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Message

from the Director General

Our move and the plethora of events that we somehow manage to fold into an academic year have gone smoothly, give or take a few literally dangling loose ends. While we continue to put the final touches to so complex an endeavour as the relocation of a learning community, we have enjoyed a tremendous year at 4873 Westmount Ave.

During the academic year that just ended, the College not only bustled with the activity and achievements that characterize every year, but it began to mark its Centennial.

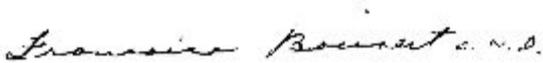
In April, neighbours and friends filled our Art Deco Auditorium for the annual ArtsFest concert, which had a decidedly family feel as alumni and current students performed, then afterwards gathered around Jean Walkinshaw, whose retirement was announced after intermission. Jean taught every single music student who has walked through our doors. It was especially touching to see her with her students, past and present.

In late spring, the College's longstanding commitment to environmental stewardship was honoured with a *CEGEP Vert du Québec* designation—making Marianopolis the first Anglophone college to be recognized for its green ways.

By the time you read this, the class of 2008 will have graduated on June 12 in the nearby Villa Maria auditorium, after a fascinating address by the Honourable Éva Petras '71, a Puisne Judge of the Superior Court of Quebec, District of Montreal.

The year ahead promises to be just as noteworthy. We are in the beginning stages of gathering as a community to devise a strategic plan, a guide as we embark on what promises to be another century of academic excellence. Your input is essential to us.

As you can see, the past year has brought much reward to Marianopolis. I invite you to learn more by reading this issue of *Alma Matters*.



Françoise Boisvert '58, CND



A rewarding year

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Activism alive and well
with students, grads



Memories, mingling
and more at reunions



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On campus

Opera recital helps modernize Auditorium

Internationally acclaimed mezzo-soprano Annamaria Popescu '79 traded her home of La Scala for her alma mater's stage during an evening benefit concert which helped raise \$50,125 of the \$200,000 needed to refurbish Marianopolis' Auditorium.



Though it is stately, the College's Auditorium is in dire need of floor-to-ceiling upgrades, Mr. Aaron Fish tells the audience at the May 7 fundraiser.

Part of the \$10 million *Moving hearts and minds* capital campaign, the event was sponsored by Aaron and Wally Fish, music-lovers, visionary donors and parents of Michael '82, Ariela '02 and Chiara '03.

The May 7 opera fundraiser showcased the Art Deco Auditorium, a beautiful and historically significant space. Built in 1955, it is

in great need of upgrades so it can become a fully functional venue for concerts, lectures and student productions: \$100,000 must be raised to upgrade the room and install such basics as a sound system, lights, a screen and a projector; and another \$100,000 is needed to purchase a concert grand piano.

Soprano Léa Weillbrenner-Lebeau '09, winner of this year's music competition Prix d'expression musicale (please see story below), opened the evening with a short but impressive performance. Her poise and presence on

the stage prompted Professor Michael Sendbuehler, master of ceremonies for the evening, to draw some comparisons with a young Annamaria Popescu of 30 years ago.

Ms. Popescu, in Montreal to perform in the Opéra de Montréal's production of Puccini's *Madama Butterfly*, gave a private recital in the Auditorium to showcase its incredible acoustics.

After graduating from Marianopolis, Ms. Popescu continued her musical education at McGill University and the Academy of Vocal Arts in Philadelphia. She joined the Atelier lyrique de l'Opéra de Montréal before making her debut in 1990. Six years later, she became the fifth Canadian woman to perform at La Scala in Milan. Since then, she has been the Canadian singer to perform most often at the legendary opera house.?

For more information on this worthwhile endeavour or about the campaign in general, please contact Barth Gillan, campaign director, b.gillan@marianopolis.edu, (514) 931-8792 ext. 205.



Diva Annamaria Popescu '79 returns to her alma mater to help bring much-needed improvements to its Auditorium, which hasn't been modernized since 1955 and needs a grand piano.

Catch a rising star

Soprano Léa Weillbrenner-Lebeau placing first at this year's Prix d'expression musicale came as no surprise to those who have heard her sing. Also masterful in their performances at the March 17 competition were co-runners-up violinist Justin Lamy, a first-year student from Gatineau, and pianist Evelyne Arsenault Cooper, a Westmounter who will continue her musical studies this fall at Oberlin College. First held in 1980, the Prix d'expression musicale is an annual opportunity for students in the Music and Double DEC programs to perform in a judged recital. Its mandate is to encourage excellence in musical expression. Weillbrenner-Lebeau, a first-year student from Hochelaga-Maisonneuve, gives that excellence a voice.?

Prix d'expression musicale winner Léa Weillbrenner-Lebeau '09



Era ends as Jean Walkinshaw retires



Longtime Music Professor Jean Walkinshaw with some of her students, past and present.

