



## Fond farewell from the Acting Principal

Professor Shel Cherry

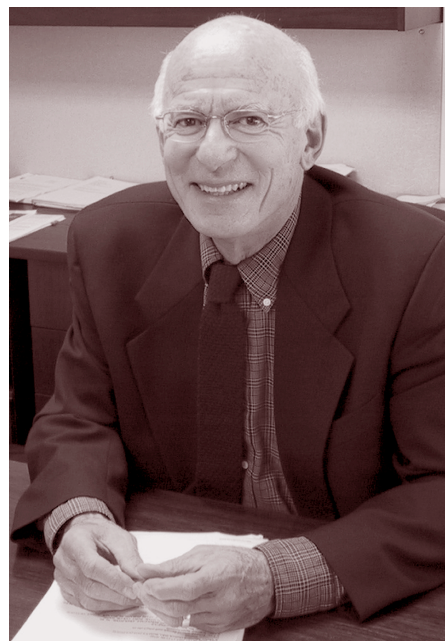
**With his term as St. John's College Acting Principal at a close, Professor Shel Cherry looked back fondly on his time spent with students, staff and visitors over the past year. In his own words he relives the highlights...**

My term as Acting Principal wrapped up at the end of June, with Professor Tim Brook, Department of History, UBC, taking on the responsibilities of Principal, effective July 1, 2004. As my final act as the College's administrator, it was a great pleasure to warmly welcome Tim and to wish him a very successful and happy term. It was also incumbent upon me to provide my last Principal's Message for the newsletter, in which I have chosen to focus mainly on the St. John's spirit.

I was a Senior Fellow at St. John's College before becoming the Acting Principal, and so I knew something about the College and its activities when agreeing to serve in this position. I must tell you that I marvel at my good sense in making that decision. The past year has been a very enlightening and pleasurable experience, and it has been a lot of fun! It gave me the opportunity to witness closely the life of the College, and to recognize what a special place this is, and to acknowledge the privileges that its membership bestows.

I attribute a great deal of this specialness to the wonderful mix of its resident fellows, of which one-half are international students. Taken together they form a community of graduate students who come from diverse cultural and academic backgrounds. By living and interacting in the St. John's College academic setting, they encourage discussion, understanding and debate, learn to communicate with and respect one another, and form lifelong friendships. They have endowed this young College with a special character and spirit which bears witness to its global demographics and to the meaning of global citizenship.

I heard and read about the "Johannean spirit" of the St. John's University (Shanghai) alumni when I first took up my appointment and I wanted to understand what it really meant. In my first few weeks in office, I approached one of the distinguished senior statesmen of the original Johannians—now residing in Vancouver—to seek assistance and understanding. After admitting that it was difficult to describe, this gentleman explained that all



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Johanneans, no matter the year of their graduation from St. John's University, "were like one big family, and its members would aid and assist one another, without hesitation, in a time of personal need. Further, their St. John's University education imbues in them a confidence and ability that permits them to be comfortable and successful in any culture and society."

These are admirable qualities and any University that can instill such attributes in its alumni is deserving of their respect, love and loyalty. Although it no longer exists physically, St. John's University remains the deserving recipient of this kind of adoration from its Johannean Alumni.

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I pondered over my “mentor’s” comments on numerous occasions, but it was not until I recently participated in the 6th World Reunion of the Johanneans, as a guest of its Taiwan hosts, that I experienced and appreciated the full meaning of his words. I now realize that the Johanneans’ relationship with the former St. John’s University is at the core of the Johannean spirit.

The original Johanneans of St. John’s University have succeeded in reviving and perpetuating the name and memory of their former alma mater through the establishment of St. John’s College at UBC. This has happened in a different era and exists in a different culture than its namesake’s, and we

recognize that the College’s new generation of Johanneans cannot duplicate the memories of the past. Nonetheless, I believe the College has developed a tradition and has a recognizable spirit and character that, in its own way, resembles that past. We believe that its benefactors, the Johanneans of St. John’s University, can take pride in this achievement.

