeated on only one occasion in the eight games that they played. In the Plate competition they beat Royal Free and University College Medics 10-1 at the semi-final stage, and won the final against Edge Hill by an impressive 10-4 scoreline.

The cricket season started with the men's 1st XI losing in a tight game by two wickets to Cardiff followed by wins against Southampton, Bristol, Reading and Warwick. The men's 1st XI won the Premier League South B but lost the play-off against Bradford/Leeds UCCE. James Keightley, James Kingstone, Andrew Mawson and Andrew Ward all played for English Universities. The women's 1st XI had another successful season, making the Indoor finals held at Trent Bridge and winning the South Eastern 1A. Their season culminated in the Shield semi-final against Leeds, which they narrowly lost by one run.

This year has also seen a number of memorable individual performances. Ben Brown was selected as a member of the gymnastics team that competed at the XXII World University Games, held in Daegu, Republic of Korea in August 2003. Also at the BUSA Championship for fencing Julia Day and Claire Holloway finished 2nd and 3rd respectively in the foil and epee competitions.

St Mary's athletes continue to demonstrate a high level of performance, and the overall level of achievement is significant, especially for a college that has such relatively low student numbers. The quality partnerships that exist with UK Athletics and the English Institute for Sport have proved to be invaluable, and undoubtedly help to encourage the performance culture that exists. Anyone who visits the modernised strength and conditioning area is likely to see a world-class athlete, such as Kelly Holmes, training alongside current students. This environment is a mark of the progress that has been made and can only be advantageous for our own student performers. With the new synthetic floodlit track due to be completed in August 2004 the future looks even more promising.

Strawberry Hill Overseas Concern

For those of you new to the Simmarian, SHOC is the college charity established to support the work of Simmarians working in Africa, Asia and Latin and Central America. Since its foundation in 1970, SHOC has raised more than £100000 for more than 100 schemes. We limit our work to projects that have a direct Simmarian connection and we provide one-off or long term financial and other assistance. There are no costs involved and all money raised goes to our Simmarian links overseas.

During the past year we have continued to support projects in Ghana, (£1500 for Wa Secondary School), Kenya (£750 towards a nursery school at Marigat), Nigeria (£250 towards Vincentian schools in Amakom), Sierra Leone (£500 towards war and famine relief at Bo), Tanzania (£250 towards library facilities at Singida) and Uganda (£250 towards schools in Gulu). We have also maintained our contacts with Sister Mary Anne Katiti in Kabwe, Zambia.

Our major efforts this past year, however, have been focused on one project, the construction of Sister Dee Smith's HIV/AIDS hospice in Guatemala (more details appear in the following article). With the help of parishioners from St Margaret's, college staff and students, over £20000 has been raised towards her hospice dream. The parishioners chose the project as one of their Lenten charities and a member of college staff, Dermot Kelly (Management and Business Enterprise), kindly agreed to be sponsored when he ran in the London Marathon.

The latest news of the hospice is that the boundary wall around the donated land is complete and work will start shortly on the hospice itself. Partly in honour of the college's part in the project and also in honour of the devotion to Our Lady throughout Guatemala, Dee has decided to name the hospice 'St Mary's'. It is hoped that the St Mary's Hospice will be opened later this year or early in 2005.

The work of SHOC continues and we are most grateful to all Simmarians who continue to support us. One of the best and easiest ways of doing this is through the 'Give as you Earn' scheme. You simply designate SHOC as one of your chosen charities and the amount you give is deducted before tax from your salary. If you are interested in contributing to SHOC in this way (or indeed in any way) please contact me at the college. My e-mail is cookk@smuc.ac.uk and my direct phone is 020 8240 4017. Many thanks for your support.

Kevin L Cook

Projecto Vida (Project Life)

Dee Smith was a student at St Mary's College, Strawberry Hill from 1973-1976 and has maintained strong links with the college since her graduation. After several years teaching in west Kenya, Dee was appointed by Action Aid in the early 1980s to be their Field Officer with responsibility for a major education project for nomadic Pokot children in the Kerio valley. SHOC has supported her work since the 1970s and is pleased to be associated with the Project Life Hospice Appeal.

Dee's first posting as a Maryknoll Sister was to Guatemala where she joined a small team of health workers and sisters. Shortly after her arrival, she started Project Life. Today the Project Life team consists of two overseas sisters and 14 Guatemalans.

Project Life runs four HIV/AIDS linked programmes which provide:

- Information and education relating to the prevention of HIV/AIDS
- Health services for people living with HIV/AIDS
- Laboratory testing for HIV with pre and post counselling
- Psychological and social provision for those living with HIV/AIDS.