The audience at the ArtsFest concert rose to a long and heartfelt standing ovation when then-Liberal and Creative Arts Chair Michael Sendbuehler announced that Professor Jean Walkinshaw would retire at the end of the spring semester.

Professor Walkinshaw has taught every Music student who has graduated from Marianopolis since 1964, the year she joined—and began helping shape—the College’s renowned Music program.

Her students have come from every part of the city and the world and, with her guidance and love of music, have gone on to play the world’s stages. Far-flung and local alumni joined current students at the April 18 concert at the College’s Art Deco Auditorium (please see

page 4) for a memorable evening of music that included the news of her retirement.

When she began teaching at Marianopolis, Professor Walkinshaw worked with Sister Mary O’Neill in the four-year university program leading to the Bachelor’s degree from the University of Montreal. She taught Humanities as well as Music and never once stopped exploring musical genres or supporting her grateful students.

Marianopolis College extends a heartfelt thanks to Professor Walkinshaw for her singular contributions to its musical excellence over the decades.?



Then-Liberal and Creative Arts Chairman Michael Sendbuehler announces Professor Jean Walkinshaw’s retirement at the ArtsFest concert.

First time’s a charm for student leadership club

Though only in its first year, the Marianopolis chapter of DECA (Delta Epsilon Chi Association) earned 17 medals and several top-10 finishes at the Ontario competition circuit, as well as an invitation to compete on the provincial level. The only club of its kind in Quebec, the Marianopolis chapter exposes students to real-life decision-making situations via intensive case-study competitions in 30-plus disciplines and categories, such as accounting, marketing and retailing. For more than 50 years, international student marketing association DECA has operated in more than 450 high schools and 200 colleges throughout the world.?

Adding it up: Marianopolis scores

For the seventh consecutive year, a team of Marianopolis students finished first in the province in the American Mathematics Contest. This year’s team included Nikita Lvov, Zheping Hu and Xin Chi Chen. Lvov was the only student from the Montreal region invited to write the Asia Pacific Math Olympiad. Lvov may have the chance to represent Canada in this summer’s International Math Olympiad in Spain.?

On campus

Newly graduated and Beijing-bound



Director General Françoise Boisvert, CND, sends Stephanie Horner '08 to the Olympics with her alma mater's best wishes—and a Marianopolis pin.

Stephanie Horner missed her Marianopolis commencement so she could compete in the 2008 Summer Olympics in Beijing. Next stop for the Commerce student and Canadian champion in women's 400-metre freestyle? Auburn University, one of the top NCAA swimming schools, to which her swimming and her good grades at Marianopolis got her a full athletic scholarship.

The Beaconsfield native, one of 12 women on the Canadian Olympic swim team, said she is heartened that her sister Kristine will attend Marianopolis in the fall: "I'm so excited for her. I keep telling her, 'You will fit in so well.'?"

Alumni profile Hooked on hoops and alumni pride

In 1994 Louise McLellan asked me if I wanted to become the assistant coach of the Men's AA basketball team with Juraj Pojtek. I had never given a thought to a coaching career but I loved playing basketball three times a week with friends, so I said "yes." We won the division that year and I was drawn to the thrill of competition. After the first season, I realized that it was the process of teaching I loved; helping players learn and then seeing those athletes perform had me hooked.

After graduation, many players return to Marianopolis for alumni games. It pleases me when they express interest in our current teams. I can see the importance of staying involved: my efforts with the student athletes today help foster a love of the game which continues far beyond graduation. After being assistant coach for 14 seasons and having



Coach Mike Handinero '94 with his sons Domenico and Diego and, from left, back row, Kayla Freidman, Jemmy-Luce Nelson, Laurin Vroom and Assistant Coach Angela Yung; from left, front row, Ann Ma, Lara Arntinian and Sandra Pojtek.

coached over 200 players, I am still hooked. When the head coach position for the Women's Basketball Team opened, I jumped at the opportunity because basketball at Marianopolis is a part of my life. Louise gave me a gift all those years ago when she made the suggestion and I come back each fall because I am a Marianopolis coach. Thanks, Louise.

Michael Handinero '94

Faculty news

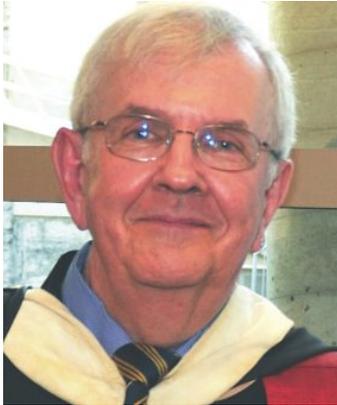
Dr. Michael Tritt, English Department, has recently had a couple of essays accepted for publication. "Irène Némirovsky's David Golder and the Myth of the Jew" focuses upon the extent to which Némirovsky's novel incorporates specific and, in some instances, centuries-old stereotypes. The article will appear in *Symposium: A Quarterly Journal in Modern Languages*. "A View from the Stockyards: Lorraine Hansberry's Allusion to *The Jungle* in the Unfilmed Screenplay of *A Raisin in the Sun*" is an inter-textual reading of an allusion within Hansberry's screenplay. It will be published in the winter '08 issue of *American Notes and Queries*.