I conclude by offering here a virtual version of a toast to the indubitable spirit of the Johanneans, those of the St. John’s University generation and those of the new generation from St. John’s College: may the links between them and the College be expanded and strengthened in the future, for the mutual benefit of all.

## In memory of Johannean Kitty Huang

By R. Grant Ingram, Founding Principal, St. John’s College

It is with sadness that we share the news that Kitty Huang, an active member of the Johannean Alumni Association (SJUAA) in Singapore, passed away in the fall of 2003. Kitty was a strong supporter of St. John’s College activities and served as a catalyst in arranging

many visits and contacts with potential supporters of the College. She is most remembered for her warmth and positive attitude. She made each visit by the Principal and St. John’s College alumni to Singapore a significant and pleasant event. We will miss her smile and hospitality.

Kitty Huang (centre) with former St. John’s College Principal, Grant Ingram, and Faculty Fellow Helen Burt, during their visit to Singapore in February 2002.



## Community spirit in action

Junior Fellows give time, effort, and even their hair for a good cause!



If charity begins at home, it thrives when you put Junior Fellows together in their home away from home at St. John’s College. During the first weekend in February, St. John’s College Junior Fellows spent two days raising funds for cancer research, with outstanding results: They raised a grand total of \$3,862, all of which they donated to the Canadian Cancer Society.

Major events over the course of the weekend included the “Ride for Research,” during which students cycled continuously from sunrise to sunset on stationary bikes; SJCURE, which included the presentation, “A Look at Cancer”; a performance by the College choir; an international food fair; and the voluntary head shaving of two Junior Fellows—in return for donations, of course!

**SJC Junior Fellows get in the spirit of giving to the Canadian Cancer Society during the “Ride for Research”.**

The weekend concluded with a final thoughtful gesture that saw 92 Junior Fellows skip dinner and donate to the cause the cost of the food that would otherwise have been served.

Other charities that have benefited from community service at the hands of Junior Fellows include the Vancouver Food Bank, New Beginnings (an organization that sends clothes and medical supplies around the world to wherever there is a need for aid or natural disaster relief), and the Red Cross.

We thank all of our Junior Fellows for their generosity and their compassion for the communities they serve.

## International insight

### Dr. Lloyd Axworthy enlightens students on Global Citizenship

Earlier this year, St. John's College was honoured to host a lecture by Dr. Lloyd Axworthy. Speaking to a full house in the Fairmont Social Lounge, Dr. Axworthy addressed the issue of "Global Citizenship," a central concept in UBC's *TREK 2010 Green Paper* planning document, and an issue near and dear to all Johnnians. The University's draft vision includes, among other things, the goal of preparing students to become exceptional global citizens.

Dr. Axworthy is the former Director and CEO of the Liu Institute for Global Issues at The University of British Columbia, and served as Canada's Minister of Foreign Affairs from 1995 to 2000. In this federal government portfolio, Dr. Axworthy became internationally known for his advancement of the human security concept, in particular, the Ottawa Treaty, which is still hailed as a landmark global treaty banning anti-personnel landmines. For his leadership on landmines, he was nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize. For his efforts in establishing the International Criminal Court and the Protocol on child soldiers, he received the North-South Institute's Peace Award.

As of May 1, 2004, Dr. Axworthy became the President and Vice-Chancellor of The University of Winnipeg. We congratulate him on his appointment and extend our appreciation for the insight and expertise he shared with St. John's residents during his time at UBC.

## Partnership yields new visual and performing arts series

In keeping with the St. John's College philosophy of collaboration, we are pleased to announce that a partnership between the UBC School of Music and the Departments of Art History, Visual Arts and Theory, and Theatre, Film and Creative Writing, recently led to establishment of an on-going Visual and Performing Arts Series at the College.