Since its opening, Project Life has dealt with over 1000 people, 60% of whom have been males. Currently it is treating 23 children under the age of five who are living with HIV. Of the remainder, 90% are between the ages of 15 and 44 years. Most of the people who visit the clinic are from the local Coatepeque area and the surrounding four coastal districts but some travel from the neighbouring state of San Marcos.



Dee Smith with a young HIV patient

The distribution of HIV/AIDS within Guatemala, as in many countries, coincides with the commercial and migratory routes through the country. Coatepeque and Project Life are located at the epicentre of the infection and are in an almost ideal situation to meet local and wider needs.

Project Life has recently received a donation of two acres of land and hopes to build a hospice for those individuals who have nowhere to go when they are terminally ill. These people include young women trapped in prostitution, individuals whose families have rejected them and people from other countries who are too sick to travel home.

The amount required to finance this initiative is £50,000. The UK arm of the fund raising is being co-ordinated by Kevin Cook. Other funding sources include Ireland, the USA and those within Guatemala itself. For further information about Project Life please contact Kevin at St Mary's.

Key Facts

There are nearly 3000 students at St Mary's.
44% of 2003 first year entrants came from Greater London.
There are over 140000 books in the college Learning Resources Centre

chaplaincy news

Chaplaincy Report

The Chaplaincy team are extremely pleased with the number of students involving themselves in the many groups and activities which we facilitate and organise throughout the academic year. We are committed to creating a welcoming and caring community which is continually reaching out to others. Students are encouraged to develop their skills and talents creatively, in serving each other and the wider needs of our world, and our hope is that in the years which lie ahead students may go on to assume active roles within the Church and society.

This year the Chaplaincy has once again been successful in raising money for local and national children's charities. Our annual Carol Singing Appeal in London raised £5900, the Lenten Appeal for St John Bosco's Teacher Training College in Ghana raised £1850, and the Simms Lourdes Group raised £2440 which was used to send children with learning

hospice for children in Hampton; The Lord Clyde Nightshelter which provides accommodation for the homeless, and CARA which helps women and children infected or affected with HIV/AIDS.

Many students are involved in the organisation of college liturgies and we encourage all students to become more involved in fellowship and educational opportunities. Students have organised Taize styled prayer evenings and facilitated the 'At Your Word, Lord' Renewal Programme. We also shared together in a successful Lenten Retreat at Cumberland Lodge and the Christian Union hosted a Mission Week at St Mary's and collected money for charity. The RCIA group comprises of undergraduate, postgraduate, staff and former students, this year two members of the group received the Sacrament of Confirmation at the Leavers' Mass.



disabilities to Lourdes at Easter, and to subsidise student fares. With the help of former students we organised a fundraising evening in the college bar and we raised the magnificent sum of £1610. We would like to thank everyone for their generous support.

This year we have created new opportunities for students to work as volunteers in the local community and beyond. We have students involved at Feltham Young Offenders Institution, gaining experience working with Radio Feltham, small faith sharing groups and sporting activities; The Soho Family Centre, which provides community services for those who live and work in the diverse community of Soho with differing needs; The Shooting Stars Trust, which is building a

The goal of developing potential at St Mary's is not confined to academic work, the Chaplaincy compliments the work of other academic schools within St Mary's and we work closely with the Student Union and Student Services. The Chaplaincy aims to develop the sense of community within the College and foster a spirit of caring that welcomes all students and staff and reflects a real concern for the development of the whole person. The Chaplaincy team encourages former students to keep in touch and let us know how things are progressing. St Mary's graduates as well as current students and staff may book the College Chapel for weddings and baptisms, with the permission and consent of their local parish priest. We recommend that this be done a year or more before the proposed date by contacting the Chaplaincy Administrator on 020 8240 4331.

We look forward to welcoming you all back to St Mary's.