Dr. Paulos Milkias has had another busy year. He presented six scholarly papers in North America, Europe and Africa. In addition to lecturing at Marianopolis and Concordia University, Dr. Milkias was guest editor for a recent issue of *Northeast African Studies*. He was also interviewed by CTV, Fox and CBC radio on the Horn of Africa crisis.

Talk about prolific.

Professor Monique Polak '79 launched her eighth Young Adult novel, *121 Express*, at the Blue Metropolis Montreal International Literary Festival this spring. She read excerpts from it at Dirty Laundry, the ArtsFest faculty and staff cabaret. This fall, look for *What World Is Left*, a historical novel about her mother surviving a Nazi concentration camp.

We wish we didn't have to bid him adieu



Brian Webb, engaging raconteur, dedicated sociologist and beloved professor, retires after 35 years at the College.

After three campuses, 35 years and countless wonderful stories and anecdotes, Professor Brian Webb has retired from Marianopolis College. The New Brunswick native began his long teaching career at Bishop's University, after graduating from the University of Manitoba and Carleton University. At Marianopolis, he brought inimitable commitment and passion to the field of sociology, something to

which his former students attest years after they've ceased having the benefit of his generosity and brilliance in the classroom. Professor Webb has been involved in many areas of College life. He is most proud of the work that he and others have done in recent years to raise awareness at the student, staff and faculty levels of gay and lesbian issues.

He is also well known for his charming quips, such as one he shared with faculty and staff at a holiday mixer this winter when asked to reminisce about the last 35 years: "The other day I saw a birthday card that said, "There are three stages of life: youth, middle age and "You look fabulous!" ' That led me to wonder if there were not three stages to one's career: young Turk, seasoned veteran and 'Could I ask you to reminisce about the last 35 years?' "

The Marianopolis community will miss Professor Webb and the many discussions he has fostered about life at our college and beyond.?

Robotics ranks at top



Marianopolis Robotics Team members Andrew Coutu, left, and Jonathan Yu check out one of the New Jersey teams' robots with Director General Françoise Boisvert, CND.

Hours after returning from the FIRST competition in Mississauga, where it ranked second among rookie teams, Marianopolis' Robotics Team hosted two teams from New Jersey on March 31. The Marianopolis students gave tours of the campus to students from Hillsborough and Ewing high schools and traded notes about building robots and participating in the competition. The Hillsborough team gave the College team \$500 it raised to support its efforts.

At the FIRST competition, Marianopolis ranked first among Quebec schools. Overall, it placed 14th out of 66 teams. Physics Professor Dr. Rocco Iafigliola, who directs the team, called it "an impressive showing for a rookie team."?

Corporate and individual donors help support student clubs and activities, page 13

Marianopolis is a mouse click away

With its constantly updated and dynamic homepage, Marianopolis' website offers a vibrant glimpse into life at the College:

- www.marianopolis.edu/centennial – The College is celebrating its rich heritage with a number of events.
- www.marianopolis.edu/mcr – Marianopolis Community Recreation (MCR) has a new home in the new building, a state-of-the-art, light-filled studio with an expansive atmosphere, floor-to-ceiling windows and beautiful views. Classes are offered throughout the summer and an alumni discount is always given.
- www.marianopolis.edu/gallery – The ArtsFest virtual gallery showcases student work as well as the plethora of cultural events that brought many community members to campus for the popular annual week of free arts in April.
- www.marianopolis.edu/artsfestconcert – Current and past students of the Professional Music Program delighted an audience of Marianopolis community members and neighbours on April 18, as the Centennial ArtsFest concert capped off ArtsFest.

Student brings Kenyan ambassador to campus

What began as a way to mark Black History Month became a day of celebration, thanks to Zenas Kuate Defo, president of The Roots, the College's club of African and African-American culture.

Kuate Defo brought to Marianopolis on February 23 not just Kenyan food and dancing but also Kenya's ambassador to Canada, Her Excellency Judith Mbula Bahemuka. The day also helped raise money to build a one-room schoolhouse in Kenya. A stalwart warrior against rural disease, Her Excellency has dedicated her life to raising her homeland's health standards. Her life sounds familiar to those who know Marianopolis' history. As a young girl, her education in Catholic schools in Kenya connected her to Catholic women's education in North America. She earned a bachelor's degree from Marygrove College, a private Catholic school in Detroit sponsored by the Sisters, Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary and founded in 1905, three years before Marianopolis.



Zenas Kuate Defo helped organize a day of cross-cultural learning, as well as a fundraiser to help build a schoolhouse in Kenya.