This past spring, the emphasis was on the performing arts, and we were fortunate to host a number of musical events, including a recital by the critically acclaimed *Borealis String Quartet*. Many of the artists were graduate students in the UBC School of Music preparing for graduation recitals, but others had already embarked upon their professional careers. The line up of spring performances included:

#### January 2004

- Atlas Trio: Chris Lysack, piano; Sarah Kapustin, violin; and Jonathan Ruck, cello

#### February 2004

- Jonathan Klassen, piano
- Katherine Landry, mezzo-soprano; Joel Klein, baritone; Anita Liebich, piano; and Donna Falconer, piano

#### April 2004

- Vancouver Chamber Winds: Paolo Bortolussi, flute; Caroline Gauthier, clarinet; Marea Chernoff, oboe; Ingrid Chiang, bassoon; and Heather Walker, horn
- Rachel Kiyo Iwaasa, piano

#### May 2004

- Mark Takeshi McGregor, flute and Rachel Kiyo Iwaasa, piano
- Erika Crino, piano
- Borealis Quartet: Patricia Shih, violin; Yuel Yawney, violin; Nikita Pogrebnoy, viola; and Joel Stobbe, cello

#### June 2004

- Mozart Opera Arias: Mia Harris; Camille Hesketh; Karen Lee-Morlang; Heidi Margarethe Mundel; Linda Sovrnigo; Michael Tatto; Brian Wehrle; and Gene Wu

All performers were invited to join our Junior Fellows for dinner in the Dining Hall before the concerts, which provided a wonderful opportunity for interaction, to the enjoyment of all. A very special thank you to all the performers who shared their talent with us in the spring and to those who we hope to meet in the coming year.

If you would like to receive notices of upcoming performances, please contact the College Event Coordinator at 604.822.8781, or [sjc.events@ubc.ca](mailto:sjc.events@ubc.ca).

## Academic round-up

### Highlights and upcoming events for 2004-05 Lecture Series

The College continued its collaboration with other academic units by co-sponsoring, along with the Centre for Australasian Studies, the Interdisciplinary Law & Society Seminar Series, and the Interdisciplinary Nineteenth Century Studies Program, this year's Thematic Lecture Series entitled, "Challenging Nation". The seven lectures in this series touched on a variety of topics related to the notions of nation and citizenship.

As well as the Thematic Lecture Series, the College hosted other invited speakers including Roy Christensen of the European Union Commission speaking on "Challenges Facing the European Union," and Wolf-Dieter Narr, Visiting Professor from the Free University of Berlin, on "Human Rights and Social Justice." Both proved popular with students and staff.

The College was also pleased to inaugurate a new lecture series entitled, "Professorial Pursuits". This noon-time series was open to the entire University community and the talks were designed to have wide appeal across the campus. The inaugural lecture, on March 25, was given by Dr. James Russell, Professor Emeritus of Classics, UBC, and was entitled, "A Sliver of History: Reconstructing a Roman Soldier's Career."

And now, with the new school year well underway, we look forward to the following upcoming lectures. All will take place at the College and fall under the theme, "Living Out the Metropolis". For more information, please refer to [www.stjohns.ubc.ca/LectureSeries.stm](http://www.stjohns.ubc.ca/LectureSeries.stm)

#### Monday, October 4, 5:30 pm

Title: Conceiving and Realizing the Ideal City: Prospects for Meeting the 21st Century's Urban Challenge.

Speakers: Peter Boothroyd, UBC; Leonie Sandercock, UBC; and Tony Dorsey, UBC

#### Monday, October 25, 5:30 pm

Title: Ideal Cities and Environment

Speaker: Ruth Eaton, Curator, National Museum of Science, London

#### Monday, November 1, 5:00 pm

Title: Unsettlement: Woodward's, Property and the Ideal City

Speaker: Nicholas Blomley, Simon Fraser University

#### Monday, November 15, 5:00 pm

Title: A Different Utopia? Changing Perspectives on Urban Asia

Speaker: Abidin Kusno, Canada Research Chair in Asian Urbanism and Culture, UBC

#### Monday, January 17, 5:00 pm

Title: Here or Nowhere: Urbanization, Globalization and Totality in Contemporary Theory

Speaker: Phillip Wegner, University of Florida

#### Monday, January 24, 5:00 pm

Title: TBA

Speaker: Christian Joppke, International University, Bremen

#### Monday, February 28, 5:00 pm

Title: THE END OF THE CITY? The Report of my Death was an Exaggeration

Speaker: Sir Peter Hall, Bartlett School of Architecture and Planning, University College, London