Fr Gerry Devlin
Chaplain

registry news

Another Successful Year for St Mary's

St Mary's continues to grow and to adapt to the demands from potential undergraduate students. Five exciting new courses have recruited for 2004 entry; Philosophy, Film and Television, Physical Education in the Community, Physical Theatre and Sport Health and Exercise Science. The expansion of teaching places this year means that we are the third largest overall provider of teacher training and the second largest provider of primary training in London; we now offer ten PGCE secondary pathways. For more information on teacher training programmes contact Paula Askew on 020 8240 4332, email askewp@smuc.ac.uk

Foundations for the Future

Foundation degrees are opening up opportunities for people who are working to gain access to higher education and St Mary's is fully committed to this initiative. A new Foundation Degree in Sport and Health and Fitness began in February 2004 in conjunction with Richmond College. This programme is aimed at students who work or want to work in one of the many areas of sport health and fitness and combine academic study with vocational experience. The Foundation Degree in Child and Youth Studies (formally Children and Young People Learning) is now well established and has led to the development of a part-time third year programme that will enable students who have completed the foundation degree to obtain a BA (Honours) in Education in Context (Classroom Support) which will begin in September 2004. This third year is also open to students who have completed a suitable foundation degree or HND at other institutions. A further two foundation degrees are due to start in September 2004; Foundation Degree in Education in Context (Administration) which will provide people currently working in education administration with the opportunity to gain a relevant vocational foundation degree by part time study and a Foundation Degree in Health Care Chaplaincy for those working as Chaplains in hospitals or other care settings. This programme is the first of its kind in the country and is a joint venture between the Anglican and Roman Catholic churches.

Postgraduate Programmes

St Mary's now offers masters degrees in the following programmes

Applied Linguistics and English Language
Bioethics
Catechetics
Catholic School Leadership
Chaplaincy Studies
Education (CDP for School improvement)
Health Nutrition and Activity
Pastoral Theology
Religious History
Religion and Conflict
Sport Performance
Graduate Diploma in Sport Rehabilitation

Language Teaching and Training Unit

This spring the newly formed Language Teaching & Training Unit (LTTU) hosted a group of Chinese English teachers from Guandong Province. The 17 participants followed a 12-week course updating their English language teaching skills and improving their fluency in English. We hope that the success of this first group will lead to closer collaborative activities with the Guandong District Education Bureaux. For more information on the course, or about the LTTU, please contact Steve Horne on 020 8240 4127, email hornes@smuc.ac.uk.

The recruitment team continue to work with schools and colleges and to promote the opportunities at the college. In addition to the annual undergraduate prospectus and leaflets, a new postgraduate prospectus is now available with leaflets on each postgraduate programme. For copies of any of our information materials please phone 020 8240 2314 or complete the enclosed flyer

Our next Undergraduate Open Days

will take place on

- Saturday 21 September
- Wednesday 27 October
- Wednesday 3 November (Open Evening)

Potential students and their families and friends can see the campus and hear more about the courses on offer. Visitors should book in advance on 020 8240 2314

simmarian associations

Reunion Report

A reunion of Simmarians who attended college from 1959-1963 was held at Strawberry Hill in September.

The Irish Simmarians

The Irish Simmarians held their annual reunion on June 19, 2004. Mass at St Patrick's College Drumcondra was followed by an evening meal in the Skylon.

Liverpool Simmarian Club

The club organises a monthly lunch at the Hightown Hotel, usually attended by six to eight members. Our annual Christmas dinner was held at the same venue. Our Annual Requiem Mass was followed by lunch at the Harbour Club. This was attended by about forty members and wives. This year is the centenary of the founding of the Liverpool Club and we hope to celebrate with Mass at the Cathedral, and, once again, with lunch at the Harbour Club.

Frank Harris

Manchester and District Simmarians

The Annual Mass was celebrated on December 9 in the beautiful chapel in the Alexian Brothers Care Centre, home to John Mulligan (1943-47). The Mass was concelebrated by Canon Tony Dorran ((1945-47) and Fr Francis Austin (1946-48) with music directed by Ernie Sands and Gerard Hanbury. Unfortunately, the passing years are taking their toll on this traditional and worthwhile occasion. Any interested local Simmarians who would like to join us can contact us through the Alumni Office.

Kevin Madden

Kevin is still in contact with many members of his year group (1943-45) and would like to hear from anyone with whom he is not in touch.

Change of President on the Rock

This has been the Gibraltar Simmarian Society's ninth successful year since its birth in 1995. It has continued to provide advice and information to prospective simmarians in Gibraltar who approach members every year seeking a more detailed or first-hand evaluation of the college, its courses, its social life and the surrounding area. 2004 is also seeing the tercentenary celebrations of a British Gibraltar.

Socially, but by way of introduction to an important scientific project, a group of Simmarian Society members were shown around Gorham's cave on the eastern shoreline of the Rock by Professor Clive Finlayson, the Gibraltar Museum's director. The museum together with fifteen other academic institutions from around the Mediterranean are involved in a project centred

around Gorham's Cave and which aims at understanding human occupation and climate change in coastal sites in the last 250000 years.