Social action

MAKING A

Kenya's High Commissioner to Canada, Her Excellency Judith Mbula Bahemuka, and Marianopolis Academic Dean Susan Cleavelly, CND, share a moment before participating in a Kenyan dance.

Through the World Health Organization, Her Excellency plays a key role in the global struggle against AIDS. At Marianopolis she called Zenas "Venus, a star." He is reaching for the same heights as Her Excellency—this fall Zenas will study microbiology and immunology at McGill University. He wants to become a doctor.?

A tradition of charity and glamour

A student-organized charity ball raised \$2,220 for the East Foundation's Center of Dreams and Hopes for autistic children.

In its second year, the Crystal Ball began early in the evening of May 29 and featured a DJ and, multi-course dinner and merriment into the wee hours.

"We hope to have started a Marianopolis tradition," said student Maria-Josée Bran Lopez.?

A green pioneer

Fittingly for a school whose student body counts stewardship of the environment as a defining value, Marianopolis marked Earth Day with a week's worth of events.

April 21-25 saw a plethora of Earth-friendly activities at the verdant campus, from Leave Your Car At Home Day to Biology Professor Michele Saumier's workshop on eco-friendly cleaning. Christian Nadeau, University of Montreal philosophy professor, and Martin Blanchard, the university's Center for Research and Ethics coordinator, presented a workshop on escaping car culture. Physical Education Professor Monica Giacomini led students and employees on a tour of the College grounds, identifying wild greens and learning about their benefits.

It's no wonder that a month later Marianopolis became the first Anglophone school of its kind to be granted the *CEGEP Vert du Québec* certification.



Biology Professor Michele Saumier, left, and Student Services Director Louise McLellan feed scraps from faculty and staff meals to the Marianopolis worms. Proceeds from the compost support the College's green activities.

'We could not help but be moved to act'

That is how one young woman explains why she and five other Marianopolis students took it upon themselves to put together a conference on human rights, to date the only one organized entirely by students (please see story below). It's a simple reason and one that applies to the numerous Marianopolis students, present and past, who dedicate themselves to social activism. This commitment is evident at Marianopolis reunions, which often transcend the good feeling of mingling with old friends and offer fascinating glimpses into near-epic battles to combat negative social forces. Alumni at February's Toronto reunion couldn't help but be moved listening to internationally renowned human rights advocate Julian Falconer. A member of the class of '78, he defended Maher Arar in that high-profile extradition and torture case and acted on the Ipperwash Inquiry into Dudley George's death. His work, with its emphasis on public interest litigation and state accountability, has been honoured with numerous awards, including the Urban Alliance Race Relations Medal. He is managing partner at Falconer Charney LLP in Toronto.

Equally engrossing was the talk by Carol McQueen '91 at November's Ottawa reunion. A senior policy advisor in Foreign Affairs Canada's Human Security Policy Division, she captivated and inspired—no surprise given her work with the Peacebuilding and Conflict Prevention Group at the African Great Lakes Region. The author of "Humanitarian Intervention and Safety Zones: Iraq, Bosnia and Rwanda," she earned a doctorate in International Relations from Oxford University. A Rhodes scholar, she worked as a Political Affairs Officer with the UN Peacekeeping Mission in the Democratic Republic of Congo from 2002-2005.

Read more on these two pages about the Marianopolis students who are following in Julian Falconer and Carol McQueen's footsteps. ?

First student-led crisis conference sheds light on Darfur

Marianopolis students presented the first conference of its kind this spring—an entirely student-led humanitarian conference on Darfur. Inspired by a McGill Faculty of Law human-rights conference, six students took it upon themselves to organize "The Humanitarian Crisis Conference: Shed Light on Darfur." The interactive and informative event focused on the crisis that has persisted in the Sudanese province for five years.

"We could not help but be moved to act," said Ana Poienaru, a Commerce student who will study law at McGill University in the fall. The March 15 conference took a potent two-pronged approach: 70-

some participants received an informed perspective on the situation, its implications and potential remedies, from guest speakers such as Paul Dewar, NDP member of Parliament and member of the Parliamentary Group of Genocide; they also helped prepare action plans to address the crisis with officials from Non-Governmental Organizations such as Save Darfur Canada and STAND Canada.

"We wanted people to walk away not just having learned about this dire situation but also having come up with concrete plans on how to address it," said Elena Haba, another student organizer. The \$20 admission benefited NGOs conducting humanitarian aid in Darfur. ?

The Marianews

'It makes Marianopolis, Marianopolis'

A Marianopolis tradition continued this spring when the College community once again held its clothing and food drive. The College has collected clothing and non-perishable food every spring for more than three decades. This year, because of a growing need, Campus Ministry began accepting food, clothes and footwear in the winter.

"It's a great way to clean out your closet while helping those in need," said Sharon Rankin, Marianopolis' long-time Campus Ministry animator. "Donations are still coming in, as the year comes to an end and people meet their school and other obligations.