#### Monday, March 14, 5:00 pm

Title: Transforming Cities: The Power of Imagination

Speaker: Leonie Sandercock, UBC

#### Monday, March 21, 5:00 pm

Title: 'Life will be housed in poetry': Utopian Urbanism and the Future City

Speaker: David Pinder, University of London

#### Tuesday, March 29, 5:30 pm

Title: TBA

Speaker: Edward Soja, University of California, Los Angeles

#### Monday, April 4, 5:00 pm

Title: Building as Politics

Speaker: Joseph Rykwert, and Paul Phillipe Cret, Professor of Architecture Emeritus at the University of Pennsylvania



# College honours top scholars

Academic excellence remains a cornerstone of College life and when select individuals truly rise above, their efforts deserve recognition and financial support.

In 2003-04, the following eight Junior Fellows earned affiliated University Graduate Fellowships: Tara Barnett (Asian Studies), Francesco Brardinoni (Geography), Donna Dykeman (Metals and Materials Engineering), Eric Escobar (Chemistry), Amit Hagar (Philosophy), Robert McMillan (History), Farzad Moien Afshari (Pharmacology and Therapeutics), and Dorothy Chua (Sociology). Due to recent changes to the Fellowship competition regulations, residents of the College are only eligible for these

awards after one year of graduate studies at UBC.

The Johannean Educational Foundation also bestowed honours upon College residents in the past year. The Foundation provides scholarships for relatives of Johanneans who are studying at UBC and reside in St. John's College. Junior Fellows who have received these awards include: Jingwei Xu (Commerce, January 2002 to December 2003), Chao Wang (Asia Pacific Policy Studies and Law, September 2001 to present), Hongtao Yuan (Commerce, July 2003 to present) and Jian Lu (Commerce, August 2003 to October 2004).

Congratulations to all the award winners!

## With sincere appreciation

St. John's extends thanks to College supporters

St. John's College would like to take this opportunity to thank all those individuals who have supported the College with donations over the past year, particularly those who responded to the fundraising campaign for our Academic Endowment Fund. This Fund supports a variety of academic programming at St. John's, including seminars, colloquia, and visiting lecturers.

We extend our sincere thanks to the following individuals—the College would not be the same without you!

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## Don't miss this!

Upcoming Artists  
and Scholars-In-Residence  
events

**Clearly, there's been a lot going on at the College over the past year, but there's even more to come! Mark your calendar now for these upcoming events to take place as part of the Artists and Scholars-In-Residence Series:**

### October 16–19, 2004

*Presenter:* Carma Hinton, a documentary filmmaker who has produced the finest films on China, will join us in mid-October.

### November 26–December 1, 2004

*Presenter:* Immanuel Wallerstein, the founder of world-systems theory, will present at the end of November and be joined by his wife Beatrice Wallerstein, a psychotherapist who has worked in both the United States and France.

### January 17–27, 2005

*Presenter:* Sharon Butala, the award-winning novelist, memoirist, and environmental activist from Saskatchewan, will be with us for a week to ten days in late January. Her most recent book is *Wild Stone Heart*.

### February 5–15, 2005

*Presenter:* The brilliant Canadian jazz pianist D. D. Jackson will be here in February. His most recent CDs are *Sigame* and *New York Suite*.

Further details about these guests and their presentations will be available during their visits to the College at [www.stjohns.ubc.ca/LectureSeries.stm](http://www.stjohns.ubc.ca/LectureSeries.stm) or by contacting the College Event Coordinator at 604.822.8781 or [sjc.events@ubc.ca](mailto:sjc.events@ubc.ca).



## About St. John's College

St. John's College has roots that extend back to St. John's University in Shanghai, China. Graduates of the University—known as Johanneans—are able, through a blending of Chinese and Western approaches to teaching, to be at home anywhere in the world. Continuing in the tradition of excellence and internationalism of its namesake, St. John's College at UBC aims to build links between different parts of the world, and to serve as an intellectually and culturally diverse centre for its members.

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