This outing was followed up some weeks later by a visit to the museum where Simmarians and their families enjoyed a private, first hand viewing of the many artefacts and wonderful specimens that have been found as a result of the archaeological excavations at the cave.

At this year's AGM Clive Beltran, founder member and the Society's first President will be standing down. This is as a result of his having been elected as MP in the Gibraltar Parliament (House of Assembly) in November 2003. Clive's work commitments as a Minister of the Gibraltar Government makes it impossible for him to continue leading the Society although he is very much determined to remain as a member.

Clive has asked to be allowed this opportunity to thank all the many members of the Society who through their interest in and loyalty to the spirit of St Mary's have kept up their membership, and in this way not only supported St Mary's College but also made old friendships grow stronger and also assisted worthy causes in Gibraltar and abroad through the Society's donations to charity. Clive also thanks Karen Smith for her excellent co-operation and support over the years.

St Mary's College would like to thank Clive for his work with the association and wishes him every success for the future.

25 Years Ago

The Mathematics Department has acquired a mini computer, and this has already roused considerable interest within the college. We hope to report at a later date on our experiences with this slightly frightening machine! Dennis High. The Simmarian Newsletter. Winter 1979

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75 Years Ago

Recently our well-kept corridors have been adorned with the heads of beasts caught or killed in the chase, whether it was an organised chase, or a chase by a single keen enthusiastic hunter or perhaps a member of our own staff. These relics of sporting days are strangely out of place, perched on the walls of a studiously inclined, up to date, college. J. Barry. The Simmarian. Whitsuntide 1929.

The Simmarian Association AGM

Is being held on September 4 in room C1 at 5.30.
All former students of the college are welcome.

This year (2003-2004) the President is Danny Piper. The Vice President is Leo Duggan and the Secretary is Dom DiMambro. The Committee members of the Simmarian Association would like to invite all students to attend the AGM.

The aim of the Committee is to create a more relevant association which will appeal to all generations of past Simmarians. We are organising:

- A Gala Charity Dinner (date to be confirmed)
- A reunion of former students in February to raise money for charity
- The formation of an active Sporting Association
- Developing closer links with other Simmarian Associations in England, Ireland, Gibraltar and Malta

If we are to succeed then we need the active support of more Simmarians to ensure that our aims and objectives are being met. Please come along and give your support on Saturday 4th September.

For further information and details of forthcoming events please contact oldsimmarians@hotmail.com, members of the Committee or the PR and Alumni Office.

Studying at St Mary's was a great time for everyone, let us continue this into the future as we get involved and give something back

Sports Facts


The college works closely with a wide range of professional and semi-professional clubs including London Irish Rugby Football Club, Middlesex County Cricket Club and Barnet Ladies Football Club.

The college gymnasium is equipped to Olympic standards

The college has over 20 acres of playing fields

Rest In Peace

News of the death of the following Simmarians has been received. Please remember in your prayers these Simmarians, their families and their friends.

Norbert Balmer 1945-47 St Helens	Francis Grasar 1935-38 Scunthorpe	Reg Scott 1933-35 Stoke on Trent
Gerard Bradley 1943-45 Middlesbrough	Sam Haughian Current Student	Anthony Warrington 1936-38 Morecombe
Tom Conway 1944-46 Middlesbrough	Mark Hollanders 1994-97 Upminster	Mr Paul Worrall 1935-38 Enfie
Francis Cox 1933-35 Widnes	Paula Lavery (nee Halpin) 1970-73 New Malden	Staff
Bernard Cronin 1954-56 Hertfordshire	Gerard Mack 1946-48 Manchester	Peter Drage Mathematics
Pat Cummings 1938-40 Cheltenham	Michael McNicholas 1949-51 London	Tom Elliot Art
Michael Dooley 1939-41 Co Mayo	Michael McWilliams 1934-37 Bangor	Jim McGibbon Education
Colin Dowson 1957-59 Boston	Michael Nunn 1975-79 Bolton	Leslie Remmett-Peay Registrar
Tony English 1942-44 Billingham	Alan Parkinson Seafood 1954-56	Bob Southall Education
Frank Feeney 1953-55 Bolton	Jack Payne London 1935-37	Brian Stratford Education
William Gallagher 1943-45	Fr Anthony Potter 1951-54 Tring	
Francis (Ged) Gloyne 1956-58 Northampton	John Quinn 1967-70 London	

Ged Gloyne (1956-58) died in January, leaving a three year old son. Ged's family are compiling stories and memories to pass onto his son and would be grateful for any recollections to be sent c/o the PR and Alumni Office or by e-mail on scott_campion@fsmail.net.

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