"It's one of those things that make Marianopolis, Marianopolis."?



Students from the Class of 1947 during that annual food drive.



Celebrating their Golden Jubilee



The Class of 1958 and their guests spent some time in the Art Studio with some of their former professors, from left, Nola Joyce, CND (Sister St. Louisa), Dr. Madeleine Ellis and Anna Mary Breen, CND (Sister St. Agnes).

The Class of 1958 gathered on campus to celebrate its Golden Jubilee on May 4. A superb effort on the part of the organizing committee resulted in a near-complete attendance, including alumnae from Europe and across North America. Cocktails and a tour of the campus were followed by a lunch in the Art Studio, where Dr. Madeleine Ellis joined the guests for tea and an emotional reunion with her former "girls."

Special thanks are extended to the organizing committee: Françoise Beaubien Vien, Edda Bini Mastropasqua, Ann Kelly Crane and Nicole Viau Doucet.?



Dr. Madeleine Ellis

The Marianews

Class of 1948 reunites



On June 7, seven members of the Class of 1948 gathered for a memorable reunion which included a tour of the Westmount Avenue campus and cocktails and supper hosted at the home of Helen Lanthier '48. These graduates were in their freshman year when the campus at Mount St. Mary, at the corner of Guy Street and Dorchester Boulevard, was destroyed during a fire in January 1945. They completed their studies at the Peel Street campus.?

From left, Marion Roche Kerans, Doreen Cohn Norris, Ann Derome Kew and Jeannine Brossard Papineau pay homage to Marguerite Bourgeoys during their 60th anniversary reunion.

Calling the Class of 1998



All members of the Class of 1998, the Potheoles perform at the 2007 goodbye party at the Cote des Neiges campus. From left, Antoine Gratton, Eric Biunno, Jean Michel Cohalan and Josh Beitel.

Ten years have passed since the Class of 1998 last wandered the hallowed halls of Marianopolis together. Now, the time has come to reconnect with old friends and acquaintances. Whether you played cards in the caf, ping pong in the lounge or Dave Matthews covers on the grass while dodging flying rugby balls or sat on one of the window sills, hung out next to the library, hovered around the teachers' offices or just hung out with Wayne, we want to see you.

A reunion is being organized for September 2008. We hope you will all attend, whether you've aged gracefully or not. Please keep in touch and visit our Class of 1998 reunion website www.nop98.com ?

A mysterious photograph found at a crash site in Wales is linked to alumna Phyllis Burns '51.

Read in the fall 2008 issue how the memory of her brother Bill Allison and other war heroes is being kept alive.



Foundation news

Creating a cozy reading space

If ever a survey were to be taken of the definitive Cote des Neiges campus experience, the consensus would be hanging out in the windowsills to socialize, gaze out on the city and, sometimes, yes, even study. And it's those windowsills that came to David Gameroff's mind when he first visited the new Library at the Westmount campus.

Mr. Gameroff, who graduated with a DEC in Social Science in '79, has been instrumental in helping move the College to its current site. A Marianopolis Millennium Foundation Board director since 2005 and a member of the *Moving hearts and minds* capital campaign cabinet, Mr. Gameroff is part of the extended family of volunteers who devote their time, energy and skills to ensuring that the College is fiscally healthy as it embarks upon a second century of educating young people.



Farrel Miller '80, left, with Brenda Rosenzweig '89 and David Gameroff '79. The couple named a welcoming reading area at the College's new Library.

While visiting the nearly 14,000-square-foot chapel that would become the Library, Mr. Gameroff was enthralled by the space and the light pouring in from

the large cathedral windows. Mr. Gameroff, who received a law degree and an MBA from McGill University and owns two Vermont resorts, was also interested in the College's plan to transform a space into a comfortable reading lounge, where students could not only study but also make themselves at home. He remembered how such he and countless others enjoyed such spaces at the Cote des Neiges campus. What better way to bring this unique feature of the former campus to life in the new building than to help create a welcoming reading lounge in the Library?

This idea also hit home for Mr. Gameroff for another reason. He was reminded of the advice his beloved late father had given him as he prepared to settle his young family into their new home.

"He told me, 'Son, fill your house with books and music,'" recalls Mr. Gameroff, who is married to Brenda Rosenzweig '89. "When I think of what Marianopolis is in its essence, what it has meant to me, it is itself a house filled with books and music. I want to make sure that it always remains that way."

Thanks to the Gameroffs' generous support, students enjoy and use the reading area every day. The words that inspired Mr. Gameroff to give back to Marianopolis are memorialized in a plaque commemorating his and his wife's gift to their alma mater and to future generations of students who will socialize, gaze and, yes, study.?

The Marianopolis College Library houses over 52,000 titles and acquires 1,000 new books each year to serve its growing community of students, faculty, staff and alumni. The knowledgeable and helpful librarians also provide essential services and tools such as online databases, wireless internet access, films and music, bibliographic and research method workshops, and sessions on academic integrity. The Library also offers valuable work experience to students through part-time employment during the school year. To learn more about this essential Marianopolis resource, visit www.marianopolis.edu/library.



Foundation news

Bright futures need a strong Foundation

The Marianopolis Millennium Foundation is a registered charity dedicated to supporting the College's vision and mission. Through year-round fundraising initiatives, it provides financial assistance to students, encourages program development and enhancement, fulfills the continuous needs for educational technology and helps fund the construction and renovation of the campus facilities.

The Foundation also supports student clubs and grassroots student fundraising initiatives by issuing, where applicable, tax receipts to local companies and individuals wishing to underwrite the many on-campus activities that take place each year. For example, private donations received by the Foundation helped support the student-organized "The Humanitarian Crisis Conference: Shed Light on Darfur" on March 15 (please see story on page 9).

The Foundation's resources come exclusively from the generous donations from alumni, parents, faculty, staff and friends of the College. Thanks to your contributions, it is able to support Marianopolis in a variety of important ways:

providing scholarships, bursaries and tuition credits to the 20 percent of the Marianopolis student population in need of financial assistance

helping the Library expand its collection annually and offer educational services to students and professors

ensuring students have access to new technology inside and outside the classroom

fostering our endowment fund so that a Marianopolis education remains accessible to future generations of students

funding the construction and renovations at the Westmount Avenue campus through the *Moving hearts and minds* capital campaign. ?



Gifts in honour and in memory

You can commemorate the accomplishments of someone or recognize the impact that a special teacher has had on your academic achievements, by making a gift in honour or in memory to the Marianopolis Millennium Foundation. Such gifts are used to support a particular area of the College, provide financial assistance to students in the form of scholarships and bursaries or apply to the College's "greatest need." Gifts in memory are acknowledged and notification of donor name is sent to the loved ones.

For more information on how to make an in honour or in memory contribution please contact Elisabeth Livingston at (514) 931-8792 ext 206. ?

Marianopolis has several spaces available for naming and dedication as part of its \$10 million *Moving hearts and minds* campaign.

Creative and Performing Arts:

- Auditorium (614 seats)
- Amphitheatre (214 seats)
- Art History Classroom
- Large Music Classroom
- Small Music Classroom
- Music Rehearsal Rooms
- Event Space

Physical Education:

- Large Gymnasium
- Aerobics/Dance Studio
- Weight Room

Academic Spaces:

Library:

- Reference Area
- Study Area
- Small Reading Areas

Classrooms

Laboratories:

- Physics (General)
- Physics (Electronics)
- Analytical Chemistry
- Organic Chemistry
- Biology
- Information Technology

Meeting Rooms (12),
Offices and Study Spaces:

- Meeting Rooms
- Faculty Lounge
- Faculty Offices
- Student Study Areas

Extra-Curricular and
Administrative Facilities:

- Main Lobby
- Administrative Services
- Student Services
- Cafeteria
- Main Student Lounge/Café
- Small Student Lounges
- Display and Trophy Case area

Areas of the campus recently named in recognition of donations to the *Moving hearts and minds* capital campaign:

Library Reading Area: Annie and Nathan Steinberg Family Foundation, thanks to Margot '78, Donna '81, Marc '82, Daniel '85 and Ronny '88 Steinberg
Student Lounge Television: Marianopolis College Alumni Association

News & notables

Hope DiOrío '70 and **Ania Piwowarczyk** are looking for **Lilia Ramos '70** (Perez-Evertz). They have asked that anyone with information about Lilia please contact them at apiwo@rogers.com.

Stefan Wisniowski '78 and **Anne-Marie (Poirier '78)** are living in Sydney, Australia where they have been since 1995. Stefan is a business executive and consultant. Anne-Marie is an occupational therapist. Their children, **Daniel (16)** and **Sasha (13)**, are in high school. They will visit Montreal in early July and hope to catch up with their old friends.

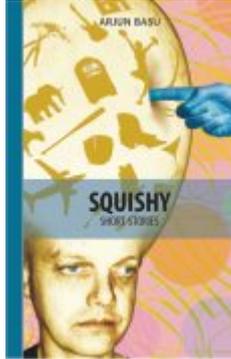
Joanne Souaid '82 recently moved to Ottawa from Toronto, leaving behind her many fans at TV Ontario where she was in charge of on-air fundraising. Over the years she took on many other aspects of the public broadcaster's fund development roles, including direct mail, telemarketing and online campaigns. She is Fund Development Manager for the Kidney Foundation of Ontario's Eastern Region.

Bram Freedman '84 has been appointed Vice President, External Relations and Secretary-General at Concordia University. His appointment marks his return to Concordia after spending



the last four and a half years as Chief Operating Officer and Director of External Relations at Federation CJA, the central fundraising and community service organization for the Jewish community of Quebec. Prior to his last position, Bram spent 11 years at Concordia, joining the university in 1992 as Assistant Legal Counsel and rising to the position of Assistant Secretary-General and General Counsel before his departure in 2003. In his new position at Concordia, he will report to the President and will be responsible for university governance, the management of legal affairs and effective government and external relations.

Arjun Basu '86 recently published *Squishy*, his first collection of short stories. The collection is a wry and consistently provocative book which exposes the realities beneath social conventions. *Squishy* asks: Do you still love me? Do you want fries with that? Do I look fat? In a review in the National Post, **Noah Richler '78** wrote, "(The stories) are deft, pointed and light on their toes... the results are entertaining."



Paul Frehner '90's composition *Finnegans Quarks Revival* is featured on **Brigitte Poulin's** newly released debut solo piano CD *Édifices naturels*.

Adam Atlas '90 and his wife **Michal Katz** are delighted to announce the birth of their second son, **Ben**, on April 22, 2008 in Montreal. Adam's Montreal-based law practice advises electronic payments companies worldwide, www.adamatlas.com.

David Laliberté '91 recently relocated with his family from Markham, Ontario, to the Cayman Islands. He is General Counsel and Head of Licensing and Compliance with the Information and Communications Technology Authority, an organization that is similar to the CRTC.

Carol McQueen '91 and **Christian Kananura** are pleased to announce the birth of their daughter **Calista Casey Kananura** on December 14, 2007. Calista is a beautiful, happy baby who charms everyone who meets her.



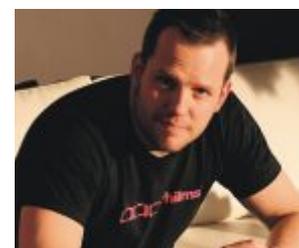
Aspasia Choremis '92 and her husband **Peter Theocharis** celebrated their son **Stefano's** first birthday in March. Aspasia recently joined **Belairdirect** and is in charge of all mass marketing communication, including radio,

billboards, inserts in newspapers and publicity flyers for Ontario and Quebec.

Amy Reiswig '92 moved from Montreal to Victoria, BC, where she's been working, first at the CFB Esquimalt Naval and Military Museum archive and now full-time in an editorial position. Her piece on Viking heavy metal from the Faroe Islands that appeared in *The Walrus* was reprinted in *Utne Reader*. She's been writing book reviews for *The Danforth Review*, *Quill & Quire* and *The Malahat Review*. She also can't seem to stop being a rabid Habs fan.

Mark Grundland '94 is living in London, England and completed his Ph.D. in Computer Science at Cambridge, focusing on image processing for the imagination. He is a freelance software designer and creates tools to facilitate artistic vision. Read more about his work at www.roleplaytechnologies.com and www.eyemaginary.com/portfolio.

Phil Price '94 has been dividing his time between Montreal and Los Angeles



directing comedies such as *Summer*, *Hatley High* and his newest feature, *Prom Wars*.

Phil is working on a mockumentary called, *The Life and Death of Steriogram*, a comedic look at a New Zealand hit band on tour that documents its moments of glory as well as the events leading up to its unfortunate demise.

Lesley Moffat '94 is making a difference in the world treatment of livestock. Her affinity for animals started at an early age and she has been involved in social activism from the start, working with **Urban Animal Advocates** and **Sun Youth** in Canada before moving to Europe in 1999. She works for **Animals' Angels**, an international non-profit based in Frankfurt which monitors the ethical treatment and transport of livestock worldwide. She is head of investigations for France and Holland, working with local authorities to crack down on companies which do not conform to strict guidelines.

News & notables

Alice Jankowski '95 and Brian Benjamin '93 live in Toronto and are celebrating the birth of their little girl



Natasha Bella Benjamin born on November 3, 2007.

Tara Mullins '96 is an internationally ranked squash player who sits at 54th in the world and fifth among women's senior professional players in Canada. She recently competed at the Atwater Cup in Montreal and has set her sights on the next Commonwealth Games where she hopes to move up even higher in the international rankings.

Jason Blank '99 is living in Calgary and was recently promoted to Vice-president new market development at the environmental engineering firm Sulfur Recovery Engineering.

Jeremie Clarke '01 married Jacquie Lipsett on October 6, 2007. In attendance at the wedding were three other Marianopolis alumni: Brendan Rowen, Andrea Navin and Geoff Spielman. Jeremie and Jacquie live in Montreal. Jeremie has been working for Edward Jones as a Financial Advisor since 2006.



Angie Pelonis '01 obtained her civil law degree from Université de Montréal in May 2007. She is completing a graduate certificate in notarial law and plans on specializing in estate and corporate law, with an emphasis on mediation. As always, she is active in politics and volunteering. She chairs a non-profit organization dedicated to raising funds and collecting

toys for children with special needs. She and Michael Bolanakis were married in May 2008.

Christine Ghawi '02 stars as Celine Dion in the highly anticipated unauthorized biography of the pop diva. The film, entitled *Celine*, is scheduled to air in fall 2008 on CBC.

Jean-François Haeck '04 is pursuing a master's degree at the London School of Economics in regulation of risk. He graduated from mechanical engineering at McGill University where he conducted research in renewable fuels and received the outstanding achievement award from his graduating class. He plans to return to Montreal in October 2009 and to begin his career as a management consultant at Deloitte.

Brian Brazeau '04 studied at the Liberal Arts College at Concordia University and is off to New York University to begin his doctorate in Italian after having been accepted at Harvard, Stanford, and Yale as well as NYU with full scholarships.?

We will miss...

Ada (Adalgisa) Guardo '48 fell on the icy street near her home in Montreal and died of complications in hospital on January 30, 2008. She leaves her sisters Lea '46, Elsa '52 and Clara '56, her nephews Michel, Bruno, Alexandre Paradis, Aldo Bruccoleri and their families, as well as many relatives and friends. Her Marianopolis classmates will remember her for her inquisitive mind and probing questions. Ada's independent spirit and appreciation of art and culture are qualities that inspired her friends and will be missed.

Wanda (Staniszewska) Rozynska '51 died of lung cancer on December 23, 2007, at her home in Way's Mills in the Eastern Townships. After graduating from Marianopolis, she worked in Montreal for several years then, with her husband Stanley Rozynski, moved to New York and studied ceramics and pottery. They returned to Montreal in 1960 and opened Studio Gallery. In 1965 they opened a studio and school in Way's Mills, where during the next 20 years Wanda conducted live-in workshops for students from across North America. Her reputation as a Fine Arts potter grew and her work was included in many exhibitions and collections. Wanda was an active member of the arts community and worked with local groups to ensure the preservation of heritage buildings. Her many friends remember her as an artist of integrity and discipline, never wavering in her belief that art is an essential element of life. A memorial service was held in Way's Mills at the Church of the Epiphany in June to share memories and remember a gifted artist and cherished friend.

Suzanne Marie Bernier '83 died peacefully, surrounded by her family, at London Health Sciences Centre, Victoria Hospital on May 3, 2007, from metastatic breast cancer. She leaves her husband Jeff Bergeron, parents Shirley and Phil Bernier, brother Robert, family and

friends. Suzanne was a professor in anatomy and cell biology at the University of Western Ontario Schulich School of Medicine and Dentistry. Through her research, Suzanne contributed to advancing knowledge in musculoskeletal health and arthritis and to training future scientists.

Ralph Abdo '98 died among friends doing something he loved to do. On October 7, 2007, an airplane crash claimed the lives of 10 young skydivers, Ralph among them. He leaves his parents Youssef and Yolande Abdo, brother Nadim, girlfriend Diana Antczak '01 and countless friends. Born in Paris and raised in Cyprus and Montreal, Ralph graduated from McGill University with a computer science degree. He moved to the west coast in July 2002 and was a Microsoft Office program manager who thrived on extreme sports. His many friends will remember him for his energy and passion. A memorial service was held at Waverly Beach Park on Lake Washington to celebrate his too-short life and remember an extraordinary man who will be missed by all who knew him. Ralph was laid to rest in the waters of the Columbia River in Oregon, a most beloved place where he truly came alive windsurfing.

Agnes Fergusson Welsh, retired Social Sciences professor, died peacefully in Ottawa on January 19, 2008 at the age of 87. Predeceased by her first husband John R. Fergusson and by her second husband Gordon Welsh, she will be missed by her children Christine, Angus and Clara, her grandchildren Jamie, Ashley, Daniel, Jennifer, Chrissie and Craig, and by her beloved sister Dr. Charlotte Ferencz of Baltimore. Her caring and compassion served as a model for her many students at Marianopolis and her absence from our academic community is sorely felt. Donations are greatly appreciated to the Agnes M. Fergusson (Welsh) Memorial Fund, Marianopolis College, 4873 Westmount Ave., Montreal, QC H3Y 1X9. ?

Alumni events



Marianopolis ex-pats gathered on May 1 in London, England to share a pint and reminisce.



Each year, the Alumni Association organizes a float in the St. Patrick's Day Parade.



The Groundhog Day pizza extravaganza brings together alumni and former teachers and staff.

Mark your calendar

For details about these and other events, please visit www.marianopolis.edu

August 18: Orientation

August 19: First day of classes

September 10: Alumni Association find-a-thon

September TBA: Class of 1998 reunion

October 18: Heritage Day

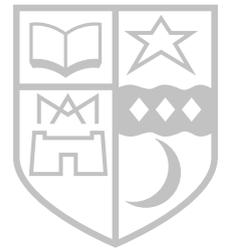
November 9: Open House

November 17: Fall recital

November TBA: Ottawa reunion

January 19-April 17: Alumni Association photo contest

February 5: Groundhog Day pizza extravaganza



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